



# Newsletter

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## Correspondences from MIF Fellows in the World

(Editorial responsibility: MIF)

Dr. Anife Ismailova AHMEDOVA  
(Bulgaria/2013-03)  
March 5, 2014

I hope this letter finds you in good health and state of the mind. Although I am shamefully late with sending my final report I do it now, following a bulgarian saying "Late is better than never" :).

In Bulgaria I continued with some additional experiments on our project, and wanted to include some of the last data, which came out to be rather intriguing.

The life here goes more or less in the same way ... of slow slow advancement. I plan to attend a conference in Georgia that Maia Merlani organizes and will be happy to meet again some

other MIF fellows.

By the way, I am very glad to know the Bulgarian MIF fellow for 2014 and try to encourage her before her adventure in Japan starts.

I wish you all the best and look forward to hearing good news from you.

Best regards,

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Dr. Kulthida VAETEEWOOTACHARN  
(Thailand/2009-18)  
April 7, 2014

It has been 2 years since I have a chance to come back and do my research in Japan again. This col-

laborative project with my boss, Prof. Seiji Okada, would never been established if I have no chance to get a support from MIF in 2009. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all MIF friends who have provide us, researchers from foreign countries, an opportunity to work and experience Japan.

By the way, I have brought a small souvenir from my university, Khon Kaen University to you. I wish I could have a chance to present this souvenir to my friends by myself. I am sorry that I could not make it. I hope I would have a chance to visit your beautiful office again.

With my thanks,

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Dr. Vilma KISNIERIENE  
(Lithuania/2013-17)  
April 15, 2014

I am so sorry too late to write the message for you. Hope you are well and new MIF year started successively. My time in Lithuania was so busy, and adaptation process was not as easy as I expected. Even the health in Japan was better :).

Cherry blossom started in Vilnius, but it is cloudy and windy, and sakura looks little bit frightened. Anyway- it is cherry blossom. So best regards from Vilnius.

I was honored to be one of the recipients of The Matsumae International Foundation in 2013. Words cannot describe how grateful I am. I would like to thank all Japanese people for this biggest gift in my life. This fellowship has helped me in many ways and has made value for my future and has given me more motivation to be the best I can be. When I reflect on my time spent in Japan, I can't believe how much I've learned in such a short time. I feel closer to being an accomplished professional not only in the Life science field but in culture and social relations also. This program allowed me to know Japan much better and to meet interesting people and new friends there.

I am especially surprised by the number of distinguished and prolific scientists I have met. My 6 month in Japan opened up doors and I am extremely grateful for the amount of help and support I received from Professor Tetsuro Mimura-sensei and his laboratory and all members of the Department of Biology of Kobe University. I would like to express my most sincere thanks to each lab member, and everybody I have met in Kobe University for example to prof. M Morita-san, prof. H. Sakayama-san. I was very happy to meet Vice President of University of Hyogo Professor T. Shimmen-sensei and Dean of Hitotsubashi University, Professor I. Tsutsui-sensei, I am most grateful for all the

kindness and professionalism they showed me. Thanks to MIF meetings I have met nice scientists from other countries also. These interactions changed the way I look at the world I think this program have gone away in transforming the culture and face of academia in the world or even making the world a better place. What else is there to say, other than the fact that Japan is a wonderful country with nice people, beautiful Nature and oishii food and red color in autumn?

The gardens found in Japanese temples and shrines for me looks like an ideal state of harmony. I have observed the legendary Japanese work ethic. I had the chance to learn some Japanese words, plants, art and technical achievements. I have seen so much beauty, little bit touched to so rich Japanese culture, I shared pain with Japanese people in Hiroshima. I would like to say that MIF work very professionally and prudently and foundation activity is very fruitful. I would like to thank to MIF staff for so kind care about me and about all MIF fellows.

I am grateful Matsumae International Foundation supporters for giving me the opportunity to follow my dreams and to make them a reality. I believe that all the good work on earth creates a common good field and all people of good will able to meet there. We will see each other in the world community of positive thoughts, impressions, feelings and remembrance. But I hope to visit Japan again in the future also. From now for me Japan is not only place in the map-Japan is in my heart.

