JSPPS Alumni Associations

Stockholm

JSPPS Alumni Club in Sweden Holds General Meeting

On 11 February, the JSPPS Alumni Club in Sweden held their first seminar along with their first general meeting since the members initial gathering in January of last year. Twenty-four former JSPPS fellows came to Stockholm from around Sweden to attend the meeting at the Sheraton Hotel. They decided upon the association's bylaws, elected officers, and held a free discussion.

The following eight persons were chosen as the association's executive committee:

- Chair: Dr. Ma Li Svensson (Linköping University)
- Vice-Chair: Prof. Carlos A Rubio (Karolinska Institute)
- Prof. Stig G. Allenmark (Göteborg University)
- Prof. Magnus Larson (Lund University)
- Prof. Jan Sedzik (Karolinska Institute)
- Prof. Lembit Sihver (Chalmers University of Technology)
- Prof. Ulla Westermark (Luleå University of Technology)
- Prof. P. Åke Öberg (Linköping University)

After lunch, a seminar featuring a presentation by JSPPS's Stockholm Office deputy director Mr. Isao Mizuta was convened. He spoke on the theme "Higher Education in Japan," to which the participants showed keen interest via probing questions and engaging discussions. In a spirit of renewed commitment, the above commemorative photograph was taken of the group at the end of the event.

Quick to get started, the Alumni Club has already created a webpage and published its second newsletter. Our Stockholm Office stands ready to support the Club as it moves forward in developing its program.

JSPS Stockholm Office

Bonn

Symposium Held to Celebrate 10th Anniversary of German JSPPS Club

JSPPS's Bonn Office organizes an annual symposium in cooperation with the JSPPS Club (German fellows' alumni association) for the purpose of introducing leading-edge research being advanced in both countries, while promoting mutual understanding and joint initiatives between researchers of the two countries. This year, the event was held on 22-23 April at Günnewig Hotel Bristol in Bonn.

The symposium, which celebrated the tenth anniversary of the JSPPS Club, did not this time have one scientific topic as its subject. Rather, it was held on the theme "Prospects of Japanese-German Scientific Cooperation," under which presentations were given in six fields: biotechnology, physical chemistry, comparative and international education, physics, legal science, and psychological science. (The speakers' CVs and abstracts can be found on the following website: http://www.jspss-bonn.de/pages/nk05.htm)

Each topic was addressed by a pair of Japanese and German researchers who had worked together in a JSPPS program. The pairs reported on the latest developments in their respective fields and on the products and prospects obtained through their collaborative work. They also offered proposals on ways to further advance Japan-German scientific cooperation.

In prelude to these presentations, remarks were offered by Mr. Akira Mizutani, Minister, Japanese Embassy in Germany; Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Hess, vice-rector, University of Bonn; Dr. Georg Schütte, secretary general, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH); and Mr. Isao Kiso, executive director, JSPPS. They congratulated the JSPPS Club on its ten years of successful operation and voiced their expectations in the Club's role as a bridge for promoting German-Japanese understanding. Following them, JSPPS Club chair Prof. Dr. Heinrich Menkhaus, currently a professor at Philipps-University of Marburg, gave an address entitled "The History of the German JSPPS-Club."

After the symposium ended on the first day, a dinner party was held for all the participants. At it, Dr. Heinrich Pfeiffer, former secretary general, AvH, offered a toast with a wish for further development of Japan-German exchange. After the second day's sessions, a cultural program was held along with the annual meeting of the JSPPS Club. At the meeting, an annual report was presented and an active discussion...
American Alumni Hold Symposium at Princeton

As part of its program to support the activities of the US JSPS Fellows Alumni Association, our office in Washington, DC funded a symposium organized by former JSPS fellows. It was held on 21-22 February under the title “JSPS-PRISM-TAMU Symposium on Quantum Materials Science.” The acronyms in the title stand for the three cosponsors: JSPS, Princeton University, and Texas A&M University.

Opening remarks were delivered by former JSPS fellow Dr. Anil Kumar Patnaik, who chaired the symposium’s organizing committee. Presentations were given by Prof. Kohzo Hakuta, who was Dr. Patnaik’s host scientist at The University of Electro-Communications in Japan, and by Prof. Marlan Scully, who is currently guiding Dr. Patnaik’s research work at Texas A&M. Attended by over 100 people, who actively engaged the lecturers in questions and discussion, the event was very successful in advancing dialogue on the theme as well as in spreading information on JSPS programs and deepening exchange between researchers from the US and Japan.

The symposium was followed by a reception on the first day, which featured a presentation by Washington Office director Prof. Akira Masaide, who spoke about JSPS activities and those of the postdoctoral fellows’ alumni association.

— JSPS Washington Office

Events

London Office
The 2nd General Assembly of the UK JSPS Alumni Association
“Earth Shaking Events: Natural Disasters and Their Global Impact”
Royal Geographical Society, London, 14 July 2005

JSPS-UCL Large Scale Symposium 2005
“Cognition and Action”
University College London, London, 8-9 September 2005

Bonn Office
German-Japanese Symposium in Tokyo
“Urban Planning — Sustainable Cities”
National Olympics Memorial Youth Center, Tokyo, 12 September 2005

San Francisco Office
JSPS/UBC Asian Studies Joint Colloquium
“Experiences With and Within: Christians in Japan from 16th Century to Present Days”
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, 23-24 September 2005

Recruitments

For FY 2005
JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Short-term)
Application deadline from host institution to JSPS: 8-12 August 2005

For FY 2006
JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Standard)
JSPS Invitation Fellowship for Research in Japan (Short/Long-term)
Application deadline from host institution to JSPS: 5-9 September 2005

For details, ask a prospective host researcher or visit our website.