

# STUDY ABROAD SIG CONFERENCE 2022

## MOVING FORWARD POST PANDEMIC



**Special thanks to Miho Suzuki for organizing the conference.**

*Thank you for your hard work organizing this event Lyndell and Miho and everyone else in SIG leadership!*

今回の研究会のテーマは、コロナ禍において大変役に立つものでした。

- Conference Feedback



**Special thanks to Aaron Sponseller for his wonderful plenary presentation.**

*Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I hope it was useful and that I spoke at an appropriate level for the audience.*

- Aaron Sponseller



The main room during the conference.

## Message from the SIG Coordinator

It's a pleasure to address you after the 12-month cycle within our SIG. It has been a busy and productive year. As you may know, we welcomed two new officers: Miho Suzuki as the Program Chair, and Davis Shum serving as both Membership and Publicity Chair. I've been pleased to see our team of officers collaborate and support each other as they serve you, our valued member.

We had another successful conference on September 10. Despite some minor technical difficulties online, Miho Suzuki navigated the event competently. This year's invited plenary speaker, Aaron Sponseller, spoke on mixed methods research within study abroad which was insightful and informative. We then had presentations on a variety of study abroad-related topics provided by both students and academics. Our SIG officers moderated Zoom room – thank you for your time and efforts. The conference wouldn't be possible without you. We hope it was a positive, rewarding experience for those of you who were able to attend.

At the end of the conference, we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM, see *Minutes*). It is vital to have your input into SA SIG decisions so I look forward to seeing you at future AGMs.

### Announcements

Our Publications Chair position is open from November 1. This is a great opportunity to become involved and add to your resume. If you, or someone you know, is interested please email: [studyabroad@gmail.com](mailto:studyabroad@gmail.com)

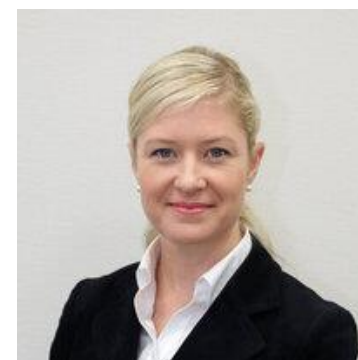
Our Program Chair, Miho Suzuki, is currently planning for our Forum at the PanSIG Conference next year, May 12-14, Kyoto Sangyo University.

The JALT2022 International Conference is approaching on November 11-14.

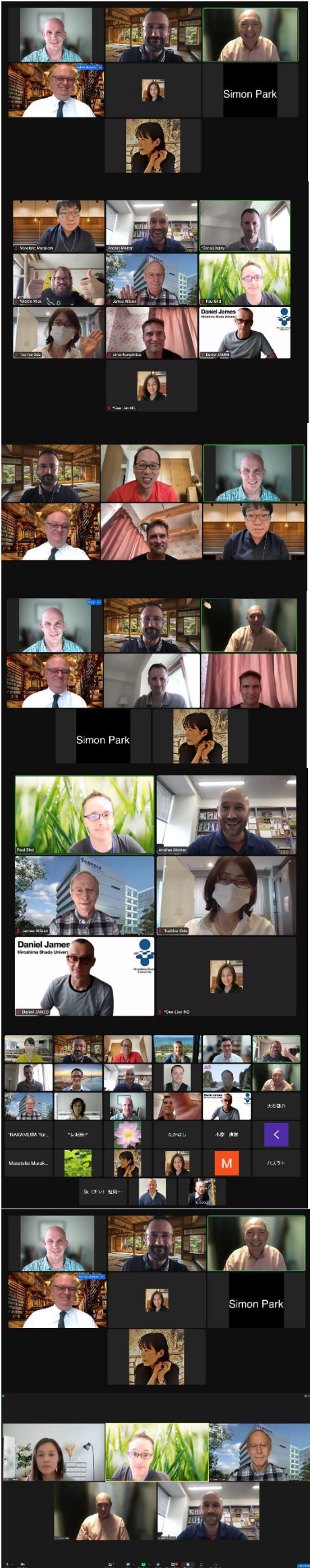
Our SA SIG Forum this year is:  
Learning Through Online Study Abroad, Nov. 12, 12:45 – 14:15 \*Room 403

On behalf of our team, I hope to see you there.

