

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

### Newsletter – July 2004

Dear reader!

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

Yours sincerely  
Norbert Steinhaus

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### Magazine

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

### **Just released**

The third issue of “Living Knowledge – Journal of Community Based Research (LK)” is now published. With its general theme “Policy Recommendations” the current issue presents various facets of Science Shop methodologies and experiences when involved in policy. Michael S. Jørgensen, David Hall and Irene Hall from the INTERACTS consortium draw out policy recommendations for the strengthening of the role of Science Shops in a more democratic form of societal governance, giving the economical sustainability of Science Shops a special focus of attention. Their findings are based on a cross national study by Science Shops and institutions with science shop experience from seven different countries, aimed to improve the interaction between NGO's, universities and Science Shops. Peter Levesque is talking about policy as a process and why Science Shops should stretch beyond their experiences. And the Science Shop Vienna team reports from a fictitious roundtable, concluding that policy recommendations cannot be derived from research findings they refer to, without considering legitimation and objectivity of the research.

### **Further contents:**

- “Social Science Shops and Policy Formation” is a report from Interchange from Liverpool on how Science Shop research connects with policy formation.
- In “Male Integration in Gender Mainstreaming”, Gabriela Schroffenegger from Innsbruck reports experiences of two years practical work on implementing gender mainstreaming in European Social Fund projects.
- “Training and Certification of Professional Competences” is a report by Noela Invernizzi and Acácia Kuenzer from the Productive Restructuring and Education Studies Unit (NERE), at the Federal University of Paraná, Brazil, on how workers from an oil refinery were involved in devising a system for training, evaluating and certifying professional competences

- “Computers going green” is a report on a symposium on the further use of old electrical equipment, and
- “News”, “Conference Reports” and “Clippings”.

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### Call for papers

Deadline for submissions for the next issue of Living Knowledge will be 4 October 2004! Its general theme will be “**Advancing Science and Society Interactions**”.

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 October 4<sup>th</sup> to:

Norbert Steinhaus, [norbert.steinhaus@wilabonn.de](mailto:norbert.steinhaus@wilabonn.de) or Caspar de Bok, [C.F.M.deBok@bio.uu.nl](mailto:C.F.M.deBok@bio.uu.nl)

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### Conference

## Advancing Science and Society Interactions

Seville, 3-5 February 2005

We are pleased to invite you to the **Second Living Knowledge Conference**, titled “**Advancing Science and Society Interactions**” and taking place in Seville, Spain, from 3-5 February 2005. The conference is organised by the International Science Shop Network ‘*Living Knowledge*’ and supported by the European Commission under its Science and Society Programme.

This international conference will provide a forum where information on community based research, carried out in both community and academic settings, can be shared and developed. It will reflect the social impact and scientific and democratic value of research from a range of disciplines including social, natural, physical and technological sciences. This conference will be of interest to people who are active in, or interested in, the field of community-based research. Practitioners from non-governmental organisations (NGOs), research institutes, universities (both academics/faculty and students) and science and society policy makers are invited to share their experiences. The conference themes will include

- \* The impact of communities on the research and policy agenda
- \* Citizen participation in research and policy making
- \* Development of infrastructures for mediation and communication of community based research.
- \* Local and global demands for access to research, science, education and technology.

The official languages of the conference are English and Spanish. Translation will be available throughout the conference. The Conference will include plenary sessions, oral presentations, workshops, poster sessions, exhibitions and a marketplace. There will be opportunities for field trips, excursions and networking. Childcare will be offered during the conference. For further information please contact the Conference Secretariat [conference@paxmediterranea.com](mailto:conference@paxmediterranea.com) or visit the conference website [www.cienciaysociedadsevilla.org](http://www.cienciaysociedadsevilla.org).

### **Call for Contributions**

You are invited to send a short abstract or workshop proposal (one page for max. 15 min. papers) related to a theme to [papers@paxmediterranea.com](mailto:papers@paxmediterranea.com). Abstracts must be submitted before 15 October 2004. Notifications of acceptance will be sent until 30 November 2004. Accepted abstracts will be published.

### **Registration**

To register online, please visit [www.cienciaysociedadsevilla.org](http://www.cienciaysociedadsevilla.org). Registration fees are for Students: 25 €; NGOs / Universities: 100 €, Policy-Makers / Others: 200 €, (after November 30th 2004 fees will increase by 20%). For further information on scholarships and bursaries please contact the Conference Secretariat [conference@paxmediterranea.com](mailto:conference@paxmediterranea.com).

*Please recommend the conference to your colleagues and partners. A printed conference announcement is available. If you have the chance to distribute the announcement, please address to [norbert.steinhaus@wilabonn.de](mailto:norbert.steinhaus@wilabonn.de) and ask for the needed number of copies.*

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### **Republished Call for Proposals**

*The European Commission has re-published it's calls for proposals related to "women and science" and "ethics".*

The calls were first published on 26 May under the Science and Society priority of the Sixth Framework Programme. Now the closure date for receipt of tender documents is extended to 15 October 2004. The scope of the call for "women and science" now covers:

- empowerment of women scientists, and public debate (area 4.3.5.1(a))
- ambassadors for women and science (area 4.3.5.1 (b));
- gender research (area 4.3.5.2);
- practical tools for mainstreaming (area 4.3.5.3 of the work programme).

