
JSPS ALUMNI CLUB DENMARK – NEWSLETTER NO. 1, October 2023

Dear JSPS ACD members,

here is a much overdue newsletter highlighting this year's activities and upcoming activities by JSPS ACD and closely connected organizations.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS HELD FOR REGULAR MEMBERS ON 9. FEBRUARY 2023 (ONLINE)

This was an important general assembly as three board members were re-elected (Annette Skovsted Hansen, Eugen Stamate, and Maher Abou Hachem) and two brand new members were elected, expanding the board both in number and geographically. The two new members were Prof. Mingdong Dong from Århus University and senior researcher Nushin Aghajari, (Danish, currently in France at the institute for Molecular Microbiology and Structural Biochemistry in Lyon). We are very grateful to the new board members and look forward to new input. For those of you who could not make it I attach the minute from the meeting, taken by our board member Prof Maher Abou Hachem.

JARA (JAPAN ALUMNI AND RESEARCHER ASSEMBLY) WAS HELD ON 10. MARCH AT COPENHAGEN BUSINESS SCHOOL (CBS)

This main event of the JSPS ACD year - organized as usual with participation of Embassy of Japan in Denmark, Tokai University European Center, and JSPS Stockholm and ACD - was held for the first time at Copenhagen Business School on the exciting theme of Circular Economy with Tine Walravens and Sam Kondo Steffensen as speakers. You can find more information at <https://www.jsps-sto.com/event/jara-japan-alumni-and-researcher-assembly-2023/>

ACD SEMINAR IN ÅRHUS

The ACD seminar grant was awarded to Prof Migdong Dong and was run successfully run in Århus on 29th September. About 50 people participated, with good networking opportunities for grant collaboration. JSPS Stockholm participated with a video introducing JSPS grant opportunities. The speaker was Prof Kenji Matsuda from Kyoto University, who gave a talk entitled 'Design and Synthesis of Molecules with Unique Electronic Function: CPL-Emissive and π -Extended Helicenes and Radical-Substituted Molecular Wire'

BRIDGE FELLOW CURRENTLY IN JAPAN

The new BRIDGE fellow awardee Mollie Brooks (also vice-chair of the ACD), is currently in Japan where she is giving six seminars and running a practical course. Her main host is Prof Yoshiki Matsushita at Nagasaki University. Mollie applies generalized linear mixed models (GLMM) to population modelling in many contexts including fishery research.

CONGRATULATION TO PROF GUNHILD BORGREEN

The JSPS ACD Board wishes to congratulate previous ACD board member and 2022 BRIDGE fellow Prof Gunhild Borggreen on her success in inviting Prof Asato Ikeda as Novo Nordisk Foundation Visiting Professorship in Art & Art History. Various events connected to the visiting professorship will be advertised through the ACD. ACD is planning a short online seminar in late November, where Prof

Borggreen will tell more about her past BRIDGE fellowship.

UPCOMING ONLINE SEMINAR ON PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANIZED BY TOKAI UNIVERSITY EUROPEAN CENTER AND THE UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

Tokai University European Center is hosting an online seminar in collaboration with University of Copenhagen, Department of Public Health. Everyone is welcome upon registration. The seminar will be held on Thursday, November 23rd from 9:20-11:30 (CET), and the topic is: "New Digital Technologies and Ageing Society: Health Sector Initiatives in Japan and Denmark".

Here is the link to seminar website for program info and registration:

<https://sites.google.com/view/tokai-ageingsociety-seminar/home>

Look out for upcoming events!

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