



# UK & Ireland JSPS Alumni Association



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Currently 900+ active members in our Alumni Association



Pre departure Seminar Apr 2018

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### Members

There are 2 categories of membership.....

- All persons who have been supported by a JSPS International Programme are eligible for *regular membership*
- Persons who have a distinguished record of promoting scientific exchange between the UK and Japan are eligible for *honorary membership*
- Only regular members can apply to the Alumni Association funding schemes

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### What do we do?

- To maintain & create collaborative links with Japan
- To provide guidance to new fellows & support Japanese researchers working in the UK
- To conduct joint activities with academic institutions & counterpart agencies

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### What do we do?

- To exchange information among Alumni members
- To collect & disseminate information regarding science, technology, society & culture
- To strengthen regional groups & their connections with Japan

## UK & Ireland JSPS Alumni Association

### Alumni Committee and Regional Managers

- 6 Committee Members
- Regional Managers covering Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland and Wales
- Committee & Regional Managers will change on a rotational basis, annually
- If you'd like to get involved, contact Polly Watson
- Current Committee and Regional Managers are...

## The Alumni Committee



Prof. Andrew Quantock  
*Chair*  
(Cardiff University)



Prof. Alessandra Devoto  
*Co-Chair*  
(Royal Holloway,  
University of London)



Dr John Brazier  
*Associate*  
(University of Reading)



## The Alumni Committee



Prof. Erica Baffelli  
*Associate*

(University of Manchester)



Dr Chris Pearson  
*Associate*

(Rutherford Appleton  
Laboratory)



Prof. Ekaterina Hertog  
*Associate*

(University of Oxford)

## Alumni Regional Managers

Wales



Emeritus Prof. Alan Shore  
(Bangor University)

Scotland



Dr Miranda Anderson  
(University of Edinburgh)

## Alumni Regional Managers

### Northern Ireland



Prof. Davide Mariotti  
(University of Ulster)

### Republic of Ireland



Prof. Emma Sokell  
(University College Dublin)

## Funding Opportunities: **BRIDGE Fellowship**

- Only regular members of the UK and RoI- JSPS Alumni Association are eligible
- Grant for research trip to Japan for up to 30 days to strengthen collaborative links
- Recently made 6 nominations representing a wide range of research fields from nanotechnology and astrophysics to linguistics and film studies
- Next call is expected in December 2023

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### Funding Opportunities: **JSPS London Symposium & Seminar Scheme**

- A grant to support international symposia or seminars with UK and Japan at the centre, both online and in-person events are supported
- JSPS Alumni and Japanese researchers based in the UK and Ireland are eligible
- Travel & subsistence costs for up to 4 Japanese speakers and up to £3k towards organizational costs are covered- support expected from host institution
- Details & application forms are on the JSPS London website
- Calls open each year in January and close in March. Short listed Proposals are announced in April for selected events to take place between June the same year to the end of February the following year

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### 4 Event Proposals Selected from the FY2023 JSPS London Symposium and Seminar Scheme Call:

- Heriot Watt University: Contourites and Ocean Hazards: Slope Instability and Tsunami Genesis, June 2023 (in-person and online)
- University of York: Direct Reactions and Spectroscopy with Hydrogen Targets, July to August 2023 (in-person)
- Royal Holloway, University of London: Sustainable Enhancement of Plant Productivity with Precision Genomics, December 2023 (in person)
- University of Hull: UK-Japan Symposium on Advanced Materials for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells, date to be announced (in-person and online)

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Details on the website: keep track of funding and alumni info



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## The JSPS Alumni Association of the UK and the Republic of Ireland

The JSPS Alumni Association of the UK and Republic of Ireland was first established in 2003 by researchers who returned to the UK having been funded by a JSPS Fellowship Programme while in Japan (former Fellows). In 2014 inclusion of former JSPS fellows based in the Republic of Ireland was ratified by JSPS Tokyo head office and subsequently the name of the association changed to The JSPS Alumni Association of the UK and the Republic of Ireland. This Alumni Association is continuously increasing in size to currently over 600 active members. With the help of the Executive Committee and Regional Managers, the Alumni Association carries out a number of activities throughout the UK and the Republic of Ireland with numerous benefits for members. The Pre Departure Seminars prepare new fellows for their research experience in Japan. The Alumni Evenings are for members to network in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. There are presentations days for members to speak about their experiences as a fellow and encourage others to apply for JSPS funding programmes.

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### Why should you join?

- We provide a forum for those interested in Japan and research to interact & provide mutual support and encouragement.
- We run what we hope are interesting scientific and social events.
- We have the BRIDGE and Symposium Scheme Awards for members to further encourage beneficial exchange.

*<https://ssl.jsps.org/alumni/?page=regist>*