

**Editorial****Announcement of BPPB paper awards 2021**

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There are two kinds of paper awards given to the authors of the original articles, which have been published from Biophysics and Physicobiology (BPPB): Award for Outstanding BPPB Paper and BPPB Editors' Choice Award.

The former is given by the Biophysical Society of Japan (BSJ) to the authors, who contributed to the advancement of biophysics by their groundbreaking article, published between 2014 and 2019. This year, the committee organized in the BSJ for the 10th Award for Outstanding BPPB paper has selected Dr. Masahiro Kinoshita in Chiba University, for their article “Roles of translational, configurational entropy of water in protein folding and denaturation: a theoretical study on thermal stability of staphylococcal nuclease mutants” *Biophys. Physicobiol.* 12, 1–12 (2015) [1]. At the 59th Annual Meeting of the BSJ held in November 2021, the awardee, Dr. Masahiro Kinoshita, was announced, and he made the Award Seminar, covering the recent progress.

The latter one, the 8th BPPB Editors' Choice Award, is given by the BSJ to the authors of the articles in the BPPB, who made scientifically unique contributions to biophysics, published in 2020. This year, the awardees are Dr. Akihiko Nakamura in Shizuoka University by their paper, “Crystalline chitin hydrolase is a burnt-bridge Brownian motor” *Biophys. Physicobiol.* 17, 51–58 (2020) [2], and Dr. Ryuma Sato in RIKEN by their paper, “Theoretical insights into the DNA repair function of *Arabidopsis thaliana* cryptochrome-DASH” *Biophys. Physicobiol.* 17, 113–124 (2020) [3], respectively. At the 59th Annual Meeting of the BSJ, the awardees were announced, and they made brief comments for their works.

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