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Dear JSPS ACD members,

ACD BOARD MET THE NEW DIRECTOR OF JSPS STOCKHOLM OFFICE IN MAY

The new director Prof Kazuyuki Kuroda and staff members Tamako Mizushima and Hedda Hansson met the board for a special board meeting at the University of Copenhagen after a short visit of Nørre Campus with the ACD chair. It was a pleasure to welcome the new director and discuss plans for the future of the club.

Find out more about Prof. Kuroda here: <https://www.jsps-sto.com/event/kazuyuki-kuroda-new-director-of-jsps-stockholm-office/>

ACD SEMINAR WAS HELD AT DTU IN OCTOBER

The topic of the ACD seminar this year was 'Sugar research in Japan and Denmark, a common sweet research tooth'. The main speaker was Professor Atsuo Kimura, Hokkaido University and was accompanied by research talks by local speakers from the Øresund region and JSPS on funding opportunities.

We thank the organizer and ACD board member Prof Maher Abou Hachem for a great event. See pictures here: <https://www.jsps-sto.com/event/jsps-alumni-seminar-acd-sugar-research-in-japan-and-denmark-a-common-sweet-research-tooth/>

NEW DIRECTOR AT TOKAI

As the chair of JSPS ACD I had the pleasure to be invited at Tokai University European Center on 28th October to greet Dr. Manami Hori as the new executive director of TUEC. It was a great opportunity to strengthen ties with Tokai University and other organizations promoting Danish-Japanese cooperation.

UPDATE ON ACD RECRUITING

A few new regular and associate members joined this year, which is positive. JSPS Stockholm and the board have together now planned for letters to be sent to all outgoing and returning JSPS fellow who are either danish or connected to danish institutions, to continue to improve recruitment and strengthen the club. We still rely on you, and word of mouth, to help recruit new fellows, both regular and associate. Regular members must have previously received a JSPS grant, while associate members do not - so if you know someone who is planning to apply for a JSPS fellowship or has otherwise ties with japan, they are eligible to be associate members. Associate members cannot apply for BRIDGE or seminar fellowship, but stilæl receive regular information on events and other open grants.

Applications for membership are through this form <https://www.jsps-sto.com/ac/application-for->

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#### REMEMBER THE UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES

If you are a regular member you can apply for a BRIDGE fellowship or support for a seminar. You can find more information below.

The application deadline for the BRIDGE fellowship is on 12th January: <https://www.jsps-sto.com/event/bridge-fellowship-program-fy2023/>

The application deadline for the seminar is 10. January: <https://www.jsps-sto.com/acdseminar2023/>

#### WATCH OUT FOR DATES FOR JARA AND ACD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Watch out in your mail for dates on next years Japan Researcher and Alumni Assembly organized in cooperation with Tokai University and the embassy (planned provisionally in March) and the alumni club own general assembly (on zoom in January- February) which will be announced in the new year. We 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.

#### 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/>

#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I take the opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year holiday break from the board and me.

Leila Lo Leggio (JSPS ACD Chair)