

Living Knowledge – Building Partnerships for Public Access to Research

Newsletter – January 2005

Dear reader!

I am very pleased to present to you the 10th 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

More than 150 participants, citizens and scientists from Europe and overseas, will come together in Seville to exchange on community based research, carried out in both community and academic settings. Gerry McCormac, Pro Vice Chancellor Community and Communications, Queen's University Belfast (UK) and Alba González Jácome from the University Iberoamericana Mexico (MX) – beside others - will give their perspective and experiences in science and society interactions'. Monica Menapace, Project co-ordinator Education and Science, Dir. Science and Society, EC and S. Anandkumar from the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College of Agriculture (India) - beside others - will discuss opportunities in science and society interactions.

In total more than 60 speakers and presenters will share their practices in short presentations and show the social impact and scientific and democratic value of research from a range of disciplines including social, natural, physical and technological sciences.

Program structure.

February 3rd 2005

- 9:30–16:00 City walking tour, Exhibition area set up, Network meetings, Participants' documentation & identifications
- 17:00–18:40 Opening session in the Paraninfo of the University of Seville, San Fernando Street
- * Welcome
 - * Introduction to conference and science shop concept
- 19:00–20:30 Welcome drink

February 4th 2005 ([School of Engineers](#), Camino de los Descubrimientos - Isla de la Cartuja)

- 09:00–10:30 Plenary Session I: Experiences in science & society interactions.
11:00–13:30 Parallel sessions
I.1. Administrations
I.2. NGO's
I.3. Universities
I.4. Science shops / CBRs
I.5 Videos on experiences
13:30–15:00 Lunch, poster session & visit exhibits
15:00–16:30 Plenary Session II: Opportunities in science & society interactions.
17:00–18:30 Parallel sessions
II.1. Environmental Cooperation
II.2. Social Sciences
II.3. Technological Development
II.4. Urban regeneration
II.5 Health Sciences
18:30–19:30 Poster session & visit exhibits
19:30–21:30 Dinner

February 5th 2005 ([School of Engineers](#), Camino de los Descubrimientos - Isla de la Cartuja)

- 09:00–10:30 Plenary Session III: Processes, tools & infrastructures for science & society interactions.
11:00–13:30 Parallel sessions
III.1 Networks
III.2. Participatory tools
III.3. Infrastructures
III.4. Building and maintaining effective community based participatory research partnerships
III.5. Science Communication
13:30–14:30 Lunch, poster session & visit exhibits
14:30–15:30 Plenary Session IV: Conclusions.
15:30–16:00 Closure

For further information and more details please visit the conference website www.scienceshops.org.
Please recommend the conference to your colleagues and partners.

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Conference II

Talking Science & Society Interactions

Video supported by Canadian Science & Society Association

Peter Levesque and Khan Rahi are working on creating a 22 minute digital video presentation of leaders in International Science & Society Interactions. This project is being supported by the Canadian Science & Society Association, a recently created organization based in Ottawa. A DVD should be available for distribution by late Fall 2005. Discussions for broadcast have begun with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and TV Ontario.

Interested parties should contact Peter Levesque at peterlevesque@mac.com. If you are interested in supporting or participating in this project, both Peter and Khan will be in Seville, Spain for the Advancing Science & Society Interactions Conference.

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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). 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 19th to:

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Call for Contribution

Conversations on the state of "Science & Society" interactions in Canada

Limited international contributions will be accepted

The Canadian Science & Society Association - CANSSA, non-profit organization, was launched in November 2004. Through a range of activities, it seeks to support and promote an environment with fluid links between scientific efforts and public concerns and aspirations, where citizens and policy-makers can openly discuss issues of science and technology, so as to make informed choice, and where knowledge is shared within and across all sectors of society and acted on for mutual, long-term benefit.

One of its initial efforts is to create a collection of conversations from across Canada, and from interested parties beyond Canada, on the state of "Science & Society" interactions. This collection is to be published independently in late 2005. A limited number of international contributions will also be accepted to provide a broader conceptual perspective.

CANSSA is seeking contributions from academics, policy-makers, citizens, students, members of our native populations, and representatives of the non-profit sector. It will also be contacting each of the federal granting councils, federal and provincial research laboratories, and all Canadian universities, to submit a report on the extent of their activities in promoting science & society interactions.

Contributions can vary between 200-400 words for anecdotal reports to a maximum of 7500 words for a detailed paper of methodological or theoretical issues, or case studies. All citations should be clearly indicated, with use of the APA style strongly encouraged <http://www.apastyle.org/electref.html>. Selection of contributions for the bound publication will be performed using a multisector merit review committee. With permission, contributions which, for space limitations cannot be included in the bound edition will be posted on the www.canssa.org web log.

