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RMAP NEWS

Christmas greetings to all and best wishes for a prosperous 2007.

We extend our congratulations to **Dr Frank Jotzo** (Economics) and **Dr Karen Fisher** (Resource Management and Environmental Science) on their recent conferral of doctorate degrees.

We are sad to inform you that our colleague **Richard Grove** suffered serious head injuries in a car accident on 20 November. He was initially brought to the Canberra hospital where he had regular visits from friends and family members. He is due to be moved to the Liverpool hospital in Western Sydney on Wednesday 19 December because Canberra does not have the facilities for the long-term rehabilitation that he will need to undergo. The prognosis for recovery remains unclear at the present time but we are all hoping for the best possible outcome. Richard's wife Vinita (from the University of Sussex) will be spending her Christmas vacation in Australia to monitor his progress, and his father Dick will return in the New Year to support his son.

We are grateful to Sue Lawrence and Celia Roberts in RSPAS for their efforts in finding accommodation for Dick and Vinita when they first arrived in the wake of the accident, and to Mike Bourke for accommodating Dick when Vinita returned to England. We should also like to thank Prof. Deepak Kumar, who came to Canberra to work with Richard on a jointly edited monograph, for visiting him in hospital each day and reporting on his progress.

The **RMAP Annual Retreat** was held at the Murrumbateman Winery on 7-8 December. The most important outcome was an agreement to adopt a new organisational structure that will better reflect and facilitate the rapid expansion in the number of staff and students in the RMAP Program.

The key element will be the formation of small groups or teams whose members will work together in the pursuit of specific program objectives. We expect to have six teams operating in 2007:

- (1) Monograph Editorial Board (already established)
- (2) Financial Planning and Management Team (already functioning)
- (3) Communications and Outreach Team
- (4) Postgraduate Teaching Team
- (5) Public Policy and Consultancy Team
- (6) Research and Development Team

Each team will comprise two program staff as team leaders, with 6-7 other members drawn from the ranks of the program staff, PhD students, visiting fellows and other ANU staff currently included in the RMAP Advisory Group.

It was also agreed that the Steering Committee should be replaced by an expanded version of the current Executive Committee as the main decision-making body to which each of the teams will report.

The other key outcome was an agreement to replace the RMAP Bulletin with a blog that will substitute for the 'noticeboard' on the home page of the RMAP website. The Communications and Outreach Team will be responsible for making this substitution early in the New Year.

Visiting Fellow, **David Lawrence**, and his team in Solomon Islands have completed the main report of a national community survey for AusAID and the Community Sector Program (CSP). The report 'Hem nao, Solomon Islands, tis Taem' is in two volumes. Volume One is a collection of nine provincial profiles and Volume Two is the analysis of the surveys conducted on Guadalcanal and Malaita. The survey of 300 selected villages, called the CSP Snapshot, has provided us with a very large database for future analysis and social mapping. Reports on the other seven provinces are to be prepared in 2007. Plans for a Honiara Snapshot are being considered. The team will also report back to the communities surveyed next year.

Personnel changes

Welcome

Recently arrived Visiting Fellow to RMAP, **Deepak Kumar**, is with us for six weeks from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi where he teaches History of Science and Education.

Over the last thirty years Kumar has worked and published on different aspects of science, society and state in the context of colonial India. He is the author of *Science and the Raj*, which was published this year. His edited books are *Science and Empire*, *Technology and the Raj* (with Roy MacLeod), and *Disease and Medicine in India*.

The original idea of coming to RMAP was to collaborate and edit a volume on the environmental history of Asia with Richard Grove. Now this will have to be deferred in view of the unfortunate accident. Kumar will discuss his research with individual staff and students of RMAP on the development discourse of the 1930s and 40s, which was a period of great transition for India. His current research focus is on the history of public health and science in Indian agriculture. This is Kumar's first visit to Australia and he is grateful for the opportunity provided by RMAP.

ABSENCES/TRAVEL

Magdalena Gultom will be doing fieldwork in Indonesia from 14 Dec–18 Feb

RETURNING STUDENTS

Mike Fabinyi will be returning to RMAP on 30 Jan 2007

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES OF INTEREST

	January 16, 2007	Ethnohydrology and the
Jakkrit Sangkhamenee	Seminar Room C	Mekong River Resource
	11:00am - 12:30pm	Management

Please refer to the RMAP website link for updates and list of current seminars
<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/seminars.php>

RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE AND PUBLICATIONS

Frank Jotzo

Something moving on climate change policy?

