

## Living Knowledge – Building Partnership for Public Access to Research

### Newsletter – September 2003

Dear reader!

This newsletter is intended as a link between the Living Knowledge Discussion List with its brief information and ongoing discussion and the Living Knowledge Magazine with its detailed reports and articles that represent the current state of the discussion on community based research matters.

I would like to use this third issue of the bimonthly Living Knowledge Newsletter to ask for participation. November will bring two important events for the presentation of science shops and science shop like organisation to a broad public: The European Social Forum in Paris and the international workshop 'Interfaces between Science and Society' in Milan. The coming Living Knowledge magazine, which will be available for the events, offers a good opportunity to introduce your organisation or specific projects to an informed and committed audience. Not only this newsletter lives from your participation: So please feel free to criticise, prompt and contribute news, events, short reports or experiences from your special field of work.

Yours sincerely  
Norbert Steinhaus

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#### **Call for papers**

#### **Living Knowledge – Journal of Community Based Research**

Deadline for submissions: October, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Living Knowledge – Journal of Community Based Research (LK) will be the official publication of the International Science Shop Network. The first issue will be published in November 2003. Its general theme will be "Getting Started".

The magazine welcomes the contribution of reports, articles, news, press releases and clippings, letters, contribution to discussions, job offers, internships, internet links etc. To simplify your contribution to the magazine you can send your press releases, headlines, brief information or news in any language. The editorial board will choose topics from your contributions and organize the translation. Reports and detailed articles should follow the editorial guidelines. Information about LK and the editorial guidelines can be found at the homepage of the science shop network ([www.scienceshops.org](http://www.scienceshops.org)). Please feel free to contact the editors for your questions and any support.

Please note that Living Knowledge is not a peer reviewed scientific publication yet. A peer reviewed supplement to LK is intended to be published in July 2005. The purpose of LK is to disseminate informative articles and reports that represent the current work of science shops in the field of (demand driven) community based research matters.

The magazine will be distributed to the network as well to journalists and mediators. The magazine will also be presented at the conferences in Paris (see below) and Milan (see LK-newsletter July 03). By this it offers an opportunity to present your work or organisation to a broad audience in the field of 'science and society'.

**Please send your contributions until October 3<sup>rd</sup> to:**

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## European Social Forum, Paris

The European Social Forum 2003 (ESF) will take place from 12th – 15th November 2003 in Paris as well as the towns of St Denis, Bobigny ( Seine-Saint-Denis) and Ivry (Val de Marne). After [Florence](#) this ESF is the second social forum to be held on the European continent following on and in the spirit of the [World Social Forum of Porto Alegre](#).

As a place for meeting and discussion for social movements, the ESF is also a space for the elaboration of alternatives and the strategies for their implementation. In order to guarantee its success, the organisation suggests implementing the most unitary framework possible to prepare it so that it will gather all social movements, all kinds of networks, associations and organisations claiming to be part of the process, of the project and of the charter of the World Social Forum. The three days conference brings together people from more than 60 countries in 55 plenary sessions, 300 seminars and hundred of workshops.

There will be a seminar 'Towards a citizens' science in Europe: new forms of co-operation between NGOs, citizens and researchers'. This seminar will be the final event of the EC project INTERACTS, in co-operation with the project ISSNET and the Fondation Science Citoyennes.

For more information see: <http://www.fse-esf.org>

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## European Partnerforum

The Austrian Bureau for International Research and Technology Cooperation (BIT) has started an initiative with the aim to foster and support European project-collaborations concerning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deadline of Priority 7: Citizens and governance in a knowledge based society.

The interactive website can serve as a partnering forum as well as a platform for exchanging and merging project ideas over Europe. The European Partnerforum can be found at [http://www.bit.ac.at/citizens/Priority7\\_PartnerForum.htm](http://www.bit.ac.at/citizens/Priority7_PartnerForum.htm) or under <http://www.bit.ac.at/en/citizens/index.htm>

The forum is dependent on the contributions of potential partners and/or entries – for your own personal advantage as well as for the success of the initiative as a whole.

