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Prof. Horst Albach

CANON FOUNDATION INVITED LECTURE

Improving understanding between Japan and Germany was the subject of the latest Canon Foundation Invited Lecture, held at the **Harnack House** in **Berlin**.

Around 100 academics, business executives, government officials and students heard Prof. Dr. Horst Albach, professor emeritus of management at Berlin's Humboldt University, speak on **Intercultural Dialogue** between two nations.

Good reason for striking up such a dialogue, he said, included a better understanding of both nations' cultures and competition in each other's home market.

He gave examples of cases when misunderstanding of each other's culture had led to failure, and equally, where sensitivity to the other culture had led to positive results.

Suggesting that more open-minded translations and **learning the other language** were among the best ways of contributing to the dialogue, he said **the will to understand each other** – and the time to invest in this – were crucial factors for success.

Please also refer to our website for the contents of the lecture.

In 2009 the Invited Lecture will be given in Madrid by Prof. Ramón Tamames on **November 18**.



Welcome to our new Executive Committee Members Claire Pike, Secretary General of INSEAD business school in Paris and Prof. Dr. Martin Krönke, Director at the Center for Molecular Medicine Cologne (CMMC)

Introducing the 2009 Research Fellows

Dr. Nadine CHAURAND from Pierre Mendes France University, Grenoble, France will go to the Dept. of Social Psychology at Nagoya University hosted by Prof. Minoru Karasawa. **Psychology:** *Study of social control in an intercultural perspective.*

Dr. Silvia GAIANI at Bologna University, Italy will go to the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Kyoto University. Her host will be Prof. Koichi Fujita. **Agriculture and Forestry:** *Impact of Information and Communication Technologies for rural development in Japan and India.*

Dr. Shinichiro ICHINO from Kyoto University, will go to the German Primate Center in Goettingen hosted by Prof. Dr. Peter Kappeler. **Biosciences:** *A socio-ecological study of the unusual sex ratio in ring-tailed lemurs.*

Dr. Kentaro INOUE from Tohoku University, Sendai will do research at the Institute of Biomedical Imaging at Service Hospitalier Frederic Joliot, France. His host will

be Prof. Philippe Remy. **Medicine:** *Measurement of microglial activation markers using functional imaging in Parkinson's disease.*

Dr. Satomi ITO from Kyoto University, plans to do research at Miguel Hernandez University, Alicante, Spain at the Neuroscience Institute under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Angel Barco. **Neurosciences:** *Activity-dependent gene expression and DNA methylation in synaptic plasticity, learning and memory.*

Dr. Isabel JIMENEZ ARENAS from the University of Valencia, Spain will go to the Faculty of Art and Design at the Tama Art University, with Prof. Takehiko Kikuchi as her host. **Art & Musicology:** *Mono no Aware in Japanese art. "The pathos of things" felt in painting as therapeutic praxis.*

Mr. Tatsuma PADOAN at Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy will go to the Dept. of Humanities and Sociology at Keio University. His host will be Prof. Masataka Suzuki. **Philosophy and Religion:** *Ryobu Shinto and Shugendo in medieval Japan:*

Yamato Katsuragi hozanki and the semi-otic construction of a combinatory religious discourse.

Dr. Gianluca RACCAGNI at the University of Cambridge, UK will go to the Dept. of Occidental History at the University of Tokyo. His host will be Prof. Hiroshi Takayama. **History:** *The "Great Charters" of the central middle ages in the European and global context, and Japanese historiography on Medieval Europe.*

Dr. Shino SHIODE from the University of Tokyo will go to the University of Cambridge. Her host will be Prof. Robert Haining at the Dept. of Geography. **Other Social Sciences:** *An exploratory approach to spatial-temporal concentrations of crimes on a street network.*

Dr. Kazuaki TOYOURA from Kyoto University, will go to the University of Oslo, Norway with Prof. Truls Norby as his host. **Materials Science:** *Theoretical and experimental investigation on ionic conduction in heterogeneous systems.*



Photo: Dr. Goh Kawai from Hokkaido University at his host institute in Belgium, February 2009

Dr. Eleonora TROJA from the University of Palermo, Italy will do research at the Dept. of Physics at the Tokyo Institute of Technology with Prof. Nobuyuki Kawai as her host. **Astronomy:** *Unraveling the nature of short gamma-ray bursts.*

Mr. Yuichiro KAWANA from University College London, UK will go to the European University Institute, San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy. **Politics and International Relations:** *The place of historical knowledge in classical utilitarian politics: James Mill, George Grote, and John Stuart Mill on History. This Fellowship is co-sponsored by the European University Institute.*



ACCOUNT FROM A HOST PROFESSOR

Dr. Christopher Bell from Leiden University visited **Professor Harold Hwang** at the Department of Advanced Materials Science, Applied Physics, at the University of Tokyo to do research on condensed matter physics.

