The 2013 Annual Report on Japan Chapter

1. Membership
Our current membership would be around 100, whose exact and current figure and the name list are only known to the headquarter secretariat.

2. Chapter Conference
As usual, our 2012 Chapter Conference was held in joint with the 19th Annual Meeting of JAIBS (Japan Academy of International Business Studies) under its main theme "Globalization and Sustainability in the New Era" at Obirin University, Japan on October 23 & 24, 2012. Of all 200 participants 30% should have been from AIB-Japan. (cf. Current Memberships of JAIBS is 729 individuals and 5 institutions)

Our 2013 Chapter Conference will be held in joint with 20th Annual Meeting of JAIBS under its main theme "International Business and Innovation" at Kinki University, Japan on October 26 and 27.

JAIBS has its 5 geographic divisions from the north to the south, namely Hokkaido & Tohoku division, Kanto division where Tokyo area is located, Chubu division where Nagoya area is located, Kansai division where Osaka and Kobe area are located, Chugoku & Shikoku division, and Kyushu division. Each division holds a few time divisional conferences annually where AIB Japan Chapter members are also active as presenters and discussants.

3. Linkage and Collaboration with JAIBS
As mentioned earlier, most members of AIB Japan Chapter are concurrently affiliated with JAIBS. JAIBS was established in September 1994 at Waseda University thanks to a strong leadership of Professor Ken'ichi Enatsu, the former Chair of AIB Japan Chapter. Establishing JAIBS is exactly the realization of our long time dream to integrate IB scholars who had been so far dispersed among various academic organizations. JAIBS is the first independent and official academic organization that focuses on research and study of international business and its related issues.
JAIBS has been publishing its Annual Bulletin to which many AIB Japan members greatly contribute. JAIBS also started to publish its own refereed journal to which AIB Japan should also contribute very much.

JAIBS has been steadily developing since its foundation in 1994 and is now widely recognized as the excellent center of IB studies in Japan. JAIBS is now registered as a member of the Union of National Economic Associations in Japan whose chairman is Prof. Enatsu and executive secretary is Ota. The Union is the most prestigious and authorized organization comprising of 62 established academic organizations in economics, management, business and commerce areas in Japan.

4. Holding the special seminars by Professors Yves Doz and John Cantwell
Two special seminars were organized for the AIB members in Japan. Professor Yves Doz gave a talk on managing global innovation at Waseda University on February 28th, chaired by Professor Masataka Ota, and Kazuhiro Asakawa as a discussant. Professor John Cantwell gave a talk at Waseda University on May 10th (Professor Masataka Ota chairing the session and Kazuhiro Asakawa as discussant) and at Keio University on May 13th (Kazuhiro Asakawa as chair and discussant).

5. Replacement of Chairperson of AIB Japan Chapter
Professor Masataka Ota was replaced by Kazuhiro Asakawa as the Chairperson of AIB Japan Chapter since May 10th, 2013.