



PACE-Net Newsletter

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Dear readers,

We are pleased to present the fifth number of the PACE-Net newsletter.

The PACE-Net project is coming to its end, and will close its activities with the third and last PACE-NET key stakeholder conference, which will be held in Suva, Fiji, from the 12th to the 14th of March 2013.

The objective of the conference is to present the results of the whole three-year PACE-Net project and discuss their implementation as well as potential future actions with stakeholders from policy, research, development, and innovation.

The first PACE-Net conference in Brisbane (July 2011) focused on the “Efficiency of instruments to foster bi-regional cooperation”. The second conference in Brussels (March 2012) laid emphasis on a high level dialogue on “Strengthening Pacific-European Collaboration in Research, Development and Innovation”.

Both events also generated concrete policy relevant outputs on prioritizing sectoral challenges and elaborating strategic funding frameworks, and initiatives. The PACE-Net results session will lead into a panel discussion on success stories of funding and networking at regional scale and with Europe. The conference will also include an info-session on EU research and innovation framework programme tools and mobility schemes to demonstrate opportunities for international collaboration between Europe and the Pacific. You are invited to contribute to our Newsletter by sending any information or documentation you would like to share; if it is relevant to the project stakeholders we will be pleased to publish it in the next and last issue.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at pace-net@apre.it.

We hope you'll enjoy this issue of the PACE-Net Newsletter!
The PACE-Net Team

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PACE-Net «International Cooperation-Networking» is an INCO-Net project financed by the European Commission under the [7th Framework Programme](#) that aims to achieve the following main objectives:

- * reinforce existing dialogues and Networks and promote regional integration for these networks.
- * identify S&T international cooperation activities and programmes towards the Pacific region.
- * strengthen the coordination of S&T cooperation and the complementarities with activities and programmes carried out by other Community instruments.

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PACE-Net Key Stakeholder Conference: dissemination of Project Results and Networking towards Implementation and Future Actions - Suva, Fiji, 12-14 March 2013

Programme

The PACE-NET project will be organizing its last bi-regional conference in Suva, Fiji. The objective of the conference is to present the results obtained in the last three years of intensive engagement between Europe and the Pacific. One of the main discussions will revolve around the implementation and future actions among stakeholders from the policy, research, development, and innovation spheres. The PACE-Net results include capacity development, analytical work on S&T capacity and priorities in the Pacific, and outcomes of two previous bi-regional PACE-Net conferences.

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Brisbane (July 2011) focused on the “Efficiency of instruments to foster bi-regional cooperation”.

The second conference in Brussels (March 2012) focussed on a high-level dialogue on “Strengthening Pacific-European Collaboration in Research, Development and Innovation”. Both events also generated concrete policy-relevant outputs on prioritizing sectoral challenges, and elaborating strategic funding frameworks and initiatives. The thematic areas considered were: Biodiversity/Ecosystem Management; Health; and Water, Agriculture/Forestry, Fisheries/ Aquaculture, Natural Hazards, Midterm Research, Development and Innovation Policies in relation to climate

change. At the Suva Conference it is foreseen to have a PACE-Net results session leading into a panel discussion on success stories of funding and networking at the regional level and with Europe. High-level representatives from different funding partnerships (e.g. private sector, development banks, governments, research networks) will present and discuss past & current research, development and innovation collaboration activities, as well as innovative planned activities between partners from the EU and the Pacific, and within the Pacific. The scope, impact, sustainability, and the transferability of the partnership models will be discussed, along with the role which science plays or



could play in future collaboration activities. The conference will also host an info-session on the EU research and innovation framework programme tools and programmes, as well as other mobility schemes to demonstrate the opportunities available for international collaboration between Europe and the Pacific. Presentations and discussions with key actors from the “Pacific Islands University Research Network (PIURN)” are targeted to support intra- and inter-regional knowledge creation and sharing, and to further advance the development of the regional Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I) policy framework. Finally, the conference will also include full day field trip to outstanding Fijian research organisations to provide opportunities for insights into research facilities and exchange with researchers to further stimulate initiatives and possibilities for future collaboration.