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Sourvenir from Ukraine  
by Dr. Nataliya SALYHA



Sourvenir from Egypt  
by Dr. Allam MEGAHED

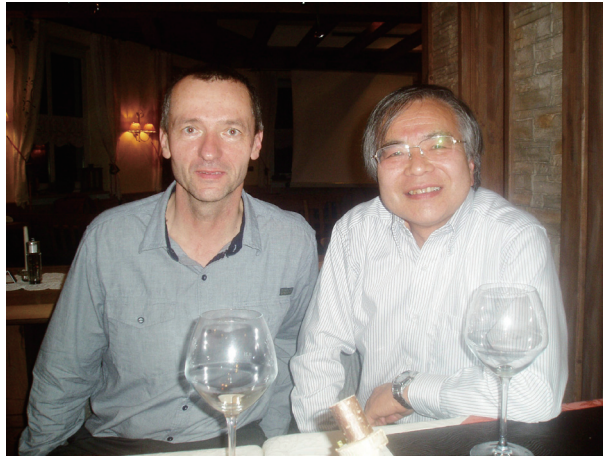


Souvenir from Nigeria  
by Dr. Vitoria AKPAMBANG

Dr. Pavel PAVLICEK  
(Czech Republic/2004-02)  
April 2, 2014

Today it is eleven years when I first time came to Tokyo and Japan. Thank to you. I am still in contact with my host professor, Prof. Takeda. A month ago I met him at a conference in Germany. So I send you a photograph from this meeting. Prof. Takeda is no more working at UEC in Chofu as he was in year 2004. He is now at the University of Utsunomiya.  
With regards,

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Dr. Musavvara SHUKUROVA  
(Tajikistan/2013-07)  
May 19, 2014

Konnichuwa!

Dr. Maia Merlani and I hope that our letter will find you in a fine mood and good health.

Recently I was in Georgia and met with Dr. Maia Merlani. She was glad to see me and arranged for me a short tour of the sights of Tbilisi. Then we had dinner and a glass of wine, we remember you, the office of Matsumae International Foundation, our fellow students and Japan as a whole.

We are very pleased that the MIF gave us such a wonderful chance to meet the wonderful people - You, as well as make new friends from different countries. I would once again like to express our deepest gratitude to you. Arigato Gosaimashita!:-)

And in the attached file, you can find a few of our photos from Tbilisi, Georgia.

With warm wishes,

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Souvenir from Bulgaria  
by Dr. Margalita MILANOVA



Dr. Jonson LUMBAN GAOL  
(Indonesia/2001-12)  
May 30, 2014

I was very happy to receive your email. We plan to Japan in the beginning of July 2014 for 10 days. We will arrive at Nagoya airport because the cheap tickets from Jakarta to Japan is through Nagoya.

I plan to stay in Tokyo and Chiba for 5-7 days, if it possible I will go to Shimizu and Osaka. In Chiba University want to meet Prof Josophat and in Shimizu, meet Dr. Mahapatra and Prof. Okada sensei. Best regards,

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Dr. Mihaela Emilova KOLEVA  
(Bulgaria/2013-02)  
July 1, 2014

One year has passed since my visit in Japan but I am still under the influence of impressions. I am very happy that this year you have invited again a Bulgarian scientist from our Academy and now I keep in touch with her. So I have information about this year's Study Tour. And as I expected it has been a great experience again. Thus, I had the opportunity to return one year back and to remember my exciting three months in your amazing country. The efforts focused on my scientific work during my stay in the National Institute of Materials Science



in Tsukuba have proved fruitful. I'm very happy to announce about the acceptance of our common article with Dr. Naoki Fukata and his collaborator about the development of composite nanostructures for sensor applications.

The paper was published in the journal "Materials Science and Engineering B" of the Elsevier publishing house. In addition to the copy of my accepted article, I am sending you a picture of my participation in a workshop on Kiri-e, which was held during the annual festival of Japanese culture in Sofia. Here I am presenting my first work on Kiri-e (the Japanese art of paper cutting) in the surrounding of Ikebana exhibition.

Finally, I would like to thank you most sincerely for the wonderful three month in Japan and for your exceptional hospitality. Warm wishes from Sofia,

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Souvenir from Uzbekistan  
by Dr. Seyilkhon MATMURATOV



Souvenir from Iraq  
by Dr. Ahmed M. ABDULA

Dr. Jelena MANOJLOVIC  
(Serbia/2004-22)  
July 3, 2014

I hope that everything is fine and well with you and that you are still doing your great work in MIF.

