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UNPAN NEWS HEADLINES

United Nations Presents 2005 Public Service Awards

Eight pioneering projects from the developing and developed world were honored with the prestigious 2005 Public Service Awards at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. With good governance a prerequisite in ensuring sustained development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), this year's awards focused on innovative projects that prioritize accountability, service delivery, transparency and the inventive use of e-governance. The awards ceremony was held on 23 June, also recognized globally as the United Nations Public Service Day celebrating service to the community at the local, national and global levels. This year's selection process for the Awards was marked by an overwhelming response from around the world which brought in 215 nominations. A total of eight nominees doing innovative work at rural and urban areas were selected from six countries—Canada (The Vancouver Agreement and Industry Canada–Office of Consumer Affairs), India (Bhagidari Cell, Office of the Chief Minister, Delhi), Mexico (Secretaria de Agua, Obra Publica e Infrastructura para el Desarrollo and Unidad de Gobierno Electronico y Politica de Technologias de la Información), Morocco (Autonomous Establishment of Exports Control and Coordination), Singapore (Ministry of Trade and Industry) and Spain (Public Employment Service of Castile and Leon).

URL: http://www.unpan.org/dpepa_PSDay2005.asp

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NEWS FROM ARADO

Arab Administrative Development Organization (ARADO) http://www.arado.org.eg

The Civil Service Laws & Legislations in the Arab World Directory

ARADO is pleased to present to the civil service commissions and ministries, ministries of Labor, experts, scholars and researchers in the administrative field in the Arab countries "The Civil Service Laws & Legislations in the Arab World Directory." The directory compiles all the civil service laws in one publication. This compilation makes it easy for decision makers, researchers and those interested in the civil service affairs and labor laws to draw comparisons among the civil service legislations in the Arab countries and allows them to explore the similar and different aspects among the Arab countries.

URL: http://www.arado.org.eg/legislation

ARADO Portal (Ibda'a)

The ARADO Portal (Ibda'a) is one of the most important projects launched by ARADO in the field of information technology. Moreover, it is considered a pioneer project in the Arab world that is aimed at publishing electronically the Arab distinguished work in the administrative field. The Portal comprises various integrated databases produced to present to the Arab readers more that half a million pages in the administration field. This number will be increased by 10% to 30% after publishing more specialised periodicals in the management field.

URL: http://www.aradoportal.org.eg

Recent Publications

ARADO Documents Posted on UNPAN Since 1 July

Conference Information

ARADO Events

NEWS FROM ASPA

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) http://www.aspanet.org

ASPA Delegation Will Travel to Chengdu, China

A fifteen member ASPA delegation led by President <u>Donald C. Menzel</u> will travel to Chengdu, China, for the International Conference on Public Administration 21-22 October 2005. The conference will provide a forum for distinguished speakers from academia, government and industry to discuss problems and new ideas, share experiences of success and failure in public administration, explore the changes that public administration poses for all aspects of governance, and promote international co-operation in the field of public administration. The conference is co-sponsored by ASPA, the Chinese Public Administration

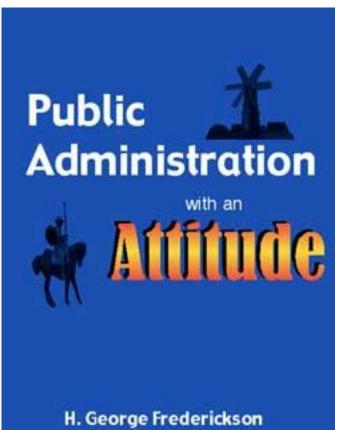
Society, and the School of Public Administration, Moscow State University, Russia, and the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China.