Venue

The conference will be held at the University of the South Pacific

(USP) in Suva, Fiji. With this, we will allow a greater degree of networking between stakeholders within the Pacific and between the Pacific and Europe. The University of the South Pacific is the premier institution of higher learning for the Pacific region, uniquely placed in a region of extraordinary physical, social and economic diversity.

Established in 1968, USP is jointly owned by the governments of 12 member countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Samoa.

The University of the South Pacific region spreads across 33 million square kilometers of ocean, an area more than three times the size of Europe.

Target Groups

The conference is targeted to

- Decision-makers from the Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand.

The European Commission and EU member states including relevant government ministries and

permanent secretaries from the Pacific and EU representatives;

- Research organization representatives, research coordinators, outstanding scientists (engaged in research on climate change themes biodiversity, health, water, agriculture/forestry, natural hazards, fisheries/aquaculture in the Pacific);

- National level research organizations, coordinators, scientists;

- Funding organizations other than EU (national and multi-lateral funding organizations) including multi-lateral funding organizations and national funding organizations;

- Regional level research organizations/ coordinators/ scientists; and

- Non -Governmental Organizations (NGOs). The participation in the conference is free of charge. In order to participate in the dialogue platform, it is necessary that you register. In the online form you will find questions regarding your personal data, biographical information.

Further information:

Registration form available at: <https://secure.pt-dlr.de/pt-conference/conference/PACE032013>

Registration deadline: 01 March 2013

In case of the need for registration after this date, please contact: Dr. Izzal Azid (azid_s@usp.ac.fj).

Please note that reimbursement of travel costs will only be possible for few persons due to budget constraints. In case you will not have the chance to participate physically in the Suva conference, we would very much like to include your contribution(s) in the conference by text or video message and be linked with you for future joint collaborations.



News from Europe

Broad Support for the New International Cooperation Strategy at Inter-institutional Debate, and in European Commission DGs

Following its adoption by the Commission on 14 September 2012, the Communication on a new international cooperation strategy for research and innovation (COM (2012) 497) has been welcomed By the European Council and Parliament, as well as other European Institutions.

At the European Commission, the implementation of the strategy has already started. Thematic services responsible for the different challenges and industrial technologies in Horizon 2020 are currently reflecting on how to translate the new policy into concrete actions in multi-annual plans for international cooperation, as well as in the first Work Programmes of Horizon 2020.

The Strategic International Research and Innovation Cooperation (SIRIC) group is

responsible for horizontally harmonising the work. The debate on what is expected and on related information needs took place at the last two meetings of SIRIC (3 December and 22 January).

The next meeting will take place in mid-March and focus on the instruments available for implementation within the Work Programmes.

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Ireland takes over EU Council Presidency

Economic stability, growth and jobs are Ireland's priorities for the next 6 months as it takes over the EU presidency from Cyprus.

This is Ireland's 7th turn at the EU helm, and by chance it coincides with the 40th anniversary of Ireland's joining the EU.

The 6-month Presidency gives Ireland a chance to priorities issues that it considers to be particularly important – in this case economic stability, jobs and growth.

Jobs & growth Ireland will push ahead with the compact on growth and jobs – a package of measures



Uachtaránacht na hÉireann ar
Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpaigh
Irish Presidency of the Council
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addressing fiscal consolidation, lending, unemployment, international trade and other areas with the potential to create growth and jobs.

Other priorities include new rules:
* on the recognition of professional qualifications in

other EU countries

- * modernising public procurement
- * making clear the rights of workers posted abroad within the EU.