There is quite a long time that I have not been writing to MIF. Unfortunately, I had difficult time of life during the past two years. I am now trying to recover from sorrow and the loss of a loved one and to make up for duties that has been accumulated.

Not writing to you does not mean that I forgot the wonderful time spent in Japan in 2014/2005 thanks to MIF support. In fact, I very often remember the six wonderful mouths spent in Fukuoka and Japan. I very often speak about the beautiful impressions my stay in Japan left on me. What is most important, my stay in Japan has been a foundation for my close collaboration with respected and distinguish mathematician Prof. Kusano as well as with prof. Tanigawa who is now working at the Kumamoto University. We have very successful collaborative research that has been running for the last ten years. As a result of our joint research work 20 joint papers was published. I will always be grateful to MIF for allowing me to visit Japan, to learn a lot about cultural and historic treasures and natural beauties of Japan and to begin professionally such a successful collaboration.

I am very glad to inform you that I will come to Japan again in November. Professor Tanigawa kindly invited me to participate in Conference in Kyoto from November 3 to 6 and then to visit Kumamoto and Fukuoka in order to develop our joint research work.

I am very happy and glad for having third opportunity to visit Japan after six years. During that time, I saw prof. Tanigawa several times - we were participants in some conferences together (Slovakia - Texas, USA) and I had the pleasure to welcome him in Nis in September 2013.

However, since prof. Kusano does

not travel overseas any more because of his age and health problems, so I have not seen him for six years. On the other hand, he is professionally still very active and productive. That is why, in particular I am looking forward to see Prof. Kusano, but of course I am looking forward to spend some time with both of them enjoying in delicious Japanese food and doing some math.

I am sending best wishes to all the staff in MIF office in Tokyo.

With best regards and sincerest wishes,

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Dr. Julio F. MATA  
(Costa Rica/1982-03)  
July 13, 2014

Dear MIF friends,  
though I'm not a good responder to MIF Newsletter, I think that it is time to start acknowledging the good initiatives of the Foundation. Two times in Japan in 1982 and in 1986 gave me the valuable experience of scientifically interacting not only with the fine researchers I dealt with, but also the nice experiences acquired through my few-word command of the Japanese language.

Work goes fine at the Biomass Laboratory in the School of Chemistry UCR, and I wish it were possible to establish "horizontal" strong (not political mediated) relationships in the field of renewable energy sources.

All the best to you and to the 698 MIF research fellows around the world,

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Souvenir from Mexico  
by Dr. Griselda VALDEZ MAGANA





Souvenir from Czech Republic  
by Dr. Martin DRAHANSKY

cookies and the chocolate balls you offered to us !

Thank you very much for the books about Dr. Matsumae life's and the video where it shows his great courage, his integrity and his struggle to find a peace way among all people, all nation !

Thank you very much for the pen and pencil ! I will keep them to write more and to remember this mission you taught us, to build roads of knowledge and bridges of peace.

Thank you for the photos and to share with us this beautiful house plenty with a special japanese garden ! I hope to meet you again!!  
Warmest regards,

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Dr. Jelena MANOJLOVIC  
(Serbia/2004-22)  
November 7, 2014

Thank you for your message wishing me nice stay in Kyoto. Conference has been finished yesterday, so today we spent day sightseeing with Prof. Tanigawa and Prof. Usami enjoying very much in Kyoto temples once more and wonderful autumn colors (even not completely changed). Conference were successful - I presented 50min talk presented our most recent joint results with Prof. Kusano and I heard very interesting lectures from other participants. I spent nice time with my Japanese colleague and friends and I am really glad that I saw some of them after a long time.

Tomorrow, I am going to Kumamoto with Prof. Tanigawa and on November 13, we will go to Fukuoka to meet with Prof. Kusano.

I am no sure how much time I will have on Narita airport on my way back, since Prof. Kusano is taking care of my return flight ticket from Fukuoka to Narita. Any way I am not staying in Tokyo on my way back, I have evening flight to Istanbul. But I will inform

you of my exact flight plan when I get to Fukuoka.

