

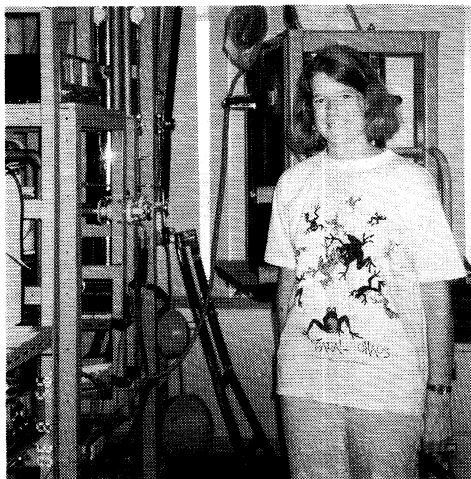
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アンナ・リンドクヴィストさんはスウェーデンのウメオー大学で数理物理学を専攻する女子学生で、卒業研究を兼ねて、この夏 3 ヶ月間我々のグループに滞在した。研究室では、エチルベンゼンの熱容量測定と分子性ガラスの低温熱容量の解析を行った。試料の精製、熱量計へのセット、測定と、普段やりなれない実験であったと思うのだが、実に根気よく取り組み、質の高いデータを得て仕事をやり遂げた(下の写真は実験室で測定中の彼女)。解析の方はさすがに手慣れたもので、FORTRAN で非常に高度なプログラムを短期間で組み、これまでに測定されているすべての分子性ガラスの低温熱容量を現在最も注目されているソフトポテンシャルモデルでフィットするという離れ業をやった。ガラスの低エネルギー励起は現在の物性物理学で最もホットな話題の一つであるが、彼女の仕事が大きな注目を集めることは間違いない。

以上のように紹介すると、知性一点張りのインテリ娘のように思えるが、そして実際北歐人特有の理性人なのだが、非常にスポーツウーマンでチャームな女性でもあった。夏休みで解放された大学のプールにたびたび泳ぎに行ったが、最も人目を引く存在であったことは言うまでもない。日本の文化に対しても非常に興味を持ち、天神祭り、花火大会、プロ野球観戦などを楽しんだ。特に野球には興味があったようで、ルールを覚え、よくテレビ観戦もしていた(選手の名前は結局イチローと NOMO しか覚えなかったが)。信州での夏休み恒例の研究室セミナーにも非常に喜んで参加した(下の写真は那时的スナップ)。「日本は high technology の国で高層ビルばかりだと思っていたのに、こんな美しい農村風景があるなんて...」と言っていたのが印象深い。今度日本に来たら必ず日本語をマスターすると言っていたが、その日が来るのを楽しみにしている。

(山室 修 記)



Dear friends,

I have been requested to write about my impressions of Japan. But it is difficult as I get new impressions every day. My strongest memory from my stay is the great hospitality that I have been shown. The way you took care of me and helped me with my daily life. I think Sweden and Umea University has a lot to learn from you.

I came here because I was curious about your country and culture. Three months is too short a time to really get to know a country. But it is enough to start to like a country which I have done. I thought Japan was only high technology and that all houses looked like the high buildings in central Tokyo. Fortunately I was wrong, you have a lot more than that. All the temples in Kyoto, Mount Fuji, beautiful kimonos,...

Once I was asked about my worst memory of Japan. But I couldn't think of any. August was too hot but I was warned before I came here. My best memory is no easier because I have so much to choose from. One nice memory is our summer seminar. I had a great time and got the opportunity to see some other parts of Japan. And to see mount Fuji. But I think the best is all the nice people I have met. And if I come back I would like to learn Japanese to have the possibility to learn to know you even better.

Even though I am only a student you took my work seriously and gave me a lot of help and support. Great thanks to my wonderful supervisor Osamu Yamamuro. During my stay here I have learned a lot of what science is all about and how it is made. I have not decided what to do after graduating but maybe I will continue with science.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who made my stay here a pleasant one and to welcome you to visit Sweden, so I can return a little of the hospitality you have shown me. I want to give a special thanks Professor Matsuo and his family for arranging my stay here and for making me feel at home.

In a few weeks I will go home to autumn in Sweden, with rain and cold. And to be honest it will be nice to go home. To look normal for a change. But I'd like to come back some day. And Japan will always be a very special place for me.

I hope I will see you all again



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