Dear Colleagues,

Welcome the EURAXESS Links Japan Newsletter for March 2014.

This newsletter begins by providing information, following a briefing seminar held in Tokyo last month, on the likely direction and provisional timetable for joint calls between the EU and Japan in the area of aeronautics.

The discussions on the concrete topics are still underway, but you can expect some joint calls to be published this summer, with a deadline in 2015.

Following this, information from the latest Innovation Scoreboard is noted, with particular regard to Japan’s performance against that of the EU. There are also some other news items before the latest calls and funding announcements are presented. We also run through forthcoming events to be held in Japan over coming months.

In wishing you a successful month ahead.
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1 EU Insight – The Innovation Scoreboard 2014 and the Innovation Convention

The Innovation Scoreboard 2014 released in early March 2014 and the Innovation Convention held back-to-back on March 10 and 11 of March show the great importance and big role of innovation for Europe.

The Innovation Scoreboard 2014

The annual Innovation Union Scoreboard published by the European Commission found that Europe is improving its innovation performance. The differences between the member states are becoming smaller again, although at a modest rate. The impact of the economic crisis is not as severe as expected.

The measurement framework used in the Innovation Union Scoreboard distinguishes between 3 main types of indicators (Enablers, Firm activities and Output) and 8 innovation dimensions, capturing in total 25 different indicators.

The Enablers capture the main drivers of innovation performance external to the firm and cover 3 innovation dimensions: Human resources, Open, excellent and attractive research systems as well as Finance and support. Firm activities capture the innovation efforts at the level of the firm, grouped in 3 innovation dimensions: Firm investments, Linkages & entrepreneurship and Intellectual assets. Outputs cover the effects of firms’ innovation activities in 2 innovation dimensions: Innovators and Economic effects.

Figure 1: EU Member States’ innovation performance [6]

When looking at performance of innovation systems in a global context, South Korea, the US and Japan have a performance lead over the EU.
The United States and South Korea outperform the EU both by 17% and Japan by 13%. While the gap between the US and Japan is decreasing, it widens with South Korea.

The top innovation leaders US, Japan and South Korea are particularly dominating the EU in indicators capturing business activity as measured by R&D expenditures in the business sector, Public-private co-publications and PCT patents but also in educational attainment as measured by the Share of population having completed tertiary education.

The EU is still ahead of its other international partners in terms of innovation performance, with China catching up. For more information on the Innovation Scoreboard please also see the News and Developments section in this newsletter.

**The Innovation Convention 10-11 March 2014**

The second edition of the Innovation Convention took place on 10 and 11 March 2014 in Brussels, with an audience ranging from high-level policy-makers to top researchers, business leaders and the general public. The Innovation Convention is organized by the European Commission's Directorate-General Research and Innovation. The first edition took place in December 2011.

It provides a platform to debate policies that will contribute towards the building of a research and innovation eco-system in Europe.

At the opening of the Innovation Convention, the President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso, stressed the importance of innovation for the future of Europe:

Different event formats with real live stories being told, real examples of innovation on show provided various starting points for fruitful discussions between the actors at the conference.

The Capital of Innovation Award and the Women Innovators Prize were two of the prizes awarded at the Convention illustrating two of the barriers to address in Europe, the need for sustainable cities and the need for gender balance, respectively.

**Women Innovators prize 2014**

The competition celebrates women who have combined their scientific excellence with a head for business to set up innovative enterprises. It is open for women who have benefited from EU research and innovation programmes.

Although the proportion of female researchers in Europe is increasing, the under-representation of women in scientific disciplines and careers still persists.

Women represent only 33% of European researchers, 30% of full professors and 15.5% of heads of institutions in the HE sector. Similar, on average, women make up 30% of the entrepreneurs in the EU, but often face greater difficulties than men in starting up businesses and in accessing finance and training.

First prize winner Saskia Biskup is co-founder of the CeGaT GmbH for the development of biomarkers. For more information on second and third prize winners Laura van ’t Veer and Ana Maiques please see the News and Development section of this newsletter visit [this website](#).
Barcelona is “iCapital” of Europe

With the Capital of Innovation Award, the Commission is recognizing those cities, which are making major efforts to promote innovation and improving the quality of their citizens’ lives.

Barcelona was awarded the “iCapital” of Europe. It was chosen by a panel of independent experts in a close competition with Grenoble (France) and Groningen (The Netherlands). The €500,000 iCapital prize will be used to scale up and expand Barcelona’s efforts on innovation.

