

As a national research institute RIHN is expected to conduct exemplary science; it also must communicate its research agenda and results to the public. A number of public symposia and campaigns, seminar series, and publications are designed to reach specialist and general audiences, and to stimulate both formal fields of environmental knowledge and popular engagement with environmentalism. Some of these recent activities include:

Kyoto Forum on Environmental Wisdom and Culture

RIHN and Kyoto Prefecture and City co-host this forum as part of the *DO YOU KYOTO?* campaign, a public information campaign designed to stimulate Kyoto residents' environmental consciousness and responsible behavior in everyday life.

RIHN International Symposia

International symposia are held in English and allow a range of experts to discuss pressing environmental subjects.

The Dilemma of Boundaries: Toward a New Concept of Catchment (upcoming)

The Futurability of Islands: Beyond Endemism and Vulnerability

RIHN Public Seminars

Held almost monthly on-site at RIHN, recent public seminars include:

Nature and Environmental Disruption in Tropical Forest in Malaysia and Grassland in Mongolia

SAKAI Shoko Associate Professor, RIHN

FUJITA Noboru Assistant Professor, Center for Ecological Research, Kyoto University

YAMAMURA Norio Professor, RIHN

Global Environmental Change and Health: How should we change our lifestyles?

MOJI Kazuhiko Professor, RIHN

OKUMIYA Kiyohito Associate Professor, RIHN

Whaling Eco-Politics: A new horizon of human interactions with wildlife in the 21st century

HOSHIKAWA Jun Executive Director, Greenpeace Japan

AKIMICHI Tomoya Deputy Director-General, Professor, RIHN

Dendrochronology: From the past to the future

MITSUTANI Takumi Visiting Professor, RIHN

SATO Yo-Ichiro Professor, RIHN

Antarctic Research and the Global Environment

NAKAWO Masayoshi Professor, RIHN

SAITO Kiyooki Professor, RIHN

SHIRAIWA Takayuki Professor, RIHN



The RIHN Forum

The RIHN Forum is usually held at the Kyoto International Conference Center and is open to the general public. Since 2004 the proceedings were published as books intended for a general audience. Recent subjects include:

Our Responsibilities toward Unseen People and Unborn Generations

Human Wellbeing and the Environment: Designing Global Ecohealth

Project-based communication

Individual research projects host a number of conferences, symposia and seminars. One of these, Sato Project's (H-02) Seminar on Environmental Thought offers distinguished intellectuals, artists, journalists, and a range of other speakers an opportunity to make provocative discussion of contemporary environmentalism, to uncover or rediscover the ecological knowledge embedded in culture, to activate our daily sensitivity to nature, and to seek an eco-philosophy equal to the contemporary world.

Recent seminars include:



Why do I love flowers?

AZUMA Makoto, Flower artist

De profundis: Nature in Japanese Ceramic Art

RAKU Kichiza'emon the 15th, Potter, Director of the Raku Museum, Kyoto

Silenced by Aesthetics? A Tentative Poetics of Art History and Ecology

Gregory P. A. LEVINE Associate Professor, University of California, Berkeley

What is Chanoyu? Japanese Tea Culture in Search of a Contemporary Lifestyle

KUMAKURA Isao Professor Emeritus, National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka

Millennial Cuisine: Food and Prepared Dishes from the Heian Imperial Court

HORIBA Hiroyuki Head Chef, Rokusei restaurant, Kyoto

RIHN Area Seminars

Area Seminars take place in, and address specific environmental issues pertaining to, a particular part of Japan.



For Better Human Life in Yambaru: Conservation of nature, culture and landscape and the role of tourism

TACHIMOTO Narifumi

Director-General, RIHN

YUMOTO Takakazu

Professor, RIHN

NAKAHARA Hirotsugu

Director, Nakijin Village History & Culture Center

MIZUSHIMA Satoru

Tourism Resources Division, Japan Tourism Agency

INOUE Noriko

Cultural Property Examiner, Agency for Cultural Affairs

HAYAISHI Shuhei

Adjunct Lecturer, University of the Ryukyus

ANKEI Yuji

Professor, Yamaguchi Prefectural University

KUDAKA Masakazu

Advisor, NPO Kunigami Tourism Association

SHIMABUKURO Seibin

Director, Yambaru Monozukuri Juku

HANAI Masamitsu

Professor, University of the Ryukyus

RIHN Seminars

RIHN also invites a range of speakers from abroad to share their expertise with the RIHN community. Recent seminars include:

The Evolution of Scientific Research and Science Magazine

Barbara R. JASNY Deputy Editor for Commentary, Science/AAAS

Satoyama woodlands in Japan and outlands in Europe: An historical perspective on traditional farming landscapes

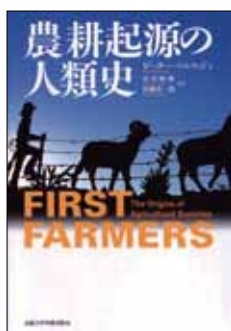
Bjorn E. BERGLUND Department of Geology/Quaternary Geology, GeoBiosphere Science Centre, Lund University Sweden

The Global Precipitation Centre (GPCC): Rain gauge-based precipitation analysis for the land areas of the Earth in support of climate research and water resources management

Tobias FUCHS Director, Global Precipitation Climatology Centre, Germany

Constructing Sustainability Studies

TAKEUCHI Kazuhiko Vice-Rector, United Nations University, Professor, Laboratory of Landscape Ecology and Planning, Department of Ecosystem Studies, The University of Tokyo

