

Round table between Japan and Serbia

Time & date: 15:30 - 17:30h, Wednesday, June 10, 2015

Title: Environmental protection without boundaries

Participants from Japan*:

- *Prof. dr. Takeshi Nakano*, Osaka University - Center for Advanced Science and Innovation and Hyogo Environmental Advancement Association
- *Prof. dr. Hideyuki Inui*, Kobe University, Research Center for Environmental Genomics
- *Prof. dr. Kiwao Kadokami*, Kitakyushu University
- *Dr. Yasuhiro Kanda*, Hyogo Prefectural Institute of Environmental Sciences
- *Dr. Katsuya Yamamoto*, Hyogo Prefectural Institute of Environmental Sciences
- *Ms. Aya Iwabuchi*, Kobe University

Participants from Serbia: researchers, representatives of local government, industry, high schools and other stakeholders.

Since pollutants doesn't recognize national boundaries, environmental protection should be also without boundaries. Environmental sustainability is an integral dimension of sustainable development and together with social and economic considerations, is a key global concern for sustainable future.

The main problems in South East Europe today are: the fact that municipal and industrial wastewater is often discharged into waterways without treatment and that a small number of plants for the treatment of industrial and municipal wastewater is built but not all of the existing facilities are in working order. Furthermore, disposal of waste in illegal dumps that are located near waterways is an obvious source of environmental pollution.

Several decades ago due to economic growth Japan experienced environmental pollution. In order to prevent to repeat the same incidences by micro-pollutants from various human activities, it is useful to share the experiences of Japan between South East European countries and Japan. In the Envirochem2015, stakeholders including researchers from both countries will discuss to prevent environmental pollution by micro-pollutants.

Expected outcomes of the round table are as follows:

- To declare importance to prevent expansion of pollution by macro and micro-pollutants.
- To strengthen relationship between researchers, particularly young researchers between Serbia and Japan
- To share information and knowledge.
- To support educational activities to local residents and high schools towards pollution control.
- To support collaboration between high schools from Serbia and Japan

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