

Newsletter

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Reception Party at Tokyo Meeting (June 12, 2013 at Tokai University Club, Kasumigaseki, Tokyo)

Correspondences from MIF Fellows in the World

(Editorial responsibility: MIF)

Dr. Ryszard GORECKI
Professor, Rector of the University of
Warmia and Mazury, Olsztyn
Senator RP
(Poland/1988-19)
April 2, 2013

Dear Friends,

I am very grateful to the Matsumae International Foundation that I could take six-month scientific internship at Tohoku University in 1988/1989. I clearly remember my time spent at Tohoku University under Professor Yoji Esashi. During this time I also became the friend of Professor of Atsushi Komamine from Aobayama Campus in Sendai. Thanks to him in 1990 I again come to Japan to Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology and

Sendai University being a JSPS Fellow. My research work with Professor Yoji Esashi, Professor Atsushi Komamine at Tohoku University and Professor Yukio Morohashi in Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology made that I quickly became a titular professor (in 1993) at my university in Olsztyn. I remember very well this wonderful time in Japan.

I will never forget all scholarship trip to Kumamoto for a meeting with Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae, the founder of the MIF. It was autumn 1988. During my stay in Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology I made contact with the Ph.D. Hiroyuki Nonogaki, currently collaborating with Dr. Hiroyuki Nonogaki who works at Oregon State University in the USA. In addition to



Dr. Ryszard Gorecki, Rector of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland



with Prof. Atsushi KOMAMINE

research internships in Japan I was on the long-term internships at Cornell University, New York State (in 1983 and 1994-1995) and one-month visit to Norwich (UK) and Trieste (Italy). From 1999 to 2008 I was the Rector of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland. In 2012 I was reelected as Rector of the University for a period until 2016. In the years 2011 - 2012 I was a deputy chairman of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw.



with Prof. Yukio MOROHASHI

From 2005 to this day, I have also been a member of the Senate of the Polish Republic. From 2007 to the present I am the Chairman of the Polish-Japanese Parliamentary Group of the Senate. I have very close contact with Mr. Makoto Yamanaka, Japan's current Ambassador in Poland. As a Senator in March 2010 I was in Tokyo at the invitation of the House of Councilors. I was also involved in a meeting with Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama and several contemporary ministers. At my invitation in 2011, Mr. Hirofumi Nakasone, Chairman of the Japanese-Polish Parliamentary Group visited Olsztyn. Previously Professor Atsushi Komamine, Professor Toshiki Wakabayashi and Professor Yukio Morohashi stayed at the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn.

Once again, thank you very much for the opportunity to take research trips to Japan. If not for the support of MIF I would never know such a beautiful country and so many wonderful people from Japan. For wife, my sons, and me who were with me in Tokyo and Sendai in 1990, Japan is a very close country. We all very often talk about this beautiful country.

Cordial greetings to all of you working in the Matsumae International Foundation.

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Sourvenir from Bulgaria by Dr. Anife Ismailova AHMEDOVA

The Family of Dr. Ryszard Gorecki





Sourvenir from Malaysia by Ms. Bee Kin THI



Sourvenir from Tajikistan by Dr. Musavvara SHUKUROVA

Dr. Franco Martin CABRERIZO (Argentine/2007-24) November 3, 2012

Dear Matsumae International Founda-

I would like to thank MIF for its support. The trip that I did in 2007 was very fruitful not only from a personal point of view but also from a professional point of view.

After a while the investigations started in Japan in 2007 (in cooperation with Prof. H. Nonami) have given their fruits and benefits. Recently, a manuscript has been accepted for publication in the journal Organic and Biomolecular Chemistry (RSC). Attached you will find the pdf file of the manuscript.

In addition, I would like to inform you about my current position. I have started with my own research group in IIB-INTECH (Chascomús), Chascomús, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Once more, thank you very much for your support.

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Dr. Abderrahmane SAOUF (Morocco/2009-16) November 26, 2012

Dear Matsumae Foundation,

It is a great pleasure for me to write again. I hope you are doing very well and in a best of health. I would like to thank you and MIF foundation at all for its support activity of young researchers to visit Japan.

Already three years passed after my stay in Japan as participant MIF research program in 2009. My very nice memories from those days are still with me and I am always saying to my family and friend how Japanese people are friendly and nice, my daughter and my wife like to visit Japan.

