JSPS London Networking Event in Scotland, June 2012

20th June 2012, 15 members of the UK-JSPS Alumni and Japanese Researchers Based in the UK Associations met at Stravaigin restaurant , Glasgow for an informal networking event in Scotland. The event was organised by UK-JSPS Alumni Association Regional Manager for Scotland, Dr. James Fountaine based at the Scottish Agricultural College who made some opening remarks and invited the participants to explain and share information about their research, especially in relation to their work in Japan. Strategies were also discussed about the continuation of the promotion of JSPS and networking building between Japanese and UK researchers based in Scotland. This was one of the networking events JSPS London is holding in 2012 as part of a series of 80th anniversary events, the next is planned to take place in Sheffield in the Autumn.

Comments from participants:

"I recently attended the JSPS event in Glasgow and found it very useful. I met other researchers and academics from various different fields and learned about what they did; it was an excellent chance to network and even investigate multidisciplinary research. We talked about our experiences in Japan and I discovered a little more about the country. I'm looking forward to the next JSPS evening!"

Dr Morgan Murray, School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Glasgow

"It was nice to talk to Professor Hiramatsu, the JSPS Director, and his staff in person and learn about the motivations and directions of JSPS activities. Moreover, the event gave me an opportunity to meet with local JSPS alumni and Scotland-based Japanese researchers whose interest area is well beyond what I normally work on (i.e, cancer), such as Physics and Law. The networking event of this type is much appreciated and it very importantly enables me to widen my view as a researcher too and possibly provide a future link into true interdiciplinary collaborations."

Dr. Tomoko Iwata, School of Medicine, University of Glasgow