

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

### Newsletter – January 2004

Dear reader!

I am very pleased to present to you the fifth issue of the “Living Knowledge Newsletter”. I hope you will enjoy it.

Yours sincerely  
Norbert Steinhaus

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#### **Work programme ‘Science and Society 2004’ - Call for proposals**

(Governance, scientific advice, outreach and communication, FP6-2003-Science-and-Society-7)

On 17 December 2003 the EU Commission published a call for proposals in the field of “Governance, scientific advice, outreach and communication.” There is a budget of 7.1 Million Euro for activities and projects. Of special interest for science shops are activities within part C of the work programme:

**Promoting science and scientific culture:** Improving the communication between the scientific community and the public on issues of European research. This includes actions to promote an interchange of scientific information products for the general public (e.g. travelling or permanent exhibitions, documentaries) between European countries. This also includes the adaptations necessary for transposing the products to other countries, including translation into other languages. Budget: 400.000 Euro

**Networking “Science Shops” or equivalent organisations:** This includes the creation of networks to promote and enable the creation of new science shops; the production of on-line information, training materials, guidelines etc.; the reinforcement of the European dimension of science shops; the dissemination activities; creation of specific tools for communication; scientific expertise and advice. Budget: 400.000 Euro

**Promoting the ‘embedding’ of science and society issues across the Framework Programme:** This includes innovative pilot communication activities bringing together partners from existing FP6 actions (‘integrated projects’ and/or ‘networks of excellence’) and new participants, particularly local or regional actors (e.g. local authorities, museums, schools, science shops, local media). While continuing to reflect the European dimension of the FP6 action, the aim is to reinforce the local and regional impact by making citizens. Budget: 300.000 Euro.

**Closing date of the call will be 11 May 2004 at 17:00 Brussels local time.**

A list of the general activity areas addressed within this call as well as specific topics explicitly open for this call with an indication of the types of instruments is available under

[http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call\\_details.cfm?CALL\\_ID=119](http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=119). Here you can also download the complete call text and the work programme 'Science and Society 2004'. The Commission strongly encourages to refer to both the Call Text and the Work Programme for further information.

An overview of Expressions of Interest (which are ideas for projects) related to this call can be found at: [http://fp6.cordis.lu/eoi/ss/eoi\\_srch.cfm](http://fp6.cordis.lu/eoi/ss/eoi_srch.cfm)

Also the Living Knowledge news and discussion list (see [www.scienceshops.org](http://www.scienceshops.org)) can be used for sharing ideas on possible projects.

Also published was the call 'René Descartes Prizes' (FP6-2003-Science-and-Society-8) with a budget of 1.25 Million Euro. The prizes are seen as awards for achievements in scientific trans-national collaborative research and exemplary actions in scientific communication.

**Closing date of the call will also be 11 May 2004 at 17:00 Brussels local time.**

For more information see: [http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call\\_details.cfm?CALL\\_ID=124](http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=124)

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## Call for papers

### Living Knowledge – Journal of Community Based Research

**Deadline for submissions: 26 February 2004**

The second issue of "Living Knowledge – Journal of Community Based Research (LK)" will be published end of March 2004.

Its general theme will be "Science in conflict resolution".

The magazine welcomes the contribution of reports, articles, news, press releases and clippings, letters, contribution to discussions, job offers, internships 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. 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.

**Please send your contributions until February 26<sup>th</sup> to:**

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## Symposium on 'Networks for Living Sustainability Strategies

**31 March 2004**

The research project 'ReUse computers', funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (bmb+f), is organising a one-day-symposium from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on 'networks for living sustainability strategies' in March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004. The symposium is focussing on structures and experiences of regional networks, especially of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), as operation models to implement sustainability strategies. Together with the symposium participants the 'ReUse computers network' would like to discuss:

- Results and experiences on network-development and -management of SMEs.
- Local values in the conceptual approach of reuse-networks and regional adaptations.
- Why are networks useful to implement sustainability strategies?
- How do SME-networks fit into market structures?
- Economics on sustainable technology development.

- The reuse of electronic equipment - Eco-balance and social aspects. Additionally, there will be a 'ReUse computers' market place to present product results, IT service and applied research results.

The *Science Shop kubus* (as symposium and project executing organisation) and its project partners promote the development and implementation of two regional networks of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) for the reuse of computers in Berlin and Hamburg respectively. The development of the Hamburg regional ReUse-network is overseen by the *Life-cycle-Institute, i.p.f Hamburg*. The 'ReUse computers'-project is aiming to link university departments and official institutions with SMEs and to make an ecological contribution to save resources and reduce computer scrap. The project activities increase a user-orientated technology development, environmental awareness of local enterprises and citizens as end-users. The Symposium on 'networks for living sustainability strategies' will be held on 31 March 2004 in German language at the location of: PTZ, Technische Universität Berlin, Institut für Werkzeugmaschinen und Fabrikbetrieb, Pascalstr. 8-9, 10587 Berlin.

