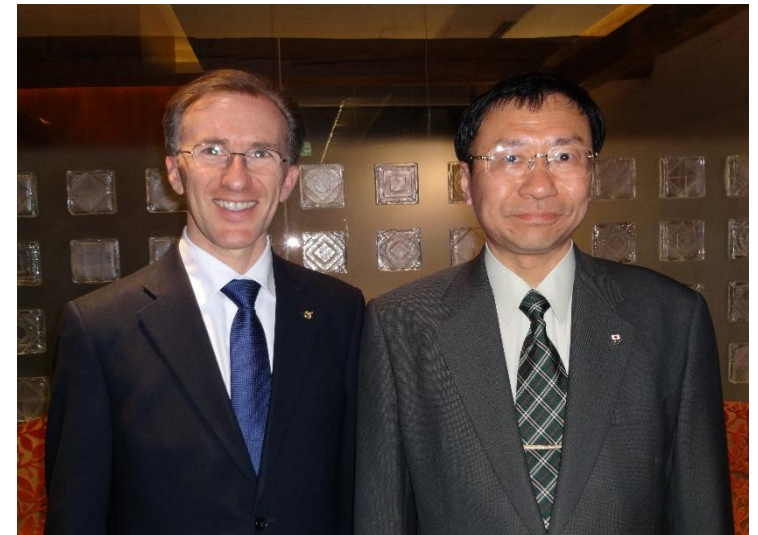


Best Sommelier in the World (2013), Mr. Paolo Basso

Questions

Mr. Sommelier, there are four basic questions on the work about wine which will change your life.

- 1) Do you do any performance against the sommelier's spirit?
- 2) Do you receive any questions about wine?
- 3) Do you answer questions about wine?
- 4) Do you introduce yourself as top sommelier without answering questions?



Asked by the Doctor and Chairperson of Sports

Yukihisa SHIDA, MD, PhD

The Doctor and Chairperson of Sports — the fastest pace in history

Team Doctor of the Japan Table Tennis Team (1990-1994)

Chairperson of the International Table Tennis Federation Sports Science Congress (1991)

May 23, 2014

We would like to request a short comment of an international sommelier like you. All Japanese know the name of Dr. Haruko Obokata who was graduated from Waseda University (first-class university, Japan) and her study on the STAP (stimulus-triggered acquisition of pluripotency) stem cells. She republished two papers in the journal Nature as a Unit Leader of Riken Center (Japan's largest comprehensive research institution) in winter, 2014. However, her glory was only momentary. She entered Waseda University through the Admissions Office entrance examination. Her 20-page graduation thesis submitted to Waseda University appears to have been copied and pasted from a National Institutes of Health website. We Japanese were surprised by this fact and disappointed by her behavior of cheating to win. Waseda University announced that it would launch an investigation committee to check her and other 280 graduates' (of Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering) dissertations. [However, Waseda University doesn't want to reveal her background, who entered the university through the A.O. entrance examination system and probably lacks the basic scholastic skills. She is neither a bright (just over average on the scholar ability examination, *Shuusai*) person nor one of the 20 ~30% of the Waseda University undergraduate students.] Dr. Ryoji Noyori, President of the Riken Center and Nobel Prize Winner (2001) reported that one immature scientist (Dr. Obokata) did also make a serious mistake not only at WASEDA but also at the RIKEN, and recommended that she withdraw her papers. Moreover, he confirmed that there were no shoddy work practices such as inappropriate male-female relationships at the workplace. Vice President of the RIKEN, Dr. Yoshiki Sasai answered a question about the moral as a medical doctor clearly, "She is not a girlfriend absolutely." [University Professor of Nagoya University (first-class university), Dr. Noyori didn't call Professor of Kyoto University (first-class university), Dr. Sasai, "Liar" or "Low-level humanity."] Dr. Obokata and Mr. Hideo Miki, her agent and a member of the four Japanese first-class lawyers' team, asserted at a press conference on April 9, 2014, and other conferences, "Waseda University took Dr. Obokata's draft for dissertation for the true dissertation. It is the truth." and "Dr. Obokata has not made a deliberate mistake in her work and had no plan to withdraw her two papers from the Nature..." And the final solution of the specialist was, shall we say, unique. Dr. Charles Alfred Vacanti, Professor of Harvard University, an expert in this field who is one of the examiners for her dissertation at Waseda University Graduate School in 2011 and senior corresponding author of the two papers to the Nature in 2014 is the only man who ever beat the no-win scenario in this serious situation on the earth. Top Sommelier, would you like to know how? The top professional's comment and way of thinking are as follows. "I (Prof. Vacanti) was not presented with or asked to read a copy of her (Dr. Obokata's) dissertation." "We (Prof. Vacanti and Dr. Obokata) will never retract the two papers from the Nature if it contains errors in methodology. Our conclusion on the STAP is right." All chairpersons who cause the STAP research scandal in the 21st century can receive and answer questions, so it has the virtue (??) of having never been tried.



Riken Center



"Kawaii and Lady-killer" (?)



Prof. Noyori



Prof. Sasai



Dr. Obokata



Lawyer Miki



Prof. Vacanti

Is Dr. Sasai a reliable doctor ("Eisha")? If the two doctors (Dr. Sasai and Dr. Obokata) were friends, he must write his resignation immediately. He caused us trouble by trying to pass off a deer as a horse. Not all Japanese doctors can get academic achievements ("Jisseki").

* The Molecular Biology Society of Japan (MBSJ) released a statement, strongly condemning the statement of the President of MBSJ regarding a response to STAP Cell research papers (the third statement) on July 4, 2014. Dr. Yoshiki Sasai resigned his post of the RIKEN and Kyoto University, by putting an end to himself on August 5. Dr. Masatoshi Takeichi, Director of RIKEN and Emeritus Professor of Kyoto University, said that he wanted Dr. Sasai to live through the pain he suffered a little longer on August 5, 2014. Prof. Sasai looked like the "Prince (*Obocchan*) of Kyoto University" to the end of his life (52 years old).