The scope of the call for research into "ethics" now covers:

- ethics: networking and dialogue (area 4.3.2.1 (a0, (b));  
ethics: emerging issues, and the in-ter-national dimension (area 4.3.2.3 (a), (b) of the work programme).

The total indicative budget for the "women and science" call is 6.4 million euro. The budget for the "ethics" call is 5.4 million euro.

### **Further information:**

[http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call\\_details.cfm?CALL\\_ID=132](http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=132)

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### **Request for Co-operation**

*Planned Project: Research on Women in Scientific Research - WoSR (STREP) for deadline Oct 15, 2004 (Work Programme 4.3.5.2 - Developing a better understanding of gender issues in scientific research)*

The aim of the project is to provide a better understanding of the multifaceted mechanisms that hinder women's progression in scientific research, so to suggest relevant and effective policies to remove the obstacles they disproportionately face. The expected results are twofold: achieving equity and fairness for women researchers; and contributing to European excellence in the fields of scientific research by making the most of women's contribution. The research project will be implemented in six European countries and will investigate women's progression as related to five factors and their interrelations:

- formal and informal segregating dynamics in the male-dominated field of science;
- - problems and potential of women's career models in such field;
- - women's attitudes and orientation towards scientific production;
- - gender stereotypes associated to science;
- - policies defined to support women at European and National levels;

The project will imply research activities in the six countries involved through a literature survey; interviews; focus groups; and networking activities. The organisation of an international conference and the drafting of guidelines are also foreseen in the final phases of the project. The innovative character of the projects lies in its experimental design, oriented at detecting the factors - or cluster of factors - more directly related to women's success in the different countries. Another innovative aspect is the use of sociological tools to investigate the process of scientific production, thus demystifying the rationalistic, objectivistic view of scientific work that in reality tends to exclude women. The advantages of the project are to be identified in the comparative perspective it offers, being implemented in both northern and southern, eastern and western European countries. Such perspective makes it easier to assess the structural or contingent nature of the obstacles hindering women's progression and the effectiveness of the policies already addressing them in different contexts.

Profile of partner sought: Partners (research centres) might have competencies and experience in scientific and technological research and on women and science.

**Contact:** Ms Maresa Berliri, ASDO - Assembly of women for development and struggle against social exclusion, via Monte Zebio, 32 - 00195 Rome, phone: +39-06-32111021 / 06-3208086, fax: +39-06-3201372, e-mail: [asdo2@tiscali.it](mailto:asdo2@tiscali.it)

Forwarded by the EU-office of the German Ministry for Education and Research, [www.eubuero.de](http://www.eubuero.de)

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## Science Shop Brochure

An international brochure on Science Shops is available. This brochure was produced by the European Commission in close co-operation with the International Science Shop Network. In the brochure information can be found on activities and impact of Science Shops. The examples in the brochure give an outstanding overview of the different contexts in which Science Shops. The brochure is of special interest for people who are involved in science and society issues (on a practical, political and management level) or who want to adopt the concept of Science Shops. The brochure is available in English, German and French. Brochures can be ordered for free at the European Commission, Science and Society Directorate.

For ordering the brochure please contact Jette Gents at the European Commission, [jette.gents@cec.eu.int](mailto:jette.gents@cec.eu.int), tel. +.32.2.29.99909

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## Conferences

4 November 2004

### 7th Annual Community Research Network Conference

The Community Research Network (CRN) of the Loka Institute is planning its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. A cross-section conference planning team has come together to organize the conference to be held in Providence, RI, USA, on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The annual CRN conferences are held to provide an interactive forum for local, regional and international networks, grassroots organizers, researchers, practitioners, students, funders, and public institutions to move still closer to the ideals of community-based research. Further details including the call for proposals and other logistical information will be posted on the Loka Institute website [www.loka.org](http://www.loka.org).

### Further information:

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6-7 December 2004

### Images of Science

*New Interactions between Science and Society, Amsterdam, the Netherlands*

All of us hold images of science. But not all of us hold the same images of science. Some of us still treasure the notion of scientists in their ivory tower, hardly aware of the social questions their work arouses. This conference is intended for scientists, politicians, policymakers and others interested from European Union states. In plenary sessions and workshops participants will receive an overview of developments over the past 15 years and a fresh look direction future. Attention will be dedicated to experts' ideas, but (relative) outsiders too will be able to contribute their opinions.

*Images of Science* is organised by the Rathenau Institute, the Social Sciences Council of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences and the All European Academies of Science (ALLEA). For further information or registration, please visit [www.imagesofscience.com](http://www.imagesofscience.com).

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23-26 September 2004

### 2<sup>nd</sup> International conference Environmental Engineering and Management, [ICEEM/02](#), Iasi, (Romania)

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)

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### Other Conferences

4-7 August 2004: *International conference [Community and Campus: Building partnerships for better practice, research and education](#), Stavanger (Norway)*

25-28 August 2004: *[Public Proofs – Science, Technology and Democracy](#) - European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST) / Society for the Social Study of Science (4S), Paris (France)*

25-28 August 2004: *Highlighting Science, Technology & Innovation in Europe, [Euro Science Open Forum](#), Stockholm (Sweden)*

15-16 October 2004: *Science is Primary. European Conference on Science and Technology Education, Amsterdam (The Netherlands), [www.science.uva.nl/scienceisprimary](http://www.science.uva.nl/scienceisprimary)*

For more 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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