



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



Souvenir from Tajikistan
by Dr. Musavvara SHUKUROVA

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

Dear Matsumae International Founda-
tion,

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

After a while the investigations
started in Japan in 2007 (in coopera-
tion 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). At-
tached 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.

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

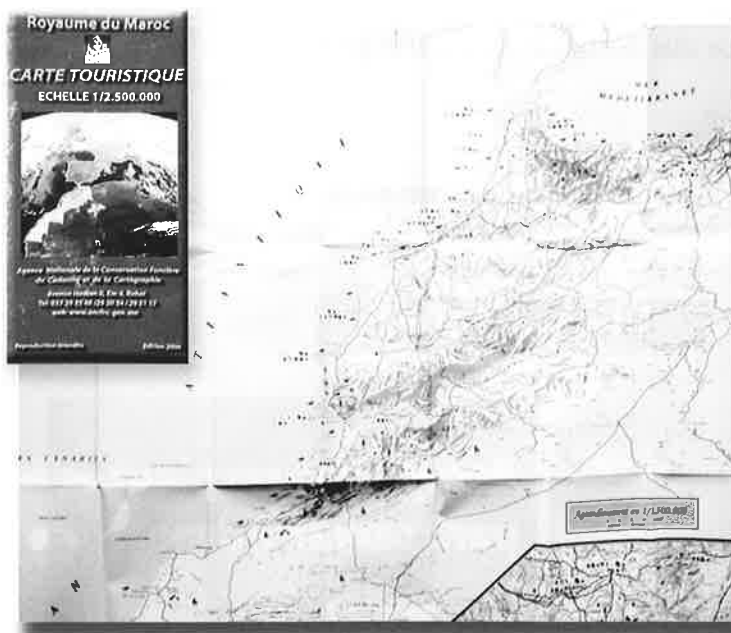
Dear Matsumae Foundation,

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 re-
search 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 peo-
ple 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 Foun-
dation. I wish, all its representatives
and invitees a very health and most
successful New Year 2013.

Best regards,



Tourist map of Morocco



Souvenir 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.

Thanks.



Souvenir from Switzerland
by Dr. Peter Johann WALDE

A journal of Dr. Aristides QUINTERO RUEDA



Souvenir from Israel
by Dr. Nadav AMDURSKY



**Souvenir 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

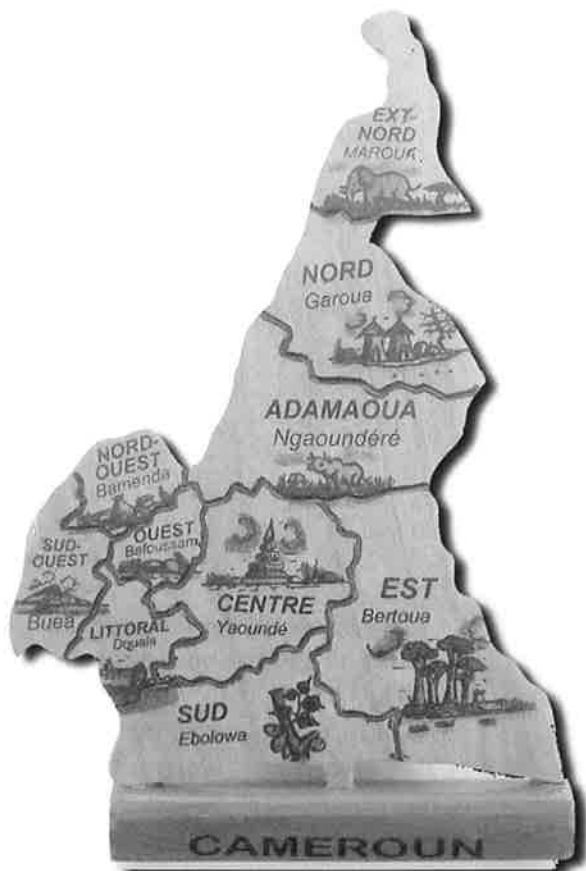
that I had a chance to see Professor Sakata in Vietnam. We had a good time here. I introduced traditional food and culture to Prof. Sakata. We also visited many beautiful places in Hue. I enclose here some pictures of professor and me. Our joint paper was accepted to be published in Journal of Computer 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.

