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RMAP PROGRAM NEWS

Simon Haberle has launched a **new web site, "PalaeoWorks"**, that is designed to be a portal to key resources being developed to facilitate historical ecology, palaeoecology and archaeobotanical research in the Asia-Pacific region. Please take the time to visit the web site. Comments and contributions welcome. PalaeoWorks home page <http://palaeoworks.anu.edu.au/index.html>

Contents include:

- Information for **students** interested in studying historical ecology, palaeoecology and archaeobotany at the ANU. (<http://palaeoworks.anu.edu.au/students.html>).
- The **INDO-PACIFIC POLLEN DATABASE** contains information on over 600 pollen sites from a region extending from the Indian to the Pacific Ocean. The database is available as a FileMaker Pro 5 file and a bibliography of 645 references is also available as a PDF file.
- The **AUSTRALASIAN POLLEN AND SPORE ATLAS** is a pollen image database under development at ANH that will provide web access to the pollen and spore collection held in the department. A draft version of the database is accessible through this site.
- Publications include online "**Technical Reports**" that are intended to support palaeoecological and archaeobotanical research in the Asia-Pacific and Australian region. (e.g. **Haberle, S.G.** 2005. Ethnobotany of the Tari Basin: A Filemaker Pro 5 Database. PalaeoWorks Technical Report 6. p.16 + 1162 species database).
- Individual collections of pollen floras from sites investigated by members of PalaeoWorks are being developed and will be freely available. (e.g. A **New Caledonia Pollen Flora** contains around 360 pollen and spore images from the flora of New Caledonia)
- Up-to-date information on the group's current **research activities, news** and **publications**.
- Price list for **analytical services** provided to Australian and international clients.

SEMINARS OF INTEREST

Papuan Special Autonomy: Origins, Developments and Problems

Velix Wanggai, Flinders University

Date & time: Wednesday 11 May, 12.30 to 2.00 pm

Venue: Seminar Room B, Coombs Building, Fellows Road, ANU

(Indonesia Study Group Seminar)

The Difficult Problem of Measuring the Village-Level Socio-Economic Benefits of Road Rehabilitation Projects in Rural Asia and Melanesia

Philip Hughes, Private Consultant, Visiting Fellow RMAP Program

Date & time: Tuesday 17 May, 12.30 - 1.30

Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU campus

(RMAP Seminar)

RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

Working Papers

<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/workingpapers.php>

Banks, G., D. Paull and S. Mockler, 2005. **The Social and Environmental Impact of Mining in Asia-Pacific: The Potential Contribution of a Remote-Sensing Approach**. Australian National University, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, RMAP Program (Working Paper No. 60).

RMAP Workshops and Conferences

<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conference.php>

Conference Calendar

http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf_calendar.php

The 2nd Indonesia Next 2005. Building The Blueprint of Indonesia State. Australian National University, 13-14 May. A dynamic forum to discuss: Indonesia's economic development; Sectoral development including the future of agriculture, **natural resources management**, health and education, and forestry and fishery; Regional development; Domestic politics; Good governance; and the Media. Further details: <http://indonext.ppi-australia.org/index.php>

International Symposium: Sustainable Water Management: Comparative Perspectives from Australia, Europe and US, National Museum of Australia, 15-16 September 2005

The National Europe Centre at The Australian National University in conjunction with the Fulbright Commission is convening this international symposium. The complexity of sustainable water management demands an integrated approach to our solutions, encompassing the political, social, economic and legal dimensions. This symposium will examine each of these factors in a comparative perspective, bringing together water specialists from Australia, the EU and the US. The symposium will focus particularly on Australia's National Water Initiative, the EU's Water Framework Directive and the US National Water Program. For details: <http://www.anu.edu.au/NEC/water.php>

OTHER NEWS

Position available: SPREP, Community Assessment And Participation Specialist (CAPS), International Waters Project (IWP).

The International Waters Project (IWP) is a 7-year project funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and executed by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). The Project Co-ordination Unit (PCU) for the IWP is based at SPREP's headquarters at Apia, Samoa. The Community Assessment and Participation Specialist (CAPS) will work under the direct supervision of the Project Manager of the Project. He/she will assume direct responsibility for the substantial social assessment tasks for each Pilot Project. In association with economists working with the IWP, the CAPS will design and implement strategies that provide socio-economic assessment and monitoring capacity to the IWP throughout Project implementation. Supporting the Community Communications Specialist and the Natural Resource Economist the CAPS will also assist with the information dissemination and education activities of the Project. He/she will work closely with the existing community participation specialists in SPREP or working elsewhere in the region. See the SPREP website for more details <http://www.sprep.org.ws/vacancies/CommunityAssessmentandParticipationSpecialistIWP.htm>