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RMAP PROGRAM NEWS

Michael Fabinyi has joined the RMAP Program as a new PhD student in the field of anthropology. Michael's topic is concerned with coastal and marine resource management issues in Melanesia, and for that reason (apart from our general spatial crisis), he is currently sharing an office (5015) with Simon Foale (x53374).

SEMINARS OF INTEREST

Detecting Coalfires with Remote Sensing: A Comparative Study of Selected Asian Countries

Prasun K Gangopadhyay, PhD Candidate, International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), The Netherlands. RMAP Visiting Fellow.

Date & Time: Tuesday 15 February, 12.30-1.30pm

Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU

(RMAP Seminar <<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/seminars.php>>)

OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

Final summary of the **Proceedings of the International Conference on 'Biodiversity: Science and Governance'**, held in Paris on 24-28 January 2005, is available at

<http://www.iisd.ca/sd/icb/sdvol100num5e.html>

OFFLINE PUBLICATIONS

Message from Bill Standish:

PNG Yearbook 2005. This is a useful resource produced each year by Pacific Star (owned by Rimbunan Hijau), which for people outside PNG is more easily obtained from the Sydney distributor than it is from Waigani (see attached flyer).

OTHER NEWS

1. Global Network - Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN)

A new global network has been formed for women professionals working in agriculture and natural resource management around the world to build an alliance of women (and men who support them) to support a process of change for gender equality in programs and organizations, and to advocate for the same in governments, national and international agencies. A fundamental principle of this network is that organizations themselves need to become gender sensitive in order to promote sustainable development for rural communities.

The objective of WOCAN is to address three major gaps that persist with regards to sustainable and rural development processes: 1) policies regarding gender within the natural resource management sectors; 2) roles of professional women in implementing policies for rural women's empowerment and

gender equality within these sectors, and 3) organizational barriers that obstruct women from realizing positions of leadership and influence to take on such roles.

FREE MEMBERSHIP is being offered for a trial period through March, 2005.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.wocan.org> or contact:

<mailto:jeannettegurung@wocan.org>

2. Exhibition // Golden Island

LPI photographer and marine ecologist Simon Foale (RMAP Program) teams up with anthropologist Martha Macintyre to document life on Lihir, a group of beautiful and rarely visited islands in North-eastern Papua New Guinea. Lihir has been the site of a large gold mining operation since 1995, which has led to major social and economic changes, both positive and negative, as well as environmental impacts. The exhibition will open on 23rd May in the CSIRO Cunningham Library, at the Queensland Bioscience Precinct, St Lucia, Brisbane, Australia. All proceeds from sales of prints will go towards a fund for the purchase of materials for the Environmental Education Project on Lihir. For more information contact Simon Foale on (02) 6125 3374 or simon.foale@anu.edu.au or Martha Macintyre on (03) 8344 0834 or marthaam@unimelb.edu.au.