



Newsletter

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Study Tour At Hiroshima Peace Park October 2013

Correspondences from MIF Fellows in the World

(Editorial responsibility: MIF)

Dr. Peter Johann WALDE
(Switzerland/1985-03)
October 2, 2013

Dear MIF staffs,

It was very nice meeting you again in Tokyo last month during my stay in Japan. Thank you for the sushi-memory stick. Even, there are not many opportunities for me to eat sushi in Switzerland, ... one sushi is always around.

The two weeks in Tsukuba, Tokyo, Osaka and Sendai passed very quickly due to a fully packed program, but I had a very good time, as always in Japan. I wish the Matsumae International Foundation every success for the future. All MIF-fellows are thankful for what you provide them, in particu-

lar for opening the door to Japan.
Best regards and see you again,

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Dr. Getachew HAILU
(Ethiopia/1994-17)
October 19, 2013

To MIF,

I have received your November 2012 Newsletter and the season's greeting card. Unfortunately, after leaving MIF in 1995, I have never written back a letter to MIF, but I updated myself regularly about MIF activities by reading your newsletter, whenever I receive. I have invited Prof. Masuda and Takayuki in 1997 while I was in

Germany. Memories that stood stand with this get together is the countryside bike ride I took with Masuda and the Ferry to Langeland I took with Takayuki. I have also quite a few photos that capture other activities I made with them. Soon after that visit, I have wrapped up my study in 1999 and went to the USA after securing employment opportunity. From 2000 to 2012, I lived and worked in the USA. Recently, I have returned back to my birth country and I am writing you this short update from there.

Thank you again for sending me the season's greeting card.

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Dr. Andrei STCHASTLIVENKO
(Belarus/2009-14)
October 27, 2103

Dr. Cherdchai PHOSRI
(Thailand/2011-10)
October 29, 2013

Dear MIF,

Many thanks for 2013 MIF Newsletter. I very glad advances of all participants of MIF research program.

I continue to work in Vitebsk State Order of Peoples' Friendship Medical University. It is one of the most distinguished higher medical educational establishments in the Belarus. Due to received knowledge in Japan we were able to organize the doctors retraining on preventive medicine. We support contacts with Mukogawa Women's University Institute for World Health Development, Director and Professor Yukio Yamori. Primary diseases prevention is a new direction of activity for the doctors of Belarus.

A long time as medical specialists from Vitebsk State Order of Peoples' Friendship Medical University we visited the Belarusian regions contaminated radionuclides after the accident at Chernobyl nuclear power station. 70% radionuclides after Chernobyl accident had fall out on the territory of Belarus. It was hard to believe that the second large-scale radiological accident in my life took place in Japan. We see manly cooperation of Japanese people in liquidation of the consequences of tragedies at the nuclear power plant in Fukushima.

I would always be thankful to MIF. Maybe someday I will be able to come to Japan again.

Thank for a newsletter. Next time I hope to write a little bit story from Thailand. However as a result of MIF scholarship I obtained, recently one of my master student has been working with Yamada sensei in Japan now for 3 months to gain experience in research and continue our mycological collaborative.

Well, lastly very very important, Life at 40 has a lot of change and (deep) impact, not only I have been moving to a new work place and environment. I will also leave my single status behind and start to build up a family with my girlfriend. Therefore, I would like to inform you, we with families are cordially invite you to attend our wedding, held on 24 November 2013 at Yasothon province, 12.00 pm in the afternoon. If you could make it ,I will be wating to meet up with you again.

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A gift from Belarus
by Dr. Andrei I. STCHASTLIVENKO



Dr. Jaroslav JAROS
(Slovakia/1996-16)
October 30, 2013

I am pleased to report that in June 2013 the Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Akishino of Japan visited our University.

On this occasion a sakura tree was planted in the Botanic Garden of Comenius University. I had a honor and pleasure to participate in the event. I am attaching one of the pictures to this mail.

Looking forward to meeting you soon in Tokyo,

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Dr. Janardhana
GOTTRAVALLI RAMANAYAKA
(India/2012-11)
December 21, 2013

Greetings to you and MIF.

How programme is going on at MIF ?

