

Dr. Kenji Doya receives FY2009 Brainscience Award on Creativity

Dr. Kenji Doya, Principal Investigator of OIST, has received Fiscal Year 2009 Brainscience Award on Creativity by [the Neurocreative Laboratory](#).

The Neurocreative Laboratory is a non-profit organization that aims to contribute to enhancement of research and technical improvement concerning the brain and creativity, as well as development of related research. One of the activities of the organization is to acknowledge original research regarding the brain and creativity, or more specifically, an applicable research for improvement of the brain scientific technology regarding the creativity, over the past five years in the form of the annual award called the Brainscience Award on Creativity.

At a meeting on February 15 by the selection committee chaired by Dr. Shunichi Amari of the RIKEN Brain Science Institute, Dr. Doya was selected as this year's award recipient because of his very unique and outstanding interdisciplinary research style, which employs such fields as mathematical science, robot engineering, computational neuroscience and systems biology.

The award ceremony took place during the third forum of the Neurocreative Laboratory on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at the Science Museum in Tokyo. Mr. Nobuhiko Tane, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Neurocreative Laboratory, handed the award to Dr. Doya




Dr. Doya receiving the Award



Award-acceptance speech by Dr. Doya



Dr. Doya with Mr. Tane (far left), Dr. Amari (center) and other award recipients

1991	Ph.D. in engineering at the University of Tokyo	 <p>Dr. Kenji Doya</p>
1991~1993	Visiting Postgraduate Researcher at Department of Biology, University of California, San Diego	
1993~1994	Research Associate at Howard Hughes Medical Institute and The Salk Institute	
1994~1996	Senior Researcher at ATR Human Information Processing Research Laboratories	
1995~2006	Visiting Associate Professor at Nara Institute of Science and Technology	
1996~1999	Group Leader at Computational Neurobiology Group, Kawato Dynamic Brain Project, ERATO, Japan Science and Technology Corporation	
1999~2005	Research Director for "Metalearning, Neuromodulation, and Emotion", "Creating the Brain", CREST, Japan Science and Technology Agency	
2003~	Head of Computational Neurobiology Department, ATR Computational Neuroscience Laboratories	
2004~	Principal Investigator at Neural Computation Unit, Initial Research Project, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology	
2006~	Visiting Professor at Nara Institute of Science and Technology	
2007	The 3rd Japan Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) Award	
2007	The 21st Tsukahara Memorial Award, Brain Science Foundation	