
JSPS ALUMNI CLUB DENMARK – NEWSLETTER NO. 3, October 2020

Dear JSPS ACD members,

here comes a short newsletter with news and future plans

Leila, chairperson

COVID-19 DELAYS PLANNED ACD ACTIVITIES

As an update on ACD activities delayed by COVID-19, the BRIDGE fellowship visit planned for October 2020 is now tentatively postponed to March 2021, while the planned ACD seminar is so far postponed as hybrid/on line event to spring-summer 2021. This means that there will not be a call for applications for the ACD seminar this year.

MEETING WITH THE OTHER NORDIC JSPS CLUBS CHAIRPERSONS ON 9th SEPTEMBER

I was happy to participate, on September 9, 2020, in the 5th Pan Nordic Alumni Club Chair Meeting (held via Zoom). This was the first meeting of this kind for me, but was very instructive in finding out about our nordic colleagues activities. This meeting has been held since FY2016 in order to create a platform for the chairs of the Nordic Alumni Clubs to meet and exchange information.

ACD BOARD MEETING ON 5th OCTOBER

The ACD board met on line on 5th October. The main topic of discussion was JARA 2021 and other upcoming events, which you can read more about below.

JARA 2021

You may have been wondering if the next JARA (Japan Alumni and Researcher Assembly) would be happening next year and I am pleased to confirm that we are very actively discussing JARA 2021 with our co-organizing partners at Tokai University and the Japanese embassy in Denmark, and there will definitely be a hybrid/online JARA at the beginning of next year. I will inform you of a date and further information on format and theme, as soon as more details are settled.

UPCOMING ONLINE BRIDGE SEMINAR

We are planning an online seminar before Christmas, where last year's BRIDGE fellow and his host will share their experiences. As well as a way of keeping in contact in corona times, we will give some information on the BRIDGE fellowship for JSPS ACD regular members, as well as JSPS funding opportunities open widely to danish researchers. The date (tentatively in November) will be announced shortly.

HOME PAGE AND LINKEDIN PAGE

Please look at our home page if you do not know it <https://www.jsps-sto.com/alumni-club->

[3/alumni-club-in-denmark/](#) - you need to scroll to the bottom of the page to find details about the board. The JSPS Stockholm office has a (quite) new LinkedIn page, which you might want to follow. A lot of nice initiatives between nordic and japanese researchers are announced there. <https://www.linkedin.com/company/jsp-sto/>

HELP US TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS

JSPS ACD needs new members (and this point will stay on the newsletter every time, until the situation is rectified!) Regular members need to be JSPS alumni, that is received a JSPS grant before. However, and interest in research/educational collaboration with Japan is enough to be an associate member and while associate members are not eligible for ACD earmarked grants, they still are welcome at event and recive information about regular, open JSPS grants. If you have someone whom you think could benefit from being a member, please send them a link to the application page here:

<https://www.jsp-sto.com/alumni-club-3/application-for-membership-4/>