

Report of Regional Meeting of Japanese W.D.A. Members, Osaka, 19th November, 2000.

The meeting was held in an Osaka coffee shop in the evening of 19 November 2000 - there were ten WDA members present and we discussed the plan to establish a national representative & office. When the plan is rewritten (based on valuable opinions presented during the meeting) it will be discussed further among all Japanese WDA members in the near future. Prior to closing the meeting, I passed on recent WDA news and suggested a visit to Gällivare (Sweden) for the 2nd WDA International Symposium in July 2001. Afterwards we exchanged coffee cups for mugs filled with beer and happily exchanged odonate experiences.

The meeting was a satellite meeting of the Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Odonatology which was held in the Osaka Natural History Museum from the morning of 18th to late afternoon on the 19th November. 72 odonatists (including 14 WDA members) attended. Included in the programme were three workshops as well as nine oral and six poster presentations on Odonatology. I thank the President and the Organisers of the JSO Meeting for providing me with opportunities to speak about WDA in general and its 2001 Symposium, as well as about our Regional Meeting that would be held later in the evening.

Throughout both these meetings I felt a blossoming of the younger generation within the community of Japanese odonatists. I hope they grow well and become our odonatological leaders in the years to come.