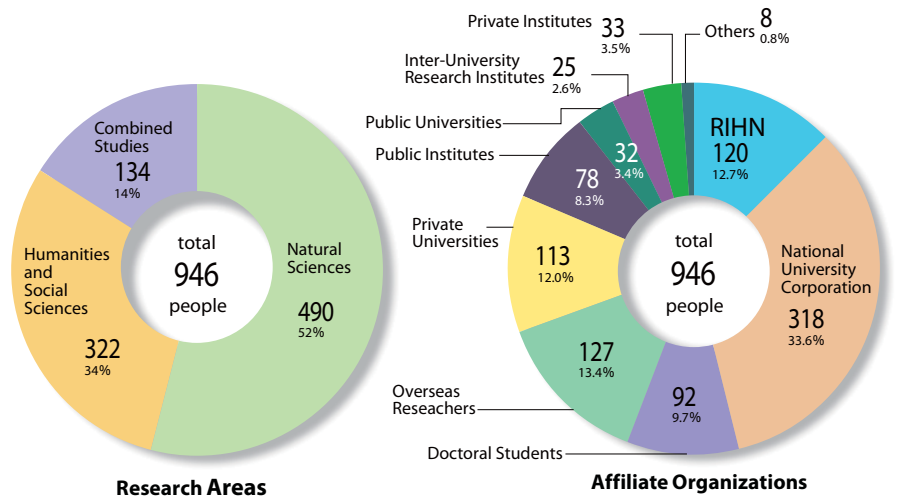


Books in Translation

In 2008 RIHN professors OSADA Toshiki and SATO Yo-Ichiro translated into Japanese Peter Bellwood's magisterial volume on the origins of agriculture *First Farmers: The Origin of Agricultural Societies*. *Nōkō Kigen no Jinruishi* was published by Kyoto University Press.

Research Collaboration

Research Affiliations



*As of May 1st, 2008

International Collaboration

RIHN has signed memoranda and research cooperation agreements with overseas research institutes to encourage cooperative projects, share information, and exchange researchers. RIHN also invites many distinguished overseas researchers to serve as visiting research fellows at RIHN for periods of up to one year.

Memoranda of Understanding and Research Cooperation Agreements

(As of June 5th, 2009)

<p>Project C-04 Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia</p> <p>Project C-05 Department of Groundwater Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand</p> <p>Institute of Earth Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taiwan</p> <p>Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements, South Korea</p> <p>Research Center for Geotechnology, Indonesian Institute of Sciences, Indonesia</p> <p>Project C-06 Research Center for Environmental Technology of River and Lake, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China</p> <p>Project D-02 Institute of Islands Culture, South Korea</p> <p>Project D-03 Qinghai University Hospital, China</p> <p>Project D-04 Hustai National Park Trust, Mongolia</p> <p>Institute of Biology, Mongolian Academy of Science, Mongolia</p> <p>Institute of Botany, Mongolian Academy of Science, Mongolia</p> <p>Institute of Geocology, Mongolian Academy of Science, Mongolia</p> <p>Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology, Ministry of Nature and Environment, Mongolia</p>	<p>Project R-01 Adiyaman University, Turkey</p> <p>Çukurova University, Turkey</p> <p>Project R-02 La Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, France</p> <p>Project R-03 Institute of Archaeology Kazakhstan</p> <p>Institute of Geography Kazakhstan</p> <p>Institute of Mountain Hazards and Environment, CAS, China</p> <p>Kazakhstan Scientific Research Institute on Problems of the Cultural Heritage on Nomads Kazakhstan</p> <p>Northwest Sci-Tech University of Agriculture and Forestry, China</p> <p>Tethys Scientific Society, Kazakhstan</p> <p>Project R-04 International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh</p> <p>National Institute of Public Health, Ministry of Health, Laos</p> <p>Project R-05 Sudan University of Science and Technology, Sudan</p>	<p>Project H-02 Cambodian Agricultural Research and Development Institute, Cambodia</p> <p>Çukurova University, Turkey</p> <p>Cuu Long Delta Rice Research Institute, Vietnam</p> <p>Faculty of Agriculture, Hasanuddin University, Indonesia</p> <p>Institute of Archaeology, CAS, China</p> <p>National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute, Laos</p> <p>Rice Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand</p> <p>Research Institute of Cultural and Archaeological Relics of Xinjiang, China</p> <p>University of the Philippines, Los Baños, Philippines</p> <p>Project H-03 Deccan College, Post-Graduate and Research Institute, India</p> <p>Shah Abdul Latif University, Pakistan</p> <p>University of the Punjab, Pakistan</p> <p>Project H-04 Far Eastern National University, Russia</p> <p>Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures, United Kingdom</p> <p>Project E-04 Zambia Agricultural Research Institute, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Zambia</p>
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Collaboration in Japan

RIHN has promoted research in collaboration with the following eight domestic institutions, including university research institutes. We receive more than one teaching staff member from each of these research institutes in accordance with our agreement. They work as teaching and research staff at RIHN for a fixed period.

Partner Organization

- Center for Ecological Research, Kyoto University
- Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Research Center, Nagoya University
- Arid Land Research Center, Tottori University
- National Museum of Ethnology
- Institute of Industrial Sciences, The University of Tokyo
- Institute of Low Temperature Science, Hokkaido University
- Tropical Biosphere Research Center, University of the Ryukyus
- Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University