ASPA Signs Agreement to Develop Training Program for Chinese Government Officials

ASPA is pleased to announce an agreement has been signed with the Chinese Association for International Exchange of Personnel (CAIEP) to develop training and technical assistance programs. CAIEP is a nationwide and government sponsored institution engaged in the international exchange of specialised technical and managerial personnel. Its main tasks are to invite foreign experts to work in China, designate Chinese managerial and technical personnel to go abroad for practical training, assist Chinese and foreign organizations in developing friendly exchange and business relations, and arrange for foreign friends to engage in research, training and study in China. The aim of the Association is to promote exchange and cooperation between China and other countries in industry, agriculture, finance, science and technology, education, medicine and culture, through the international exchange of personnel, so as to contribute to China's reform, opening up and modernisation as well as to the advance of human civilisation in general. A five member Chinese delegation visited ASPA headquarters on 8 July to discuss specific steps to launch the training program.

Public Administration with an Attitude

Public Administration with an Attitude, a new ASPA publication by H. George Frederickson, is now available. In Public Administration with an Attitude. Frederickson takes on the issues facing today's public administrators with the intellectual integrity that established him as a leader in the field. If there is something wrong or right with the way public policy is being administered, Frederickson lets you know. Like his PA TIMES column. Public Administration with an Attitude is easy to read and jargon-free, and, of course, it is often witty. Read a sample chapter or order copies for fall courses.



URL: http://www.aspanet.org/scriptcontent/pwa.cfm

Recent Publications

- PA TIMES July issue
- Public Administration Review July/August issue

Conference Information

67th Annual ASPA National Conference Theme: "The Sky's the Limit: Idealism and Innovation in Public Service" Dates: 1-4 April 2006 Location: Denver, CO, USA Contact: Ms. Heidi Salati E-mail: <u>hsalati@aspanet.org</u> URL: <u>http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id</u> =1838

NEWS FROM CAFRAD

African Training and Research Centre in Administration for Development (CAFRAD) http://www.cafrad.org

43rd Meeting of the Governing Board of CAFRAD

The 43rd Meeting of the Governing Board of CAFRAD was officially opened at 11.00 a.m. on 29 June 2005 at Movenpick Hotel, Tangier (Morocco) by the Chairman **H.E. Mr. Mohamed BOUSSAÏD,** Minister in charge of Modernisation of the Public Sectors of the Kingdom of Morocco. The Governing Board of CAFRAD elected **Dr. Simon Mamosi LELO** (Democratic Republic of Congo), Director-General of CAFRAD for a term of four years.

URL: http://www.cafrad.org/cafrad/GB/43/conference_information.htm

Conference Information

CAFRAD/Ministry of Public Sector Modernisation Joint Seminar on State/Private Sector/Civil Society Partnership In Public Service Reform and Management Date: 28 June 2005

Location: Tangier, Morocco

E-mail: <u>cafrad@cafrad.org</u>

URL: <u>http://www.cafrad.org/Workshops/Tanger280605/training_service_information.htm</u>

NEWS FROM CARICAD

Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD) http://caricad.net

Recent Publications

<u>CARICAD Chronicle Vol. 1 No. 4</u>

NEWS FROM CIIIAP

International Centre of Innovation and Exchange in Public Administration (CIIIAP) <u>http://www.flem.org.br/ciiiap</u>

Organisational Strategies and Planning for the Public Sector

In July, the International Centre of Innovation and Exchange in Public Administration (CIIIAP) offered a course to help public servants improve their knowledge about the use of strategies in the public sector. The course's aim was to qualify the participants to understand the concepts of organisational strategies and strengthen their capacity to enhance the development of public projects. The course was taught by **Dr. Michael Barzeley**, professor of the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Conference Information

Cycle of Seminars: Municipal Management for the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals

The International Centre of Innovation and Exchange in Public Administration (CIIIAP), in partnership with the Bahia State Secretariat for Fighting Poverty and Social Inequalities (SECOMP), will promote a cycle of 19 seminars all over the State of Bahia. The seminars constitute a training programme for Bahian mayors on how to insert the MDG in the planning process, and how to work together in order to accomplish such goals.

