The 2014 Annual Report on Japan Chapter

1. Membership
We have around hundred members, although the exact number is not available. Our membership is renewed every year.

2. Chapter Conference
As usual, our 2013 Chapter Conference was held jointly with the 20th Annual Meeting of JAIBS (Japan Academy of International Business Studies) under the main theme "Regional Innovation and its Globalization" at Kinki University, Japan on October 26 through 27, 2013. Professor Asakawa gave a key-note speech on the related topic in the beginning of the Conference. Of all 200 participants, around 30% are assumed to be the members of AIB Japan. (In total, JAIBS has 729 individual members and five institutional members, as of 2013).

Our 2014 Chapter Conference will be held jointly with the 21st Annual Meeting of JAIBS under its main theme "International Business and the Emerging Economies" at Hokkaido University, Japan on November 2-3, 2014.

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 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 Professor 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 seminar by Professor Sue Bruning**
A special seminar was organized for the AIB members in Japan, in collaborations with JAIBS and Association of Multinational Enterprises (AMNE), another academic association in the IB field in Japan. Professor Bruning gave a talk on managing international human resources at Keio University on April 12th.

5. **Linkages and Collaborations with other Organizations**
We are collaborating with other academic organizations in Japan besides JAIBS. Association of Multinational Enterprises (AMNE) held the annual meeting at Hannan University, Osaka, on July 7 – 8, 2013. AMNE also organizes regular research workshops both in Tokyo and in Osaka, about every other month. About a third of the AMNE members are the members of AIB Japan Chapter. Currently, Professor Asakawa serves as a Vice President of AMNE. We also collaborate with the Academic Association for Organizational Science (AAOS) which organizes Biannual Meetings in June and October every year. AAOS is the largest academic association in the area of management and organization studies in Japan, and there are many members who belong to AIB Japan Chapter. Currently, Professor Asakawa serves as an executive board member of AAOS in charge of organizing research seminars and international collaborations.

6. **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.