

# JSPS Alumni Club in Finland

## General Assembly Meeting 2018



Helsinki  
October 5, 2018

Ville Syrjälä  
JSPS ACF Board Chair

# Meeting agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and stating of the quorum
2. Selection of the chair and the secretary of the meeting
3. Selection of two vote counters and inspectors of the record
4. Approval of the agenda
5. Approval of the activity report of the year 2018
6. Approval of the activity plan and estimate budget for 2019
  - 10th year anniversary
7. Selection of new members on the board
8. Other possible issues
9. End of the meeting

# Short introduction of the JSPS ACF



# JSPS Alumni Club in Finland

- Officially established in 2009
- 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year!
- To promote scientific exchange between Finland and Japan in contact with JSPS
  - To provide personal and expert guidance to researchers in Finland concerning JSPS Fellowship Programs and to support Japanese researchers working in Finland.
  - To exchange information among the Club's members.
  - To conduct joint activities with academic institutions and science promotion agencies.
  - To collect and disseminate information regarding science, technology, society and culture.
  - To conduct other appropriate activities.

# Seminars

- ▶ Mekrijärvi 2008 Seminar (close to Joensuu)
- ▶ Turku 2009, Espoo 2009, Tuusula 2010
- ▶ Mekrijärvi 2011 *Gazing East and West – Interactions inside the Borders*
- ▶ Helsinki 2012 *Ice and Snow*
- ▶ Helsinki 2013 *Environmental Science*
- ▶ Helsinki 2014 *Languages, Translations, and Interactions*
- ▶ Turku 2015 *Future Diagnostics*
- ▶ Inari 2016 *The 2<sup>nd</sup> Bone and Biomaterials workshop*
- ▶ Helsinki 2017 *Celebrations!*
- ▶ Helsinki 2018 *Science for Better Life*

# Membership

- ▶ All people who have participated in a JSPS program are eligible for *regular membership*.
- ▶ Individuals and organizations who are interested in pursuing and achieving the Club's objectives are eligible for *associate membership*.
- ▶ People who have a distinguished record of promoting scientific exchange between Finland and Japan are eligible for *honorary membership*.

# Members

- Members: 81 regular, associated 26
- During the FY 2018 two new members and two associate members have been accepted as members
- Honorary members:
  - Prof. Matts Roos (board member)
  - Dr. Antero Laitinen (chair until 2013)
  - Prof. Matti Leppäranta (board member)
  - Dr Tapani Jussila (board member)

# Membership Applications

- Applications for regular membership shall be made to JSPS Stockholm office website
- The board decides the membership, JSPS checks eligibility.
- ▶ We look forward to seeing you in our meetings and events.
  
- ▶ Join the Alumni Club:

<http://www.jsps-sto.com>

- ▶ Apply for JSPS Fellowships !!



# The Board

*The board performs the following functions (Bylaw Article 6.2):*

- Activity Plans
- Annual budgets
- Other: Performs other functions not stipulated under these articles

*The Board members (2018) are:*

Dr. Ville Syrjälä, Tampere University of Technology (Chair)

Prof. Michael Gasic, Aalto University (Vice-chair)

Dr. Joni Kujansuu, University of Helsinki

Dr. Simon Puglisi, University of Helsinki

Prof. Elina Oksanen, University of Eastern Finland

Prof. Kiyohiko Igarashi, University of Tokyo, VTT

The board has had two meetings: 9Jun and 5Oct.

# Activities 2018

- ▶ Board Meetings
- ▶ Science for Better Life -seminar in October 2018
- ▶ Planned All Alumni Meeting later in FY2018
  
- ▶ BRIDGE Fellowship
  
- ▶ See the attached report
  
  
- ▶ For approval

# JSPS BRIDGE Fellowship Program

- JSPS BRIDGE is a Fellowship Program implemented by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.
- Finland has one (1) place
- The nominating Committee for Finland consists of JSPS employees and JSPS Finland Alumni Club chair, vice-chair, and a board member
- The call opens early spring and closes in March
- JSPS Bridge Fellowship 2018
  - The 2018 fellowship was awarded to Ilpo Niskanen (University of Oulu)

# Activity plan for 2019

a separate document for  
approval and next page

New board members?

# ARTICLE 6: Board

- ▶ The chair is the official representative of the Club
- ▶ The Chair is elected at GA and the term starts the following April 1. If an ordinary board member is elected Chair, the term of office shall start anew (3-years term.)
- ▶ The vice-chair assists the chair, and supervises activities of the Club. He/she also performs the functions of the chair in the absence of the chair.
- ▶ The Vice-Chair is elected at GA and the term starts the following April 1. If an ordinary board member is elected Chair, the term of office shall start a new (3-years term.)

# ARTICLE 6: Board (cont.)

- ▶ The term of office for board members is **three years**. The term of office shall **start April 1** and **end on March 31 three years later** (e.g. from April 1 2016 to March 31 2019 is one term). Until a re-election of the committee is held, the member is to remain in office. If a member resigns his/her post in mid-term, the board should select another person to fill the remainder of the term.
- ▶ Board members can be **re-elected several times with no restriction**. However, if new candidates are available, they are given priority over the more than two terms serving members.

# Election of members on the board

- ▶ Current board (2018):
- ▶ Dr. Ville Syrjälä, Tampere University of Technology (since 2016, Chair since 2018)
- ▶ Prof. Michael Gasik, Aalto University (Vice-chair since 2014)
- ▶ Dr. Joni Kujansuu, University of Helsinki (since 2012)
- ▶ Dr. Simon Puglisi, University of Helsinki (since 2016, **re-election**)
- ▶ Prof. Elina Oksanen, University of Eastern Finland (since 2018)
- ▶ Prof. Kiyohiko Igarashi, University of Tokyo, VTT (since 2018)



# Proposal of the board members

- ▶ Board 2019 (five to eight members):

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# OTHER issues



# Activity Seminar

## Science for Better Life

- ▶ 15:00-15:15 Coffee break
- ▶ 15:15-15:35 Opening ceremony
  - ▶ Opening remarks by me
  - ▶ JSPS presentation by Takao Yoshihara, Deputy Director, JSPS Stockholm Office
  - ▶ Grant program information by Risto Vilkkö, Programme Manager, Academy of Finland
- ▶ 15:35-16:40 Talk by Prof. Kiyohiko Igarashi  
**"Enzymes for biomass utilization: How do difficult biotechnologies contribute to Bioeconomy?"**
- ▶ 16:40-17:25 Talk by Prof. Michael Gasik  
**"Japan-Finland cooperation: Materials for Life"**
- ▶ 17:25-17:40 Short discussion panel and question for the speakers
- ▶ 17:40-20:00 (20:30) Reception
  - Toast by JSPS Stockholm

# End of the meeting

- ▶ Thank You !!
  
- ▶ Enjoy the seminar and reception



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