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JSPS Alumni seminar at NIBIO (November 13th, 2023)

On November 13, 2023, the Seminar Collaborative Solutions for Sustainable Agriculture in Japan and Norway took place in Ås, Norway, coordinated by Dr. Thiago M. Inagaki from the Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO). This event marked a collaboration between researchers from leading organizations in soil and crop sciences in Norway and Japan, including NIBIO, the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU), and the National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO) in Japan. Two guests, Dr. Rota Wagai and Dr. Yusaku Uga from NARO, traveled to Norway to share their expertise on soil organic matter and rice root architecture. The seminar also featured talks from Prof. Peter Dörsch (NMBU), Dr. Takeshi Tokida (NARO), virtually connecting from Japan, and Dr. Junbin Zhao and Dr. Simon Weldon (NIBIO). The diverse topics covered greenhouse gas emissions in Norwegian and Japanese agroecosystems, mechanisms for soil carbon sequestration, and strategies for cultivating resilient crops in the face of climate change. The event hosted 20 persons on-site from different research organizations in Norway, including NIBIO, NMBU, and Nofima. Also, there were 48 participants registered to participate online from several countries. During their visit, Dr. Wagai and Dr. Uga visited NIBIO facilities and participated in networking events to discuss possibilities for future collaborations. This exchange promoted knowledge exchange among researchers and strengthened the bonds between research institutions in Japan and Norway.

Call For BRIDGE 2024 fellowship is opened !

The BRIDGE Fellowship Programme is offered to regular members of officially established Norway-Japan Academic Network (NJAN) who have conducted research activities in Japan under the Fellowship Programme for Foreign Researchers or other JSPS programmes. It gives them the opportunity to establish, maintain and strengthen research collaboration with Japanese colleagues.

The application period is from **November 21, 2023** to **January 11, 2024**.

<https://www.jsps-sto.com/event/bridge-fellowship-program-fy2024/>

Name change to our alumni club

The Society has changed its name from JSPS Alumni Club in Norway to **JSPS Norway-Japan Academic Network (NJAN)**.

On behalf of JSPS Alumni Club in Norway, Dr. Michiko Atsumi(Hylleraas center, University of Oslo)

<https://www.jsps-sto.com/alumni-club-3/alumni-club-in-norway/>