The deadline for submission is July 1, 2005

For enquiries or further details please contact: Peter Levesque, Canadian Science & Society Association, 905 Balzac Lane, Ottawa, ON, K4A 4E4, peterlevesque@mac.com

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Magazine II

Journal of Community-Based Participatory Research on Health Issues

In the December 2004 issue of the journal *Academic Medicine*, the Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) member Claude Earl Fox and colleagues from the Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute indicated their plans to launch a new peer reviewed *Journal of Community-Based Participatory Research*. In the article "*The Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute: A Collaborative Response to Urban Health Issues*" the authors provide background on the poor health and economic status of the residents of East Baltimore, Maryland. Based on the recommendations of a council on urban health, the Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute was established with the mission to marshal the resources of the university and external groups to improve the health and well-being of the residents of East Baltimore and to promote evidence-based interventions to solve urban health problems nationwide. The article describes the institute's major activities, including community-based participatory research projects, the *Journal of Community-Based Participatory Research*, and programs for research fellows to promote research and learning.

Excerpt: "Most recently, the institute has laid the groundwork for establishing the *Journal of Community-Based Participatory Research*. Although CBPR is a growing field, it lacks a professional vehicle for communicating research findings among academics, communities, and practitioners. The journal will fill this void, while promoting further collaboration and elevating the visibility and stature of CBPR as a means toward eliminating health disparities and improving health outcomes."

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CCPH is a nonprofit organization that promotes health through partnerships between communities and higher educational institutions. <http://www.ccph.info/>

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<http://www.bookshop.eu.int>

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Consultation

Future European Union Research Policy

Results of the online consultation now available

A general consultation for views on the Commission proposal "Science and Technology, the key to Europe's future- Guidelines for future European Union policy to support research", was launched in July 2004 and closed on 15 October 2004. The consultation's results demonstrate strong support for the Commission's proposal which aims at strengthen European support to research. Over 1700 organisations and individuals from across the European Union and beyond expressed their views. 97% of respondents were positive about a stronger support to research at European level. Over 80% thought that the 6 objectives proposed by the Commission in the June 16 Communication are important or very important. The European Commission now has proposed orientations for the development of future European Union programmes to support research activities and policies. They imply a significant expansion of the European Community research budget for the period 2007-2013. Six major objectives are identified:

- Creating European centres of excellence through collaboration between laboratories
- Launching European technological initiatives

- Stimulating the creativity of basic research through competition between teams at European level
- Making Europe more attractive to the best researchers
- Developing research infrastructure of European interest
- Improving the coordination of national research programmes

In addition, two new areas for European-level research activities are presented: space and security. In its plans, the Commission proposes using the most efficient means of implementation, including management through partnership with the Member States and research actors, and “externalised” management. The Commission’s ideas for future research policy are a first step. Following the consultation and wider debate, and based on a thorough assessment of evidence and impacts, the Commission will present its legislative proposals for the Seventh Framework Programme for R&D in the course of 2005. More detailed results of this consultation are available as follows:

- [Statistical overview of results](#) and • [Report on the results of the consultation](#)

http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/future/index_en.cfm

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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, tel. +32.2.29.99909

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Conferences

9 February 2005, Berlin, Germany

Water: Trading good, weapon, human right?

Ways towards a sustainable water management

A conference held by Kooperationsstelle Wissenschaft / Arbeitswelt and Kooperations- und Beratungsstelle für Umweltfragen of the Centre for Cooperation of the Technical University Berlin in cooperation with "Reuse-Computer" and sponsored by Hans-Böckler-Stiftung.

Wednesday, 9 February 2005, 13.00 to 18.00 h, Ernst-Reuter-Haus Berlin, Straße des 17. Juni 112.

Conference language will be German). For more information please visit <http://www.tu-berlin.de/zek/koop>

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9.-11. March 2005, Brussels

Science in Society: Forum 2005

The Science in Society Forum 2005 will review the success of the efforts of the European Union – and its Member States – to draw together the ‘innovation triangle’: science, society and the economy. and plot a new course forward in the form of a Charter on the Future of Science in Society. Society needs science and science needs society. This means that effective communications are one important aspect of the relationship between science and society. In light of this, the Science in Society Forum 2005 will explore four main themes: “Science, society and the Lisbon Strategy”, “Science, technology and democracy”, “Towards a culture of communication of science in society” and “Fostering diversity and inclusiveness in research”. It will also showcase current examples in the following areas: “Popularisation of science”; “Public debates and participatory processes” and “Addressing various groups in society”. A series of national mirror events will help set the tone and agenda for the Forum. In addition, a special assessment

of the Commission's groundbreaking 2001 Science and Society Action Plan, and a Eurobarometer survey of citizens' attitudes towards science are being specially prepared ahead of the gathering. For the latest up-to-the-minute information on preparations for the March 2005 event, registration and contact please visit http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/conferences/2005/forum2005/index_en.htm

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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 1st, 2005 to March 15th, 2005

Poster submissions: February 1st, 2005 to March 15th, 2005

Pre-Open Meeting capacity-building training seminars: November 15th, 2004 to February 15th, 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 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.

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November 12 - 17, 2005, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

International Conference on Making Primary Health Care Work: Challenges for the Education and Practice of the Health Workforce

The Conference programme will predominantly be based on contributions by participants. In thematic poster sessions, the Conference organisers will try to bring together reports addressing similar issues. Furthermore, the organisers will invite external experts and some participants to give a plenary lecture, to conduct a didactic session or to organise a mini-workshop

More information: TUFH Network: Towards Unity for Health, www.the-networktufh.org/conference/

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

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