In a way, I think, this agrees also with the intentions of the Matsumae Foundation. I wish, all its representatives and invitees a very health and most successful New Year 2013.

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Best regards,



Tourist map of Morocco



Sourvenir from Georgia by Dr. Maia MERLANI

Dr. Peter Johann WALDE (Switzerland/1985-03) December 19, 2012

Thank you for the e-mail with the nice autumn picture of your beautiful office in Tokyo. I also got the yearly MIF Christmas card and the report with the updated statistics. Thank you! I always read these reports with great interest, seeing how the MIF fellow family is growing steadily, although I can imagine that the financial crisis makes it probably more and more difficult to continue in the same way as in the past.

The pictures in the report always bring me back to my own study tour in 1985, a really unforgettable time. The MIF made many scientists all over the world happy by making a research stay in Japan possible. I believe that most of the fellows made long-lasting connections to Japanese Scientists, thereby clearly fulfilling one of the original goals.

Thanks to MIF I became familiar with the Japanese culture and Society and still keep contacts to several research groups in Japan. Although this year I was not able to visit Japan, I hope to be able to make a trip again in 2013, and - as always - I will try to include a short visit in your office. It is always a pleasure to refresh my thanks to the MIF through a personal visit.

I hope that economical and political changes allow continuing the MIF activities. Future fellows will be thankful. You did a lot from the beginning on, probably dealing with many problems in handling applications and supporting the fellows.

Best wishes and greetings and thanks to the entire office in Tokyo and the MIF team.

Dr. Aristides QUINTERO RUEDA (Panama/2004-24) December 29, 2012

I wish for you and all Matsumae Foundation Family a Happy New year 2013, full of health, hope, joy peace and love.

On the back cover and page 19 of the attached journal write a bit about how much MIF have helped my country and me.

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Thanks.



Sourvenir from Switzerland by Dr. Peter Johann WALDE

A journal of Dr. Aristides QUINTERO RUEDA





Sourvenir from Israel by Dr. Nadav AMDURSKY



Sourvenir from Viet Nam by Dr. DO Trong Tuan

Dr. DO Trong Tuan (Viet Nam/2011-07) December 30, 2012

The New Year 2013 is coming. I wish you and MIF a new happy year with successful activities in this year and future. Thank you very much for sending me the Fellowship Research Report 2012, MIF Newsletters and a New Year greeting card.

Each time receiving an Airmail from MIF, I always feel a deep motion. I remember about Japan, Nakajima san, Kimura san, and Professor Uchida and MIF friends. Sweet memories during my stay in Japan are always in my mind.

In August, my advisor, Professor Sakata came to Vietnam to attend the International Conference on Communication and Electronics (ICCE'12 Conference) in Hue, one of historical capital of Vietnam. I was very happy that I had a chance to see Professor Sakata in Vietnam. We had a good time here. I introduced traditional food and culture to Prof. Sakata. We also visited many beautiful places in Hue. I enclose here some pictures of professor and me. Our joint paper was accepted to be published in Journal of Computer Technologies and Applications by David Publisher in USA.

I left Japan for nearly one year, but now Japan is very close to me. Each time my wife and I watch NHK Channel, we share common feelings. We can feel Japanese culture together. I also usually talk to my students about Japanese culture, my sweet memories of my stay in Japan and especially support from MIF.

From bottom of my heart, I would like to thank you all for everything you did for me as a MIF fellow.

I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you again.

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Sincerely yours,



Sourvenir from Cameroon by Dr. Pierre MKOUNGA



Prof. Shiro SAKATA of Chiba University visits Viet Nam

Dr. Elena Kirilova BOJILOVA (Bulgaria/2005-22) February 16, 2013

Dear MIF,

For me is a pleasure to let you know that after my very successful postdoc period as MIF fellow 2005/06 in DPRI-KU, Prof. Kojiri lab – with my host professor Toshi Kojiri. Now I am for the second time in the laboratory. Unfortunately, the professor Kojiri deceased one year ago, and I am working with his successor Assoc. Prof. Kenji Tanaka.

My study in Japan was a very fruitful one. I am enclosing here some publications concerning my research period in Japan where I was acknowledging the MIF award.

This time, I am in Kojiri lab under JSPS program for short visit for research in Japan. I will be in Uji and Kyoto University until 12 of March 2013.

Dear Foundation, please accepts my best wishes. I want to express my dear gratitude for giving me chance to be in your beautiful country, to know the Japanese people and Japanese culture.