Best regards,

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Dr. Elena Maria SANDULESCU  
(Romania/2004-18)  
December 2014

It occurred to me, as we are approaching New Year celebrations, that it has been 10 years since my MIF fellowship at the National Institute for Environmental Studies in Tsukuba. As hard as it is to admit, time does go by in a flash. From the frenetic preparations for going out of the country, to the heart-warming goodbyes, I can't help but run through my four month Japanese sojourn in my mind. I have made a thousand fond memories and left Japan with my life enriched by the experience of having grown as an individual and professionally.

The most significant aspect of the MIF fellowship, however, is the role fellows play as ambassadors for the spirit of international friendship, of getting acquainted with Japan, a nation at the heart of East Asia, and of learning more about other cultures and languages.

I will therefore remain thankful and grateful to the MIF for having created a frame for us to contribute to the greater good of this world, as well as for having made the effort to stay in touch with us over the years.

As 2014 gets going, may the spirit of the festive season add warmth to these winter months.

I hope you find a bit of respite from busy life during the holidays and that you have a truly rewarding New Year, all year.

Wishing you and your loved ones happy holidays and all the bet for 2015,  
From the heart,

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Souvenir from Cuba  
by Dr. Idioleidy ALVAREZ BELLO

Ms. Maria Elvira GUEVARA ALVAREZ  
(Colombia/1998-08)  
December 22, 2014

Another year that I want to write with some detail but all remain in good intentions.

The news of the year is that I already have resolution of retirement and although I would want to retire from the schedules, I think that I will continue at the University at least during three years more...

The year began in Brazil and then Paraguay and Uruguay, but I did not have more travel plans which I hope to resume in 2015. This end and beginning of the new year will be dedicated to working in a project that is super delated and with really poor coordination. It has been by far my worst experience and I got to work on it just because I wanted to do some hydraulic modeling, which I hope to do when data arrives.

Except for this, everything else in my life is fine and quiet, which is already a blessing in this troublesome country. All the best,

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Dr. Mihaela Emilova KOLEVA  
(Bulgaria/2013-02)  
December 24, 2014

Please, accept my most sincere wishes on the occasion of the upcoming holidays! I hope the New Year will be very successful for the Foundation and for you personally.

In the past year I meet in Bulgaria Prof. Fukata, my host scientist from NIMS, Tsukuba. In September he participated with lecture at the 18th ISQE (International School on Quantum Electronics) where I was a vice Chairman of the school. He also visited our laboratory in the Institute of Electronics in Sofia. I am sending you two pictures of me and Prof. Fukata at the school on the Black Sea Coast in Bulgaria. Moreover, recently our new

common publication was accepted and will be published in the new year in Proc. of SPIE. The publication was presented at the poster session of the school. I will send you the paper soon. Thank you very much for the very beautiful post card!

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Sincerely Yours,

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Dr. Halil KUMSAR  
(Turkey/1996-07)  
December 31, 2014

Hello to all of you. I wish you all a happy, healthy, successful and PEACE-FULL new year. I wish there will be NO WAR in the World any more. I have been following the MIF activities from the web page of MIF. I see that every year new successful researchers are joining the MIF family. I joined the MIF fellowship programme in 1996 and since then, I have been in contact with many Japanese Scientist and completed different projects. I hope we will be come together as a MIF family in some where in the world in future.

If anybody from the MIF family come to Turkey, please contact with me. Be my guest.  
All the best for all MIF Family,



**Souvenir from Cameroon  
by Dr. Jean Paul DZOYEM**



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**Souvenir from Thailand  
by Dr. Arunya JIRAVIRIYAKUL**

Dr. Cecilia Ines CATANESI  
(Argentine/2002-12)  
January 30, 2015

How are you? Nagai aida.  
The summer is a bit cool this year in Argentina, what about Japan?  
Thanks to MIF for the very pretty calendar!

I am fine, working on science in my country as usual, and I still keep in touch with some people from the Kokuritsu Idengaku Kenkyusho. It is more than 10 years I've been there, life passes by so quickly. But I will never forget that experience of spiritual and cultural enrichment, together with the opportunity of growing-up in my career.

I am very grateful to MIF.  
Wishing the best for 2015,  
Sincerely,

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Dr. DO Trong Tuan  
(Viet Nam/2011-07)  
February 21, 2015

It is now Tet holiday in Vietnam for the new Lunar year of the Goat-2015. Normally, this is the time for us to review about the past and look at the future. By this occasion, I would like to deeply thank MIF for giving me the chance to be in Japan for the first time to do research at Chiba University with

the advice of Prof. Sakata. Since then, I have been closer with Japan. I am now involved with some activities of Vietnam National Satellite Center - the organization whom has responsibility to develop space technologies in Vietnam with the support of Japan.

