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### Building partnerships for public access to research

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2011 started with a couple of good omens for science and society relations. First: PERARES, the recent EU funded international Science Shop project, has almost finished its preparatory studies and activities and will soon address the broader public. Second: In Germany six universities have received funds for their ideas of society engagement which range from service learning to community based research. Together with two new Science Shop initiatives it can be stated: Now also Germany is on its way. Third: The CUexpo in Waterloo, Canada, in May is only a couple of weeks ahead with a program that features special speakers, 300+ sessions to be led by delegates from around the world, arts-based presentations designed to provoke new thinking and discussion, a community festival, and more. And I have never noticed that much conferences dealing with university/research - community relations as this year. A remarkable progress!

Enjoy this issue of the Living Knowledge newsletter. The next Living Knowledge Magazine will be published in May 2011.

Norbert Steinhaus

### Re-imagining Research Relationships – Co-creating Knowledge in a Democratic Society

*5th LK Conference, Bonn, Germany, 8-12 May 2012*

The planning and preparation for the 5th Living Knowledge Conference in Bonn is in full swing. Starting on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, the first 1,5 days will be designated for the next Science Shop Summer School. During the following 3 days the conference will set its focus on the themes:

- Setting shared research agendas with CSO's,
- The role of Higher Educational Institutes (HEI) in creating with communities,
- Evaluation of communities engagement,
- Developing international partnerships and funding collaborative research relationships.



The conference is part of PERARES activities. Its final structure of the programme will be published June 2011. The conference website is in process. We will keep you updated on the Living Knowledge Discussion List.

### CU Expo in Waterloo, Canada

CU Expo 2011 is a Canadian-led Conference designed to showcase the exemplars in Community-University partnerships worldwide, and together to introduce creative ways of strengthening our local communities. Complex social issues require global perspectives to inform local action. Community-University partnerships can be an effective way to stimulate innovative solutions for the pressing concerns within our communities.

Colleagues of the PERARES team will be represented in various parts of the CU Expo 2011 conference.

Three **workshops** on Science Shop methodologies will be offered. "Science Shops – Basics" is an introduction to the basics of running a Science Shop, or Community Knowledge Exchange at an



university or research institute. "Science Shops – Advanced – Reflection on Challenges of Changing Environments" offers a market place for mutual learning. Its goal is to foster the transfer of existing know-how and allow for adaptation into one's own context and culture. The third skill-building workshop with the title "Building Equality of Participation in Research Partnerships" enables participants to explore the benefits and challenges associated with including the community voice in research partnerships, focusing on the practicalities of the research process.

During **poster sessions** the Bonn Science Shop presents its work in the fields of 'Renewable Energies', 'Sustainable land use management' and 'Soufflearning, an innovative learning and teaching methodology'.



In a joined **panel session** about Community University partnership in scientific education Dublin Institute of Technology will present the new module "Foundation in Community-Based-Research". Jane Burpee (Associate Librarian Research Enterprise & Scholarly Communications at [University of Guelph Library](#)), Henk Mulder (PERARES project coordinator, Science Shop Groningen) and Norbert Steinhaus (International Science Shop contact Point, Bonn Science Shop) will perform a round table "Calling for Open Access to Research" to engage attendees in a discussion about the impact Open Access can have on enhancing the lives of practitioners, community members and ultimately anyone and everyone regardless of who they are or where they are located.

At the **round table** "Science Shops: Demand-driven versus need-driven?" Science Shop Brussels seeks methods to detect needs in society which covers the particular demands of a wider group of civil society organizations. An aim is, to learn from other CU-partnerships how they detect societal needs and what methodology they use.

During the **story telling** presentation "Including Community Voices: Accessibility for mentally disabled people" Science Shop Brussels will focus on the challenges of defining the new concept of mental accessibility and on the methodology of incorporating mentally disabled people as participants in the research. Motive was a request of the Flemish Platform for Accessibility to evaluate the access of mentally disabled people to society in general and to public spaces in particular. A large part of less-abled persons and particularly mentally disabled people experience many difficulties which aren't considered as accessibility-issues.