“It was a pleasure to host Dr. Bell in our laboratory. Simply speaking everything was fine - our collaboration went very well, and he adjusted very well and very quickly to this foreign environment. The strongest evidence to support my positive views is that I have hired him to continue as a post-doctoral fellow as a member of a research project I have funded by the Japan Science and Technology Agency.

I have no specific comments to recommend improvements or changes, but I would like to assert that **this type of**

program is very valuable. In addition to giving young people the chance to work in a foreign country, it gives them the independence to pursue their own research directions. Because Dr. Bell had a different research background to our work here, it would have been difficult for me to hire him as a postdoctoral fellow directly. However, this **Canon Fellowship gave him the freedom** and opportunity to switch fields, and he is doing outstanding work in our lab. Let me thank you and your colleagues for providing not only Dr. Bell, but also me this opportunity”.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Dr. Satoru Saito (2005 Research Fellow) currently holds an Honorary Readership at the University of Manchester as a positive consequence of his Canon Fellowship to the UK in 2005.

Dr. Maria Bardosova (1997 Research Fellow) received a Short Time Travel Fellowship grant from the Science Foundation Ireland to spend 3 months at Tsukuba again. Her host organisation will be the National Institute for Materials Science (NIMS).

Dr. Andreas Marks (2005 Research Fellow) was appointed Director/Chief Curator, the Clark Center for Japanese Art and Culture, Hanford, CA, USA

Dr. Heli Rantavuo (2004 Research Fellow) received a Doctor of Arts, University of Art and Design Helsinki, 2009

Dr. Boldizar Kalmar (2006 Research Fellow) received his PhD in Mathematics in 2008 at Kyushu University

Dr. Fabio Marchesoni (2003 Visiting Professor) received the honorary title of Visiting Professor at Loughborough University, UK, 2008-2011

Dr. Algarra Gonzalez (2000 Research Fellow) is since June 2008, Senior Researcher in University of Porto in the field of Forensic Analytical Chemistry

The Center for Advanced Science and Innovation, Osaka and the Nanoscience and Nanotechnology Research Center in Barcelona started a research collaboration as a result of **Dr. Monica Lira Cantu's** Canon Foundation Fellowship period in Japan in 2005.

Prof. Kazuhiko Togo (2004 Canon Foundation Awardee) became a Visiting Professor at the Kyoto Sangyo University as of 2009 and obtained a PhD degree at Leiden University.

Dr. Valerio Luigi Alberizzi (2008 Research Fellow) was awarded a 2009-2011 JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers and a 2009-2010 Kokugakuin University Visiting Researcher Program which he declined

Dr. Koji Fujiwara (1993 Research Fellow) was promoted to full professor at Tohoku University in April 2008

Dr. Joaquin Miguel Oliveira (2006 Research Fellow) was awarded in 2008 the TERMIS-EU '50 Best Ranked Abstract' AWARD, Porto Meeting, Portugal

Dr. Oscar Martinez Mozos (2007 Research Fellow) obtained his PhD in 2008, on Computer Science from the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany.

Thank you Fellows for keeping in touch with us and sharing your achievements!

In 2008 Regional Fellow Follow-up meetings with poster presentations by (Alumni) Fellows were held in June - Tokyo and in November – Berlin



Photo: Dr. Minoru Kogure (1999 Fellow) obtaining his PhD at Leiden University



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The objective of the Foundation is the promotion of science, culture, know-how and mutual understanding between Europe and Japan.

The Canon Foundation offers Research Fellowships annually to highly qualified European and Japanese researchers. Candidates should hold a doctorate or at least a Master's degree. They are eligible during the ten-year period following the successful completion of their Ph.D or MA degree. Extensions to the ten-year rule are possible in principle in case of exceptional circumstances which should be explained

in the application and supporting documents are required. Non-nationals have to have a permanent citizenship in either Europe or Japan.

The European Fellowship holders pursue a period of research in Japan whereas the Japanese Fellows do their research at host institutions in Europe. The Fellowships are awarded for periods of a minimum three months and maximum one year.

For the latest version of the application form and further information, please visit our website or contact the Secretariat in the Netherlands.

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The closing date for applications is 15 September each year, for Fellowships starting in the following calendar year.

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We are proud to report that a total of 317 publications, 253 articles and 64 books are kept in our library with an acknowledgement to the Canon Foundation in Europe. The research for these publications was done during the Fellowship periods. They can be found in our on-line Fellow Register.