



## RMAP BULLETIN 13 MAY 2005

### SEMINARS OF INTEREST

#### **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 <<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/seminars.php>>

#### **The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2001-2005): A World Saver?**

Colin Butler, NCEPH

Date & time: Thursday 19 May, 12.30 pm

Venue: Bob Douglas Lecture Theatre, NCEPH, ANU

[http://www.anu.edu.au/graduate/info\\_staff/humsocsems.php](http://www.anu.edu.au/graduate/info_staff/humsocsems.php)

(National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health Seminar)

#### **A New Book on the Agricultural Economy of Papua New Guinea: A Request for Feedback**

Mike Bourke, Adjunct Senior Fellow, Department of Human Geography

Date & time: Monday, 23 May, 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU

(Human Geography Seminar)

### RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

#### **Conference Calendar**

[http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf\\_calendar.php](http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf_calendar.php)

#### **Cooperating With Timor-Leste: Ideas For Good Development Practice, 17-18 June 2005, Victoria University, Flinders Street Campus, Melbourne.**

The conference will cover the following issues: How do East Timorese view the future of their country? How are Australian governments, federal, state and local, working with the East Timorese? How can Australian aid agencies, unions, churches, service clubs, educators and local groups work collaboratively in Timor-Leste? This conference will explore how Australians and others can help the East Timorese consolidate their independence through effective dialogue and cooperation. It will examine what is involved in good practice for collaboration in a wide range of fields to help strengthen democracy and build capacity for sustainability. The conference will involve civil society, professionals and officials from state, national and local government in both countries. It will include plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, sectoral panels and cross-sectoral workshops on topics such as: food and nutrition; oil and gas; micro enterprise; health; education; agriculture; the economy.

To download the conference brochure and registration form:

[http://devnet.anu.edu.au/Timor\\_Leste\\_Conference\\_Registration.pdf](http://devnet.anu.edu.au/Timor_Leste_Conference_Registration.pdf)

For further information about the conference and speakers please visit:

<http://www.vu.edu.au/ICEPA/cooperatingwiththetimor>

## OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

The **CGIAR Participatory Natural Resource Management Resource Center** at [www.prgaprogram.org](http://www.prgaprogram.org) presently contains:

Collaborative Products (10)

Resources developed by PNRM Members (organised by Author, Purpose and Theme)

Recommended tools and methods (47)

Recommended websites (82)

Recommended journal articles and books (2)

PNRM Reflections (14)

To reach the Resource Center click on PNRM RESOURCE CENTER in the RESOURCES area of the left-hand navigation column. Please submit new resources and recommendations by clicking on SUBMIT WEBLINKS in the COMMUNITY WORKSPACE. Alternatively you may send new submissions by email to [a.braun@cgiar.org](mailto:a.braun@cgiar.org).

## OTHER NEWS

1. **PNG Mapping Portal.** UPNG's Remote Sensing Centre has launched its interactive mapping portal – a vast computer database available on the Internet at no cost to users. It draws together stunning satellite images and aerial photographs, linking them with masses of interactive information including villages, aid posts, schools, national, provincial and local-government boundaries, roads, resource and conservation areas. UPNG's Remote Sensing Centre has launched its interactive mapping portal – a vast computer database available on the Internet at no cost to users. It draws together stunning satellite images and aerial photographs, linking them with masses of interactive information including villages, aid posts, schools, national, provincial and local-government boundaries, roads, resource and conservation areas. The mapping portal can be accessed on the Internet at: <http://www.rsc.upng.ac.pg/>

2. **UNESCO Prize Water in Arid Zones** - last deadline for applications 15 June 2005.

If you are interested to participate or present the candidature of an expert of your country at the UNESCO International Prize on Water In Arid Zones that is awarded with a sum of US\$20.000 please send applications to UNESCO IHP Secretariat by 15 June 2005.

Nominations can be submitted by the Representatives of the Governments/ UNESCO Member States, and by the UNESCO IHP National Committees, the UNESCO National Commissions, and non-governmental organizations maintaining official relations with UNESCO can also submit nominations. The main criteria for evaluating candidatures include: Practical applicability to arid and semi-arid areas; Scientific, technological and/or educational innovation; Contributions to environmental improvements; Beneficial socio-economic impact; Consistency with goals of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) of UNESCO.

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