The new technologies introduced in Barcelona to foster economic growth and the welfare of its citizens as part of the “Barcelona as a people city” project of 2011 include:

- open data initiatives
- sustainable city growth initiatives on smart lighting, mobility and residual energy
- social innovation
- promotion of alliances between research centres, universities, private and public partners within the scope of the project
- providing better ‘smart services’ in a flexible, continuous and agile way through ICT

Sources:

[1] Innovation Union Scoreboard
[2] Speech by President Barroso at the Second Innovation Convention
[3] Woman innovators prize
[4] Barcelona is “iCapital” of Europe
[5] Innovation Convention Programme
Aeronautics: Future Potential for Joint EU-Japan Calls

The Delegation of the European Union to Japan held a seminar on 17 March addressing the possibilities for research cooperation in the field of aeronautics and beyond.

The event brought together an audience of around 80 to learn what these possibilities are and seek clarification on specific points relating to the scope for cooperation.

The event began with Dr Barbara Rhode, the EU’s Science and Technology Counsellor, providing some context on previous efforts at implementing joint calls in the aeronautics field.

Following the signing of the EU-Japan Science and Technology Agreement on 11 March 2011, discussions on how to support cooperation became slightly subdued due to the issues facing Japanese policy makers in immediate post-earthquake period.

The joint calls also confronted some administrative issues that were ultimately resolved, but provided valuable learning opportunities on how to structure and implement any future calls.

Now, with all this in hindsight, new efforts are being entered into to continue and build further collaboration between stakeholders in Europe and Japan.

The discussions on the nature of the next round of calls have now begun and the briefing at the Delegation was to provide some context and outline where activity may be concentrated.

The potential topics could include the following: future materials / composites; compact heat exchangers / surface cooler systems; robots for advanced manufacturing; cabin (including aging population); structural health monitoring; flight control (fault tolerant / adaptive, haptics); high speed air transportation.

Above: Mr Yoichi Iida (METI) and Mr Pablo Perez-Illana (European Commission) laid out the possibilities
The final topics will emerge from these discussions with at least 3 jointly coordinated projects to be supported under the first call. This will be from a total budget of EUR 4m for all projects together.

The schedule for the indicative calls is likely to be as follows:

Topics and Budget: Q1 2014
Call publication: July 2014
Submission closure: April 2015
Evaluation: Mid 2015
Project signature: Q4 2015
Project start: 2016

Further information, as and when it becomes available will be featured in this newsletter.

European Innovation Scoreboard

The latest version of the European Innovation Scoreboard was published in March, with input as usual from the innovation group at UNU-Merit.

The annual Innovation Union Scoreboard provides a comparative assessment of the research and innovation performance of the EU Member States and the relative strengths and weaknesses of their research and innovation systems.

To do this, they collect a series of statistics that cover things such as outputs (including things such as services exports, licence and patent revenues from overseas, employment); firm activities (expenditures; collaboration, or co-publications between the public and private sectors); and "enablers" (covering things like number of doctorate graduates, the proportion of the population with a tertiary education, top 10% cited papers) – for the full listing of what is included see p.8 of the report; for those interested in the data itself it is available as an excel sheet here.

Country level Innovative performance in Europe

Each year they rank the country’s in Europe based on their performance in the assessment, categorizing them on the basis
of whether they are a leader, follower, or are moderate or modest innovators. The results are not that different from other years, with the countries categorized as follows:

**Innovation Leaders:** Denmark, Finland, Germany and Sweden

**Innovation followers:** Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Slovenia and the UK

**Moderate innovators:** Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia and Spain

**Modest innovators:** Bulgaria, Latvia, and Romania

Interestingly, the paper suggests that the less innovative countries have been growing at a higher rate than the innovation leaders, thus catching up, and contributing to the convergence of innovation performance of the EU. Overall, For the EU innovation performance has been increasing at an average annual rate of 1.7% between 2006 and 2013.

**EU performance against that of Japan**

The report reviews the EU’s innovative performance against a number of other countries, including the United States, South Africa, South Korea, Australia, Canada, China, Russia, Brazil, India, and Japan. To compare the EU against Japan, the following observations are made.
Japan has been consistently more innovative than the EU; however its performance lead has been decreasing. The Japanese innovation index reached a peak in 2008 with the value being 28% higher than that of the EU. The performance lead started to decline after 2008 and in 2011 it was only half that of 2008. From 2011 to 2013 the performance lead remained relatively stable at about 13%.

