

## **JAPAN LOGISTICS SOCIETY**

### **1. General Description**

#### **(1) Foundation and purpose**

The Japan Logistics Society (*Nihon Butsuryu Gakkai*: JLS) was established in May 1983 with the aim of studying and promoting both academic and practical research on logistics and related matters based on an interdisciplinary approach. The society is also responsible for disseminating research results as well as addressing conceptual models and technical exchange among the researchers concerned.

The President of the Association is Toshinori NEMOTO (Keiai Univ.) and there are 494 members (including 437 regular members) as of July 10, 2017.

#### **(2) Organization and research fields**

The structural organization of the society is composed of the General Assembly, the Board Meeting, six Chapters throughout Japan and seven committees including the editorial committee, public relations committee, planning committee, etc. In line with social, academic, educational, political, economic changes in the environment, the lineup of committees or chapters has been changed and enhanced.

The research fields of the society currently cover all the fields of logistics including logistics management such as logistics strategy, logistics planning, logistics control and logistics operation, logistics organization, logistics cost management, logistics psychology, logistics law and regulation, logistics information, logistics technology, logistics human management and so on from theoretical and practical points of view.

#### **(3) Activities**

The activities of the Society can be summarized as follows:

- ① Conferences, Chapter workshops and seminars
- ② Publications of research results
- ③ Communication and exchange of Society activities with other related domestic and foreign organizations
- ④ Other related activities

#### **(4) Membership**

There are three membership categories: regular member, associate member and

supporting member. Regular membership has gradually been increasing in number since establishment (See Table 1). This tendency of only slight increases in number is due to the comparatively strict qualifications for regular membership; these qualifications need to be discussed and reevaluated in the near future.

Table 1. Number of Regular Members by Year

Year	No. of Regular Members
1983	135
1984-99	(abridged)
2000	309
2001	339
2002	360
2003	379
2004	413
2005	428
2006	443
2007	444
2008	479
2009	432
2010	425
2011	435
2012	434
2013	428
2014	427
2015	429
2016	447(511 in total)

## 2. Summary of Activities

### 2.1 Annual Conferences

Since establishment an Annual National Conference has been held once a year, and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference was scheduled for September, 2016. The unified theme and the host institutions where annual conferences have been held are as follows:

(1)The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

The 24<sup>th</sup> Conference was held on September 6-8, 2007 at Kanagawa Univ. (Yokohama) under the unified theme of Evolving Company's Logistics and Strategy of Logistics Contractor with 41 papers presented.

(2) The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

The 25<sup>th</sup> Conference was held on September 4-6, 2008 at Tokai Univ. (Shizuoka) under the unified theme of Logistics and Risk Management with 40 papers presented.

(3) The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

The 26<sup>th</sup> Conference was held on September 10-12, 2009 at Aichi Gakuin Univ. (Nisshin) under the unified theme of CSR on Physical Distribution and Logistics with 52 papers presented.

(4) The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

The 27<sup>th</sup> Conference was held on September 2-4, 2010 at Hitotsubashi Univ. (Tokyo) under the unified theme of New Development of Global Logistics and Its Leaders with 53 papers presented.

(5) The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

The 28<sup>th</sup> Conference was held on September 1-3, 2011 at Sanno Univ. (Tokyo) under the unified theme of New Current of Supply Chain Logistics with 49 papers presented.

(6) The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

The 29<sup>th</sup> Conference was held on September 13-15, 2012 at the University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences (Kobe) under the unified theme of Supply Chain of the Asian Times with 44 papers presented.

(7) The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

The 30<sup>th</sup> Conference was held on September 12-14, 2013 at Tokyo Univ. of Marine Science and Technology (Tokyo) under the unified theme of Logistics to Support Networked Society with 56 papers presented.

(8) The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference

The 31<sup>st</sup> Conference was held on September 11-13, 2014 at Ryutsu Keizai Univ. (Matsudo) under the unified theme of Human Resource Development to Support

Logistics with 45 papers presented.

(9) The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Conference was held on September 9-11, 2015 at Aichi Gakuin Univ. (Nagoya) under the unified theme of Manufacturing and Logistics with 28 papers presented.

(10) The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Conference was held on September 1-3, 2016 at Hokkai School of Commerce (Sapporo) under the unified theme of Local Development and Logistics with 43 papers presented.

## 2.2 Publications

(1) Journal of the Japan Logistics Society

The Society decided to issue the *Journal of the Japan Logistics Society* in 1992, and the first *Journal* was issued that year. Since then, eight volumes have been published and are roughly summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Summary of *Journals* issued

Volume	Date of Issue	Contents	Pages
No. 1	Nov., 1992	- Academic Papers , 5 - Academic Reports, 1	95
No. 2—No.14		(abridged)	
No. 15	May, 2007	- Academic Papers, 19 - Academic Reports, 8	241
No. 16	May, 2008	- Academic Papers, 22 - Academic Reports, 8	287
No. 17	May, 2009	- Academic Papers, 23 - Academic Reports, 5	269
No. 18	May, 2010	- Academic Papers, 22 - Academic Reports, 4	255
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No. 21	May, 2013	- Academic Papers, 29 - Academic Reports, 10	393
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Note: Academic Paper: Refereed

Academic Report: Non-Refereed

Research Report: Non-Refereed

## (2) Annals

The Society has been publishing its *Annals* once a year since establishment and so far 28 *Annals* have been issued, as shown in Table 3.

Table 3. *Annals* by Year

Volume	Fiscal Year	Date Issued	Pages
Vol. 1	1984	Mar. 20, 1985	25
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