The public debate on climate change policy in Australia was boosted recently with the publication of the UK Treasury, Stern Review on the economics of climate change. Stern has driven home the point that climate change will carry adverse economic impacts, and that the cost of addressing global greenhouse gas emissions will be much cheaper than the cost of doing nothing in the long run. Against the backdrop of drought and a perception that Australia is not really doing anything about the issue, there is now more pressure for policy to limit greenhouse gas emissions. The Prime Minister has called for a 'New Kyoto' and set up a task force comprising government officials and representatives of big (energy) business to work on the nature and design of a workable global emissions trading system
http://www.pm.gov.au/news/media_releases/media_Release2293.html.

Frank has joined the debate with appearances on SBS and Channel 10 news discussing 'emissions trading 101' over the past few weeks. He also published an article recently in the Australian Financial Review, 'Greenhouse cost equation gets compelling', which can be found on the RMAP web site (<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/newsitem.php?searchterm=88>). Here he argues that Australia should engage more constructively with the process of designing a post-Kyoto treaty, and that ratifying the 'Old Kyoto' is the best way to make sure there will be a meaningful 'New Kyoto'. Frank also put forward this argument at a recent seminar for government and business on 'Implications of the Stern Review'.

AWARDS

Asian Currents - The Asian Studies Association of Australia e-bulletin (November 2006 Issue 31) awarded New Mandala website of the month.

<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/newmandala/> New Mandala offers analysis of current issues in mainland Southeast Asia and aims to stimulate broader discussion of Southeast Asia's many social, political, environmental and economic issues. Reader comments and interaction are encouraged.

OFF-LINE PUBLICATIONS

Hemant K.Gupta

Joint Forest Management: Policy Participation and Practices in India. (ISBN: 81-7089-325-9)
Website: www.ibdbooks.com

Joint Forest Management (JFM) is now a principal forest management strategy in India. The government views JFM as a pivotal strategy for addressing the national policy goal of achieving 33% forest cover by 2012. JFM represents on model of community-based forestry in which the State engages with communities with forestry.

This book is an attempt to understand the evolution and introduction of the JFM principles and concepts. The combined influence of historical, social, economic, cultural and ecological factors along with policy impacts in people's participation in managing forest is illustrated by taking case of north west Himalayas.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Australian Research Council Grant Discovery Projects

The ARC is seeking Proposals under Discovery Projects for funding commencing in 2008. Documentation for Discovery Projects for 2008 is available on the ARC Web Site at http://www.arc.gov.au/apply_grants/discovery_projects.htm.

Deadline for Proposals is 2 March 2007, and the deadline for submitting an Eligibility Exemption/Ruling Request is 19 January 2007.

The Discovery Projects Application Form is now available on the ARC grants on-line management system (GAMS) located at <https://gams.arc.gov.au/>

Lake Macquarie City Council Environmental Research Grant

Environmental researchers are invited to submit an application for an environmental problem facing Lake Macquarie Lake Macquarie.

Applications close Friday 19 January 2007.

The Lake Macquarie Research Committee research priorities include: the effect of copper, iron, and selenium on fish reproduction rates; environmental impacts of beach cleaning; and control and management of Indian Myna populations.

The results of funded projects will assist Council and other lake managers to develop appropriate land use practices, plan remedial and preventative works, and/or adjust management strategies.

Information is available on:

http://www.lakemac.com.au/Files//policies/2006-2007_Env_Research_Grants.pdf

PhD Scholarship in Environmental Management and Development, ANU

The Crawford School of Economics and Government has a PhD scholarship available, as part of a new ARC Discovery Project on governance, environmental and social change in rural Indonesia.

Applicants must have completed an Honours degree, or equivalent Master degree with substantial research in either Anthropology, Geography, Politics, Environmental Science, Indonesian studies or related fields together with some knowledge of the Indonesian language. Previous research and/or recent work experience on aid and development issues would be an advantage.

For further information:

<http://www.crawford.anu.edu.au/student/scholarships.php>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Position, Organisation and Contact

Land use Analyst(GIS) - Atherton

6 month appointment

CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems Tropical Landscapes Program

Dr Kristen Williams +61-7-4091-8841
kristen.williams@csiro.au.

Landscape Ecologist - Kenya

(3 year appointment)

World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)

<http://www.worldagroforestrycentre.org>

Mrs. Claire Momoh: c.momoh@cgiar.org

3 positions for Post-Docs - July 2007 to January 2010

The European Marie-Curie Research Training Network

Multi-level Governance of Natural Resources: Tools and Processes for Water and Biodiversity Governance in Europe” (GoverNat)

www.governat.eu

HIV and STI Counselling and Training Officer

Three-year appointment

Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Public Health Programme (PHP)

www.spc.int.

<http://www.spc.int/hiv><http://www.spc.int/AC/social>
Noumea, New Caledonia.

email spc@spc.int

Job Description

CSIRO is seeking a spatial analyst with training in ecology, conservation or land evaluation to support the delineation of Key Biodiversity Areas within New Guinea through analysis of trade-offs in relation to threats and opportunities for implementing conservation in the region.