A closer look at the individual indicators reveals that Japan is performing better on 6 indicators. A 63% higher share of population has completed tertiary education (46.4% in Japan compared to 28.5% in the EU). Japanese businesses spend twice as much on R&D and Japan is also more successful in applying for Patents and Medium-high-tech products exports make a larger contribution to the country’s trade balance. Japan has weaknesses in Doctorate graduates, International co-publications, Most-cited publications, Exports of knowledge-intensive services and License and patent revenues from abroad.

In 7 indicators however the relative growth performance of Japan has worsened and in 5 indicators it has improved. The Japanese lead has been improving in 4 indicators, in particular in patent indicators, Tertiary education and the Contribution of medium-high-tech product exports to the trade balance. The gap towards the EU has worsened in 5 indicators, in particular for International scientific co-publications, Most cited publications, R&D expenditures in the public sector, Exports of knowledge-intensive services and license and patent revenues from abroad.

The full report and data is available from the European Commission homepage.

Innovation Union Scoreboard
Patent filings at the EPO reach all-time high

In 2013 the EPO received 266,000 patent filings, compared to 258,000 in 2012. The EPO granted 66,700 European patents, which was 1.6% more than in 2012 (65,600) and the highest number ever.

With 35% of all filings at the EPO, the 38 EPO member states maintained their share of total filings in 2013. Once again nearly two-thirds of patent filings at the EPO last year came from outside Europe. The most active countries were the US (24% of the total), Japan (20%), Germany (12%), China (8%), South Korea (6%), France (5%), Switzerland and the Netherlands (both 3%), and the UK and Sweden (both 2%).

Further information: EPO

BASF Establishes joint research with Asian Institutes

BASF has established the research initiative “Network for Advanced Materials Open Research” (NAO) together with seven leading universities and research institutes in China, Japan, and South Korea. The partner in Japan is Kyoto University.

Further information: Germany Research and Innovation Forum

Join the Voice of Researchers

The Voice of the Researchers (VoR) network aims to act as a bridge between researchers and policy-makers, bringing together researchers and enabling them to take an active role in shaping the European Research Area.

The VoR is now seeking, through open call for expression of interest, 6 new members - based in Europe - to join the core ‘multiplier’ team. The application form can be directly accessed here

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday 28th March 2014, 13:00 Brussels time.

Successful candidates will be invited to attend the next VoR multiplier meeting in Brussels on April 28th, 2014.
3 Grants & Fellowships

European Union: Forthcoming Marie Skłodowska-Curie Calls

Forthcoming calls include the following:

- **Innovative Training Networks (ITN)** – this scheme aims to train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and innovative early stage researchers. The scheme supports joint research training and/or doctoral programmes implemented by partnerships of universities. Deadline: 9 April

- **Research and Innovation Staff Exchange Scheme (RISE)** - The RISE scheme will promote international and inter-sector collaboration through research and innovation staff exchanges. Deadline: 24 April 2014

Further information: [Participant Portal](#)

European Research Council

The European Research Council have the following open calls:

- **ERC Starting Grant**: 27 March 2014**
- **ERC Consolidator Grant**: 25 May 2014

Further information: [European Research Council](#)

**extended by two days. See [ERC](#)**

Horizon 2020 Calls

See our [December newsletter](#) for a list of the relevant calls with Japan.

See the [Participant Portal](#) for the full list of currently open calls.

See also the [JEUPISTE](#) website, where further information and links can be found.
Net Futures Calls

Joint EU-Japan funded calls in the following areas:

1. EUJ-1-2014: Technologies combining big data, internet of things in the cloud
2. EUJ-2-2014: Optical communications
3. EUJ-3-2014: Access networks for densely located users
4. EUJ-4-2014: Experimentation and development on federated Japan - EU testbeds

Deadline: 10 April

European Commission: Joint Research Centre

The European Commission’s Joint Research Centre is currently advertising the following vacancies:

- 2 Ph.D. students (Safety assessment for innovative reactor design, and Simulation tool of the thermal conductivity of nuclear materials based on a multi-dimensional and multi-physics approach.)