Our new Department of Aerospace Electronics was established in 2013 to educate and research in the field of Aeronautics and Space electronics.

There are many challenges we are facing in this new field. However, we are step by step move ahead. Last year, our research group has completed successfully the city-level research project of designing an automatic wide-area fire alarm system and facilities to support victims at high-rise building in fire hazards based on unmanned aerial vehicles.

I am going to Wakayama tonight to attend the Sakura Exchange Program in Science for one week. This is the third time I visit Japan since I finished post-doc program supported by MIF in March 2012. I would like to enclose some pictures for memory. I myself will always to encourage and do hope our colleagues and students to have chances to know more about Japan. Wishing your all the best!

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**Souvenir from Brasil  
by Dr. Eduardo A. LOBO ALCAYAGA**



Dr. Mancho Hristov MANEV  
(Bulgaria/2003-05)  
March 1, 2015

Martenitsa is a small piece of adornment, made of white and red yarn and worn from March 1 until around the end of March (or the first time an individual sees a stork swallow, or budding tree). The name of the holiday is Baba Marta (Grandma Marta). Baba Marta is a Bulgarian tradition related to welcoming the upcoming spring. The month of March, according to Bulgarian folklore, marks the beginning of springtime. Therefore, the first day of March is a traditional holiday associated with sending off winter and welcoming spring.

Martenitsa are always given as gifts. Tradition dictates that people never buy martenitsa for themselves. They are given to loved ones, friends, and those people to whom one feels close. They are worn on clothing (larger decorate home), until the wearer sees a stork or swallow returning from migration, or a blossoming tree, and then removes the Martenitsa and hangs it on a blossoming tree.  
Regards,



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Dr. Palikone THALONGSENGCHANH  
(Lao PDR/2005-02)  
March 20, 2015

My name is Palikone THALONGSENGCHANH, who received or obtained the fellowship by MIF in year 2005. Currently I am working at the National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry), almost I am doing and focusing on the research task + reaching my students at National University of Lao. I do hope come to visit the MIF soon.



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Dr. Daniel TRAVIESO PEDROSO  
(Cuba/2011-03)  
April 16, 2015

Hope every thing are well with you and with the MIF staff; now I am working as postdoctoral fellow at the UNESP university in São Paulo State, in campus Guaratinguetá, at 200 km from São Paulo city .

Here the culture is very different to the Japanese culture, specially referred to the principles of the administrative leaders; there are a lot of corruption and theft of the social wealth, is very sad, but I hope that it changes soon.



Sourvenir from Venezuela  
by Dr. Carlos SALINAS LARECA



Sourvenir from Georgia  
by Dr. Marina GAKHTISHVILI



Souvenir from Myanmar  
by Dr. WAH WAH AUNG

By other hand, this is a marvelous country; its nature is surprising and full of diversity and colors.

Hope can see you anytime in Brazil :-)

I also want to tell you that I moved to another house. All the best,

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Dr. Seyed Hamidreza SADEGHI

(Iran/2006-15)

May 11, 2015

Hello. Undoubtedly, my visit from Japan and staying at one of the best universities in the world (i.e. Kyoto University) and becoming familiar with a known Professor (Prof. T. Mizuyama) and his hard working group (SABO), all were materialized through the opportunity created by the very well distinguished foundation of the Matsumae International Foundation. I always recall that period as one of the

valuable scientific period I have ever had till date.

I occasionally receive your newsletter although with different features and report styles. This is informative and even could be much more interesting if you add some details about the researches presently running by the foundation fellows. By the way facilitating some short visits may also be of great use to update former fellows like me. Presently, I am a full professor at Tarbiat Modares University and the President of the Watershed Management Society of Iran and servicing many varsities and academic sectors and journals in Iran and abroad as well.