ICRAF seeks to recruit to undertake agro-ecosystem analysis and characterization studies as part of its ongoing research on Natural Resources Management. The successful applicant will contribute to the further development of ICRAF’s research portfolio on land degradation assessment and land rehabilitation, which aims at better management of tropical agricultural landscapes for ecosystem services and improved human wellbeing. The incumbent will be a member of an interdisciplinary team of researchers and will be based either in Nairobi or at a field station in Kisumu, Western Kenya.

The overall objective of GoverNat is to develop new solutions for multi-level environmental governance and to facilitate their use by decision makers in an enlarged EU.

Appointees will undertake research on environmental governance in Europe, particularly of biodiversity and water, to contribute to the designing of legitimate and effective solutions for communication between policy makers, scientists and the public in science-policy interfaces. The appointed fellows will also have internships at praxis partners to gain an “insider perspective” to the challenges of making decisions on environmental governance at different spatial scales.

The Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) is an intergovernmental regional organisation that provides technical and policy advice and assistance, training and research services to its Pacific Island members.

The successful applicant will: assist Pacific Island countries develop, improve and sustain effective counselling services in relation to HIV and other sexually transmissible infections (STIs); facilitate the development of supportive networks of health care workers, NGO staff and volunteers who are engaged in counselling in relation to HIV and other STIs; develop and implement effective work plans in relation to these activities; and ensure appropriate liaison with other teams within the HIV & STI Section, the broader PHP and across the Social Resources Division.

WORKSHOPS AND FORUMS

UNESCO Centre for Water Law Policy and Science

University of Dundee, Scotland

25-9 June 2007

The young professionals forum on transboundary waters.

Joshua Newton at joshua.newton@tufts.edu

The Universities Partnership for Transboundary Waters (UPTW) is a consortium of 14 universities that strives to enhance cooperation in transboundary waters; promote a global water governance culture which balances social, economic, and ecological needs; and work towards peace and poverty alleviation’.

The Young Partners (YPs) of the UPTW are a newly formed group of young academics from each partner institution that liaise with the Partners in UPTW activities and network within their region to work with young professionals on transboundary water issues.

In light of the growing trend in the establishment and enhancement of governance frameworks for transboundary basin management around the world, a widely accepted need to train the next generation of ‘water leaders’ has emerged. In order to support this capacity building effort it is necessary to promote relationships between stakeholders involved in transboundary basin management.

The Integrated Assessment Society (TIAS) and The Global Water System Project (GWSP)

Global Assessments: Bridging Scales and Linking to Policy

9-11 May 2007

University of Maryland, Washington DC

www.tias-web.info

www.gwsp.org

The conference will provide a multidisciplinary platform and bring together scientists from academia, industry, and government policy-making to analyse progress, to explore new research directions and highlight policy implications of scientific findings. It will focus on basic research findings across all sectors of adaptive and integrated water resource management. Furthermore it will share the major scientific insights from the NeWater project with the wider scientific community and embed it into the current scientific debate.

The conference will be divided between scientific contributions (3 days) and practitioner insights (1 day). Furthermore it will be possible to organise special workshops under the auspices of CAIWA 2007. For further information and calls for workshops, full papers, and extended abstracts please visit the conference website at <http://www.usf.uos.de/projects/caiwa/index.htm>,

OTHER NEWS

Message from Simon Foale at James Cook University

Greetings to everyone in RMAP. I am continuing work begun at ANU, including writing up the Small Islands in Peril (SMIP) study, and the Environmental Education Plan for Lihir (EEPL). I had a trip to Lihir a few weeks ago with Mouli MacKenzie (based in Canberra) to do 'diagnostic testing' of educational leaflets that were designed to address concerns regarding environmental impacts of the mining operation. The testing process was based on Mouli's experience doing this sort of work in Australia. The PNG Curriculum Development Division staff, teachers and high school students were particularly impressed with PNG sourced material. We are putting a proposal to Lihir Gold to fund the printing of the booklets. I am keen to extend this kind of work to coral reef-based topics (ecology, fisheries, climate change) and extend the geographic reach.

I will also be involved in a consultancy with AusAID in Solomon Islands next Feb/March, as the Environment Advisor for the Community Sector Program. Also, I will be collaborating with my new research colleagues at JCU on the impacts of fishing on fish with different life-history patterns.

Photos by John Burton



Porgeran men's house (foreground) and resettlement house (in the distance) at Mangalep, Porgera (PNG) May 2006.



Peakama Taro making a point at Apalaka, Porgera, (PNG) June 2006.

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