Dates: Two days a week (except on holidays), starting on 23-24 August and concluding on 13-14 December

Locations: Each seminar occurs each week in one of the following cities, all of them located in the State of Bahia (Brazil): Sto. Antônio de Jesus; Jequié; Jaguaquara; Valença; Ilhéus; Caetité; Vitória da Conquista; Eunápolis; Bom Jesus da Lapa; Barreiras; Seabra; Irecê; Juazeiro; Euclides da Cunha; Alagoinhas; Serrinha; Itaberaba; Feira de Santana; Salvador

NEWS FROM CLAD

Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD) http://www.clad.org.ve

X International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform

Dates: 18-21 October 2005 Location: Santiago, Chile E-mail: <u>clad@clad.org.ve</u> URL: <u>http://www.clad.org.ve/congreso/congri.html</u>

During the X Congress, the following plenary sessions will be presented:

- Philippe C. Schmitter, Professorial Fellow, Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute, Italy - "Does Democracy Strengthen or Weaken the State?"
- Amitai Etzioni, Professor of International Relations, The George Washington University, United States "What Makes a Good Society?"
- Mark Moore, Hauser Professor and Director, Hauser Center for Nonprofit Institutions, John Fitzgerald Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, United States - "Creating Public Value through Cross Sector Partnerships"

140 Panel Proposals were accepted in the following thematic areas:

- Professionalisation of the civil service and promotion of public management
- Development of public management evaluation and control systems
- Promoting ethics and transparency in public management
- Strengthening of governmental cooperation and coordination

- E-Government development
- The increase of the capacity of execution of public policies: public-private associations and citizens participation
- The strengthening of the management capacity of local governments
- Strategies for the fight against poverty
- Perspectives, challenges and innovations in public management
- Academic networks

URL: http://www.clad.org.ve/congreso/prog10iprov.html

The official languages of the Congress will be Spanish, Portuguese and English. During the entire Congress, one of the eight halls will have simultaneous translation into English.

Registration Form: https://www.clad.org.ve/formur10i.html

CLAD's Journal Reforma y Democracia

The 32nd edition contains the following articles:

- Quim Brugué, Ricard Gomà y Joan Subirats: Gobernar ciudades y territorios en la sociedad de las redes
- Albert Serra: La gestión transversal. Expectativas y resultados
- Bernardo Kliksberg: Hacia un nuevo perfil del Estado en América Latina: los cambios en las percepciones y las demandas de la ciudadanía
- Jon Pierre: ¿"Poder para"... o "poder sobre"?: repensando la fuerza del Estado
- Vera Schattan P. Coelho: Los Consejos de Salud en Brasil: ¿cuánto hemos avanzado en la concertación de intereses?
- Nelson Shack Yalta: La programación participativa del presupuesto en el Perú: primeras lecciones de un proceso de concertación
- Verónica Viñas: Satisfacción del cliente, calidad y evaluación: un análisis crítico

CLAD's Association Members for 2005 are entitled to receive free of charge numbers 31, 32 and 33 of this journal. Subscription conditions, abstract, and norms for contributions are available on CLAD's web site. URL: <u>http://www.clad.org.ve/reforma.html</u>

Revitalisation of Public Administration

Foro Iberoamericano: Revitalización de la Administración Pública. Estrategias para la Implantación de la Carta Iberoamericana de la Función Pública. México: 5-6 de mayo de 2005

URL: http://www.clad.org.ve/series.html#4

Declaración de México

Declaración Final del Foro Iberoamericano: Revitalización de la Administración Pública. Estrategias para la Implantación de la Carta Iberoamericana de la Función Pública. México: 5-6 de mayo de 2005

URL: http://www.clad.org.ve/declaramexico.html

Consenso de Madrid

Ibero-American Conference of Ministers on State and Public Administration Reform, within the framework of the Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government. Madrid: 23-24 June 2005 URL: <u>http://www.clad.org.ve/consensomadrid.html</u>

NEWS FROM DPADM

Division for Public Administration and Development Management, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DPADM/UNDESA) <u>http://www.unpan.org/dpepa.asp</u>

Recent Publications

- Development Gateway: Special Report on "Aid Harmonization -What Will it Take to Reach the Millennium Development Goals?"
- Development Gateway: Special Report on "Public Sector Transparency: What Works?"
- Governance World Watch
- Information on the celebration of United Nations Public Service Day 2005
- Innovation and Quality in the Government of the 21st Century: Report of the Fifth Global Forum on Reinventing Government
- Understanding Knowledge Management