As I mailed to you long back, my host Prof. Teruo Sano, Hirosaki University visited University of Mysore from 1st Dec 2013 to 10 Dec 2013 along with his colleagues.

Prof. K. S. Rangappa, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor University of Mysore, Mysore met the delegation headed by Prof. Teruo Sano, Hirosaki University, Japan and discussed the possible future research collaboration. (see photo below).

This for your kind information and needful. It is my pleasure to invite you and your family to Mysore.

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Delegation headed by Prof. Teruo Sano, Hirosaki University, visited University of Mysore, India

Dr. Abdul Hamid BUDIMAN
(Indonesia/2012-08)
December 21, 2012

Dear MIF,

Greetings from Jakarta, Indonesia. It is my great pleasure to write letter sharing about my experience. I am so happy to be MIF fellows that I could learn about Japan in detail. Having good memories with all MIF fellows is really valuable and wonderful moment in my life. I really miss all the beauty scenery, the friendly people, the delicious food and good time in Japan. Hopefully I could visit Japan again someday.

Time is running so fast. Almost one year after finishing fellowship, I got a chance to meet Prof. Hirohisa Uchida, MIF chairman and my host scientist. On October 7-10, 2013, we conducted the 4th International Conference on Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Technology (ICFCHT 2013) in Yogyakarta. It is a great pleasure that we could invite Prof. Hirohisa Uchida as a plenary speaker. He came together with his Master students. In this conference, his student was awarded as a best poster presented for student category. The day before the conference, I spent

time with Prof. Uchida and his students to visit Borobudur temple, the biggest Buddhist temple in the world and a wonderful world heritage. During his time in Jakarta, I accompanied him to take a Jakarta City Tour. We visited Jakarta Old City, Puppet Museum, Indonesian Miniature Park etc. I am so happy to introduce him the beauty of Indonesian culture. Thank you very much for MIF, so that I could have a good relation with Prof. Uchida.

I would like to express my deepest thanks to MIF staffs for kindness. I will never forget about our time during the Tokyo meeting and study tour.

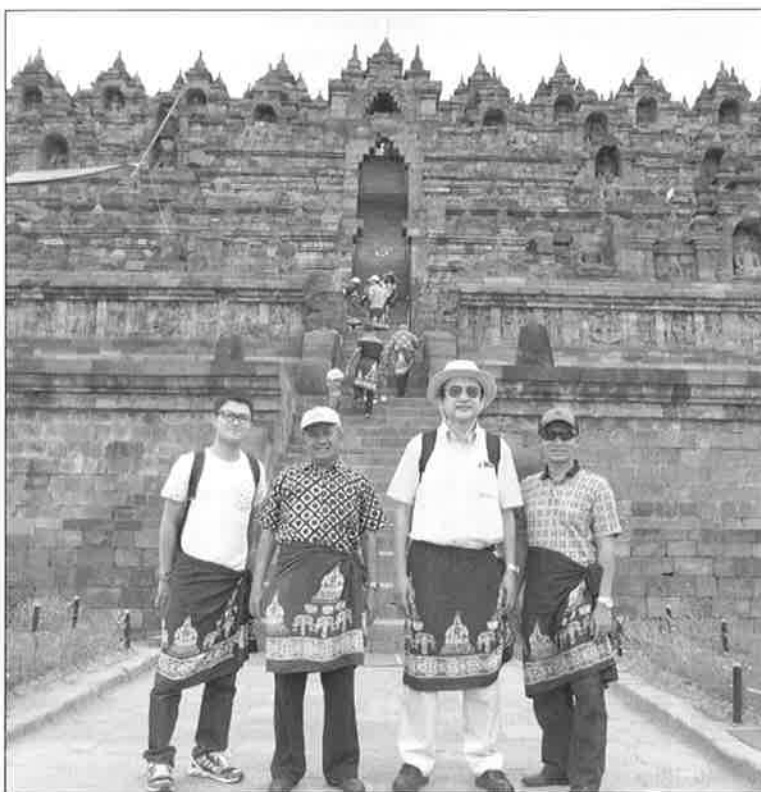
Finally, I wish you more joyful, bright, healthy, prosperous in the forthcoming year.

Happy New Year 2014.