At last, once again I am so thankful to you all for your all efforts and valuable supports and academic affairs. With my Best Compliments,

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## Greeting Cards from MIF Research Fellows

Argentina	Dr. Victoria Maria MUNIZ SAAVEDRA	New Zealand	Dr. Charmian Jocelyn O'CONNOR
Armenia	Dr. Ara KIRAKOSYAN	P.R. of China	Dr. Graham John WEIR
Bangladesh	Mr. Khondkar Reza-e RABBANI		Dr. BAO Yun Hua
Belgium	Dr. Jacques TEGHEM Jr.		Mr. ZHAO Zhaowang
Bulgaria	Dr. Mancho Hristov MANEV		Mr. PANG Hongyan
	Dr. Anton Minchev SLAVOV		Mr. WANG Huafu
	Dr. Margarita Kirilova MILANOVA		Dr. LU Yongjun
Cameroon	Dr. Peter Teke NDIFON	Panama	Dr. Aristides QUINTERO RUEDA
Croatia	Dr. Marilena IDZOJTIC	Poland	Dr. Zbigniew PALKA
	Dr. Bozica SORGIC		Dr. Ryszard GORECKI
	Dr. Pavle PANDZIC	Romania	Dr. Marcel Romica ROMAN
Czech Republic	Dr. Vaclav PAIDAR		Dr. Elena Maria SANDULESCU
	Dr. Jiri ERHART		Dr. Corina Cristina ARAMA
	Dr. Pavel PAVLICEK	Russia	Dr. Elena ABAKUSHINA
	Dr. Martin DRAHANSKY	Serbia	Dr. Ljiljana RADONJIC
Estonia	Dr. Vahur VALVERE	Slovakia	Dr. Jan MADEJ
	Dr. Ivar TALVIK		Dr. Jaroslav JAROS
F.R. of Germany	Dr. Gerd STEHLE		Dr. Dana KUCINSKA
	Dr. Boris KASPER		Dr. Viliam SNABEL
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	Dr. Sahana CHAKRABORTY	Switzerland	Dr. Peter Johann WALDE
	Dr. Janardhana G. RAMANAYAKA	Thailand	Dr. Joopool SANGUANSIN
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Malawi	Dr. John Stephen KAUTA		Dr. Melih GENIS
Malaysia	Dr. Shing Chiang TAN	Ukraine	Dr. Vyacheslav A. RAFALSKY
	Ms. Bee Kin THI	United Kingdom	Dr. Niel A. McDOUGALL
Mongolia	Dr. Tumenbayar BAATARYN	Uzbekistan	Dr. Gulnora (BEGBAEVA) TANATAR
Myanmar	Dr. Myint Swe KHINE	Viet Nam	Dr. DO Trong Tuan
	Dr. AYE AYE MYINT		

Received in the period from December 2014 through April 2015.



At Todaiji temple, Nara

*Study Tour*  
June, 2014

Experience Tea Ceremony.  
in Kyoto



At Peace park, Hiroshima

From left; front line; Dr. Ahmed Mutanabbi ABDULA (Iraq), Dr. Idioleidy ALVAREZ BELLO (Cuba), Dr. Amisel ALMIRALL LA SERNA (Cuba), Dr. Jose Joaquin RODES ROCA (Spain), second line; Dr. Mohamed Walid Ahmed Abdelghany M. NEGM (Egypt), Dr. Seyilkhon MATMURATOV (Uzbekistan), Dr. Allam Arafat El-Sayed MEGAHED (Egypt), Dr. Martin DRAHANSKY (Czech Republic), Dr. Nataliya SALYHA (Ukraine), Dr. Kontad OUNNUNKAD (Thailand), Dr. Margarita Kirilova MILANOVA (Bulgaria), Dr. Roberto Alejandro LEMUS MONDACA (Chile) and Dr. Hamid EIMelaih MATTAR TAGELDIN (Sudan)

At Japanese Restaurant,  
in Hiroshima





Offer ORIZURU (paper-folded crane) at Peace park, Hiroshima

*Study Tour*  
October, 2014

At Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima, Hiroshima

From left; Dr. Mohammadreza NASSIRI (Iran), Dr. Ahmed Abdelsayed FARAG MOHAMED (Egypt), Dr. Kawthar Abdelaziz Elsayed Mohamed DIAB (Egypt), Dr. Chivalai TEMIYASATHIT (Thailand), Dr. Griselda VALDEZ MAGANA (Mexico), Dr. Christian ZAFIU (Austria), Dr. Dahlia del Castillo APODACA (Philippines), Dr. Remy Bertrand TEPONNO (Cameroon) and Dr. Marco GAIOTTI (Italy).