NEWS FROM ECA

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) http://www.uneca.org

Third Meeting of the Committee on Human Development and Civil Society Organizations

The Third Meeting of the <u>Committee on Human Development and Civil Society</u> <u>Organizations</u> took place 4-6 May 2005 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. ECA has posted the following meeting-related documents on its URL:

- Final Report
- Policy Brief
- "A Participatory Approach to National Budgeting: Some Key Principles and Lessons"
- "Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) for Service Delivery: Water Supply and Sanitation"
- "Strategies for Promoting Effective Stakeholder Participation in the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)"

Recent Publications

- "Best Practices in the Participatory Approach to Delivery of Social Services"
- Governance Profile of Egypt
- Governance Profile of Ethiopia
- Governance Profile of Ghana
- Governance Profile of Namibia
- "Striving for Good Governance in Africa" (English French)

Conference Information Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on Public Financial Management and Accountability Focusing on Best Practices in the Context of Budget Transparency Dates: 19-20 September 2005 Location: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Contact: Ms. Hodane Youssouf E-mail: hyoussouf@uneca.org

NEWS FROM ECE United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) http://www.unece.org

UNECE Meetings and Seminars 7th UN/CEFACT Forum

The six Permanent Groups of the UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) as well as all their project teams meet twice a year at this Forum to share experience gained from completed projects and to progress new best practices, standards, norms and recommendations for trade facilitation and electronic business aimed at simplifying trade procedures and streamlining business practices. The Forums are organized alternatively in Europe, in the Americas and in Asia. Dates: 26-30 September 2005 Location: Lyon, France Contact: Mr. Tauno Kangur Tel.: (+41) 22 917 1474 Fax: (+41) 22 917 0629 E-mail: Tauno.Kangur@unece.org URL: http://www.disa.org/cefactgroups/fmg/Forum7/7th_uncefact_forum_convention.htm

UNECE Workshop on Trade Facilitation

The UNECE and the UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) are collaborating with the Ukrainian Ministry of Economy, Ukrainian Customs Office, and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Ukraine to organize this workshop. It will cover discussions on market reforms and trade facilitation in Ukraine; strengthening of institutional aspects of trade facilitation based on partnership of government agencies and private companies; and the introduction of projects for implementation of measures for trade facilitation and electronic data exchange. Date: 10 October 2005 Location: Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kiev, Ukraine Contact: Mr. Mario Apostolov Tel.: (+41) 22 917 1134 Fax: (+41) 22 917 0629

E-mail: Mario.Apostolov@unece.org

URL: http://www.unece.org

Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP. 7)

The UNECE Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards and its Specialised Sections facilitate trade by setting internationally harmonized commercial quality standards. These standards form the basis of European Union directives in this area and are also widely used in other countries, including the Russian Federation and China.

Dates: 17-20 October 2005 Location: Palais des Nations, Geneva 10, Switzerland Contact: Mr. Claudio Meza Tel.: (+41) 22 917 1366 Fax (+41) 22 917 0479 E-mail: <u>Claudio.Meza@unece.org</u>

UNECE Workshop and 4th International Business Forum on WTO Accession and Trade Facilitation and Liberalisation

The purpose of this workshop is to raise awareness of the importance of integration in the international, rules-based trading system and of trade and transport liberalisation and facilitation for the economic and political development of Serbia. A key objective of the workshop is to design a mechanism for improving the collaboration and exchange of information between the Government of Serbia and the business community, parliamentarians, civil society and the relevant international organisations. Dates: 19-20 October 2005 Location: Belgrade, Republic of Serbia Contact: Mr. Mario Apostolov Tel.: (+41) 22 917 1134 Fax: (+41) 22 917 0629 E-mail: Mario.Apostolov@unece.org URL: http://www.unece.org