**Contact address for further information**

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<http://www.tu-berlin.de/zek/kubus/Reuse/reuse.html>, <http://www.reuse-computer.de>

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## UTS Shopfront – A Unique Community Program

UTS *Shopfront* at the University of Technology Sydney is a university-wide and non-profit programme that acts as a gateway for community access to the University. It links disadvantaged and under-resourced community groups to university skills, resources and professional expertise. This allows projects that would not otherwise proceed to be completed with multiple benefits for both the community and students. UTS *Shopfront* has a broad skills base with access to the expertise of all nine UTS Faculties. These are: Business; Education; Engineering; Design, Architecture and Building; Humanities and Social Sciences; Law; Mathematics and Computing Sciences; Nursing; and Science. Since 1996, more than 200 community projects have been completed. Further information on UTS *Shopfront* can be found at <http://www.shopfront.uts.edu.au>

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## A Science Shop is born

Seventeen years after the closure of the last French Science Shop, a new shop was raised on the campus of ENS Cachan in Paris. After a presentation by Henk Mulder (Groningen, the Netherlands) and Peter Levesque (SSHRC, Canada) to an audience of students and academic staff the students association PRACCIS decided to set up a working group to establish a Science Shop. Their objective is to present a first subject at the next beginning of term. For further information please contact Fabien Amiot, Fondation Sciences citoyennes, [fabien.amiot@sciencescitoyennes.org](mailto:fabien.amiot@sciencescitoyennes.org)

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## Curriculum on Sustainable Urban Development

As an outgrowth of relationships built through ISSNET, Loyola University Chicago Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL), the University of Liverpool, the Universidad de Sevilla, and Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.) have been funded by the European Commission and the U.S. Dept. of Education to develop a "Sustainable and Equitable Community Reinvestment Curriculum" for use both by universities and community partners. This project will build upon experience gained by growing international networks that link "community-based knowledge" with "university-based (discipline-based) knowledge."

We will create, and pilot A 14-week course in "Collaborative university-community approaches to equitable neighbourhood reinvestment" will be created. The course will include: a) hands-on training in community-based participatory research methodology; b) student involvement in an equitable re-development project; c) a detailed system of web-based communications; and d) one-week visits by one or two of the faculty from partnering institutions during the classes at each university.

Other outcomes will include: 1) a written manual that will explain how a pedagogical approach utilizing both university and community knowledge can enhance the quality of learning in the university classroom; 2) sharing of experiences and results with faculty and administrators to facilitate "institutionalisation" of this program; 3) creation of a web page that will contain all of the reports and products produced; and 4) dissemination of the international innovative curriculum to other European and U.S. universities through existing networks in the U.S. and Europe--particularly the European Commission-funded International Science Shop Network (ISSNET).

In upcoming weeks more information on the project will be posted at [www.luc.edu/curl](http://www.luc.edu/curl).

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## Conferences

### International Conference on Environmental Engineering and Management

The 2nd International Conference on Environmental Engineering and Management **ICEEM/02**, will be organized on September 23-26, 2004 by the Department of Environmental Engineering, in collaboration with InterMEDIU Department and OAIMDD, at the Faculty of Industrial Chemistry, Technical University of Iasi, Romania. A special section on Environmental Education and co-operation with the civil society is envisaged. More information can be found at <http://omicron.ch.tuiasi.ro/iceem02/> or <http://www.tuiasi.ro/events.en.html> and at the Conference secretariat, e-mail: [brobu@ch.tuiasi.ro](mailto:brobu@ch.tuiasi.ro)

### Networks Conference on Sustainability in Practice

From April 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> the Collegium for the Management and Design of Sustainable Development (KMGNE) organizes Encos 2004, the 1st European Networks Conference on Sustainability in Practice. The conference provides a communication platform to European networks, associations and organizations and aims to intensify both, dialogue and cooperation between the European actors in the field of sustainable development. A large number of networks and organizations will be invited to participate in the conference. All the necessary information can be found on [www.encos2004.net](http://www.encos2004.net).

For other 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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## New portal helps to ease life scientists' careers

This week EMBO (European Molecular Biologist Organisation) launches its new online Life Sciences Mobility Consultancy (LSMC). This web site service is designed to give researchers worldwide fast access to information on mobility within Europe. It offers searchable information on grants, fellowships, awards, workshops and practical courses in the life sciences. Furthermore, it hosts a page advertising scientific vacancies Europe-wide and provides useful background information on other career related issues.

The portal also provides a scientific partner search database inviting all interested scientists to post their research profile. The participation and contribution of users is welcomed.

Submissions of experience reports on mobility are collected under a section called 'Submit your story' and will be presented under each country, respectively. Moreover, a very complete collection of links to other relevant websites is presented such as other jobs and grants databases, life science organizations etc. There is an opportunity to rate the links and other information with polls provided, asking for the users' opinions.

The LSMC also links to the EC pan-European Researcher's Mobility Portal. The European Commission, DG Research, supports this project financially within the Quality of Life and Management of Living Resources Programme under FP 5.

<http://mobility.embo.org>

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## Synthesis Report

The creation of the European Research Area has become the central axis of today's European research policy. A publication by the European Commission reports on the integration of the socio-economic dimension of community research in the 5<sup>th</sup> European framework programme and makes recommendations for the future European research.

The overall socio-economic dimension of community research in the 5<sup>th</sup> European framework programme, EUR 20577, Luxembourg: Office for official Publications of the European Communities, 2003. ISBN 92-894-4671-4

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