More information:

http://ec.europa.eu/news/eu_explained/130101_en.htm

New Study Launched on Long Term Career Prospects for Marie Curie Researchers

A twelve-month comparative study looking at “Marie Curie researchers and their long-term career development” has just been launched. Its main objectives to collect and analyse information related to the career development of Marie Curie researchers coming from all over the world, and to present a comprehensive picture of the long-term career paths after their fellowship. The study will compare the career development of Marie Curie researchers with that of other researchers. It will also look into the specific career paths of male and female researchers, providing a basis



for addressing the topic of possible obstacles to female researchers' mobility and career progression. The target group consists of researchers of any nationality who have completed their Marie Curie Fellowship five or more years ago,

i.e., those researchers funded under FP4, FP5 and FP6. The results will help the Commission fine-tune future Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in Horizon 2020, make them even more attractive for female researchers, continue encouraging

high-quality research training programmes, and support attractive employment and working conditions for researchers in Europe.

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Destination Europe Event Highlights Opportunities for International Researchers to Work in Europe

The second *Destination Europe* event took place in San Francisco on 6 and 7 December.

Ten Member States, three Associated States, three European Agencies: ERC (European Research Council), EIT (European Institute of Innovation and Technology), REA (Research Executive Agency) and Euraxess presented the opportunities available to researchers from anywhere in the world to pursue their research careers in Europe.

February 2013 4th Issue 31 The event was attended by over 200 US and international researchers. Participants discovered the richness and variety of the research and innova-

tion landscape in Europe in plenary sessions, where speakers shared their experiences of moving to or within Europe, and in dedicated break-out sessions.

The next *Destination Europe* event will take place on 22 February 2013 in Cambridge Massachusetts, back-to-back with the European Career Fair at MIT.



For further information, please see the website or contact Mary Kavanagh, DG RTD, Directorate D (Anne.Haglund-Morrissey@ec.europa.eu)

Analysis of International Cooperation Partner Country (ICPC) participation focused on SSH in comparison with other Themes"

The NET4SOCIETY project conducted an analysis of international participation in the FP7 SSH Theme. The document provides an overview on the themes and areas various countries showed particular interest in, especially in Theme 8 "Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH)".

International cooperation is rapidly acquiring relevance in all EU research programmes and is no longer confined to a specific scientific and technological (S&T) cooperation programme.

The European Commission is actively promoting the scientific cooperation with Third Countries (International Cooperation Partner Countries and high income

countries). The present report is focused on the analysis of the participation of International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPCs) in the Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities Theme (SSH) of the Cooperation Programme, included in FP7.

The principal aim of this report is to increase the awareness about ICPCs' participation in the SSH

Theme including a general comparison with the other FP7 Programmes. The results of the analysis are intended at strengthening cooperation among SSH NCPs, multipliers and researchers from EU and Third Countries.

More information on international cooperation within FP7 Theme 8 "SSH" can be found here.

For further information:

<http://www.net4society.eu/public/396.php>



ECOPAS: European Consortium for Pacific Studies

ECOPAS (European Consortium for Pacific Studies) is a new multidisciplinary project in the social sciences and humanities (SSH) funded by the EU's 7th Framework Programme (December 2012 – December 2015). It is designed to provide coordination and support to research and policy communities on issues connected to climate change and related processes in the Pacific Islands region, in order to define better options for sustainable development. ECOPAS aims to restore the human dimension to climate change. The Pacific is notable for the discrepancy between the contribution of its small economies to global climate change, and the severity of climate change effects experienced by its peoples. Linkages developed by ECOPAS between research networks and policy interfaces will contribute to more context-sensitive EU external action, and will set a future research agenda for social science and humanities in the Pacific. ECOPAS is the first-ever network to develop extensive, durable collaboration in the social sciences and humanities between European and Pacific scholarly institutions, as well as between research institutions and local, national and international political agencies. While the emphasis of ECOPAS is on developing a long-term strategy for SSH research on the Pacific, strong links are also forged with climate research in the natural sciences, both at Pacific and European insti-



