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RMAP PROGRAM NEWS

1. **Mr. Rongxing Guo has recently joined the RMAP Program as a Visiting Fellow.** He is the Standing Director and Head of Regional Economics Committee of the Regional Science Association of China at Peking University. His current areas of research include: Regional economics (with emphasis on the cross-border issues); Energy economics and environmental management; Ownership reform and income distribution in China's State-Owned Enterprises; Cross-cultural economic analysis; Chinese economic reform. Rongxing has been team leader of a project "A Political Economy Study of Environmental Management in Cross-Border Areas, organized by the East Asian Development Network (with funds from the World Bank). His forthcoming papers include "How Culture Influences Foreign Trade: Evidence from the US and China" (Journal of Socio-Economics/North Holland). While staying at RMAP, Rongxing will cooperate with his colleagues on a variety of research interests (including cross-border water resource management and coal mining, among others). He will finalize a research paper on "China's Interprovincial Border Disputes: The case of Weishan lake" and a book draft provisionally entitled "Political Economy of Natural and Environmental Resources in Cross-Border Areas". Rongxing's email addresses is Rongxing.Guo@anu.edu.au. He is with the RMAP Program (Room No. 5027), till 30th September, 2004.

2. **Simon Haberle recently returned from 3 week trip to Sweden and Spain.** His first stopover in Uppsala University involved two seminar presentations on his recent fieldwork in PNG and continued collaboration with Prof Keith Bennett on the methodology and numerical analysis of fire history data from around the globe. The second part of the trip was to Granada, Spain, to attend the XI International Palynological Congress (http://www.11ipc.org/content/01_cover_f.htm), at which over 500 people presented papers on wide ranging topics such as forensic applications of pollen analysis, pollen allergenic research, and Quaternary palaeoecology. There was a strong focus on Aerobiology (the measurement of pollen and fungus types in the air) which provided considerable useful information for our current ARC Linkage funded Darwin Smoke Project which is a multi-disciplinary research program (in partnership with Charles Darwin University) that aims to identify causes and consequences of high air pollution episodes in the Darwin region. Simon Haberle and Janelle Stevenson (ANH) are providing the aerobiological data (daily pollen and fungal counts) for this project over the next 18 months.

SEMINARS OF INTEREST

1. **Participation of the landless poor in the rural economy through the non-farm sector: a case study in Bangladesh**

Rie Makita, PhD Student, Department of Human Geography, RSPAS
Date & time: Monday 19 July, 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU campus
(Human Geography seminar)

2. **Breaking Down The Poverty-Environment Relationship In Papua New Guinea**

Colin Filer, Convenor, RMAP Program
Date & time: Thursday 22 July, 12.30 - 1.30
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU campus

RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

Conference Calendar

(http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf_calendar.html)

1. **ATSE Crawford Fund's Free Annual Development Conference: "Fish, Aquaculture and Food Security: Sustaining Fish as a Food Supply"**, August 11 2004, Parliament House Theatre, Canberra, Australia. This year's Crawford Fund free annual development conference which will explore the issues and the required action if we are to maintain supplies of fish for human consumption, for the aquaculture industry, for the environment and for pleasure into the future. To see the conference program go to <http://nib.rsbs.anu.edu.au/docs/2004Program.doc>. Free online registration and further information is now available at www.crawfordfund.org

2. **19th World Energy Congress**. 5-9 September 2004, Sydney, Australia. For further details: <http://www.tourhosts.com.au/energy2004/invit.asp>

3. **Environmental Anthropology - one-day symposium**. 2 October, 2004, The University of Melbourne. Sustainable Environments, Sustainable Communities: Potential Dialogues Between Anthropologists, Scientists and Managers. Details at: <http://www.anthropology.unimelb.edu.au/AAS/> Or contact Monica Minnegal, Senior Lecturer in Anthropology School of Anthropology, Geography & Environmental Studies, The University Of Melbourne, Ph:03 8344 0066 Email: m.minnegal@anthropology.unimelb.edu.au

