



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. 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 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



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
Georgia	Dr. Maia MERLANI	Spain	Dr. Rodrigo MARTINEZ-VAL
Hungary	Dr. Agota TOTH	Sri Lanka	Dr. Piyasiri Abeyasinghe Jayawardane YAPA
	Dr. Andras David NAGY		Dr. Pannipitiye G. Ralalage DHARMARATNE
	Dr. Eva FAZAKAS		Dr. Kamani Ayoma P. W. JAYATILAKA
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	Dr. Sahana CHAKRABORTY	Switzerland	Dr. Peter Johann WALDE
	Dr. Janardhana G. RAMANAYAKA	Thailand	Dr. Joopool SANGUANSIN
Indonesia	Dr. Bonar Parlindungan PASARIBU		Dr. Malyn CHULASIRI
Ireland	Dr. John CASSIDY		Ms. Arunee VEENIN
Italy	Dr. Giuseppe ZUMMO		Dr. Watcharaphong ANANCHUEN
Latvia	Dr. Karina (IVANOVA) SPUNDE		Dr. Dumrongkiet ARTHAN
	Dr. Ilja GALKINS		Dr. Kulthida VAETEEWOOTTACHARN
Lithuania	Dr. Jurate SIUGZDAITE		Dr. Rakrudee SARNTHIMA
	Dr. Vilma KISNIERIENE		Dr. Chanchira JUBSILP
Madagascar	Dr. Jean Masy RAMILISON	Turkey	Dr. Gorun ARUN
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. McDUGALL
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)
August 2014



Dr. Melih GENIS (Turkey)
September 2014



Dr. Attila MOLVAREC (Hungary)
September 2014



Dr. Tarek ABOU ELMAATY (Egypt)
September 2014

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

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