- 2 Senior researcher position (Senior expert in operational safety of NPPs, and in Severe Accident Management and Emergency Plan and Response)

Deadlines: Various

More information: JRC

Belgium: Pegasus Short Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships

FWO provides short term (1 year) funding to research at postdoctoral level program in the fields of: biological sciences, humanities, social sciences, medical sciences and the exact and applied sciences.

Currently short fellowships for one year at Flemish universities exist. The next calls are as follows.

Forthcoming Deadline: 1 May 2014

Further information: FWO

Belgium Odysseus Programme

The Odysseus programme supports outstanding researchers who have built up a career outside Flanders. The programme provides start-up funding in order to develop a research group within a
Flemish university or to set up a research line and become progressively more involved in the Flemish research establishment.
Deadline: 15 May 2014
Further information: FWO

Czech Republic: Scholarships for the Academic Year 2014/2015 from The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Czech Republic

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Czech Republic annually offers scholarships to foreign nationals, pursuant to bilateral intergovernmental or departmental agreements concluded with a number of countries. Scholarships are awarded to applicants nominated by the competent authorities from a list of eligible countries (including Japan).
Deadline: 31 March 2014 in most cases
Further Information: MSMT

ERCIM Fellowships 2014

ERCIM, the European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics, offers fellowships for PhD holders from all over the world. Fellowships are of a 12 months duration, spent in one of the leading European Research Institutes part of the ERCIM network.
Topics cover most disciplines in Computer Science, Information Technology, and Applied Mathematics. (see list of topics covered here)
Deadline: 30 April 2014
Further information: ERCIM

EMBO Long Term Fellowships

The EMBO Long-Term Fellowships are awarded for a period of up to two years and support post-doctoral research visits to laboratories throughout Europe and the world. International exchange is a key feature in the application process. All fellowships must involve movement between countries. The receiving institute or the applicant's nationality must be from one of the EMBC Member States.
Next deadline: 15 August 2014
Further information: [EMBO](http://www.embo.org)

### European Respiratory Society (Short-Term Fellowships)

These research training fellowships are provided to enable young scientists in the early stages of their research career in respiratory medicine to visit a host institution in a European country.

Next deadline: 15 April
Further information: [ERS](http://www.ersnet.org)

### France-Japan Call in Molecular Technology for Functional Materials

The Japan Science and Technology Agency and the French National Research Agency (ANR) have launched a joint call in the area of Molecular technology for Functional materials.

This covers areas such as:

1. Design and synthesis of new materials for energy applications, including substitution of critical metals, and flexible electronic applications,
2. Biomimetic approaches to basic metabolic and physiologic studies for energy production, and
3. Design and synthesis of new materials for environmental and medical applications.

The closing date for applications is 15 April 2014
Further information: [JST / ANR](http://www.jst.go.jp/index_e.html)

### France: Doctoral Programme Calmette and Yersin

The Institut Pasteur International Division funds one to two researchers each year to promote and facilitate the realization of their PhD in an institute within the Institut Pasteur International Network (RIIP) except metropolitan France. Areas may include all themes developed in the laboratories of the RIIP.

Application deadline: July 11, 2014
Further information: [RIIP](http://www.riip.org)
France: Hosting High Level Researchers (Awaiting official announcement)

The French National Research Agency (ANR) are shortly to launch a new call to attract high level researchers to France. The programme is aimed at junior and senior levels, and will provide funding to selected institutions in the range from 150-900k EUR.

Further information: ANR

France: National Institute of Agricultural Research (INRA) – Experienced Junior Researchers

51 positions are available in fields relevant to agricultural research. There are 6 vacancies for experienced research scientists (at least 4 years of post-PhD experience); and 45 research director positions (at least 8 years experience).

There are four junior positions that are also being advertised.

Further information: INRA (senior) INRA (junior)

France: Innovation 2030 Competition

The President of the French Republic launched the Innovation 2030 Commission, and the Commission identified seven goals based on pressing social concerns: Energy storage, Recycling of metals, Development of marine resources, Plant proteins and plant chemistry, Personalised medicine, The silver economy - innovation in the service of longevity, and Big data.

These goals can be seen as seven critical pillars to put France on the road to long-term prosperity and employment. These calls for projects are open to all companies, large and small, French and foreign, who wish to set up shop in France.

