

Fostering Japanese– Estonian research cooperation in the field of Bioengineering and Biotechnology



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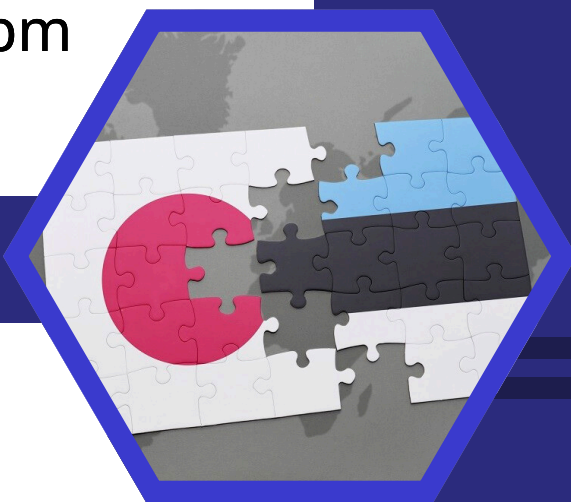
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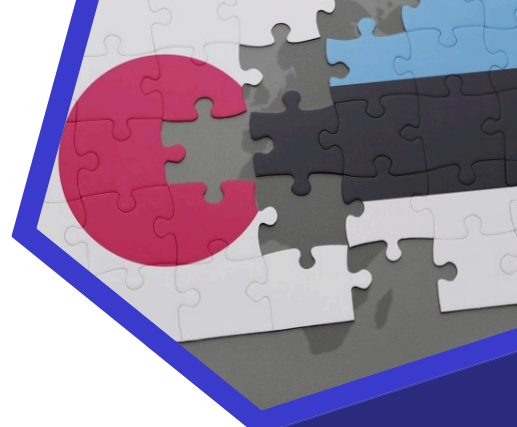
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9:30 Welcome & Registration

10:00 Opening speeches

Dr. Anu Noorma, Director General of the Estonian Research Council (ETAG)

Hon. Mait Martinson, Ambassador of Estonia to Japan

Mr. Jean-Eric Paquet, Ambassador of the European Union (EU) to Japan

Prof. Toomas Asser, Rector of the University of Tartu
“Research in Estonian universities”

10:30 Presentations by researchers from Estonia and Japan
Recent advances in bioengineering and biotechnology
Moderator: Dr. Marko Piirsoo, ETAG

Prof. Mart Loog, University of Tartu
“Estonian Biofoundry and the DigiBio project – accelerating biotech from ideas to applications”

Prof. Priit Eek, Tallinn University of Technology
“Success stories in biotech and aspirations in protein engineering at TalTech”

Prof. Timo Kikas, Estonian University of Life Sciences
“Biorefining – future of biomass valorisation”

Prof. Rando Tuvikene, Tallinn University
“Structure and functionality of seaweed-derived polysaccharides”

Dr. Toshinori Kinoshita, Nagoya University
“Analysis of light-induced stomatal opening and enhancement of photosynthesis and plant yield”

12:00–13:00 Lunch



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13:00–13:45 **Panel discussion: Collaboration experiences**
Moderator: Prof. Tiit Land, Rector of the Tallinn University of Technology

Prof. Kaspar Valgepea, University of Tartu

Prof. Hannes Kollist, University of Tartu

Prof. Ilona Faustova, University of Tartu

Japanese researchers (tbc)

13:45–14:30 **Horizon Europe: Funding opportunities for Estonian–Japanese and EU–Japanese research cooperation**
Moderator: Ms. Kristin Kraav, ETAG

Mr. Gijs Berends, Head of Science, Innovation, Digital, and Other EU Policies Section

“Why should the EU and Japan seek research collaboration?”

Ms. Fumiko Oda, National Contact Point (NCP) for H2020 in Japan

Dr. Judit Erika Magyar, Country Representative, EURAXESS Japan

“Researcher Mobility in Focus: EURAXESS Services and Horizon Europe”

14:30–15:00 **Coffee break**

15:00–16:00 **Funding opportunities for bi- and multilateral cooperation between Estonia and Japan**
Moderator: Ms. Katrin Saar, ETAG

Ms. Kumiko Kikuchi, Head of Overseas Fellowship Division, JSPS
“JSPS and its International Programs”

Mr. Oscar A. Rudenstam, Deputy Manager at the Department of International Affairs, JST
“EIG CONCERT–Japan as a stepping stone for European–Japanese research collaboration”

Dr. Anu Noorma, Director General of ETAG

16:00 **Matchmaking session and reception**

