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Doctoral Training Program in Italy

In the second year of my doctoral studies, I took part in a Doctoral Training Program for roughly three months at the European Center for Theoretical Studies in Nuclear Physics and Related Areas (ECT*), located in Trento, Italy. During this time, I shared communal living spaces in apartments with students from various countries (my chief role was “dishwasher”). Exactly ten years after this, a student from my own lab at Keio would come to participate in this same program.

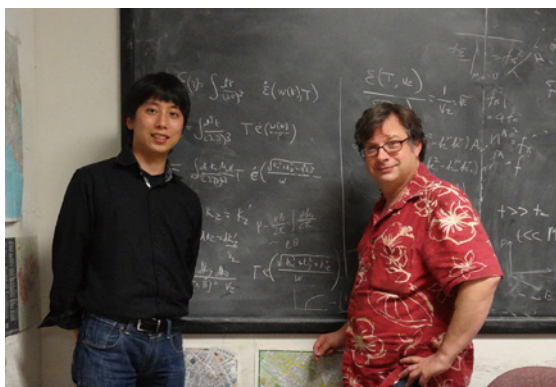
At an international conference

It is essential for theoretical physicists to engage in discussions with other researchers. In this picture I am discussing with Mannque Rho at an international conference in Kyoto. Perhaps because our research intrigued him, he would subsequently use a diagram from our paper in the cover for a textbook he authored.



Naoki Yamamoto's ON and OFF

Here, I will look back from my graduate school days through to the present.



During my post-doc days at the University of Maryland

With Tom Cohen, my boss during my time at the University of Maryland. A student I taught at Keio is now at the University of Maryland since graduate school and is currently researching under Tom. This is something I would have struggled to envisage at this time.

“Topological Science” Project at Keio University

Since its launch in AY 2015, the “Topological Science” project (in front is Dr. Nitta of the Faculty of Business and Commerce, who is a member of the Department of Physics at Hiyoshi) has been conducted with a focus on staff engaged in theoretical research on particle physics, nuclear physics, and astrophysics at Keio’s Hiyoshi and Yagami campuses. The picture is of the project members as of March 2019. They have each actively engaged in their research activities to date in addition to undertaking post-docs from diverse backgrounds.



Food life in Seattle

This is a farewell party for a colleague completing a post-doc at the University of Washington in Seattle. Everyone is eating Ethiopian cuisine. As a general rule, we would rotate between restaurants every week in the vicinity of the university, which included Thai, Indian, Mexican, and Vietnamese cuisine, or sometimes go to eat somewhere serving other rarely encountered dishes. This was usually followed by a group coffee trip.