The deadline of Start-up Phase: 31 March 2014

Further information: Innovation 2030

Germany: Anneliese Maier Research Award

The Humboldt Foundation will accept nominations for the above award. It is for researchers from abroad working in the fields of social sciences and humanities. The award is valued at €250,000. Award winners are expected to spend a period of up to five years cooperating on a long-term research project with the nominator and / or specialist colleagues at a research institution in Germany.

Deadline for nominations: 30 April 2014
Further information: Humboldt Foundation

HFSP Nakasone Award Call for Nominations

The HFSP Nakasone Award is designed to honour scientists who have undertaken frontier-moving research in biology, encompassing conceptual, experimental or technological breakthroughs. Both senior and junior scientists are eligible and peer-recognised excellence is the major criterion for selection.

Deadline for nominations: April 4th 2014.

Further information: HFSP

Ireland: SFI Investigators Programme Thematic Priorities

The thematic priorities for the SFI Investigators Programme have been announced and include:

- Software Defined Networking
- Cyber Security and Digital Forensics
- Connected Health and Independent Living (Priority Area D)*

Deadline: 27th June 2014

Further information: SFI

Italy: International Doctoral Program in Economics at Sant’ Anna School of Advanced Studies, 2013/14

Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (thereafter, the “School”), together with the University of Strasbourg, announces for the Academic Year 2014/2015 a public competition to attend the International Doctoral Program in Economics. Four full scholarships for the duration of four years will be available.

Deadline: 7 May 2014

Further details: SSUP

Japan: Centre for Integrated Area Studies (CIAS) International Visiting Scholars Programme

Applications for researchers based overseas to spend time at CIAS at Kyoto University between April 2015 and March 2016.

Deadline: 15 April 2014
Japan: RIKEN BSI Summer School

The Brain Science Institute at RIKEN are to announce the application information for the summer program this month. The Summer Program is designed to encourage and further the education of young neuroscientists and emerging researchers as they enter the international neuroscience community. Around 45 international students are typically accepted each year for the Summer Program, which is highly competitive, with only one out of six or seven applicants being selected.

Internship course dates: 11 June – 6 August 2014
Lecture course: 15-22 July 2014

Further information: RIKEN BSI

Japan: JSPS Invitation Fellowship Program for Research in Japan (Short Term/Short Term S)

The JSPS have published information on their homepage regarding the Invitation Fellowship Program for Research in Japan. The program allows researchers employed at designated Japanese research institutions and laboratories to invite fellow researchers from other countries to Japan for short periods of time to participate in discussions, attend seminars, give lectures, or perform similar duties at their institutions. Now Categories of Short Term and Short Term S are open. This is the second call this year under the scheme.

Deadline: 9 May 2014.
Further information: JSPS

Japan: JSPS Fellowships (Long Term)

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) has issued their call for Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers.

Deadline: 1-9 May 2014
Further information: JSPS
Japan: JSPS Prize Nominations

Covers all fields of research (natural sciences to humanities), nominations should be made for researchers under 45 years of age. Must have Japanese citizenship, or be a foreign researchers who has conducted research at a Japanese research institution for five years or longer. 25 Awards are made per year.

Deadline: 14-16 April 2014
Further information: JSPS

Japan: Kansai Research Foundation for Technology Promotion

There are two types of grants: research grants and international exchange support. Field: Energy Recycle and Disaster Prevention.

Deadlines: 29th August 2014 for research grant, 28th February and 31st July for international exchange

Further information: KRF

Japan: STart Programme

Funding programme from the Japan Science and Technology Agency to support start-ups from Japanese research institutions.

Deadline: 7 July 2014
Further information: JST (E)

Japan: Suntory Foundation

The Foundation offers support for ongoing research activities with international and interdisciplinary significance in such social science and humanities fields as government, economics, society and culture. Support is given principally to ambitious groups judged capable of reliably planning and carrying out research that has a high likelihood of feasibility from the standpoint of subject, plan and budget.

Deadline: 10 April 2014.
Further Information: Suntory Foundation

Japan: Takeda Science Foundation

The Takeda Foundation issued various calls to support projects for researchers in the field of medical science in January.

Deadlines: April 2014.
Luxembourg: INTER Mobility Programme

The aim of the INTER Mobility Programme is to promote the scientific exchange between research groups of the Luxembourg public research institutions and research groups abroad in order to foster innovative, internationally competitive research and support the exchange of key knowledge and technological know-how. Thus the activities should have a strong impact on the research programme of the Luxembourg research group as well as on the career development of the researcher. The INTER Mobility Programme allows for research stays in both directions (researchers working in Luxembourg to go abroad or for researchers from elsewhere to come to Luxembourg).

