

The 16th International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant (ICMGP2024) was held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre in Cape Town, South Africa, for six days from July 21, 2024.

This year, we conducted hair mercury concentration measurements at the booth of the National Institute for Minamata Disease (NIMD). The average concentration of mercury in hair was about 0.9 ppm for males and about 0.6 ppm for females. We also made an appeal for the research and international contributions of NIMD, including standard samples.



The NIMD Forum 2024 (Strengthening Research Capacity on Mercury in Low and Middle-Income Countries with a Focus on Vulnerable Populations) was held on July 21, and Dr. Fujimura, Dr. Yamamoto, and Dr. Haraguchi made oral presentations and chaired the forum.

On July 23, a Minamata disease storyteller gave a presentation.

These sessions were well attended and generated a lot of interest in environmental pollution, including mercury pollution. Dr. Fujimura chaired this presentation.



Dr. Marumoto and Dr. Haraguchi gave oral presentations on atmospheric mercury and the use of reference materials, respectively. In addition, Dr. Fujimura, Dr. Matsuyama, and Dr. Marumoto made poster presentations.



The 17th International Mercury Conference is scheduled to be held in Hyderabad, India, in October 2026.