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### Building partnerships for public access to research

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### Knowledge Dissemination & Community-based Research in Canada

The CUexpo 2005 conference in Winnipeg (September 15-18, 2005) brought together Canadian academic and community-based researchers and policy-makers from offered a wide range of perspective contributions about community-based research in Canada. Although this is a federal government funded initiative, CURA conferences attract much more CBR activities taking place in Canada. The CURA project in many ways is strengthening community-based research in Canada. CURA is a solid example of a national government involvement that the EC could perhaps pursue in its support for the community-based research. With the CURA programme, Canada seems to be on the right track to help community-based organizations and researchers link with one another. CUexpo is a biannual event. At this year's CUexpo, Khan Rahi and Caspar De Bok jointly organized a workshop, entitled "The Role of Community-based Research and Science Shops Networks in Disseminating Knowledge for Civic Action: Lessons learned from the North American and European practices". At CUexpo 2005 significant contacts have been made to link up Canadian colleagues with the Living Knowledge network to support one another in ongoing challenges in disseminating knowledge and promoting CBR for positive change. The next conference will be held in Victoria, BC in 2007. It seems reasonable to consider scheduling the next Living Knowledge conference and CUexpo so that those interested could benefit from attending each one on alternate years. Now both are scheduled for 2007.

For information about the CUexpo 2005 and an overview of presentations see <http://cuexpo.uwinnipeg.ca/>. For information about the CURA programme see [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/cura\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/cura_e.asp) Further information please contact Khan Rahi ([ksrahi@sympatico.ca](mailto:ksrahi@sympatico.ca)) or Caspar de Bok ([c.f.m.debok@bio.uu.nl](mailto:c.f.m.debok@bio.uu.nl)).

### Partnerships and Public Participation

*First CIPAST newsletter available*

The regulation of scientific-technological innovation becomes more and more hazardous for decision makers. New governance strategies are based on a principle of partnership between the state, experts, stake-holder interests and citizens. Partnership brings more different values and knowledge to solve problems. The CIPAST platform – which stands for Citizen Participation in Science and Technology – aims at structuring a network, disseminating good practices and circulating relevant information. The CIPAST work programme will foster the transfer of expertise through the implementation of training programmes for the three identified contexts of decision: "upstream", "regulation" and "social diffusion". A corpus of training tools, based on case-studies and tested in training sessions, will be developed for the pragmatic needs of the potential users. The first CIPAST newsletter was recently published.

You can find the newsletter and read more about CIPAST at [www.cipast.org](http://www.cipast.org). To subscribe for the CIPAST discussion group or the CIPAST newsletter, please send a message to [norbert.steinhaus@wilabonn.de](mailto:norbert.steinhaus@wilabonn.de).



### Call for Scientific Programme Proposals

The European Science Foundation (ESF) is pleased to announce a Call for Proposals for new Scientific Programmes. An ESF Scientific Programme is a networking activity bringing together nationally funded research activities for four to five years, to address a major scientific issue or a science-driven topic of research infrastructure, at the European level. For more information see their [website](#). The deadline for receipt of proposals is 4 November 2005; 24:00hrs CET.

### Workshop on Science Shops

The minutes and presentations of the Science Shop workshop held on 10 June 2005 in Brussels are available at the [EU website](#). The next Science Shop workshop is planned to take place on 25 October 2005 with an agenda on "How Science Shops contribute to the development of universities". It is intended to invite colleagues from DG Education and Culture in order to discuss, in particular, the benefit science shops can provide to universities and to students.

### New publication on Science Shops

"Science Shops: a kaleidoscope of science-society collaborations in Europe" by Loet Leydesdorff and Janelle Ward will be published in issue 14.4. of the Public Understanding of Science. A preprint version is available at [www.leydesdorff.net/scienceshops](http://www.leydesdorff.net/scienceshops).

### Thematic Research Cooperation

In late fall a thematic research cooperation might become an important activity and added value of the Living Knowledge network. The EC intends to announce a call for proposals to start international cooperation on small scale community based research projects. The local dimension of the research and the international cooperation with organisations dealing with the same kind of local research questions seem to be the key elements of this call for proposals. If you run regular research projects which might be of interest for local organisations (and Science Shops) in other countries you can consider submitting a project proposal once the call has been announced. This call will be a pilot call in FP6 and might become a structural call in FP 7 if it will be successful.

From this perspective it is important that the Living Knowledge network submits a wide variety of proposals. Please use the Living Knowledge list to share ideas for international cooperation. You can subscribe for the discussion list at [www.livingknowledge.org](http://www.livingknowledge.org).

### Regulatory animal testing

*A survey of the factors influencing the use of animal testing to meet regulatory requirements.*

A study by Marie-Jeanne Schiffelers, Gerrit Hagelstein, Annemiek Harreman, Martijn van der Spek, and published by the Science Shop for Biology, Utrecht, surveys and describes the factors and actors that influence the use of animal testing to comply with regulatory requirements. Wherever possible, the research focused on animal testing required by protocol for the authorization and release of pharmaceuticals. The research findings are based primarily on interviews with representatives of the main stakeholder groups (legislators, regulators, industry, science and NGOs). In other words, this study provides a survey of perceived influences. These findings are meant to help identify possible follow-up projects at the European level in order to reduce regulatory animal testing wherever possible. A free printed 80 pages report in English can be [ordered](#) or [downloaded](#) (PDF-file 1,8 MB)

### Science Shop Brochure

An international brochure on Science Shops is available. In the brochure information can be found on activities and impact of Science Shops. It is available in English, German and French. Brochures can be ordered for free at the European Commission, Science and Society Directorate. [jette.gents@cec.eu.int](mailto:jette.gents@cec.eu.int)

### Conferences

October 21-22, 2005, Turin, Italy  
[MAKING EUROPE LOCAL](#) - Building Networks of Cooperation Between Civil Society and Public Administrations in the Enlarged Europe

November 14-15, 2005, Brussels, Belgium  
[Communicating European Research](#)

January 20-23, 2006 Brussels, Belgium  
[Meeting of Minds: Second European Citizens' Convention on Brain Science](#)

April 1-2 2006, New Haven, CT, USA  
[Unite For Sight's 3rd Annual International Health Conference](#), Empowering Communities to Bridge Health Divides

July 15-19, 2006, Munich, Germany  
[European Science Open Forum](#)

For more conferences related to community based research, science and technology and science communication see 'news' and 'agenda' at the [Living Knowledge-website](#).