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2014 Swiss Panorama Calendar
presented by Dr. Peter Johann WALDE



At Borobudur temple with Prof. Uchida and his students

Kajitani and Professor Dr. Hideaki Miyata. Both of them are scientist of international reputation. I learned a lot of useful things from these distinguished professors. I am grateful to them.

Would you please convey my profound love and respect to all my friends in the Matsumae International Foundation and also those in the University of Tokyo.

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Dr. Amir Reza ZARRATI
(Iran/1999-10)
December 2013

Dear MIF and all Friends,

At Christmas let us all pray that the New Year will bring in abundance of joy and peace for all people around the world.

Though 14 years is passed from the time I attended the MIF program and did my research work in Tokyo University but it's fantastic memory will never fade in my mind. I still have the memory of the good time which I had in Japan. What a good idea it was to bring people together to let them know each other better and to be able to work together for making a better life for every one. I am still in contact with the professor of Tokyo University who helped me a lot while I was doing my research in Tokyo. I hope one day I find the opportunity to visit Japan again.

Please accept my best greetings in the beginning of the new year and I wish all members of the MIF family good health and success in the coming years.

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Dr. Halil KUMSAR

Dr. Denise Paranagua VEZOZZO
(Brazil/1997-07)
January 1, 2014

Dear all Matsumae Foundation friends,
I hope you are all well.
One more year has passed and many experiences we got always grateful of God the opportunity He gave me to Japan seeds learning in the beginning of my career. I am waiting to have a good crop... Next year, we will have in Kyoto a liver cancer congress from ILCA, in September, and I am preparing to send a good abstract. May God help us one more time.

I would to share this Handell master piece, Messiah, where during 24 days he composed the history of Jesus according to the scripture in 3 acts (the announcement, the promise; the crucification, the death ; and the resurrection and our victory) in touched and well perfects 52 movements.

Wonderful!!!!

May God, the Father, the Holy Spirit and the Son Jesus Christ bless us in one more year!!! Hugs,

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Dr. Halil KUMSAR
(Turkey/1996-07)
January 2, 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

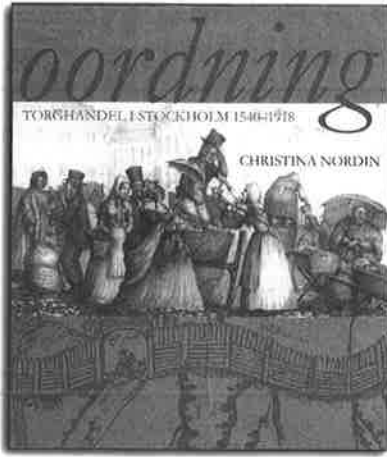
I wish you and all members of MIF to have a happy, healthy and successful new year.

Warm and best wishes from Turkey.
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**Souvenir from Nigeria
by Dr. Fabian I. EZEMZ**



A book written by
Dr. Christina NORDIN

Dr. Christina L.I. NORDIN

(Sweden/1987-s4)

January 4, 2014

Dear MIF,

Thank you for the Newsletter No.30 October 2013 which I received recently at my home in France.

It is always a pleasure to see all the felows from different parts of the world and to read about all the projects and study tours the MIF organizes all around Japan.

It reminds me of the interesting weeks and days I spent with Dr. Matsumae and the MIF responsible (as a research fellow from Sweden), all I got to know about retail trade in Japan and all the places we visited.

I am still working as a scholar specialized in European mobile trade. In 2009, I published a big book "Disorder - the markets and halls of Stockholm 1540-1918" (in Swedish, see cover, with an exhaustive Summary in English and illustrations from museums and private collections).

I have been travelling to Eastern Europe, to Morocco, to the USA and to Botswana to visit retail places and gorgeous halls.

Wishing the MIF and all the actual fellows a VERY HAPPY and INTERESTING NEW YEAR!

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Dr. Anife Ismailova AHMEDOVA

(Bulgaria/2013-03)

January 5, 2014

With the New Year 2014, I would like to wish you lots of happiness and days full with love and laughter shared together with your families and friends. Let it be very prosperous and in all in Peace.

