

The 2005 Annual Report on Japan Chapter

1. Current Membership

Our current membership is 110 according to the website of the headquarters. Their membership has maintained unchanged slightly over 100 in the last several years.

2. Chapter Conference

Our 2004 Chapter Conference was held jointly with the 11th Annual Meeting of JAIBS (Japan Academy of International Business Studies) under the main theme “Global Strategies of Service MNCs” at Kwansei Gakuin University in Nishinomiya, Japan from November 5 through 7, 2004. The participants were well over 300.

Our 2005 Chapter Conference will be held in joint with JAIBS 12th Annual Meeting, whose main theme “Evolving International Business”, at Hiroshima City University in Hiroshima, Japan from October 15 through 16, 2005.

In the meantime, the east and west divisions of JAIBS are respectively holding their own divisional study meetings several times a year. Most members of AIB Japan Chapter attend these study meetings where averagely 3 to 5 presentations are made, primarily contributed by younger scholars. Some of these presentations go to the JAIBS annual meeting finally with some modifications based on senior scholars’ suggestions and advices.

3. Time of AIB Annual Meeting

In terms of time to hold AIB annual meeting, July is better for members of Japan Chapter than late fall until a few years ago. July, however, is still difficult time for most of them to leave for overseas, because it is the last period of the spring semester for Japanese universities and all the faculty members are very busy in closing their classes as well as the term exams. For Japanese scholars, from late July through mid September should be the best season for attending overseas conferences.

4. More Collaboration with JAIBS

Almost all the members of AIB Japan Chapter are concurrently affiliated with JAIBS, whose current membership is about 650 individuals and 5 institutions. I myself serve as one of the executive directors of JAIBS as well as serving as Chair of AIB Japan. JAIBS is now known as one of the most active and powerful academic associations in Japan, so we need to keep more active collaboration with each other. A good example is that AIB Japan Chapter will hold a joint international conference with Asia Academy of Management and JAIBS at Waseda University from December 19 through 21.

5. Hosting 2010 AIB World Annual Meeting

We hoped to hold the AIB 2008 annual meeting in Tokyo. In terms of equal opportunity or balanced rotation of conference venues, however, we understand that Europe should be chosen for 2008, because 2006 is in Beijing. Although this is not an immediate decision needed matter, we are positive about holding a joint world conference of AIB Japan and JAIBS in Tokyo in 2010.

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