Best wishes,

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Dr. Davronbek MATRASULOV (Uzbekistan/2003-15) April 2, 2013

I hope that you are doing well.

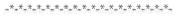
First of all I would like to express my deepest gratitude to MIF for its great support I got in becoming friend of Japan.

After visiting Japan within the MIF program my collaboration with my Japanese colleagues is monotonically growing and today I have cooperation with many Japanese physicists, 3-4 colleagues from Japan visit my group every year. Moreover, there is Japanese professor in my group in Tashkent, who joined us 5 years ago.

It is our tradition to invite to every international conference we organize in Tashkent our colleagues from Japan. Also, we organized several joint Uzbek-Japan young scientist workshops in Tashkent during last 5 years. All this activity got impulse from my first visit in Japan which was supported by MIF.

As you probably know, Professor Uchida is going to attend international conference we are going to organize in Samarkand this May. He suggested to organize in Tashkent a meeting with the MIF alumni from Uzbekistan. The meeting will held on May 18 in Turin Polytechnic University in Tashkent.

Thanking you for your support,





Sourvenir from Bulgaria by Dr. Mihaela Emilova KOLEVA



A meeting with the MIF alumni from Uzbekistan on May 18 in Turin Polytechnic University, Tashkent.

(from left, Dr. Murodjon RASHITOV,

Dr. Zarifboy SOBIROV,

Dr. Olim Narbekovich RUZIMURADOV,

Dr. Hirohisa UCHIDA, Chair of MIF,

Dr. Davronbek MATRASULOV,

Dr. Khamdam RAKHIMOV)



Sourvenir from Colombia by Dr. Abraham Uriel ZAPATA MUNERA

Dr. Svetlana BARSEGHYAN (Armenia/2008-07) April 9, 2012

Accept my warm greetings from Armenia.

My name is Svetlana Barseghyan. I was Matsumae scholar for six months during 04.2008- 09.2008 academic year.

I am writing to inform you that thanks to MATSUMAE Foundation I have published an article in cooperation with Professor Yoshio Sakka from the Materials Processing Unit, National Institute for Materials Science (1-2-1 Sengen, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305–0047, Japan).

At the end of manuscript I expressed a special thanks to MATSUMAE foundation for supporting my research. I would like to use this opportunity and express once more my gratitude to you and Matsumae foundation for your excellent support and attitude.

Best Regards,

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Dr. Anton Minchev SLAVOV (Bulgaria/2010-03) May 20, 2013

A lot of time has passed since our last mail. I hope that you are OK and still working in MIF.

Finally I received a positive answer concerning publications of the results of my work in Kitasato University, Tokyo and I'm sending you the paper.

At the end of May, Prof. Yamada (in which lab I was in Kitasato University) will visit Bulgaria (and also Plovdiv) by invitation of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. The Bulgarian Academy of Sciences has some agreements with Science Council of Japan for bilateral agreements between Bulgarian and Japanese scientists.

I've been relatively busy during this time - I was promoted to associate professor in our University and of coarse the duties and students work increased. I'm continuing working with rose petals and now we had some ideas for their utilization.

This time of the year is the picking up the rose flowers and of coarse a lot of events are organized here in Bulgaria - I hope that we will have time to visit the Rose festival (held in city of Kazanlak).

Best regards,



Sourvenir from Lithuania by Dr. Vilma KISNIERIENE



Greeting **Cards from MIF Research Fellows**

Received in the period from December 2012 through February 2013.



