The 72nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Animal Psychology (JSAP) May 12 (Sat.)–13 (Sun), 2012, Nishinomiya-Uegahara Campus, Kwansei Gakuin University http://www.dips-kwansei.gr.jp/jsap2012/

Free symposium. Open to the public. May 12, 5–7 pm

Contributions of Japanese animal psychologists to ICP2016 Japan

Chair: Sadahiko Nakajima (Kwansei Gakuin University)

<Speakers >

Miki Takasuna (Tokyo International University)

Topic: Internationally active Japanese animal psychologists before World War II

Hiroshi Imada (Professor Emeritus, Kwansei Gakuin University,)

Topic: The International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) and the International Congress of Psychology (ICP) Masato Ishida (Osaka Kyoiku University/Osaka University of Education)

Topic: The International Society for Comparative Psychology and the presence of Japanese researchers

< Discussant >

Masataka Watanabe (JSAP President and Research Fellow, Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Medical Science)

Aim of the symposium:

The 31st International Congress of Psychology (ICP2016) will be held from July 24–29, 2016 in Yokohama, Japan. All Japanese psychologists will try to attend. As one of the supporting societies of ISCP2016, the Japanese Society for Animal Psychology (JSAP) has the kickoff symposium at this year's annual meeting.

We have three speakers.

Miki Takasuna will talk about Japanese animal psychologists who were internationally active before World War II. Before the era of globalization, it must have been extremely difficult to publish papers in foreign journals in order to receive international recognition. Lessons from these forerunners will motivate and inspire us. We can thus reconfirm the significance of communicating academic information from Japan to the rest of the world.

Hiroshi Imada had served several years on the Executive Committee of the International Union of Psychological Sciences (IUPsyS), delivering his recommendations to the ICP academic programs. He worked hard to recommend Japanese psychologists as invited or state-of-the-art speakers and to organize several symposiums in basic psychology, including animal research. At this symposium, he will lecture on the purpose and history of the IUPsyS and the ICP.

There are many international societies in animal psychology and its related fields, but the most inclusive and representative is the International Society for Comparative Psychology (ISCP). After serving long on the ISCP board of directors, Masato Ishida hosted its biennial meeting in Japan in 2010. Some of you may remember the excitement of gathering animal psychologists from all over the world in Awaji Island that year. His topic at the symposium will be on the ISCP and other international network of animal psychologists.

The discussant is Masataka Watanabe, JSAP President and, Secretary General of ICP2016. He will make a commentary on the promotion of the international activities of Japanese animal psychologists and on the international communication and collaboration with overseas researchers on the occasion of ICP2016.