4. First Call for Poster Submissions: **7th AARES Symposium Frontiers in Resource Management**, 6 and 7 October 2004, the Hilton in the Viaduct Basin, Auckland, New Zealand. The 7th AARES Symposium focuses on analytical techniques in economics which can be used by researchers and analysts to produce better results for public policy. This symposium is an opportunity for attendees to advance their understanding in the application of these techniques given their relevance to contemporary resource management challenges. The Symposium will feature key international speakers from Europe, United States, Australia and New Zealand with wide experience in applied economic analysis of resource management and policy issues along with panel discussions. Confirmed Speakers include: John Loomis, Colorado State University; Quentin Grafton, Australian National University; Suzi Kerr, MOTU. For more details: <http://www.mngt.waikato.ac.nz/Econ/>

5. The **annual conference of the Environmental Institute of Australia and New Zealand**, Christchurch, New Zealand, Tuesday 29 March to Friday 1 April 2005. For further details see www.conferenceteam.co.nz/eianz

6. **1st International Congress on Successful Cases in Sustainable Development in the Tropics** 2-4 May, 2005, at Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico. Organised by The Universidad Veracruzana, through the Centro de Investigaciones Tropicales (CITRO). Detailed information available at: <http://www.uv.mx/CITRO/reunion/congreso/english/01invita.htm>

The cases can be nominated in one of these themes:

* Water management and conservation * Sustainable Agricultural Development * Conservation and Forest management * Sustainable management alternatives for natural protected areas * Use of alternative energy sources * Controlling pollution in the environment * Sustainable urban development * Ecotourism * Cultural and local sustainable development in indigenous communities

Deadline for abstract submission is : January 15, 2005.

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OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

1. **A Sourcebook on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Agricultural Biodiversity (2003)**, published by CIP-UPWARD in collaboration with GTZ GmbH, IDRC, IPGRI and SEARICE, is available at: <http://www.eseap.cipotato.org/upward/Abstract/Agrobio-sourcebook.htm>. The publication is a compilation of field-based experiences by scientists, development specialists, academics, policy-makers and donors around the world; it consists of three volumes: 1) understanding agricultural biodiversity, 2) strengthening local management of agricultural biodiversity, and 3) ensuring an enabling

environment for agricultural biodiversity. It is designed for use by rural development practitioners and local administrators, as well as trainers and educationalists. It contains a number of case studies drawn from the Asia-Pacific region.

2. A series of electronic newsletters from the anonymous 'Grumbling Bush Spirit' ("Masalai i Tokaut") documenting **corruption in the PNG forestry sector since mid-2002** are now available online at: www.cotse.net/users/masalai

3. Sayer, J. & B. Campbell, 2004. ***The science of sustainable development: local livelihoods and the global environment***. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 1 available at: <http://assets.cambridge.org/0521827280/sample/0521827280WS.pdf>. Comments or queries can be sent to the authors at jsayer@wvint.org or b.campbell@cgiar.org

OFFLINE PUBLICATIONS

New books from Earthscan.

Groves, L. & R. Hinton, (eds) (2004). **Inclusive Aid: Changing Power And Relationships In International Development.**

Special 10% discount price £15.26 (Full price £16.95)

<http://www.earthscan.co.uk/asp/bookdetails.asp?key=4076>

Mayers, J. & S. Bass, (2004). **Policy That Works For Forests And People: Real Propects For Governance And Livelihoods.**

Special 10% discount price £31.50 (Full price £35.00)

<http://www.earthscan.co.uk/asp/bookdetails.asp?key=4081>

Falkenmark, M. & J. Rockström, (2004). **Balancing Water For Humans And Nature: The New Approach In Ecohydrology.**

Special 10% discount price £20.66 (Full price £22.95)

<http://www.earthscan.co.uk/asp/bookdetails.asp?key=4080>

OTHER NEWS

1. Position available: Professor of Environmental Sciences, University of Papua New Guinea

Applicants should have a PhD degree in environmental science or environmental management or a related discipline with demonstrated excellence in teaching undergraduates, postgraduate and distance education students, in research, publication and outreach. He/she will be expected to develop and strengthen links with government, industry, NGOs and training and teaching institutions, to be involved in policy consultation, undertake consultancy work and attract external research or other funds. The Environmental Science Discipline, located in the School of Natural and Physical Sciences is seeking to strengthen and expand its teaching and research program in sustainable livelihoods, natural resource management, environmental protection and in sustainable development strategies appropriate for Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific. The appointee will contribute knowledge, skills and training and show leadership fostering new, innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to both teaching and research on resource and environmental problems.

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