

CLAIMS

1. An information management system to manage information on research activities in a laboratory, the system comprising: a storage section; a display screen; a data registration section; a display control section and a comment receiving section, wherein

the data registration section is configured to register data on a plurality of phases chronologically proceeding in each research activity conducted by a respective member in the laboratory in association with recorded data recorded by the member for the respective phases in the storage section,

the display control section is configured to display the recorded data on the display screen in a tree structure associated with the phases,

the comment receiving section is configured to receive a comment on the recorded data from a member conducting the research activity and a comment on the recorded data from a supervisor supervising the research activity,

the recorded data is shared among the laboratory, and

the respective member in the laboratory is able to browse the recorded data via the display screen.

2. The information management system according to Claim 1, wherein

the recorded data includes a task to be performed by the member conducting the research activity in the phase associated with the recorded data.

3. The information management system according to Claim 2, wherein

the display control section displays a list of the task in the research activity.

4. The information management system according to Claim 3, wherein

the display control section chronologically displays a list of the task for each member.

5. The information management system according to Claim 3, wherein

the display control section displays a list of a most recent task for each member conducting the research activity.

6. The information management system according to any one of Claims 1 through 5, further comprising an evaluation receiving section, wherein

the evaluation receiving section is configured to receive evaluation on the recorded data from the members in the laboratory.

7. The information management system according to any one of Claims 1 through 6, further comprising a summary generating section, wherein

the summary generating section is configured to generate a summary of a literature specified by the members.

8. A program causing a computer to function as an information management system to manage information on research activities in a laboratory, the program causing the computer to execute the steps comprising: data registration, screen control, and comment receiving, wherein

the data registration step is configured to register data on a plurality of phases chronologically proceeding in each research activity conducted by a respective member in the laboratory in association with recorded data recorded by the member for the respective phases in a storage section of the computer,

5 the screen control step is configured to display the recorded data on a display screen of the computer in a tree structure associated with the phases,

the comment receiving step is configured to receive a comment on the recorded data from a member conducting the research activity and a comment on the recorded data from a supervisor supervising the research activity,

10 the recorded data is shared among the laboratory, and

the screen control step is configured to allow the respective member in the laboratory to browse the recorded data via the display screen.

9. An information processing method causing a computer to function as an information management system to manage information on research activities in a laboratory , the method causing the computer to execute the steps comprising: data registration, screen control, and
15 comment receiving, wherein

the data registration step is configured to register data on a plurality of phases chronologically proceeding in each research activity conducted by a respective member in the laboratory in association with recorded data recorded by the member for the respective phases
20 in a storage section of the computer,

the screen control step is configured to display the recorded data on a display screen of the computer in a tree structure associated with the phases,

the comment receiving step is configured to receive a comment on the recorded data from a member conducting the research activity and a comment on the recorded data from a
25 supervisor supervising the research activity,

the recorded data is shared among the laboratory, and

the screen control step is configured to allow the respective member in the laboratory to browse the recorded data via the display screen.