International Trade Procedures Working Group Meeting

The purpose of the International Trade Procedures Working Group (ITPWG/TBG15) is to identify, simplify, harmonize and align public and private sector practices, procedures and information flows relating to international trade transactions both in goods and related services. Dates: 24-25 October 2005 Location: Palais des Nations, Geneva 10, Switzerland Contact: Mr. Tom Butterly Tel.: (+41) 22 917 1178 Fax (+41) 22 917 0629 E-mail: Tom.Butterly@unece.org

15th Session of the UNECE Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardisation Policies

The Working Party is an intergovernmental group of experts engaged in providing a forum for debate on issues of concern to Governments. It also elaborates recommendations and good practices on a variety of policy matters related to technical regulations, standardisation; conformity assessment (testing, certification, inspection, etc.); accreditation; market surveillance; quality/environmental management systems and metrology.

24-26 October 2005 Palais des Nations, Geneva 10, Switzerland Contact: Mr. Serguei Kouzmine Tel.: (+41) 22 917 2771 Fax: (+41) 22 917 0479 E-mail: <u>Serguei.Kouzmine@unece.org</u>

Second UNECE International Forum on Market Surveillance and Consumer Protection

The Forum follows the first International Forum on Market Surveillance held in October 2002 and will address the "issues of concern and suggestions" brought forward during that first Forum as well as other relevant issues in order to assist Governments in developing effective systems for controlling the conformity to applicable standards and regulations of products in the marketplace.

Dates: 24-26 October 2005 Location: Palais des Nations, Geneva 10, Switzerland Contact: Mr. Serguei Kouzmine Tel.: (+41) 22 917 2771 Fax: (+41) 22 917 0479 E-mail: <u>Serguei.Kouzmine@unece.org</u> URL: http://www.unece.org/trade/ctied/wp6/sectoral/mars/mars_bkgrd.htm

The UNECE Workshop on Single Window Interoperability and Common Standards

A "Single Window" is a single location for carrying out all the formalities required for the clearance of exports and imports (including the payment of fees and taxes). The UN/CEFACT (UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business) will hold this workshop to target all existing Single Window operators, countries considering the establishment of such facilities, main document and information stakeholders. The Workshop will include presentations by existing Single Window operators on how they currently exchange information; presentations and discussion regarding the establishment of a common standards and other related issues of interoperability; and discussions amongst key stakeholders regarding the overall work required to achieve the common standards. 26-28 October 2005

Palais des Nations, Geneva 10, Switzerland Contact: Mr. Tom Butterly Tel.: (+41) 22 917 1178 Fax (+41) 22 917 0629 E-mail: <u>Tom.Butterly@unece.org</u> **URL: http://www.unece.org/cefact**

NEWS FROM EROPA Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA) http://www.eropa.org.ph

Conference Information *EROPA 20th General Assembly and Conference* Theme: "The Role of Public Administration and Governance Stakeholders in Attaining the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)" Dates: 9-14 October 2005 Location: Hanoi, Vietnam

Contact: EROPA at eropa@eropa.org.ph or Ms. Bui Kim Dung, National Academy of Public

Administration, at <u>htqt-hcqg@hn.vnn.vn</u>

NEWS FROM IDEP African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) <u>http://www.unidep.org</u>

IDEP and AFEA Issue Call for Papers

The United Nations African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) and the African Finance and Economics Association (AFEA) invite submissions for papers for a Conference entitled "NEPAD AND THE FUTURE OF ECONOMIC POLICY IN AFRICA" to be held on 10 and 11 November 2005 in Dakar, Senegal.

The aim of the conference is fivefold:

- to bring together African economists and other development experts from both the Diaspora and the continent to discuss the directions that Economic Policy in Africa should take in the context of NEPAD;
- to launch both a critical and supportive discussion on NEPAD that seeks to engage specialists, policy makers and citizens of African nations with the goal of ensuring the success of this new program;
- to launch a process of cooperation in scholarly work for African economists and development experts in the Diaspora and those on the continent;
- to produce scholarly work (in the form of edited volumes) by African and Africanist development experts that focuses on the challenges and opportunities that Africa faces with respect to sustainable development and growth;
- to enhance the research collaboration between IDEP and AFEA with the goal of integrating the academic insights of African experts from the Diaspora into policymaking on the continent.