tutions. Built on seven interrelated and complementary Work Packages, the ECOPAS Work Programme aims to define and strengthen the potential of European research in the Pacific by creating a platform and portal for knowledge exchanges, a long-term plan for capacity building both in Europe and the Pacific, and a strategic plan for Pacific state and non-state involvement. The close involvement of major Pacific institutions, and the linkages with diplomacy and regional organizations developed by ECOPAS, will provide for a process of policy reorientation informed by Pacific perspectives and experiences. ECOPAS participants are four Eu-

ropean university centres of excellence on Pacific research, in Norway, France, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands (BPS – Bergen, CREDO – Aix-Marseille, CPS – St. Andrews and CPAS – Nijmegen), and two major Pacific institutions of research, education and policy (the University of the South Pacific – Fiji and the National Research Institute – Papua New Guinea).

The ECOPAS web site is at:

www.pacific-studies.eu

For further information, contact ECOPAS Coordinator (Professor Edvard Hviding) or ECOPAS Administrator (Ms Eilin Holtan Torgersen) at ecopas@uib.no.





News from the Pacific

Pacific Islands Universities Research Network (PIURN) COMMUNIQUE

A meeting of vice-chancellors and senior level representatives of interested universities and stakeholders was held at the University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji, between November 5th – 7, 2012, to discuss the formation of a network of universities from the Pacific Island countries and territories to support intra- and inter- regional knowledge creation and sharing, and to prepare succinct recommendations for the development of a regional Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I) Policy framework.

Recognizing the benefits of a regional science and technology framework to strengthen national and regional agendas, the delegates discussed the capacity of universities to contribute to a collaborative network which would help foster research links and strengthen the policy processes

in the region. Potential identified benefits from establishing a universities' research network included a capacity to:

Generate new knowledge for addressing priority challenges in the Pacific region.

Share physical and intellectual

resources to facilitate quality research. Strengthen scientific research content in the curriculum and in teaching. Develop shared research training initiatives.

Collectively work with regional and international organizations to strengthen the quantity and quality



of research conducted in fields of major importance.

Protect and build on local and indigenous knowledge systems in research programmes.

Provide ST&I policy advice at the regional and national level.

The meeting resolved:

‘That a Pacific Islands Universities Research Network (PIURN) be established with the principal purpose of building upon the quality educational capacity of these universities, for enhancing research and development collaboration in science, technology and innovation, to better serve the needs and

aspirations of Pacific communities.

To seek prominent inclusion of ST&I initiatives in the updated Pacific Plan and to further advance the development of the regional ST&I policy framework.’

To successfully implement these resolutions, the meeting agreed to:

1. Appoint Jito Vanualailai, Associate Professor and Director of Research, University of the South Pacific, as the Interim Coordinator of the network.

2. Appoint Anne Rouault, Head of Research Administration, University of New Caledonia, as the Assistant Interim Coordinator of

the network.

3. Form a PIURN secretariat that will be hosted by the University of the South Pacific for three years in the first instance.

Establish a PIURN working group of ten prospective university representatives to formulate the terms of reference and operational structure for the network in partnership with relevant national, regional and international organizations. The working group is expected to report to prospective member universities within a 6-month period.

Collaboration with Asia Workshop Sydney 25-27 March 2013

A workshop focussed on collaboration with Asia will be held in Sydney, Australia, between the 25th and 27th March 2013. In partnership with the former FASAS and AASA*, and the newly merged Association of Academies and Societies of Sciences in Asia (AASSA), the Australian Academy of Science is conducting a workshop on its award-winning program ‘Primary-Connections’: Linking science with literacy.

The workshop is funded by the Inter-Academy Panel. The three-day workshop is intended

for trainers and decision-makers of education systems from the Asian region to help them become familiar with the PrimaryConnections program and evaluate its applicability for their country. Fifteen travel scholarships funded by the InterAcademy Panel are available for delegates from developing countries. Please find an information sheet and an application form at the following link.