At Kobe Port Tower

Making green tea powder by stone mill, at Uji, Kyoto





At MIF office garden

*Tokyo Meeting*  
July 2014



Dinner cruise on a house boat restaurant in Tokyo Bay



Presentation by participants, at Tokai Univesirty Club 35th floor of the Kasumigaseki Bldg. Tokyo



**Participants:**

Dr. Kontad OUNNUNKAD (Thailand), Dr. Nataliya SALYHA (Ukraine), Dr. Mohamed Walid Ahmed Abdelghany M. NEGM (Egypt), Dr. Allam Arafat El-Sayed MEGAHED (Egypt), Dr. Victoria Omolara Enobong AKPAMBANG (Nigeria), Dr. Martin DRAHANSKY (Czech Republic), Dr. Margarita Kirilova MILANOVA (Bulgaria), Dr. Amisel ALMIRALL LA SERNA (Cuba),

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## Visitors to MIF office



Dr. Peter WALDE and his family (Switzerland)  
July 2014



Dr. Jalifah LATIP (Malaysia)  
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Dr. Melih GENIS (Turkey)  
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Dr. Attila MOLVAREC (Hungary)  
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## THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM



↑ From left:  
Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Shaukat Ali ABDULRAZAK from Kenya,  
Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Ryszard GORECKI from Poland, and Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Davron MATRASULOV from Uzbekistan.  
At MIF office, on January 24, 2015.

In January 2015, MIF organized the 35th anniversary symposium in Tokyo. Three MIF research fellows from Poland, Kenya and Uzbekistan were invited as guest speakers. The Proceedings are available at MIF web site. Or, please contact to MIF.



# INFORMATION on MIF RESEARCH FELLOWS

( since 1980 to 2014 )

## 1. by Gender

Male	524
Female	197

## 2. by Countries

Asia ( 217 )		Cote d'Ivoire	4	Uzbekistan	11
P.R. of China	41	Ghana	4	F. R. of Germany	10
India	35	Rwanda	4	Italy	10
Thailand	20	Zambia	3	Czech Republic	9
Bangladesh	14	Burundi	2	Spain	8
Indonesia	14	D.R. of Congo	2	Slovakia	6
Philippines	14	Madagascar	2	Albania	5
Myanmar	13	Tunisia	2	Armenia	5
Viet Nam	13	Algeria	1	Belarus	5
Malaysia	11	Benin	1	Croatia	5
Pakistan	10	Eritrea	1	Portugal	5
Sri Lanka	9	Guinea	1	Serbia	5
Mongolia	8	Liberia	1	Georgia	4
Nepal	8	Malawi	1	Lithuania	4
Korea	2	Senegal	1	Sweden	4
Laos	2	South Africa	1	United Kingdom	4
Singapore	2			Finland	3
Taiwan	1	North America ( 12 )		Greece	3
		U.S.A.	8	Iceland	3
		Canada	4	Ireland	3
Pacific ( 7 )				Kazakhstan	3
Australia	4	Latin America ( 77 )		Latvia	3
New Zealand	2	Cuba	13	Netherlands	3
Fiji	1	Argentina	10	Austria	2
		Brazil	9	Belgium	2
Middle East ( 66 )		Mexico	9	Estonia	2
Turkey	17	Colombia	8	France	2
Iran	10	Chile	7	Moldova	2
Iraq	9	Ecuador	5	Norway	2
Jordan	8	Peru	5	Slovenia	2
Israel	7	Jamaica	2	Azerbaijan	1
Syria	6	Panama	2	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1
Oman	5	Paraguay	2	Kyrgyz	1
Saudi Arabia	3	Uruguay	2	Switzerland	1
Lebanon	1	Bolivia	1	Tajikistan	1
		Costa Rica	1		
Africa ( 128 )		Venezuela	1		
Egypt	23				
Nigeria	20	Europe ( 214 )			
Kenya	14	Poland	15		
Sudan	8	Hungary	13		
Tanzania	8	Bulgaria	12		
Uganda	7	Russia	12		
Cameroon	6	Romania	11		
Ethiopia	6	Ukraine	11		
Morocco	5				

**Total: 721 Research Fellows from 112 countries**