Authors should submit an abstract for each paper which explicitly states how the work is related to the conference theme, identifying paper title, authors' names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and fax numbers **as soon as possible.** Authors are encouraged (not limited) to focus on NEPAD's priority areas such as: The African Peer Review Mechanism; Economic Governance and Integration; Market Access and Agriculture; Human Development; Infrastructure; Science and Technology; Environment and Tourism. Papers written jointly by African development experts from the Diaspora in collaboration with those located on the African continent are particularly encouraged.

Abstracts should be sent to the Program Co-Chairs:

Dr. Sylvain Boko (President, <u>AFEA</u>) Email: <u>bokosh@wfu.edu</u>; Fax: +336-758-6028 Or to: Dr. Diery Seck (Director, <u>IDEP</u>); Email: <u>dseck@unidep.org</u>; Fax: +221-822-2964 IDEP Offers Course on WTO Trade Negotiation Issues for African Countries

This month, IDEP will offer a course on "WTO Trade Negotiation Issues for African Countries." The main focus of the course is to enhance the skills and capacity of African policy makers to participate effectively in trade issues and WTO negotiations, and in the design of domestic and regional trade policies. Consequently, the course covers all aspects, geared towards equipping African countries with the skills to negotiate various issues on trade including domestic trade policies. The course objective is to widen the participating officials' understanding of trade policy matters, the multilateral trading system, international trade law and the functioning of the WTO. It is aimed at building up Government capacity to articulate and defend national interests in an increasingly globalising trade order. The course will consider the status of African countries in the WTO and the preferential measures available to promote their economic development. Overall, the course provides an understanding of the opportunities and obligations assumed by members of WTO and the significance of regional trade agreements. The course will be taught in Dakar, Senegal from 1-29 August.

45th Meeting of IDEP Governing Council

The 45th Meeting of the Governing Council will be held in Cairo, Egypt on 28 October 2005. The meeting of the Executive Committee, which precedes the Governing Council meeting, will take place on 26 and 27 October 2005. The Governing Council will review the Institutional Management and the report of the Executive Committee and other working documents, including the IDEP Management Report, Programme of Work for 2006, Report on Financial Matters for 2004 and Budget Estimates for 2006.

NEWS FROM IIAS

International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) http://www.iiasiisa.be/iias/aiacc.htm

Recent Publications

- <u>IIAS e-Newsletter No. 2, 2005</u>
- "E-Governance: Challenges and Opportunities for Democracy, Administration and Law"
 Proceedings, 26th International Congress of Administrative Sciences, Seoul,
 - Proceedings, 26th International Congress of Administrative Sciences, Seoul, (Korea), July 2004
- Building e-Governance: Challenges and Opportunities for Democracy, Administration and Law, International Institute of Administrative Sciences, Belgium and National Computerization Agency, Korea (Edited by: Pan Suk Kim and Whasun Jho, 2005)
- Contracts, Performance Measurement and Accountability in the Public Sector, Volume 25, International Institute of Administrative Sciences Monographs (Edited by: G. Drewry, C. Greve and T. Tanquerel)

Conference Information IIAS 3rd Specialised International Conference on "Public Administration and Private Enterprise: Co-operation, Competition and Regulation" Dates: 19-23 September 2005 Location: Berlin, Germany Contact: Catherine Coninckx, Director of Scientific Affairs Tel: +32 2 536 08 83

E-mail: <u>coninckx@iiasiisa.be</u> URL: <u>http://www.iiasiisa.be/iias/aiberlin/aiberlin.htm</u>

EGPA Annual Conference

Theme: "Reforming the Public Sector: What about the Citizens?" Dates: 31 August - 3 September 2005 Location: Bern, Switzerland Contact: Fabienne Maron, EGPA Executive Secretary Tel.: +32 2 536 08 84 E-mail: maron@iiasiisa.be URL: http://www.egpa2005.com

NEWS FROM IPAC

Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) Institut d'administration publique du Canada (IAPC) <u>http://www.ipac.ca</u> (English) <u>http://www.iapc.ca</u> (French)

IPAC Signs Co-operation Agreement with the Chinese Public Administration Society

As part of that agreement IPAC President-elect **Luc Bernier** presented a paper at the Chinese Public Administration Society (CPAS) conference held in Guangdong, China, 4-6 June 2005. The theme of the conference was "Government Management Innovation." The title of Professor Bernier's paper was "Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Government: the Canadian Experience." For more information on the co-operation agreement between IPAC and CPAS, please contact jgalimberti@ipac.ca.

