
JSPS ALUMNI CLUB DENMARK – NEWSLETTER NO. 1, February 2022

Dear JSPS ACD members,

a belated happy new year to all! A new year that we hope will again allow much more travelling and researchers exchanges.

UPCOMING JARA ON 3. MARCH IN AARHUS - RESERVE THE DATE!

The most important item in this newsletter is the announcement of JARA, the Japan Alumni and Researcher Assembly which will be organized as a primarily on site event already on 3. March in Århus. We thank greatly our board member Annette Skovsted Hansen for organizing this event despite the clear difficulties in these uncertain times. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join this rather broadly themed event, which should appeal to club members with diverse research backgrounds. JARA is open to anybody with interest, not just club members, and co-organized with the Embassy of Japan and Tokai University.

Topic for the day: Maritime Research in Denmark and Japan - Opportunities for Collaboration and Funding

Date: March 3, 2022

Place: Aarhus University, Denmark (Online option for listening)

Time: 11-16 CET (Japan 7PM- Midnight)

The JARA event this year will take place physically at Aarhus University and include a keynote by Associate Professor Hirata Enna from the University of Kobe and three other presentations of maritime research in Japan and Denmark. Following lunch from Sushi Springtime, two short presentations from the Shipping Industry and research funding opportunities will frame a roundtable about transdisciplinary research with participation from anthropology, engineering, business, biology, ecoscience, environmental science, and history.

UPCOMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 10. MARCH (ONLINE 12-13) - RESERVE THE DATE!

All regular members will be invited separately shortly, but please reserve the date and time. There are places on the board, so please consider getting more involved by becoming a board member (you are welcome to contact me or another board member about this ahead of the GA to hear more about it). If there are activities you think the club should organize, or if you want to get involved in the club in other ways, the general assembly is the right forum to bring it up.

OTHER UPDATES

Unfortunately, but not surprisingly due to the still uncertain travel situation and short deadline, there were no applicant for the BRIDGE fellowship this year. But there is still the opportunity to apply for funding for running an ACD seminar, where you can invite a guest from Japan and other speakers on a well defined theme. The call will be out soon, with a simplified application procedure compared to previous year, so I encourage all members to consider this opportunity already now.

HOME PAGE AND LINKEDIN PAGE

Please look at our home page if you do not know it <https://www.jsps-sto.com/ac/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 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/jsps-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 receive 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.jsps-sto.com/ac/application-for-membership-4/>