For more information you can contact: Bureau for International Research and Technology Cooperation (BIT), Andrea Hoeglinger, [mailto:hoeglinger@bit.ac.at](mailto:mailto:hoeglinger@bit.ac.at)

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## Conferences

For October and November conferences related to community based research, science and technology and science communication see 'news' and 'agenda' at the Living Knowledge-website [www.scienceshops.org](http://www.scienceshops.org)

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## **'Science and Society' expressions of interest published on CORDIS**

More than 220 expressions of interest (EOI), submitted by European citizens and regarding the science and society section of the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6), have been published on CORDIS, the European Commission's Research and Development Information Service.

The ideas have been submitted by individuals, public and private bodies, as well as research, civil society and media organisations in 29 countries in response to the European Commission's call for expressions of interest in the 'Science and Society' section of FP6.

While the area 'public awareness' attracted the highest level of interest, all themes of science and society have been addressed, including scientific advice, governance, ethics, public awareness, young people, and women and science. The Commission is now revising the science and society work programme for 2004, taking account of the submitted ideas and planning new calls for the funding of projects before the end of the year.

12 expressions of interest are directly related to the networking of science shops through Europe.

All expressions of interest can be searched and found at the Cordis website:

[http://fp6.cordis.lu/eoi/ss/eoi\\_srch.cfm](http://fp6.cordis.lu/eoi/ss/eoi_srch.cfm)

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## **Citizen Participation in Science and Technology (CIPAST)**

By the participation of Fondation Science Citoyennes (Paris, France) and the Science Shop for Biology (Utrecht, Netherlands) the international science shop network is involved in a proposal called Citizen Participation in Science and Technology (CIPAST). The overall objective of this proposal is to create and develop a European platform among a diverse spectrum of actors involved and/or interested in participatory initiatives that aim to contribute to the democratic assessing of the social, political and ethical dimensions of scientific and technological developments.

The platform thus aims to contribute to the active participation of society at large in public policy development relating to science and technology.

The platform will serve as a suitable tool and arena for reflecting on current trends and developments in the implementation of participatory processes in European national and transnational contexts, as well as for anticipating and identifying future trends.

The involvement of the science shop network will be mainly related to possibilities of linking civil society needs and positions in the participatory process.

CIPAST has been submitted in the open call for Programme support & networking: FP6-2002-science-society-1 (August 28, 2003).

Contact and more information: Cite des Sciences et de l'Industrie, Paris, Roland Schaer (co-ordinator), [r.schaer@cite-sciences.fr](mailto:r.schaer@cite-sciences.fr)

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## **Guest scientist wanted**

Field: Communication and use of scientific expertise

The "Program Group Humans - Environment - Technology" of the Research Center Juelich (Germany) would like to host an international (non-German) guest scientist who is doing or planning research on public communication of scientific expertise and/or its use in political and individual decision-making.

Candidates could be Ph.D. students, postdocs or of a higher level. Possible scientific disciplines are, for example, sociology, journalism & mass communication, political science, cultural studies, psychology, anthropology and linguistics. In our research we apply a problem-focused interdisciplinary and international perspective.

The Marie Curie program of the European Union, the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) offer fellowships of different types and time periods (from a few weeks up to two years) for European and non-European scholars. We

would help to identify an appropriate program and assist in preparing the application. Of course, guest scientists with another funding are also welcome.

Guest scientists could participate in one of our projects or pursue an own project that fits into our research focus "The Public, Politics and Mass Media". In this research focus we study science communication and the formation of public opinion on science, technology and the environment under the conditions of the media society. In particular, our research focuses on the impact of scientific knowledge on public meaning construction of global environmental change and technical innovations. Principal research questions are: How is scientific expertise communicated in politics, media and the public? How is it used to inform judgments and how is it integrated in political and private decision-making processes? Empirical methods used in our research so far include content analyses, surveys, in-depth interviews and experimental media reception studies.

German language skills would of course be useful but – dependent on the planned research – English might also suffice.

The Research Center Juelich (<http://www.fz-juelich.de/portal/home>) is a large (about 4,200 employees) publicly funded research facility. It has many international guest scientists and provides convenient facilities for them (e.g. a Guest House with nice and relatively cheap apartments, laundry, a cultural program, German language courses, a special office for guest scientists etc.). The center is located in the countryside of the very western part of Germany, close to the small town of Juelich. The larger cities of Cologne, Aachen and Duesseldorf, however, can be reached by public transportation in about an hour. Even Brussels, Paris and Amsterdam are only a few hours away by train. The Research Center and the town of Juelich provide a quiet, friendly and safe environment for international guests.

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