## News

## Professor Wirth, from Cardiff University in the UK, presents a lecture at Okayama University's 'Future Session'

In order to deepen international joint research in the field of organic chemistry, our university invited Professor Thomas Wirth from Cardiff University in England, UK, to present at the "15th Future Session" in Building No.1 of our university's engineering department on June 24<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Professor Wirth, who is active in the field of organic chemistry, is a world expert in flow chemistry and organic synthesis methodology. He pioneered a groundbreaking hypervalent iodine organic synthesis method, involving the continuous pouring of solution. He is also very knowledgeable about Japan. Given that Professor Wirth was already visiting Japan to participate in the "4th International Conference on Hypervalent Iodine Chemistry (ICHIC2014)" held in Narita City of Chiba Prefecture, we set up an invitation lecture at our university. Professor Wirth gave a presentation about his wide-ranging research which included the most recent findings related to synthetic organic chemistry. Professor Wirth then led an active discussion with approximately 70 teaching staff and students.





Professor Wirth lecturing about the latest research activities



Professor Wirth talking with participants



Professor Wirth and our university's teaching staff