

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

### Newsletter – November 2004

Dear reader!

I am very pleased to present to you the 9<sup>th</sup> issue of the “Living Knowledge Newsletter”. I hope you will enjoy it.

Yours sincerely  
Norbert Steinhaus

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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.

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### **Preliminary Program**

see more detailed program at  
[www.cienciaysociedadsevilla.org](http://www.cienciaysociedadsevilla.org)

#### **Thursday, February 3**

17.00 – 18.30 **Opening ceremony**

19.00 – 20.30 **Reception**

#### **Friday, February 4**

09.00 – 10.30 **Plenary session**

#### **Current practices**

*Chair:* Rafael Pardo Avellaneda, Research professor CSIC / President of the BBVA foundation (E); *Key note speakers:* Ulrike Felt, Head Department Sociology of the Sciences, Vienna University (AT), Gerry McCormac, Pro Vice Chancellor Community and Communications, Queen’s University Belfast (UK), Jens Petersen, Director Danish Cyclist organisation (DK), Maria Luisa Garcia, President of the Social Council University of Seville (E)

**11.00 – 13.00 Parallel sessions**

**Practical experiences**

An exchange on current practices in science and society interactions. This session will give you an overview of practical examples, clustered within the themes: • environment, • health, • water management, • agriculture, • social conditions, and • communication

**14.00 – 15.30 Plenary session**

**Future opportunities**

*Chair:* José Antonio Hernandez, Oxfam (E), *Key note speakers:* Monica Menapace, Project co-ordinator Education and Science, Dir. Science and Society, EC; Roger O'Sullivan, Director Rural Community Network (UK); Rob Hagendijk, Dean International School for Humanities and Social Sciences (ISHSS), University of Amsterdam (NL); Michael Søgaard Jørgensen, Head Science Shop-Technical University of Denmark (DK).

**16.00 – 18.00 Parallel sessions**

**Processes, tools, infrastructures**

Workshops with good practices on processes, tools and infrastructures that benefit the interactions between science, society and policy makers. The workshops will be clustered around the following issues

- Research and policy agendas, • Citizen participation and partnerships in research, • Infrastructures for science and society interactions, • Science communication, • ICT-tools for science and society interactions.

**Saturday, February 5**

**09.00 – 10.30 Plenary session**

**Call to action**

*Chair:* Peter Levesque, Dept. Director Knowledge Products and Mobilisation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (CA), *Key note speakers:* Peter Nijkamp, Chair of Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NL), Tara O'Leary, Co-ordinator Friend of the Earth -Scotland (UK), Arturo Garcia Arroyo, National Foundation of Science and Technology (E), Phil Nyden, Director Center for Urban Research and Learning, Loyola University Chicago (Ill) (USA)

**11.00 – 13.00 Parallel sessions**

**Call to action**

The focus of the parallel sessions will be on a specific perspective (e.g. stakeholders, thematic fields). Calls and recommendations related to the themes • “The impact of communities on the research and policy agenda”, • “Citizen participation in research and policy making”, and • “Development of infrastructures for mediation and communication in science and society relations” from different participants in science and society interactions will be expressed.

**14.30 – 16.00 Closing ceremony**

Reporting back, Conference summary, Farewell

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).

**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 December 15th 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.*

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Network

**Loja do Saber**

*First Science Shop in Portugal*

The Loja do Saber was officially launched as a non-profit organisation on 26 October 2004 in Lisbon as the result of an initiative of a private institution (CEIFA ambiente – Centre for Studies, Information and Education for the Environment). The activity was inspired by experiences made by the Science Shop movement in Europe as well as the Community Based Research experiences in non-European Countries such especially India and Brazil. The focus of Loja do Saber is on knowledge for sustainable development. It aims to extend the scope of its activities to other Portuguese speaking countries.

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Magazine

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

**Call for papers**

Deadline for submissions for the next issue of Living Knowledge will be 19 February 2005! Its general theme will be “**Community Based Research in Social Sciences**”.

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 19<sup>th</sup> to:

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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

6-7 December 2004, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

### **Images of Science**

*New Interactions between Science and Society,*

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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9-13 October 2005, University of Bonn, Germany,

### **Global Environmental Change, Globalization and International Security: New Challenges for the 21st Century**

*6th Open Meeting of the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Research Community*

Global environmental change is occurring within the context of a number of transformations, including those that are strongly biophysical and those that are more socio-economic and cultural in nature. These interrelated transformations are creating opportunities and challenges for a sustainable future. The 6th Open Meeting of the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Research Community is set up to promote a better understanding of global transformations, to identify the resulting opportunities and challenges and to develop appropriate responses.

Timeline and deadlines for applications:

Paper abstract submissions: February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 to March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Poster submissions: February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 to March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Pre-Open Meeting capacity-building training seminars: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 to February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005

More details, including information, application forms, timelines and deadlines, are now available at the Open Meeting website, <http://openmeeting.homelinux.org>. This site is also accessible by going to the IHDP website at [www.ihdp.org](http://www.ihdp.org) and clicking on the 2005 Open Meeting link.

Please understand that because of the large amount of interested participants, applications, including paper abstract submissions, are only processed through the Open Meeting website.

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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