Sincerely yours,



**Souvenir from Cameroon
by Dr. Pierre MKOUNGA**



Prof. Shiro SAKATA of Chiba University visits Viet Nam



**Souvenir 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,

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.

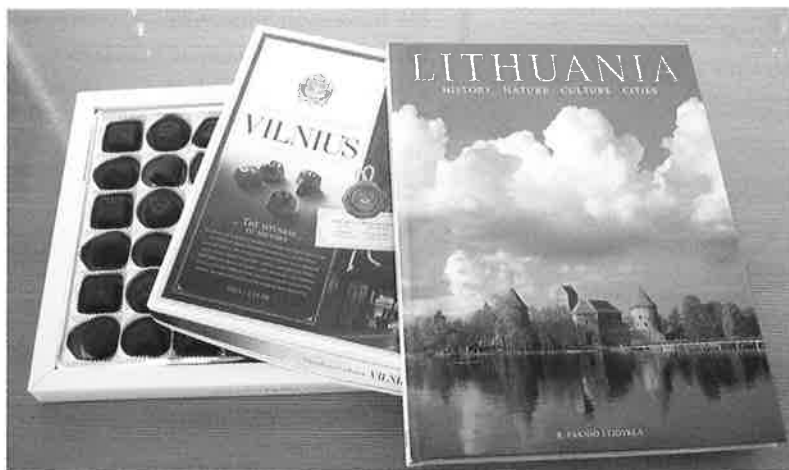
Finally I received a positive answer concerning publications of the results of my work in Kitasato University, Tokyo and I'm sending you the paper.

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 course 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 course 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,



Souvenir from Lithuania by Dr. Vilma KISNIERIENE



Greeting Cards from MIF Research Fellows

Received in the period from December 2012 through February 2013.