Warm regards,  
Lyndell Nagashima  
SA SIG Coordinator







**2022 Study Abroad SIG  
Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes**

There were 33 Registered participants at the SA SIG Conference 2022.

**Moderator**  
Lyndell Nagashima,  
SA SIG Coordinator

16:10  
**Opening Remarks and Conduct of AGM as Officers**

16:15  
**Yearly Officer Reports**

The following officers made their reports:

- Andras Molnar: Treasurer
- Miho Suzuki: Program Chair
- Davis Shum: Membership and Publicity Chair
- Simon Park: Newsletter Editor; Paul Bird: Publications Chair
- Nick Bovee: Website Editor
- Lyndell Nagashima: Coordinator

16:25  
**Officer Voting Items**  
Votes were submitted from official members anonymously through the Zoom chat option.

All officers were retained, the number of affirmative votes for each officer is as follows.

- Coordinator: Lyndell Nagashima – 6
- Treasurer: Andras Molnar – 6
- Program Chair: Miho Suzuki – 7
- Publications Chair: Paul Bird – 6
- Membership Chair and Publicity Chair: Davis Shum – 9

Non-voting Officer positions  
Newsletter Editor: Simon Park  
Website Editor: Nicholas Bovee; Shadow: Paul Horness

Martin Wick volunteered to shadow the Coordinator position and Paul Horness volunteered to shadow the website editor position.

16:40  
**2022 SA SIG Conference Participant Numbers**  
The official participant numbers for each presentation were announced as follows:  
Plenary – 32

**Room 1**  
Expectations versus reality: Studying abroad during the COVID- 19 pandemic – 8

Structuring Communicative Activities in an Online Short Course - 6

Learning the Inter-Connectedness of Life through Study Abroad – 5

**Room 2**  
Using Language Portraits to Review Study Abroad Experiences – 8

Orientation: Focusing on Skills and Attitudes – 10

Study Abroad Guides and Textbooks – 6

**Room 3**  
自己表現の場としてのオンライン初級日本語表現クラス – 5

介護留学生送り出しに必須の日本語及び日本事情指導について – 9

学習環境の変化における日本事情指導のあり方ー充実した留學生活の実現を目指してー – 9

**Room 4**  
地方自治体の留学生支援についてー千葉県国際交流の事例をもとにー – 9

海外協定校との交換留学の実態と考察ー派遣と受け入れ双方ー – 4

Extrinsic and intrinsic motivation for the study abroad student – 3

16:45  
**Announcements**

The following announcements were made:  
  
The Publications Chair will be vacant from November 1, 2022, all interested individuals should contact the SIG.

The JALT2022 International Conference will be held from Nov. 11-14. The SA SIG Forum Title is “Learning Through Online Study Abroad”. The forum will be held on Nov. 12th, from 12:45 – 14:15 in Room 403.

The 2023 PanSIG Conference will be held from May 12-14, at Kyoto Sangyo University.

16:55  
**SA SIG Spending**

Participants suggested ideas for spending to improve SIG events, membership experience, and resources. The ideas of granting free attendance to conferences, revising the officers’ video, co-sponsoring networking events with other chapters as well as making SIG Forum Abstracts available pre-conferences, were offered.

**CONFERENCE FEEDBACK**

We asked the SIG what you thought of the conference, here is what you said:

- 各々の視点から外国人にたいする考え方を学びました。

- The plenary speaker was excellent and I think there was a variety of choice to attend different presentation topics. The Q&As were lively.

- 初めて参加したのでこのようなものかなあ、と楽しめました。

- I would not be able to travel to the conference in person. Online, at least as an option, is very helpful.