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### AUCEA – Next Steps: Building a New Engagement Agenda

Australian Universities Community Engagement Alliance (AUCEA) is an alliance of universities and affiliations committed to university-community engagement across Australia and Asia Pacific. The 8th annual AUCEA international conference to be held in Sydney Australia, 8-11 July 2010, has the sub-themes: Leadership, Research, Learning, and Partnerships. PERARES partner submitted proposals to perform two joined workshops and one oral presentation together with the Australian colleagues, Lisa Andersen and Pauline O'Loughlin, from UTS Shopfront at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) The workshops will focus on the Australian context, and will be enriched by the experiences of UTS Shopfront. The presentation of Henk Mulder and Norbert Steinhaus will include an overview of science shop developments in Europe and beyond and the roles of the International Living Knowledge Network and the Global Alliance for Community-Engaged research (GACER) in advancing community-based research globally. [www.aucea.org.au](http://www.aucea.org.au)



### New staff member at the International Science Shop Contact point



In February 2011 Michaela Shields joined the team at the Bonn Science Shop. Studying Social Geography at University of Amsterdam, she has been working in the field of sustainable development and event management in

Bonn since 1998. Her major focus in the Bonn Science Shop will be on organizing the 5th Living Knowledge Conference in 2012 in Bonn and the realisation of the launch of the conference website and the relaunch of LK website.

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### Science through questions and answers

*Science Shop InterMEDIU Bucharest launched new website*

InterMEDIU București, an eight years old Science Shop of Politehnica University of Bucharest, is focused on education and developing scientific interest to different age categories. Its main goal is to contribute and support, through teachers and educators, a sound education oriented on a scientific understanding of the environment. Recently InterMEDIU București launched the website "Science through Questions and Answers" that will act as a "poll of questions" from CSO's, teachers, students, etc., that will represent the start for new activities to be further developed under PERARES project. In the first stage a collected ques-



tion receives brief answer from InterMEDIU members. Further on, part of the collected questions will allow the formulation and uptake of research subjects for Romanian students involved in environmental research. Abstracts of student's research will be placed on the website in a second stage. The website is hosting a quarterly contest for essays written by students having as subjects the most frequently question ask on the website in the previous quarter. The best essays will be posted on the website.



[www.intermediu.pub.ro](http://www.intermediu.pub.ro)

### Database on environmental protection declarations in Catalonia

The Geographers Group for Social Ecology (2GES), at the University of Barcelona, has published a database with 136 manifestos written for the citizen organization of Catalonia for the environmental protection since 1972 until 2010. Have a look at the database at the Social Ecology Resources Center ([www.ub.edu/](http://www.ub.edu/)

[www.ub.edu/geocrit/arakne/arakne-142.htm](http://www.ub.edu/geocrit/arakne/arakne-142.htm)). See also a presentation of this database in: JORI, Gerard: Manifestos Ecológicos y Cultura Ambiental. A propósito de un repertorio digital de manifestos. Aracne. Revista Electrónica de Recursos en Internet sobre Geografía y Ciencias Sociales. 2011, 142,1. [www.ub.edu/geocrit/arakne/arakne-142.htm](http://www.ub.edu/geocrit/arakne/arakne-142.htm). Article and database are written in Spanish.

The authors ask for comments and also experiences or similar works from other

countries as they are open to collaborate with other teams on the social production of knowledge for ecological, territorial and policies issues.

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### More than Teaching and Research

*Six German universities awarded in prize competition on societal responsibility*

On 18 February 2011 Stifterverband for German Science and Foundation Mercator together with the US based Rosalynn and Jimmy Carter Foundation finished a competition and gave funds to 6 German universities for their suggested community related activities (from social learning up to community based research). 78 universities wrote proposals (25% of German universities) and were in competition for the funds. Now the universities of Augsburg, Dortmund, Duisburg-

Essen, Friedrichshafen, Kassel und München have been awarded with up to 190.000 Euro for the coming to years to be strengthened in their role as society actors. University Duisburg-Essen e.g. is on its way to install a concept for community based research. "German universities are on their way to the centre of society", commented Prof. Dr. Andreas Schlüter, secretary general of Stifterverband. The awards support this development and at the same time create attention for a diverse university landscape. Stifterverband is a private, dedicated and not-for-profit association. Through donations, membership fees and other forms of income, Stifterverband generates annual funds of well over 120 million EUR, making it the largest private institution of its kind in Germany.