Argentina	Dr. Victoria Maria MUNIZ SAAVEDRA Dr. Cecilia Ines CATANESI	P.R. of China	Mr. YE Silu Dr. BAO Yun Hua
Bangladesh	Mr. Khondkar Reza-e RABBANI		Mr. ZHAO Zhaowang
Belgium	Dr. Jacques TEGHEM Jr.		Mr. WANG Huafu
Bulgaria	Dr. Anton Minchev SLAVOV		Mr. MA Lin
Croatia	Dr. Marilena IDZOJTIC Dr. Bozica SORGIC Dr. Pavle PANDZIC Dr. Jelena MACAN	Panama	Dr. Dongfang LIANG
Czech Republic	Dr. Vaclav PAIDAR Dr. Jiri ERHART Dr. Pavel PAVLICEK	Peru	Dr. Aristides QUINTERO RUEDA
Ecuador	Ms. Carmen PROANO Mr. Mario Gonzalo ARTEAGA MACIAS	Poland	Mr. Luis ESPINOZA BONILLA Dr. Zbigniew PALKA Dr. Ryszard GORECKI Dr. Piotr SALANSKI
Egypt	Dr. Dia Mohamed Hamed MOHAMED	Romania	Dr. Marcel Romica ROMAN Dr. Elena Maria SANDULESCU Ms. Simona Ioana VICAS
Estonia	Dr. Vahur VALVERE	Serbia	Dr. Ljiljana RADONJIC
F.R. of Germany	Dr. Boris KASPER	Slovenia	Dr. Ana SASA
Greece	Dr. Georgios C. MANOS Dr. Konstantinos Ar. KORMAS	Spain	Dr. Rodrigo MARTINEZ-VAL Dr. Aranzazu GONZALEZ CANGA
Hungary	Dr. Laszlo CZAKO Dr. Diana BANATI Dr. Agota TOTH Dr. Attila MOLVAREC Dr. Andras David NAGY Dr. Eva FAZAKAS	Sri Lanka	Dr. Piyasiri Abeyasinghe Jayawardane YAPA Dr. Pannipitiye G. Ralalage DHARMARATNE Dr. Kamani Ayoma P. W. JAYATILAKA Dr. Vajira P. BULUGAHAPITIYA
India	Dr. Kedarnath MAHAPATRA Dr. Sahana CHAKRABORTY Dr. Janardhana GOTTRAVALLI RAMANAYAKA	Switzerland	Dr. Peter Johann WALDE
Indonesia	Dr. Bonar Parlindungan PASARIBU Dr. DARMINTO Dr. Abdul Hamid BUDIMAN	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 Dr. Chanchira JUBSILP
Ireland	Dr. John CASSIDY	Turkey	Dr. Gorun ARUN Dr. Nalan AKGUN Dr. Melih GENIS
Kyrgyz	Mr. Chyngyz ERKINBAEV	Ukraine	Dr. Vyacheslav A. RAFALSKY
Latvia	Dr. Karina (IVANOVA) SPUNDE Dr. Ilja GALKINS	United Kingdom	Dr. Niel A. McDOUGALL
Lithuania	Dr. Jurate SIUGZDAITE	Uzbekistan	Dr. Gulnora (BEGBAEVA) TANATAR
Madagascar	Dr. Jean Masy RAMILISON	Viet Nam	Dr. DO Trong Tuan
Malaysia	Dr. Shing Chiang TAN		
Mongolia	Dr. Enkhbat RENTSEN		
Myanmar	Dr. Myint Swe KHINE Dr. KHAING KHAING KYU		
New Zealand	Dr. Charmian Jocelyn O'CONNOR Dr. Graham John WEIR		
Nigeria	Dr. Moses Oludare AJEWOLE Dr. Michael Ayodele ODENIYI		

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 Kiyomizu temple, Kyoto

Study Tour
May, 2013

At Rock Garden of Ryouanji temple,
Kyoto



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

At Kinkaku (Golden Pavilion) / Rokuonji temple, Kyoto
Dr. Miguel SOUSA DA COSTA (Portugal)
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



Snap Shots

INFORMATION on MIF RESEARCH FELLOWS

(since 1980 to 2013)

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	Romania	11
India	35	Rwanda	4	F. R. of Germany	10
Thailand	18	Zambia	3	Ukraine	10
Bangladesh	14	Burundi	2	Uzbekistan	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
Malaysia	11	Benin	1	Albania	5
Pakistan	10	Eritrea	1	Armenia	5
Sri Lanka	9	Guinea	1	Belarus	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)		North America (12)		Finland	3
Australia	4	U.S.A.	8	Greece	3
New Zealand	2	Canada	4	Iceland	3
Fiji	1			Ireland	3
		Latin America (73)		Kazakhstan	3
Middle East (64)		Cuba	11	Latvia	3
Turkey	17	Argentina	10	Netherlands	3
Iran	9	Brazil	9	Belgium	2
Iraq	8	Colombia	8	Estonia	2
Jordan	8	Mexico	8	France	2
Israel	7	Chile	6	Moldova	2
Syria	6	Ecuador	5	Norway	2
Oman	5	Peru	5	Slovenia	2
Saudi Arabia	3	Jamaica	2	Austria	1
Lebanon	1	Panama	2	Azerbaijan	1
		Paraguay	2	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1
Africa (121)		Uruguay	2	Kyrgyz	1
Egypt	19	Bolivia	1	Switzerland	1
Nigeria	19	Costa Rica	1	Tajikistan	1
Kenya	14	Venezuela	1		
Tanzania	8				
Sudan	7	Europe (207)			
Uganda	7	Poland	15		
Ethiopia	6	Hungary	13		
Cameroon	5	Russia	12		
Morocco	5				

Total: 698 Research Fellows from 112 countries

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