- Fantastic conference, unfortunate switch to online however.

- 留学について多角的に様々な視点から見る事ができた。

- 多くの外国の方の視点を知れたこと ● 受け入れる側である日本の課題 ● 来日する外国の方の実情 など 学びました。

- ルームに分かれることにより、様々な方の発表を同時に聞くことができた。

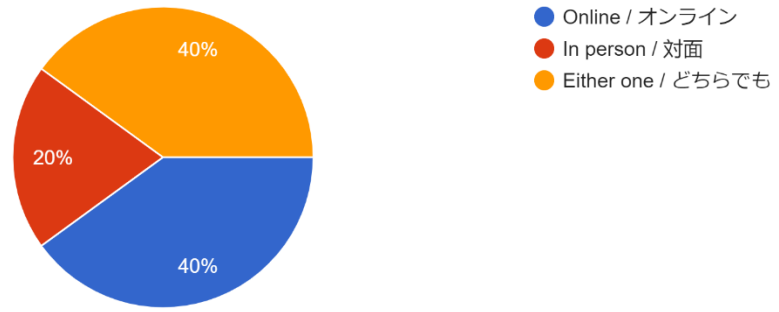
- Really enjoyed Dana Lingley's presentation which showed SA programs during the COVID-19 pandemic produced similar experiences to those in 'normal' times.

- 興味深いテーマが多く勉強になりました。

- 事前の案内がギリギリまで届かず、また当日はブレイクアウトルームの設定などの不調があったので、少し準備の不足を感じました。

- Honestly, I cannot see those presentations well prepared, although I only participated in two of them.

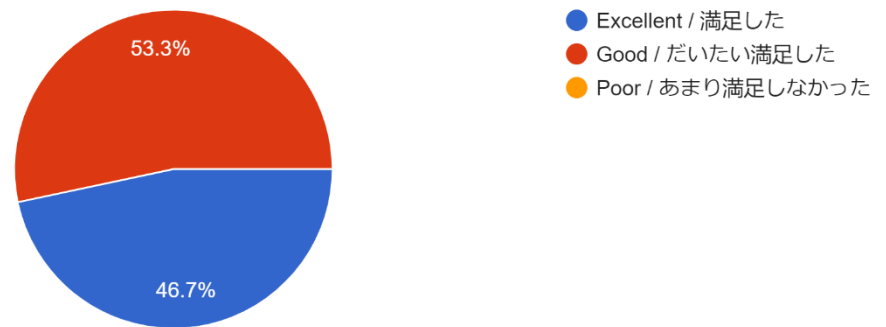
Which format do you prefer, online or in person? / 研究会はオンラインと対面とどちらの形式がいいですか  
15 responses



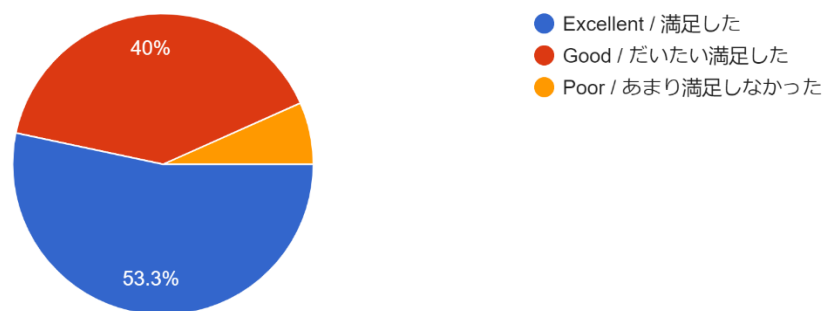
How did you hear about the conference? / 研究会の開催をどのように知りましたか。  
16 responses



How was the conference? / 本研究会はいかがでしたか。  
15 responses



How was the presentation(s)? / 研究発表はいかがでしたか。  
15 responses



**Thank you to everyone who helped make the conference such a success. See you next year!**



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