For further information:

<http://www.science.org.au/primaryconnections/professional-learning-programme/asia-workshop.html>

UPNG to facilitate the National Research Agenda Workshop in Papua New Guinea with the PNG Office of Higher Education

By Boe Lahui-Ako, Deputy Dean of Research, UPNG

In meeting the University of Papua New Guinea's Strategic Plan and in the University's efforts to translate the PNG Vision 2050 into operational and mission-focused strategies, the Dean of Research, Professor Teatulohi Matainaho and the Deputy Dean of Research, Mr. Boe Lahui-Ako have been working very closely with the staff of the Office of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology Division to facilitate the first ever National Research Agenda Workshop. This workshop will be held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from the 3rd – 5th April, 2013 at the Gateway Hotel.

Professor Matainaho points out that the role of science and research in the development of Papua New Guinea has yet to be defined by the Government of the day. In many developing and emerging economies, investment in research and innovation has resulted in new knowledge and ideas, discoveries and technologies with applications in the industries, health, agriculture, and energy sectors. Engagement in research methodology and investigation contributes to professionally qualified and trained manpower with skills in leadership, creative and critical minds, and skills in solving complex problems, dealing with difficult issues and exploring the unknown – the future.

Research, according to Professor Matainaho enables universities and organizations to establish research infrastructures and capabilities that ultimately support teaching and learning. The role of institutions of higher learning is critical in ensuring future security and economic sustainability of Papua New Guinea through investment in research and innovation to support a knowledge-based economy and wealth creation beyond the life of non-renewable industries. Papua New Guinea is recognizably rich in natural resources but is primarily a consumer of innovation, but through research in science and technology, Papua New Guinea can become an innovator.

The PNG Vision 2050 recognizes the role for Papua New Guinea's universities. In that there is a need to increase, improve and support current research-based institutions and universities in order to produce top quality research and

development outcomes that will provide solutions to challenges in areas such as medicine, climate change and disease patterns. It calls for existing institutions in Papua New Guinea to engage in fostering alignment and partnerships to integrate research and development with teaching and learning which will enhance the quality of education.

The National Research Agenda Workshop is aimed to assist the Office of Higher Education and the Office for Vision 2050 to develop a national strategic research agenda consistent with Vision 2050, The Development Strategic Plan (DSP), the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and other development goals. In addition, it is anticipated that thematic or key research areas within the Vision 2050, DSP, MDGs and other development plans are determined and areas of research priorities under thematic areas are proposed.



Annual Research Fair, September 2012



UPNG PACE-NET Stall, September 2012

JAMSTEC aims for collaborative research with UPNG

By Boe Lahui-Ako, Deputy Dean of Research, UPNG

The University of Papua New Guinea's Marine Scientists meet with a group of Marine Scientists from the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) on the 5th February 2013 at the University of Papua New Guinea. Professor Kazuhiro Kitazawa from JAMSTEC in the opening of the seminar said that the main aim of their coming to the University of Papua New Guinea was enable JAMSTEC marine scientists to share their research findings on projects that have been conducted within the waters of Papua New Guinea. The second aim was to encourage collaborative research on on-going JAMSTEC research projects with marine scientists from Papua New Guinea.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Papua New Guinea, Professor Albert Mellam in welcoming the visiting marine scientists to the University said that the University as a lead higher education institution in Papua New Guinea is dedicated to working

with the Government of Papua New Guinea to achieve its long-term strategic plans so that the vision as highlighted in the Vision 2050: "We will be a Smart, Wise, Fair, Health and Happy Society by 2050" is adopted and developed through research activities. UPNG's mission is to deliver excellent education and research results for nation building and global advancement that leads towards an innovative and empowered society. JAMSTEC is taking the initiative to encourage collaborative research in the areas

of marine science is a move in the right direction. Such initiatives pronounces the importance of research in service delivery, monitoring and evaluation of PNG Vision 2050, continuous data collection for policy changes, harnessing natural resources and biodiversity, improving human capital training through teaching and supervision with the cumulative impact on adding value to the country's Vision of becoming a "Smart, Wise, Fair, Healthy and Happy Society by 2050".