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### New Science Shop initiatives in Germany

Two new Science Shop initiatives started in Germany. In Berlin and Potsdam non-university based initiatives of scientists and science journalists and communicators explore possibilities of setting up a pilot to show the Science Shop's advantages. Although Science Shops need a minimal infrastructure - here given by a space on the closed Berlin airport Tempelhof and the link with the Werkhaus in Potsdam - they nevertheless need a limited budget to start. The need of some financing for a continued work is in the main focus. Both initiatives are looking for contacts and exchange of experiences within the Living Knowledge network.



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### GACER News

GACER, the Global Alliance for Community Engaged Research is a 'network of networks' to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and information across continents and countries, to enable interaction and collaboration, to further the application and impact of community-based research for a sustainable just future for the people of the world. The Talloires Network has set up a declaration for sustainability, created for and by presidents of institutions of higher learning (set up and first signed 1990 in France. Up to now more than 50 countries and more than 420 HEI presidents have signed). The mission of GUNI (Global University Network for Innovation) is to contribute to the strengthening of



higher education's role in society through the renewal and innovation of higher education main issues across the world under a vision of public service, relevance and social responsibility. 179 institutions from 68 countries are GUNI members. GACER and GUNI will work together on the forthcoming World Report on HEI. Talloires have agreed in principle to collaborate on this. GUNI is exploring the idea of a report linked to a series of regional meetings, experimentation with video conferencing consultations and leading to a World Conference on HE on CUE in Barcelona in 2012. GUNI has asked GACER to develop a 20-30 page concept paper for a report on Community-Higher Education Engagement

<http://communityresearchcanada.ca/?action=alliance>, [www.tufts.edu/talloiresnetwork](http://www.tufts.edu/talloiresnetwork), [www.guni-rmies.net](http://www.guni-rmies.net)

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### **Congratulations to Rajesh Tandon (PRIA)** *on being inducted in the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame*



The International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame at the University of Oklahoma Outreach has been created not only to honor leaders in the fields of continuing education and

adult learning but to serve as a record and inspiration for the next generation of continuing education leaders. Election to the Hall of Fame acknowledges that these men and women have made distinguished contributions to the field of adult and continuing education. Each has provided a crucial nexus between resources and learners. The 2011 IACE Hall of Fame Induction for Rajesh Tandon, leader at PRIA (Participatory Research in Asia) and GACER (Global Alliance in Community Engaged Research) will be held April 7 in conjunction with the University Professional & Continuing Education Association's Annual Conference (UPCEA) in Toronto, Ontario, at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel.

[www.halloffame.outreach.ou.edu](http://www.halloffame.outreach.ou.edu)

### **Launch of ASIA-TALLOIRES NETWORK OF ENGAGED UNIVERSITIES (ATNEU)**

In March 2010, the Talloires Network brought together 20 higher education leaders at the Rockefeller Foundation in Bellagio, Italy for a unique discussion on "Higher Education Responding to Social Needs". The Talloires Network is a global association of over 190 institutions in 59 countries, committed to strengthening the social responsibilities of higher education.