Argentine	Dr. Victoria Maria MUNIZ SAAVEDRA
Argentine	Dr. Cecilia Ines CATANESI
Bangladesh	Mr. Khondkar Reza-e RABBANI
Belgium	Dr. Jacques TEGHEM Jr.
Bulgaria	Dr. Anton Minchev SLAVOV
Croatia	Dr. Marilena IDZOJTIC
Cioalia	Dr. Bozica SORGIC
	Dr. Pavle PANDZIC Dr. Jelena MACAN
Canala Danuahlia	
Czech Republic	Dr. Vaclav PAIDAR
	Dr. Jiri ERHART
Earradon	Dr. Pavel PAVLICEK
Ecuador	Ms. Carmen PROANO
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	Dr. Diana BANATI
	Dr. Agota TOTH
	Dr. Attila MOLVAREC
	Dr. Andras David NAGY
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	Dr. Sahana CHAKRABORTY
	Dr. Janardhana GOTTRAVALLI RAMANAYAKA
Indonesia	Dr. Bonar Parlindungan PASARIBU
	Dr. DARMINTO
	Dr. Abdul Hamid BUDIMAN
Ireland	Dr. John CASSIDY
Kyrgyz	Mr. Chyngyz ERKINBAEV
Latvia	Dr. Karina (IVANOVA) SPUNDE
	Dr. Ilja GALKINS
Lithuania	Dr. Jurate SIUGZDAITE
Madagascar	Dr. Jean Masy RAMILISON
Malaysia	Dr. Shing Chiang TAN
Mongolia	Dr. Enkhbat RENTSEN
Myanmar	Dr. Myint Swe KHINE
	Dr. KHAING KHAING KYU
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	Mr. WANG Huafu				
	Mr. MA Lin				
	Dr. Dongfang LIANG				
Panama	Dr. Aristides QUINTERO RUEDA				
Peru	Mr. Luis ESPINOZA BONILLA				
Poland	Dr. Zbigniew PALKA				
	Dr. Ryszard GORECKI				
	Dr. Piotr SALANSKI				
Romania	Dr. Marcel Romica ROMAN				
	Dr. Elena Maria SANDULESCU				
	Ms. Simona Ioana VICAS				
Serbia	Dr. Ljiljana RADONJIC				
Slovenia	Dr. Ana SASA				
Spain	Dr. Rodrigo MARTINEZ-VAL				
	Dr. Aranzazu GONZALEZ CANGA				
Sri Lanka	Dr. Piyasiri Abeysinghe Jayawardane YAPA				
	Dr. Pannipitiye G. Ralalage DHARMARATNE				
	Dr. Kamani Ayoma P. W. JAYATILAKA				
	Dr. Vajira P. BULUGAHAPITIYA				
Switzerland	Dr. Peter Johann WALDE				
Thailand	Dr. Joompol SANGUANSIN				
	Dr. Malyn CHULASIRI				
	Ms. Arunee VEENIN				
	Dr. Watcharaphong ANANCHUEN				
	Dr. Preeya P. WANGSOMNUK				
	Ms. Raweewan SRISAWAT				
	Dr. Kulthida VAETEEWOOTTACHARN				
	Dr. Rakrudee SARNTHIMA				
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	Dr. Nalan AKGUN				
	Dr. Melih GENIS				
Ukraine	Dr. Vyacheslav A. RAFALSKY				
United Kingdom	Dr. Niel A. McDOUGALL				
Uzbekistan	Dr. Gulnora (BEGBAEVA) TANATAR				
Viet Nam	Dr. DO Trong Tuan				

MIF also received a lot of greeting messages through e-mail from many MIF Research Fellows.

Tokyo Meeting

Presentation by MIF Research Fellows

at MIF Reception Room on June 11, 2013





Reception Party for 2013 Fellows

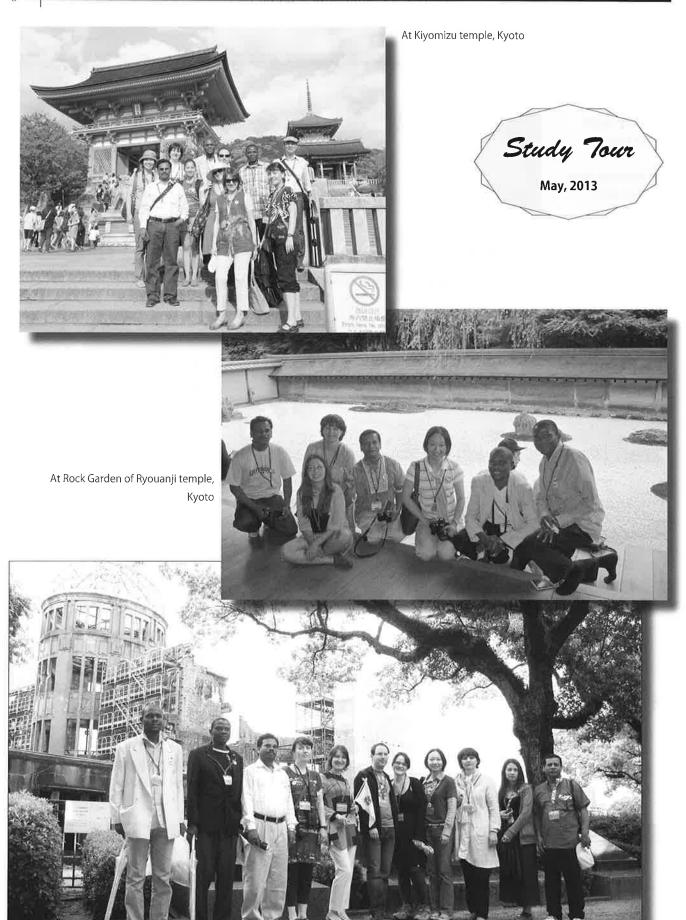
at Tokai University Club, Kasumigaseki Bldg., Tokyo on June 12, 2013





