The University of Milano-Bicocca and the Association of Italian Researchers in Japan (AIRJ), in collaboration with the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) of Strasbourg, are pleased to announce the annual JSPS meeting to update information about the JSPS programs for research and mobility in Japan. The aim is to create an event dedicated to PhD students and researchers for the purpose of promoting and strengthening relations between Italy and Japan, showing the opportunities and the programs of JSPS. This event also aims to gather the JSPS Italian Alumni to discuss and proceed towards the establishment of the official JSPS Alumni in Italy.

**PROGRAM**

10:00-10:30
**Welcome and opening**
Stefania Bandini (Internationalization Delegate for Japan, University of Milano-Bicocca)
Toshiaki Kobayashi (General Consul of Japan in Milan)

The University of Milano-Bicocca: an overview on research
Stefano Sanguinetti (University of Milano-Bicocca)

10:30-10:50
**The Association of Italian Researchers in Japan (AIRJ)**
Stefania Bandini (University of Milano-Bicocca, AIRJ Board)

JSPS Alumni Italy: perspectives and future goals
Silvia Bolzani (AIRJ-JSPS Coordinator Member)

10:50-11:30
**The Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science - JSPS: Introduction and funding opportunities of research in Japan**
Kazuhiko Saigo (Director JSPS Strasbourg)
Tomoko Yamaguchi (Deputy Director)
Ayano Harada (JSPS International Program Associate)

11:30-12:00
**JSPS Alumni Experience**
Stefania Bandini (Session Chair)
Francesco Barbieri (University of Turin)
Silvia Bolzani (AIRJ-JSPS Coordinator Member)
Pierluigi Digennaro (University of Milano)
Stefania Michelucci (University of Genoa)

12:00-12:30 **Q&A session and concluding remarks**
Stefano Sanguinetti (University of Milano-Bicocca)

**Registration to the event:**
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