UKM was invited to lead in the development of a regional chapter of the Talloires Network, the Asia-

Talloeires Network of Engaged Universities (ATNEU) dedicated to drive trans-disciplinary social responsibility initiatives between higher education institutions and diverse stakeholders, to promote collaborations that enhance the quality of



life for Asian communities. ATNEU is made up of diverse stakeholders of industries, NGOs, government agencies and student organisations. This network aims to create a multiple flow of knowledge and expertise and develop sustainable collaborations that strengthen the social responsibility and sustainability of HEIs across the Asian region besides others by expanding research-driven community engagement initiatives to involve opportunities for Volunteerism for students, academics and non-academics. Such initiatives will enhance intercultural collaboration across nations whilst developing the Regional Communities of Practice. The 2nd ASEAN UNIVERSITY NETWORK University Social Responsibility & Sustainability (USR&S) Meeting, (Theme: Knowledge for People: Research for Community Life) will take place from 9-11 May 2011 at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (The National University of Malaysia) Further information contact: Prof. Dr. Saran Kaur Gill Deputy Vice Chancellor (Industry and Community Partnership) [tnchejim@ukm.my](mailto:tnchejim@ukm.my)

### **From Challenges to Opportunities: Towards a Common Strategic Framework for EU Research and Innovation funding**

On 9 February 2011, the European Commission presented a [Green Paper](#) which proposes major changes to EU research and innovation funding to make participation easier, increase scientific and economic impact and provide better value for money. The changes, to be introduced in the next EU budget after 2013, would bring together the current Framework Programme for research, the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme, and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology. The Commission is seeking the views of all interested individuals and organisations on these proposed changes and on the specific questions set



out in the Green Paper. The deadline for contributions is Friday 20 May 2011. In parallel, a competition for the name of the Common Strategic Framework is being organised. There are a number of ways to contribute through the [website of the European Commission Research and Innovation](#) such as an online questionnaire, written response, interactive blog or events. The responses received will be analysed by the Commission services. They will be used to design the proposals, to be presented by the Commission by the end of 2011, for a legislative decision of the Council and Parliament on the Common Strategic Framework.

### **OpenAIRE opens access to EU scientific results**

EU researchers, businesses and citizens can have free and open access to EU-funded research papers thanks to OpenAIRE (Open Access Infrastructure for Research in Europe), which the European Commission launched December 2010, at the University of Ghent in Belgium. It encourages a move from open access to research and scholarship towards the creation and use of open data, open source software and open educational resources. OpenAIRE will provide a network of open repositories providing free online access to knowledge produced by scientists receiving grants from the Seventh Framework programme (FP7) and European Research Council (ERC), especially in the fields of health, energy, environment, parts of Information & Communication Technology and research infrastructures, social sciences, humanities and science in society. This is an important step towards full and open access to scientific papers that could, for example, allow patients with rare illnesses to have access to the latest medical research results, or provide scientists with real-time updates about developments in their field.



OpenAIRE originates from a European Commission pilot initiative on open access, launched in August 2008. Projects funded under FP7 are requested to deposit peer-reviewed papers in online repositories and to provide open access within 6 or 12 months after publication depending on the thematic area. [www.openaire.eu](http://www.openaire.eu)

Read more about the Open Journal System plug-in [here](#).

### **Final Declaration from the World Social Forum in Dakar**

The World Social Forum is an open meeting place where social movements, networks, NGOs and other civil society organizations opposed to neo-liberalism and a world dominated by capital or by any form of imperialism come together to pursue

their thinking, to debate ideas democratically, for formulate proposals, share their experiences freely and network for effective action. Since the first world encounter in 2001, it has taken the form of a permanent world process seeking and building alternatives to neo-liberal policies. The World Social Forum is not a group nor an organization and it does not intend to be a body representing world civil society. The Final Declaration of the Social Movements Assembly WSF 2011 - one of 38 general assemblies and held on February 10th, Dakar (Senegal) can be read [here](#).

### **Science Shops**

#### **Living Knowledge Discussion List**

The Living Knowledge Discussion List is now running under [livingknowledge-l@lists.ucc.ie](mailto:livingknowledge-l@lists.ucc.ie).

#### **Science Shop Toolbox for Mentoring and Training.**

The EC project TRAMS (Training and Mentoring of Science Shops) produced a series training materials. All materials are available in the Science Shop Toolbox at the Living Knowledge website. The development of innovative practice in Science Shops is now supported through a customised training toolbox and appropriate partnering and exchange (mentoring) among members of Living Knowledge. The Toolbox offers: FAQ, Training programmes (a database with documents), E-modules („Getting started“ and „How to organise a community-based research project“), Scenario Workshop Toolkit (a handbook), Science Shop Summer Schools, Database of organisations You will find the [toolbox at the Living Knowledge website](#).

