

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit	Athens, Greece
2. Research project	To attend the ATINER 2 nd Annual Biology Conference
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)	2016. 06. 20 – 2016. 06. 24 (5 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation	Athens Institute for Education and Research
5. Progress and results of your research/activity (You can attach extra pages if needed)	<p>Please insert one or more pictures (to be publicly released). Below each picture, please provide a brief description.</p> <p>During this visit I had the pleasure of joining the ATINER 2nd annual conference on biology in Athens, Greece. This conference was very specialized in terms of the attendance of the participants. A small pool of applicants were selected, with underrepresented countries and institutions as the focus. There were limited slots for speakers, and we were all treated as keynote speakers. I had never attended a conference of this style, and really enjoyed the experience. The talks were more discussion based, and there were open sessions for questions for all speakers, and it enabled researchers to discuss their work freely and receive feedback from scientists in a wide variety of specializations in biology. I preferred this set up, since usually talks are 15-20 minutes with very little time for questions. I was able to receive a lot more feedback than I would have otherwise. I was presenting some new results from my work on the female copulation call in Tibetan macaques. This was a wonderful opportunity to discuss my findings and receive some input to improve my study.</p> <p>The philosophy behind the institute interested me as well. They aim to bring back the former glory of Athens as a hub for academics and researchers. They even discussed the possibility of having an “academic village” where there would be an area home to only scientists and researchers, full of libraries, and conference halls. All of these ideas being discusses in this historic place made me think of the ancient philosophers and great thinkers of Athens, possibly discussing important works on the paths that I traveled to around the city during the conference events. I would like to thank PWS for this incredible opportunity. I will never forget it.</p>
6. Others	

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First view of Athens arriving at
Monastiraki Square



Introduction of the conference at Titania
Hotel



The ATINER 2nd Annual Meetings in
Biology



The Temple of Olympian Zeus



The Parthenon on the Acropolis



The Entrance to Hadrian's Library

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