Visiting JAMSTEC Marine Scientists with Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Subba Rao, Asso. Prof. Russell Perembo and Mr. Boe Lahui-Ako from UPNG

2012 Science Technology and Resources Network (STAR) Conference

The science of a changing world: addressing Pacific issues through the 21st Century

The 2012 STAR Conference was held in Noumea, New Caledonia from November 3rd to 6th, and hosted by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and the IRD (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement – Research Institute for Development).

A strength of STAR is its ability to mobilise science to address the national needs of Pacific island nations and provide, as an independent and voluntary body, an important scientific and advisory role.

The overall theme of the 2012 STAR Conference, “The science of a changing world: addressing Pacific issues through the 21st Century”, was focused on ways in which Pacific island nations can enhance their development by better linking the understanding of the science of changing natural systems with the necessary ongoing policy and political changes that are taking place both in the region and globally. Some 35 papers were presented on a wide range of topics,

from deep earth geophysics on the one hand, through oceanography and coastal geology, to the effects of environmental change on ecosystems and on human health.

This conference offers in bringing together experts from around the world who might not often meet, to convene thematic working groups. This year, working groups have been convened in the 5 themes of marine benthic habitats, water, seismic hazards/tsunami early warning systems, ocean acidification, and information sharing. And the conference serves as a supportive entry point for

young scientists in the region into the international scientific arena.

During this conference, Armand Beuf (Principal Scientific Officer from the Research Directorate-General of the European Commission) had the opportunity to present the EU international strategy research & innovation (global challenges, international science, innovation opportunities) and Ian White presented the PACE-Net project and outcomes and the next PACE-net Key stakeholders Conference in Suva. It was a good opportunity for scientists to know more about the project and to get involved in our network.



For further information:

www.sopac.org

International conference on sustainable development in Oceania: towards a new ethic?

Call for papers: Sustainable development in Oceania: towards a new ethic?

International Conference: 24, 25 and 26 April 2013, Northern Province, New Caledonia Scientific Coordination: Séverine Blaise (Lecturer in Economics, University of New Caledonia, Nouméa) and Carine David (Lecturer in Public Law, University of New Caledonia, Nouméa)

Purpose of the conference:

In Oceania, countries with high living standards and growth rates coexist alongside the poorest countries in the world. The region provides also a wide variety of macroeconomic situations, from countries surviving on fishing and agriculture, to rentier and extroverted economies based on mining and tourism. In Oceania, the problems of non sustainability of the current development models are particularly acute due to various reasons : climate change inducing an inevitable rise in the seawaters, ocean acidification, increased migration, overexploitation of natural resources (such as fish but also drinking water), pollution and ecosystem degradation due, among other things, to the intensive exploitation of mineral resources or tourism development. More

generally, Pacific island states and territories face changes in lifestyle, a loss of biodiversity and cultural diversity, a disintegration of the traditional social fabric and a rise in inequality that generates violence and conflicts, health problems related to new patterns and ways of life etc.

In most countries of the region (if we except Australia and New Zealand), the development process also faces constraints characteristic of small island states (SIDS): remoteness, small markets, vulnerability to world prices, etc. often combined with socio-cultural and political difficulties related to decolonization and the learning of

sovereignty. With the acceleration of the globalization process, an unfavorable international environment has emerged for the poorest countries in commercial exchanges, in which the strategies of transnational corporations play an increasing role, shaping territories by upsetting the balance. In this context, the purpose of the conference is both to encourage interdisciplinary theoretical debates (economics, law, management, sociology, anthropology, philosophy, geography, ecology, history ...) around the concept of sustainable development and the specificities of SIDS, but also to share experiences and prospects



of implementation of development programs in the various countries of Oceania.

