
JSPS ALUMNI CLUB DENMARK – NEWSLETTER NO. 2, April 2022

Dear JSPS ACD members,

JARA ON 3. MARCH IN AARHUS SHOWCASED THE TRANSDISCIPLINARITY OF MARITIME RESEARCH

On 3. March, thanks to the hard work of our board member Prof Annette Skovsted Hansen, the Japan Alumni and Researcher Assembly was held at the University of Århus as a primarily on site event. For those of us who attended on site, it was fantastic to meet physically with colleagues from the board and other researchers with strong connections with Japan. As traditional, the event was co-organized by JSPS Stockholm and ACD, together with the Embassy of Japan and Tokai University. We are grateful in particular to His Excellency the ambassador of Japan, for his physical participation despite his busy schedule. Online participation by speakers and attendees went extremely smoothly, for which we thank particularly Tokai University, who provided a lot of the necessary technical assistance.

The theme of JARA was 'Maritime Research in Denmark and Japan - Opportunities for Collaboration and Funding', where a series of keynote lecturers presented on diverse topics within Maritime Research, ranging from CO2 emission reduction, applications of AI to shipping research and history of dock worker struggles upon containerization. Even though I am an outsider to maritime research, I could find plenty of interesting connections to my own interest areas and appreciate the high level of research. Even more so, during the discussion just following the keynote speakers and the roundtable discussion after lunch, the high potential of maritime research for inter- and transdisciplinary research was obvious, and I am sure most participants, like me, were greatly inspired

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS HELD FOR REGULAR MEMBERS ON 10. MARCH (ONLINE 12-13)

Thank you to everybody who participated for the great turnout and even more so, for the very active participation. Finally also for re-electing me as chair for another term, together with Mollie Brooks as vice-chair. For those of you who could not make it I attach the minute from the meeting, taken by our board member Prof Mette Sandbye.

OTHER UPDATES

If you are interested in applying, remember the ACD Seminar funding deadline of 17. April.

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 TO ACD

JSPS ACD REALLY 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/>

We are aware that not so many new JSPS fellows have travelled the last few years, but we also have difficulty reaching out to eligible fellows, as due to GDPR, we cannot easily obtain lists of previous JSPS fellows. If you think someone is eligible, but not a member, please reach out to them and tell them to get in touch.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE BOARD AT NEXT GA?

We also need new active members who would like to get more involved and join the board. Please consider it for yourself, or nudging a friend who is an ACD member. Get involved from now, and stand for election at next general assembly.

FINALLY A PERSONAL GREETING

I take the opportunity to wish you a very Happy Easter break in these - still - very uncertain times. Let's hope all together, that sanity and peace prevail, and soon.

Leila Lo Leggio (JSPS ACD Chair)