Welcome address by Dr. Hirohisa UCHIDA, Chair of MIF





At Peace Park, Hiroshima

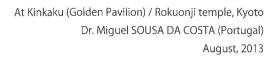
from left: Dr. Saliu Alao AMOLEGBE (Nigeria), Dr. Fabian Ifeanyichukwu EZEMA (Nigeria), Dr. Arun Govindrao INGALE (India), Dr. Mihaela Emilova KOLEVA (Bulgaria), Dr. Anife Ismailova AHMEDOVA (Bulgaria), Dr. Nadav AMDURSKY (Israel), Ms. THI Bee Kin (Malaysia), Dr. Maia MERLANI (Georgia), Dr. Musavvara SHUKUROVA (Tajikistan) and Dr. Md Abdus SALAM (Bangladesh).



Experinece "O-CHA (Tea)", at Kyoto



At Nara Park, Todaiji temple, Nara from left: Dr. Abraham Uriel ZAPATA MUNERA (Colombia) and Dr. Abdullah Hamed Suwaid AL-BADI (Oman) August, 2013







Dr. Andryi E. SEREBRYANNIKOV (2007-05:Ukraine) visited MIF office. November 2012





Dr. DARMINTO (1998-15: Indonesia) visited MIF office. November 2012

Dr. Jodie T. HATFIELD (2011-04: Australia) visited MIF office. December 2012



INFORMATION on MIF RESEARCH FELLOWS

(since 1980 to 2013)

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1. by Gender					
Male	510				
Female	188				
2. by Countries					
Asia (214)		Cote d'Ivoire	4	Bulgaria	11
P.R. of China	41	Ghana	4	9	11
India	35	Rwanda	4		10
Thailand	18	Zambia	3		10
Bangladesh	14	Burundi	2		10
Indonesia	14	D.R. of Congo	2	Italy	9
Myanmar	13	Madagascar	2	Czech Republic	8
Philippines	13	Tunisia	2	Spain	7
Viet Nam	13	Algeria	1	Slovakia	6
	13	Benin	1	Albania	5
Malaysia Pakistan		Eritrea	1	Armenia	5
	10	Guinea	1	Belarus	
Sri Lanka	9				5
Mongolia	8	Liberia	1	Croatia	5
Nepal	8	Malawi	1	Portugal	5
Korea	2	Senegal	1	Serbia	5
Laos	2	South Africa	1	Georgia	4
Singapore	2			Lithuania	4
Taiwan	1			Sweden	4
				United Kingdom	4
Pacific (7)				Finland	3
Australia	4	North America (12)		Greece	3
New Zealand	2	U.S.A.	8	Iceland	3
Fiji	1	Canada	4	Ireland	3
				Kazakhstan	3
Middle East (64)		Latin America (73)		Latvia	3
Turkey	17	Cuba	11	Netherlands	3
Iran	9	Argentine	10	Belgium	2
Iraq	8	Brazil	9	Estonia	2
Jordan	8	Colombia	8	France	2
Israel	7	Mexico	8	Moldova	2
Syria	6	Chile	6	Norway	2
Oman	5	Ecuador	5	Slovenia	2
Saudi Arabia	3	Peru	5	Austria	1
Lebanon	1	Jamaica	2	Azerbaijan	1
Desarion	1	Panama	2	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1
Africa (121)		Paraguay	2	Kyrgyz	1
Egypt	19	Uruguay	2	Switzerland	1
Nigeria	19	Bolivia	1	Tajikistan	1
Kenya	14	Costa Rica	1	rajikistan	1
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	7	Europe (207)			
Uganda		Poland	15		
Ethiopia	6				
Cameroon	5	Hungary	13		
Morocco	5	Russia	12		

Total: 698 Research Fellows from 112 countries