Next deadline within this year is 30 June 2014.

Further information: FNR

Netherlands: RUBICON

Rubicon offers talented researchers who have completed their doctorates in the past year the chance to gain experience at a top research institution outside the Netherlands.

Deadline: 2 April

Further information: NWO

Netherlands: VICI Programme (Senior Researchers)

This programme is for senior researchers to build their own research group in the Netherlands. A maximum of 1,500,000 euro is awarded. The scheme is directed at providing encouragement for individual researchers and gives talented, creative researchers the opportunity to conduct their own research programme independently and promote talented researchers to enter and remain committed to the scientific profession.

Pre-proposals should be submitted by end of March 2014.

Further information: NWO

Spain: 2014 International Scholarships for Master and PhD Programme at Charles III University of Madrid

Various scholarships for masters and continuing education at the Charles III University website are issued on the webpage.
Further information: master and doctoral programme as well as on the scholarships on the Charles III University website.

Further information: [UC3M](#)

**Sweden: Various**

The Swedish Research Council announced various new calls in February. These include grants to support international mobility, such as:

- International Career Grant (23 April)
- Grants for Distinguished Researchers (TBD)
- Grants for International Recruitment of Leading Researchers (TBD)
- Tage Erlander Visiting Professorship (Natural & Engineering sciences) (5 May)

Futher information and full list: [Swedish Research Council](#)

**Sweden: Swedish Research Council Formas Annual Open Call**

Formas’ Annual Open Call will open 25 February and close on 2 April. After the open please check the website of the FORMAS.

Further information: [FORMAS](#)

**Sweden – Initiation Grants**

The purpose of STINT’s (Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education) activity is to strengthen the competitiveness of Swedish universities and colleges through the development of international relationships. Initiation grants are given for the implementation of short-term projects targeting the building of new and strategically interesting international relationships. Applications may be submitted continuously throughout the year.

Next assessment date: 8 April 2014

Further information: [STINT](#)

**UK: Daiwa Foundation Small Grants**

Grants to individuals and institutions in the UK and Japan in all areas of the visual and performing arts, the humanities, the social sciences, science and engineering, mathematics, business studies, and education, including schools and universities, and grass roots and professional groups. Grants of £3,000-£7,000 are available to
individuals, societies, associations or other bodies in the UK or Japan to promote and support interaction between the two countries.

Deadline: 31 March 2014
Further information: DAJF

UK: Leverhulme Visiting Professorships
These professorships are awarded to UK institutions that wish to invite an eminent researcher from overseas to enhance the knowledge and skills of academic staff or the student body within the host institution. The scheme covers maintenance, travel expenses and research costs. Visiting Professorships last between three and twelve months.

Deadline: 8 May 2014
Further information: Leverhulme Trust

4 Jobs
Coordinator for Enterprise Europe Network Japan
The EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation is recruiting a Coordinator for Enterprise Europe Network Japan in Tokyo, Japan

Deadline: 7 April
Further information: EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation

Jobs in Europe: EURAXESS Jobs
There are currently 9,107 jobs advertised on the EURAXESS Jobs webpage. They can be viewed by country, level of seniority, field or research or via free text searches. Please also note that these jobs include doctoral fellowships.

All the positions can be viewed at the EURAXESS Jobs page.

Louis Frieberg Post-doctoral Fellowships
The Louis Frieberg Center for East Asian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem offers post doctoral
fellowships for the year 2014-2015.

eacenter@mscc.huji.ac.il

Deadline: 30 April 2014

Jobs in Japan

JREC-IN

The Japanese job website, JREC-IN are currently advertising 1,689 positions in Japanese, and 165 positions in English.

All the positions can be viewed at the JREC-IN website.

AIST jobs

The National Institute of Advanced Science and Technology (AIST) in Japan have various vacancies across their relevant research fields.

Deadline: 16 April 2014

Further information: AIST

JAIST

Various openings at the Japan Advanced Institute for Science and Technology. In the following fields:

- technology management
- software science
- service science
- chemistry
- others

See JAIST for further details and deadlines.

JAMSTEC

There are a number of openings at the Japan Agency for Marine Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) at junior and more senior levels.

Deadlines: Various

Further information: JAMSTEC

Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology

Various openings in administration, technical support and research.

