



# **UK JSPS Alumni Association**

**Martyn Kingsbury**

A large wooden torii gate stands against a clear blue sky at sunset. The gate is made of dark wood and has a traditional Japanese design. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow on the scene. The text is overlaid on the image.

# **THE UK JSPS Alumni Association**

**Who are we?**

**What do we do?**

**Why should you join?**

# Who are we?



**Dr Martyn Kingsbury**  
*(Chair)*



**Prof. Hugo Dobson**  
*(Vice-Chair)*



**Dr Che Connon**  
*(Secretary)*



**Dr John Fossey**



**Dr Ruth Goodridge**

*.... The Alumni committee*

# Who are we?

**There are three categories of membership ...**

- All persons who have or will receive support from JSPS or STA are eligible for regular membership.
- Associate membership may be granted to persons who have strong links with Japan.
- Persons who have a distinguished record of promoting scientific exchange between the UK and Japan are eligible for honorary membership.

# What do we do?



1. To maintain & create collaborative links with Japan
2. To provide guidance to new Fellows & support Japanese researchers working in the UK
3. To conduct joint activities with academic institutions & counterpart agencies
4. To exchange information among Alumni members
5. To collect & disseminate information regarding science, technology, society & culture
6. To strengthen regional groups & their connections with Japan

# We hold various types of meetings ...

Both formal ...



& informal ...



# Alumni 'Regional Managers'...

## Wales



Andrew  
Quantock

## Northern Ireland



Mark  
Tame

## Ireland



Emma  
Sokell

## Scotland



James  
Fountaine

# Furusato Award



- Only registered members of the UK-JSPS Alumni Association are eligible
- Grant of up to £2k to enable alumni to maintain & strengthen collaborative ties with Japan.
- Details & application forms on the web-site



# Bridge Award

A traditional Japanese red wooden bridge with a white railing, set against a backdrop of autumn foliage. The bridge is arched and spans across a body of water. The railing is made of dark wood with white panels. The background shows trees with yellow and orange leaves, suggesting an autumn setting.

- **Only registered members of the UK-JSPS Alumni Association are eligible**
- **Grant of up to £7k to enable alumni to maintain & strengthen collaborative ties with Japan.**
- **Details & application forms on the web-site**

# Furukawa-Alumni Award

(a symposium scheme for UK-JSPS Alumni members)

- **New grant to support UK-Japan Symposia**
- **Established members of the UK-JSPS Alumni Association are eligible – their institution will lead**
- **Grant to pay travel & subsistence costs for up to 5 Japanese speakers + up to £1.5k towards costs – support expected from host institution**
- **Sister scheme for Japanese researchers based in the UK**
- **Details & application forms on the web-site**

# Why should you join?

- We provide a forum for those interested in Japan and research to meet, interact & provide mutual support and encouragement.
- We run what we hope are interesting scientific and social meetings.
- We have the Furusato, Bridge & Furukawa-Alumni Awards for members to further encourage beneficial exchange.

<http://www.jsps.org/alumniassociation/registration/index.html>



# What would you like us to do for you?

- Topics of general interest for future meetings?
- Events?
- Other information &/or support that you would find useful?

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