What about IPNF? (the history in short)

IPNF (International Powder and Nanotechnology Forum) was established in 2009 by members of the APPIE (Association of Powder Process Industry and Engineering, Japan).

In the past, at the Japan and Germany Exchange Year 2005/06, a German-Japanese Joint Seminar was held in the field of Pharmaceuticals and Industrial Crystallization. The organizer was the Separation Technology Association Japan and the sponsor was German Science Foundation (DFG), Prof. Dr. J. Ulrich, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, and Prof. Dr. Izumi Hirasawa, Waseda University organized the Seminar.

Prof. Dr. Hiroaki Kawashima, Aichi Gakuin University started to lead powder association related academia and engineers and he organized ITFIPT2006 (International Technical Forum Inspiring Powder Technology) in 2006.

Dr. Yasuo Yamazaki, Nippon Chemical Industrial and Prof. Hidehiro Kamiya, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology organized the International Powder Technology Forum2009 (IPTF2009) in ACHEMA2009.

At the 75th anniversary celebrations of the Society of Chemical Engineers, Japan (SCEJ) in 2011, SCEJ decided to cooperate with DECHEMA. SCEJ and DECHEMA signed on MOU for general collaboration of meetings including IPNF.

At the IPNF2012, the topics were widened to nanotechnology, pharmaceutical technology including drug delivery system, crystallization, in addition, environment materials, catalyst materials, and micro-reactor technology.

In **future** IPNF plans a Japan-Germany exchange forum in **INCHEM2015** to be held in **November 2015 in Tokyo**. IPNF looks forward and invites to a large number of participants from Germany to Tokyo.

IPNF also plans a next meeting at ACHEMA2018.