See OIST
RIKEN Jobs
RIKEN have numerous openings at their various centres. Including:

- Various postdoctoral & technical positions
- Positions at the Advanced Science Institute
- Brain Science Institute
- RIKEN Center for Life Science Technologies
- RIKEN Center for Emergent Matter Science
- Spring8

Check the RIKEN homepage for the full listing.

Shizuoka University
A press report from the university suggests that they are to recruit five foreign researchers / faculty in due course.

Further information: Shizuoka University

Positions at WPI centres:

● Principal Investigator position at I2CNER
  The International Institute for Carbon-Neutral Energy Research (I2CNER) at Kyushu University, Japan is actively seeking outstanding candidates for a senior-level, foreign (=non-Japanese) principal investigator position
  Further information: I2CNER

● ELSI Research Scientist Positions
  The Earth-Life Science Institute (ELSI) at the Tokyo Institute of Technology is now providing opportunities for ELSI Research Scientist positions. Up to 20 positions are offered in the present recruitment. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

  Further information: ELSI

● Advanced Institute for Materials Science (AIMR) – Tohoku University
  Tohoku University Recruitment of Researchers for ERATO Isobe Degenerate π-Integration Project – deadline: 31/03/2014
  Further information: AIMR
Earth-Life Science Institute (Tokyo Institute of Technology)
Various positions are advertised. Deadline: until filled. See ELSI for details

5 Events

Peter Goddard Symposium
31 March 2014
Further Information: IPMU

International Workshop on Topology
1-2 April 2014
Further information: NIMS

Open Symposium by JAMSTEC
6, April 2014.
Further information: JAMSTEC

Kavli IPMU Focus week Workshop on Hyper-accretion
7-11 April 2014
Further information: IMPU

Lecture by Prof. Sylviane MULLER "Chaperone-mediated autophagy as a target of therapeutic P140 peptide used in lupus"
10 April 2014
Further information: Osaka University
Opportunities and Constrains for Japanese Women Pursuing a Career: Between Self-fulfilment and Frustration
10, April 2014.
Further information: DIJ

EUIJ-Kyushu Forum: Prospects of the research on the EU -starting from End of Integration-
12, April 2014 at Kyusyu University.
Further information: EUIJ

Cherry-picking of Microarray and NGS technologies
11, April 2014.
Further information: Osaka University

Scientists international mobility: impact on performance and networks. Evidence for 16 countries based on the GlobSci survey"
Talk by Prof. Giuseppe Scellato, Politecnico di Torino at the University of Tokyo.
Date: 14 April
Further information: Tokyo University

NIMS Open house
16 and 20, April 2014.
Further information: NIMS

Floer and Novikov homology, contact topology and related topics
21-24 April 2014
Further Information: Tokyo University
International Symposium on Smart Biomaterials
24-25 April 2014
Further information: [NIMS](#)

159th JISS Seminar: Citizen's Environmental Conservation Activities in Sweden focusing on bicycle planning in Stockholm
19-20, April 2014
Further information: [JISS](#)

Floer and Novikov homology, contact topology and related topics
21-24 April 2014
Further information: [University of Tokyo](#)

DIJ International Symposium "Deciphering the social DNA of happiness: Life course perspectives from Japan"
24-26 April 2014
Further information: [DIJ](#)

OPTICS & PHOTONICS International Congress 2014 (OPIC2014)
22-25, April 2014
Further information: [Opicon](#)

International Symposium on Smart Biomaterials
24th and 25th, April 2014.
Further information: [NIMS](#)

DIJ International Symposium "Deciphering the social DNA of happiness: Life course perspectives from Japan"
24-26, April 2014.
Further information: [DIJ](#)

Seminar on Japan’ Security Policy: Rules and Reality Since 9/11
25, April 2014.
Further information: [MFJ](#)

iCeMS Symposium "Light Control in Cell Biology"
12-13, June 2014.
Further information: [iCeMS](#)

The 7th International Symposium on Isotopomers 2014 (ISI 2014)
1-4 July 2014
Further information: [Tokyo Institute of Technology](#)

Third Symposium "Make a Difference —Kobe University"
7 September 2014.
Further information: [Kobe University](#)

"4th International Conference on Metal Organic Frameworks and Open Framework Compounds"
28 September – 1 October 2014
Further information: [Kyoto University](#)

See also: [Science Links Japan](#) for a listing of forthcoming events in Japan
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