

Is that a holiday?

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So, here we are - on sabbatical in Europe - Shinichi working very hard, as usual, and me on "holiday". For me this sabbatical means visiting family, looking after our little children, and doing all sorts of usual domestic chores plus lots of extras (e.g. packing and unpacking, organising and translating). This keeps me very busy and actually does not feel much like holiday in traditional sense.

I already started missing living in Dunedin and being officially employed part-time. Without that, I don't get the undisturbed time in the office which allows me to focus on scientific work. Being away from home with small kids is at times quite stressful. Despite that, I still manage to contribute to several projects run by our group. I keep track of recent literature and work on new and old manuscripts. I attended a conference, first for last 4 years (vide [my previous post](#)). I enjoyed visiting the institute where Shinichi is hosted ([Max Planck Institute for Ornithology](#)) and talking to researchers there. Now, back in Krakow, Poland, I am going to catch up with old friends from the [Institute of Environmental Sciences, Jagiellonian University](#).

Seeing and listening about life and work in different places gives some perspective to our life. I am very happy with mine and with my working holiday too. It is a time for reflecting on the last few years and planning for the future. And we all need to have some time for this too.

By the way, this short blog was written while feeding kids...

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