#### **FAQ's on Science Shops**

The EC project TRAMS delivered training and mentoring tools to support new and existing Science Shops and alike organisations. One of these tools is the section Frequently Asked Questions on the [Living Knowledge website](#). This FAQ section is a dynamic section. If you have any additional answers please feel free to contribute to the development of this section by sending your question to [livingknowledge@wilabonn.de](mailto:livingknowledge@wilabonn.de)

#### **Living Knowledge Database**

The Living Knowledge Database is a free, public accessible resource for Science Shops and alike organizations, community-based (research) organizations, universities and policy makers worldwide. It is searchable on (type of) organization, people, country and (thematic) expertise in community based research, all over the world. If you are an active organization dealing with community-based



research, you are invited to add your information to the Living Knowledge Database at [www.living-knowledge.org](http://www.living-knowledge.org). Please send your remarks on or questions about the database to the [International Science Shop Contact Point](#). We need your feedback to optimise the use of the database.

### Conferences

#### **African Regional Conference on Community University Partnerships and CBR**

*Cheikh Anta Diop University Dakar, Senegal, 25-26 March 2011*

The Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar in collaboration with Cupp at the University of Brighton and the Sub-Saharan Africa Participatory Research Network are organizing a conference on Community University Partnerships. For more information on the conference and the call for papers, please go to <http://www.brighton.ac.uk/cupp/news/1-cupp-news/92-conference-on-community-university-partnerships-in-senegal-call-for-papers.html>

#### **Knowledge Production and Higher Education in the 21st Century” – KNOWLEDGE 2011.**

*Cape Town, South Africa, 28 - 31 March 2011*

“Knowledge Production and Higher Education in the 21st Century” is an initiative of the NUFU-funded research network Productive Learning Cultures with researchers from Southern Africa and Norway. This conference is the concluding conference of a series of four. The conference will be hosted by the Faculties of Education at the Universities of Bergen (Norway), Pretoria and Stellenbosch (both South Africa).



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#### **CUexpo 2011. Community-University Partnerships Conference: Bringing Global Perspectives to Local Action**

*Waterloo Region, Ontario, Canada, May 10-14, 2011*

CU Expo 2011 is a Canadian-led Conference designed to showcase the exemplars in Community-University partnerships worldwide, and together to introduce creative ways of strengthening our local communities. Complex social issues require global perspectives to inform local action. Community-University partnerships can be an effective way to stimulate innovative solutions for the pressing concerns within our communities.

[www.cuexpo2011.ca](http://www.cuexpo2011.ca)

#### **The 2nd ASEAN UNIVERSITY NETWORK University Social Responsibility & Sustainability (USR&S) Meeting: Knowledge for People: Research for Community Life**

*Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (The National University of Malaysia), 9-11 May 2011*

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#### **2011 Talloires Network Global Leaders Conference “Building the engaged university, moving beyond the ivory tower.”**

*Madrid, Spain. 14-16 June 2011*

The Network will engage these leaders in a dynamic discussion about the future of civic engagement, community outreach, and social responsibility in higher education

#### **Next Steps: Building a New Engagement Agenda**

*Sydney, Australia, 11-13 July 2011*

The 8th annual AUCEA international conference will be held in Sydney, Australia from 11 – 13 July, and the conference sub-themes are: Leadership, Research, Learning, and Partnerships.

<http://aucea.com.au/events/next-steps>

#### **5th Living Knowledge Conference: Re-imagining Research Relationships – Co-creating Knowledge in a Democratic Society**

*Bonn, Germany, 8-12 May 2012*

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For links and more conferences related to community based research, science and technology and science communication see ,news' and ,agenda' at the Living Knowledge-website [www.living-knowledge.org](http://www.living-knowledge.org)

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