For me the last year was such an extraordinary one, in every positive aspects, and I'm so happy having the chance to broaden my knowledge about Japanese culture and lifestyle, about new and modern areas in



Souvenir from Bulgaria
by Dr. Anife I. AHMEDOVA

chemical research I could perform in my host group at Tokyo Tech, and most of all to meet so many wonderful people in Tokyo and make new friends. I will always keep in my heart all of you and all the lovely memories I have from Japan. Thank you very much indeed.

I hope we'll meet again, why not in my country in Bulgaria - you are always very welcome.

I didn't forget, of course, to send my report to MIF, but at present we are in process of completing one book-chapter and also some work I'm doing here in continuation with my results from Tokyo, that's why I still postpone it. I hope it is not a problem to send it later.

Once again, good luck with the New year, stay healthy and cheerful.

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Dr. DO Trong Tuan

(Viet Nam/2011-07)

January 2014

Konichiwa and a Happy New Year! I wish you all the best in the New Year 2014.

Thank you very much for the beautiful new year greeting postcard with the nice image of Fuji Mountain.

The time seems to go very fast. Some days ago our family looked at all the pictures taken in Japan during my stay in Chiba under the support of MIF from September 2011 to March 2012. It has been about two year since I returned to Vietnam.

I have moved to the Department of Aerospace Electronics which established at our school in the beginning of the year 2012. I am now involved in human resource education and research in the field of aeronautics and space communications, navigation and robotics at the new department.

Thanks to the experiences and knowledge which I gained from the post-doc fellow granted by MIF, I am now more confidence and have

certain contributions to our new department.

I would like to enclose here a picture with my students who are the winners in the CANSAT Competition which took place at the APRSAF-20 Conference in Hanoi in December 2013. I always remember my stay in Japan and encourage my students to go forward following the mirror from Japan. I hope I will have a chance to visit Japan and MIF office again in near future.

I wish our MIF family continue to grow and have more and more new members.

Dr. Khaing Khaing Kyu
(Myanmar/2004-01)
January 2014

Dear MIF,
Hello! Happy New Year!
Thank you for sending seasoning card. I do hope you and your association becoming flourished.

My professor Takaya (Meijo University) came to Mandalay University, and I met him. I also attended seminar given by three professors from Hokkaido University for environmental pollution control. They also invited some candidates for M.Sc. and Ph.D. level for environmental pollution control.

In our land, environment is becom-

ing miserable. So we need to control our environmental pollution, now in our laboratory, we are doing some projects concerning with environmental control. In our university, 2013-14 academic year started to open from Nov. 22nd. So we are a little busy.

I often remember you and MIF office. If you have chance, you can come to our land.

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CANSAT Competition at the APRSAF-20 Conference in Hanoi



2014 OXFORD Calendar
presented by Dr. Niel McDougall



Presentation by MIF Research Fellows at MIF Reception Room

Tokyo Meeting

January 2014



Tokyo Sky Tree



Tokyo Night tour

front line: from left: Dr. Vilma KISNIERIENE (Lithuania), Dr. Hirohisa UCHIDA (Chair of MIF), Dr. Ahmed Awad HAROUN (Egypt), Dr. Tarek Mohamed ABOU ELMAATY (Egypt), second line: Dr. Eduardo A. LOBO ALCAYAGA Chile), and MIF staffs



Dr. Jaroslav JAROS (1996-16: Slovakia) re-visited MIF office. November 2013

Snap Shots



Dr. Eduardo A. LOBO ALCAYAGA (1987-22: Chile) re-visited MIF office. January 2014

Greeting Cards from MIF Research Fellows



MIF office in the snow, February 2014

Received in the period from December
2013 through February 2014.

