

S02-4 Looking back on the study abroad at The Scripps Research Institute

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Just after obtaining a Ph.D. degree from Tokushima University in 2004, I got an opportunity to study under Professor Kim D. Janda of The Scripps Research Institute in US for about a year. Because it has been over ten years already, the research performed at there might be no longer attractive to the audiences.^[1] In this presentation, therefore, not only details of the researches, but also significance of pursuing a postdoc in a foreign country and what kind of influence the experiences in US have on my career will be discussed.

[Biographical Outline] Akira Shigenaga received his Ph.D. in 2004 from Tokushima University under the supervision of Professor Masayuki Shibuya. After working as Research Associate at The Scripps Research Institute under Professor Kim D. Janda for about a year, he joined Professor Akira Otaka's group at Tokushima University as Staff Scientist. Following to promotion to Assistant Professor in 2007, he has currently been Associate Professor (Lecturer) in the same lab. From 2013 to 2017, he also served as PRESTO Researcher of Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).

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