Themes of communications:

1. Pacific approaches for a renewed concept of sustainable development

(Sub-themes: Representations and models of development Green growth versus degrowth Systemic approach and transdisciplinarity Thermodynamics and entropy

Ethics and values Marginalization of social sustainability Reinvention of law for a renewed conception of sustainable development?

2. Terms and implementation of sustainable development in Oceania Sub-themes:

- * Corporate societal responsibility and intercultural management
- * Social mediation
- * Common Goods and Governance
- * Appropriation and participation

- * Custom and modernity
- * New technologies: opportunity or threat?
- * Sustainable land management and urbanization
- * Measuring sustainable development
- * Happiness: a new development paradigm?

For further information:

<http://pacenet.eu/events/international-conference-sustainable-development-oceania-towards-new-ethic>

Science for Human Security & Sustainable Development in the Pacific Islands & Rim, 8-12 July 2013, USP, Suva, Fiji Islands

The University of the South Pacific is proud to host the 12th Pacific Science Inter-Congress with the overarching theme of 'Science for Human Security & Sustainable Development in the Pacific Islands & Rim'. The 12th Pacific Science Inter-Congress is organized in collaboration with the Pacific Science Association (PSA), a regional, non-governmental, scholarly organization that seeks to advance science and technology in support of sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region. Since the first Pacific Science Congress held in 1920 in Honolulu, PSA has convened Pacific

Science Congresses and Inter-Congresses every two years in different venues throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Through Congress and Inter-Congress meetings, and ongoing scientific Working Groups, PSA provides an interdisciplinary platform for scientists to discuss research findings and their relevance to the region. The focus of the 12th Inter-Congress includes physical, biological, and social sciences and encompasses terrestrial, marine, atmospheric, and social/cultural subjects and approaches in the Pacific Islands and Rim region.

The broad sub-themes of the meet-



ing include:

- Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, and Resilient Societies;
- Information and Communications Technologies for Sustainable Development;
- Food, Water, Energy and Health;
- Culture and Gender;
- Governance, Economic Development and Public Policy;
- Climate Change; and

- Oceans

The University of the South Pacific is also calling on interested NGOs/ CSOs/CROP Agencies/ Research in-

stitutions or Government Ministries who may wish to partner with the University to sponsor specific areas/topics or sessions relating to

Human Security to please register your interest with the Conference Planner.

For further information:

conference@usp.ac.fj

Asia-Pacific STS Network Biennial Conference 2013, 15 - 17 July, 2013 at the National University of Singapore

Knowing, Making, Governing - across Asia and the Pacific, the work of science, technology and society calls attention to the region's plurality of socio-technical projects and ways of knowing.

The Asia-Pacific Science, Technology and Society Network is an association of regional scholars for fostering collaboration and encouraging science, technology and society research, teaching, and critical discussion on current STS themes and issues in the Asia-Pacific region. The conference will be held on 15-17 July 2013 at the National University of Singapore. The conference website may be viewed here, including submission & registration guidelines.

Deadline for proposals is 7 January, 2013. Contact conference organizers at apstsn2013@gmail.com

The conference accepts proposals for all themes pertaining to science, technology and society,

including: Biosciences Food, Water & Agriculture; Medicine; Business; Finance & Markets; Gender; Modeling and Numbers-work; Care; Indigenous Knowledges; Normativity and Normalization; Citizenship & Activism; Information & Media; Posthumanities; Disaster; Inter-Species Relations; Publics & Participation; Energy; Knowledge & its Limits; Risk Environment & Ecology; Government, Policy & Politics; Theory & Method.

The conference accepts proposals for all STS-related themes; the

above are only some of the most common.

APSTSN Biennial Conference 2013 is jointly hosted by the STS Research Cluster of the Asia Research Institute (ARI), the STS Research Cluster of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), and Tembusu College (at University Town), all at the National University of Singapore (NUS). Support has also been received from the Humanities and Social Science Research Fund at NUS and from the Singapore Tourism Board.



For further information:

<http://www.apstsn2013.com/>

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