2005 Jury for the IPAC Award for Innovative Management

The 2005 jury is composed of **Claire Morris** (Chair) President of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada; **Paul Lafleche**, Secretary and Clerk of the Nova Scotia Executive Council; **Jean Pronovost**, Quebec Deputy Minister now with ENAP; **Michael Fenn**, Ontario Deputy Minister of Community & Correctional Services and former City Manager; and **Ken Rasmussen**, University of Regina. The jury will be interviewing the eight finalists to determine the final outcome. For more information contact <u>rmkenzie@ipac.ca</u>.

UN Public Service Awards: Canada Wins Again

Canada entries won two of the eight 2005 UN Public Service Awards. In the Europe and North America category, the Vancouver Agreement won for its "Innovative Partnerships between Government agencies, and with Community Groups and Awareness." Industry Canada won for its "Canadian Consumer Affairs Gateway." The Vancouver Agreement won the gold IPAC Award for Innovative Management in 2004. The awards were presented on UN Public Service Day in New York on 23 June. Canadian entries have won every year since the inauguration of the award in 2003. URL: http://www.unpan.org/dpepa_PSaward2005.asp

Recent Publications

Geneviève Tellier, Les Dépenses des gouvernements provinciaux canadiens: L'influence des partis politiques, des élections et de l'opinion publique, IPAC Series in Public Management and Governance. Les Presses de l'Université Laval © 2005 URL: <u>http://www.ulaval.ca/pul/catalogue/shum-edu/2-7637-8190-X.html</u>

Conference Information 2005 IPAC Annual Conference Theme: Public Service in a Borderless World Dates: 28-31 August City: Regina, Canada E-mail: <u>ipac2005@ipac.ca</u> URL: http://www.ipac.ca/2005

NEWS FROM IPMA-HR International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR) <u>http://www.ipma-hr.org</u>

Conference Information

IPMA-HR 2005 Annual Conference Theme: "HR - The Art of Improvisation" Dates: 17-19 October 2005 City: New Orleans, LA, USA Contact: Meetings Department E-mail: <u>meetings@ipma-hr.org</u> URL: <u>http://www.ipma-hr.org/conference/display.cfm?confid=4&bid=1</u>

NEWS FROM NISPAcee

Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe (NISPAcee) http://www.nispa.sk

Recent Publications

- <u>NISPAcee Newsletter</u>
- NISPAcee Occasional Papers in Public Administration and Public Policy

NEWS FROM RCOCI

Regional Cooperation Office for City Informatization (RCOCI) http://www.apcity.org

5th Annual Forum on City Informatization in the Asia-Pacific Region (CIAPR V) Successfully Held in Shanghai, China

The Forum took place in Shanghai, China from 30-31 May 2005, and proved to be a full success. More than 900 participants from 100 cities of 41 countries attended this grand event. It was co-organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA) and co-sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Industry Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies Task Force (UN ICT TF), the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the State Council Informatization Office of China, the Ministry of Science and Technology of China, the

Ministry of Information Industry of China, the Ministry of Commerce of China, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and the Shanghai Municipal People's Government. Focusing on the theme of "ICT for Development," the Forum was divided into two parts: Plenary session and 10 parallel sessions. A UN Public Service Awards Awarding Ceremony was also held: Singapore won one of the awards for its open application system on integrated services (OASIS), while **Mr. Yang Xiong**, Vice Mayor of Shanghai Municipal Government, was awarded for his personal contribution to the public service. The second day's parallel sessions became the heated focus and feature for the forum event with respectively typical theme as follows:

- The Open Consultations on a Global Alliance for ICT for Development (UN ICT Task Force)
- Workshop on City Management Decision-making and City Informatization Indexes (UNIDO)
- UNDESA Ad Hoc Group of Expert Meeting on Knowledge Management in Public Administration
- The Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting for Preparation of the II World Summit of Cities and Local Authorities on the Information Society-Bilbao Summit 2005 (UNITAR)
- Forum on Informatization Development
- Session for Integration of Efficient Customs & Logistic Information in the Yangtze River Delta
- Session for Science & Education in e-Age
- W2i Digital Cities Convention: The Frontier of Broadband Wireless Applications
- The International Forum on the Construction of Ubiquitous Digital Society
- Session for Information Development and Sharing for e-Governance

URL: http://www.apcity.org/en/index.jsp, or

http://www.unpan.org/CDROM-CIAPR/fram(1)/fram/fram/EN/fram5-EN.htm, or http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?con ference_id=1837

Recent Publications

- Asia-Pacific City Informatization Bulletin, Spring 2005, Issue 9
- Asia-Pacific City Informatization Bulletin, Summer 2005, Issue 10
- <u>Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, May 2005, Issue 42</u>
- <u>Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, June 2005, Issue 43</u>
- Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, July 2005, Issue 44

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Recent UNCRD Activities

UNCRD has successfully completed the **33rd International Training Course in Regional Development,** Nagoya, Japan, 19 May - 29 June 2005. A debriefing session was held at the end of the training course. The participants indicated a high level of satisfaction with the training course. The content was found relevant, useful, and applicable to all participants, and the exchange of experience among the participants was valued.

Citizen-Government Dialoguing for Pro-Poor Policies and Evaluating Public Policies for Poverty Reduction: Tools, Techniques and Processes was held in Nairobi, Kenya, 28 -30 June 2005. It aimed to draw lessons from Eastern and Southern African countries on the approaches to the evaluation of impact of public policies on poverty reduction. Participants learnt the importance of Citizen-Government Dialogue for pro-poor policies and designed action plans that would contribute to systematically evaluate the impact of public policies on poverty reduction.

For further information, please visit <u>http://www.uncrd.or.jp</u>.

Recent Publications

- Highlights Autumn 2004 (in Japanese)
- Newsletter January-June 2004, No. 57 (in English)

Conference Information

Regional EST Forum vis-a-vis International Conference on Environment and Transport in Aichi Dates: 1-2 August 2005 City: Nagoya, Japan Contact: Environment Unit, UNCRD

Contact: Environment Unit, UNCRD Tel.: 81-52-561-9377 (general) Fax: 81-52-561-9375 (general) E-mail: <u>environment@uncrd.or.jp</u> URL: <u>http://www.ics-inc.co.jp/e-car/index_e.html</u> (The International Conference on Environment and Transport in AICHI) URL: <u>http://www.uncrd.or.jp/env/est</u> (UNCRD Environment Unit)

UNDESA/UNCRD Workshop on Decentralisation: Poverty Reduction, Empowerment and Participation, as part of International Conference on Engaging Communities

Dates: 14-17 August 2005 City: Brisbane, Australia Contact: Human Security Unit, UNCRD Tel.: 81-52-561-9377 (general) Fax: 81-52-561-9458 / 8375 (general) E-mail: hs_group@uncrd.or.jp

URL: http://www.unpan.org/engagingcommunities2005_homepage.asp (International Conference on Engaging Communities) URL: http://www.unpan.org/engagingcommunities2005_workshop1.asp (UNDESA/UNCRD Workshop on Decentralisation: Poverty Reduction, Empowerment and Participation) URL: http://www.uncrd.or.jp/hs (UNCRD Human Security Unit)

4th UNCRD Seminar: What's Happening in the World?

Date: 23 August 2005 City: Nagoya, Japan Contact: External Affairs Office, UNCRD Tel.: 81-52-561-9377 (general)/9390 (EAO) Fax: 81-52-561-9375 (general)/9374 (EAO) URL: http://www.uncrd.or.jp/ja/seminar4/index.htm (UNCRD Japanese Homepage)