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My experience with MSCA IIF fellowship

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Period: 2013 Feb – 2015 Jan

Project: TiPTGSVSR



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ETH Zürich, Switzerland



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How I obtained the IIF

2008 April – 2011 Dec

PostDoc in National Institute of Agrobiological Sciences (NIAS), Tsukuba, Japan.
In vitro Biochemistry on RNA silencing pathways in plants.

2011 April

Start contacting to Dr. Prof. Olivier Voinnet in ETH Zürich.
Many **Genetics** on plant and animal RNA silencing.

2011 July

Interview by Olivier in International conference Kyoto.

2012 Jan~

PostDoc in Olivier's lab. Supported by Olivier's grant. **Do research and get results.**

2012 Summer

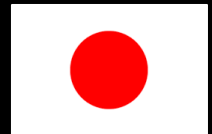
Application to IIF. **Two months** focusing on writing the document.
Think what is advantage for host and for me. A lot assisted by Olivier.

2012 Winter

Good news from European Commission, 3 applicants at once! all happy!

2013 Feb – 2015 Jan

Worked at senior PostDoc supported by MCSA IIF



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How I interact with host through IIF

me, PostDoc



IIF fellow

my boss, Professor



host supervisor

in the beginning



in the end



Do experiments and get some results everyday

Discussion with colleagues everyday

Discussion with Olivier (1:1) every 2 months

Presentation in lab meeting every 4 months

ETH Zürich

- 1) gardener for plants
- 2) facility for Mass-spectrometry
- 3) collaboration with NMR biologists

2015 Jan IIF support completed

2017 One paper has come, another coming out

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My personal feeling about IIF

Tough preparation

Without the help by Olivier, I could not have made it.
He has experiences on MCSA fellowship applications.

Period is Short

For biologists like me, 2 years pass so quick
I needed extra support by Olivier for 2 years

Basically Satisfied

100% financial support to work in Switzerland
Certain money for research

Creative interactions with lab members (so international!)
ETH Zürich provides many extra opportunities
Language (English & Swiss German)

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How IIF influenced my career