Argentina	Dr. Victoria Maria MUNIZ SAAVEDRA	New Zealand	Dr. Charmian Jocelyn O'CONNOR
Armenia	Dr. Armen CHARCHOGLYAN	Nigeria	Dr. Moses Oludare AJEWOLE
Bangladesh	Mr. Khondkar Reza-e RABBANI		Dr. Michael Ayodele ODENIYI
	Dr. Md. Khalil GAZI	P.R. of China	Mr. YE Silu
Belgium	Dr. Jacques TEGHEM Jr.		Dr. BAO Yun Hua
Bulgaria	Dr. Anton Minchev SLAVOV		Mr. ZHAO Zhaowang
	Dr. Mihaela Emilova KOLEVA		Mr. PANG Hongyan
	Dr. Anife Ismailova AHMEDOVA		Mr. WANG Huafu
Cameroon	Dr. Peter Teke NDIFON	Poland	Dr. Zbigniew PALKA
Croatia	Dr. Marilena IDZOJTIC	Romania	Dr. Marcel Romica ROMAN
	Dr. Bozica SORGIC		Dr. Elena Maria SANDULESCU
	Dr. Pavle PANDZIC		Dr. Corina Cristina ARAMA
Czech Republic	Dr. Vaclav PAIDAR	Serbia	Dr. Ljiljana RADONJIC
	Dr. Jiri ERHART	Slovakia	Dr. Jan MADEJ
	Dr. Pavel PAVLICEK		Dr. Jaroslav JAROS
Ecuador	Ms. Carmen PROANO	Spain	Dr. Rodrigo MARTINEZ-VAL
	Mr. Mario Gonzalo ARTEAGA MACIAS	Sri Lanka	Dr. Piyasiri Abeyasinghe Jayawardane YAPA
Estonia	Dr. Ivar TALVIK		Dr. Pannipitiye G. Ralalage DHARMARATNE
F.R. of Germany	Dr. Boris KASPER		Dr. Kamani Ayoma P. W. JAYATILAKA
Georgia	Dr. Maia MERLANI	Switzerland	Dr. Peter Johann WALDE
Greece	Dr. Georgios C. MANOS	Tajikistan	Dr. Musavvara SHUKUROVA
Hungary	Dr. Laszlo CZAKO	Thailand	Dr. Joompol SANGUANSIN
	Dr. Diana BANATI		Dr. Malyn CHULASIRI
	Dr. Agota TOTH		Ms. Arunee VEENIN
	Dr. Attila MOLVAREC		Dr. Watcharaphong ANANCHUEN
	Dr. Eva FAZAKAS		Dr. Preeya P. WANGSOMNUK
Iceland	Dr. Gudmundur Omar FRIDLEIFSSON		Dr. Suvara WATTANAPITAYAKUL
India	Dr. Saravanan NADANAM		Dr. Kulthida VAETEEWOOTACHARN
	Dr. J. GOTTRAVALLI RAMANAYAKA		Dr. Rakrudee SARNTHIMA
Indonesia	Dr. Bonar Parlindungan PASARIBU	Turkey	Dr. Gorun ARUN
	Dr. Abdul Hamid BUDIMAN		Dr. Melih GENIS
Ireland	Dr. John CASSIDY	Ukraine	Dr. Vyacheslav A. RAFALSKY
Latvia	Dr. Karina (IVANOVA) SPUNDE	United Kingdom	Dr. Niel A. McDOUGALL
	Dr. Ilja GALKINS	Viet Nam	Ms. LE Thi Bich Thuy
Lithuania	Dr. Jurate SIUGZDAITE		Dr. DO Trong Tuan
	Dr. Vilma KISNIERIENE		
Madagascar	Dr. Jean Masy RAMILISON		
Malawi	Dr. John Stephen KAUTA		
Malaysia	Dr. Shing Chiang TAN		
	Ms. Bee Kin THI		
Mexico	Dr. Jorge Humberto RAMIREZ-PRADO		
Mongolia	Dr. Enkhbat RENTSSEN		
Myanmar	Dr. Myint Swe KHINE		
	Dr. AYE AYE MYINT		
	Dr. KHAING KHAING KYU		

MIF also received a lot of greeting messages through e-mail/web-mail from many MIF Research Fellows. Thank you very much.



At Kiyomizu Temple, Kyoto

Study Tour
October, 2013



At Kinkaku (Golden Pavilion) /Rokuonji Temple, Kyoto

At MAZDA Museum, Hiroshima
from left: Dr. Tarek Mohamed ABOU ELMAATY (Egypt), Dr. George JAPOSHVILI (Georgia), Dr. Vilma KISNIERIENE (Lithuania), Dr. Pierre MKOUNGA (Cameroon), Dr. Vyacheslav V. KOMAROV (Russia)

At Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima, Hiroshima



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