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UNPAN NEWS HEADLINES

United Nations Public Service Awards

The United Nations Public Service Awards applications for 2006 are being processed. Approximately 200 institutions applied for this award and the winners will be announced in the 2nd quarter of 2006.

Committee of Experts on Public Administration Will Meet Next Month

The fifth session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration will take place 27-31 March in New York. Visit the UNPAN web site to access relevant documents and a list of participants.

URL: <http://www.unpan.org/cepa-5.asp>

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NEWS FROM ARADO

Arab Administrative Development Organization (ARADO)

<http://www.arado.org.eg>

Recent Publications

ARADO has posted its recent publications on the [UNPAN web site](#).

Conference Information

The 2nd Arabic Conference on Search Engine

Theme: "The New Trends in Search Engine Optimization"

Dates: 5-9 February 2006

Location: Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: dalian23@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=C&id=1120>

Symposium: Legislation's Role in Protecting Arab Environment Seminar

Dates: 19-23 February 2006

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: mkenawy@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=N&id=1056>

The Arab Forum on Women's Role in Management Development Conference

Dates: 19-23 February 2006

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: mkenawy@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=M&id=1053>

FUTURIZING NEW JOBS for the Second Decade of the 21st Century Seminar

Dates: 19-23 February 2006

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: k-zaki@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=N&id=1058>

Role of Accountants and Auditors in Resources Development Conference

Dates: 19-23 February 2006

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: aelgendy@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=M&id=1055>

Towards Using Privatization Techniques in Libraries Conference

Dates: 19-23 February 2006

Location: Cairo, Egypt

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/images/Fa3aliat/Feb/pppinlibraries.pdf>

Modern Methods in Training Seminar: Competency-Based Training & Skills for Job Analysis

Dates: 19-23 February 2006

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: alialam@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=N&id=1057>

Meeting: Keeping on Fortune of the Family Firms

Dates: 26-27 February 2006

Location: Muscat, Sultanate Oman

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: raniaa@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=C&id=1118>

Symposium: Modern Models in Governmental Performance Measurement

Date: 5 March 2006

Location: Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: alialam@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=N&id=1119>

Meeting: Development of the Coat Hanger Between the Jurists and the Administrations

Dates: 19-23 March 2006

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: mkenawy@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=M&id=1059>

Symposium: Services Quality Improvement in Public Sector Foundations

Dates: 19-23 March 2006

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: raniaa@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=N&id=1062>

Symposium: E-government Web Sites (Successes & Quality Measurements)

Dates: 19-23 March 2006

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: dalian23@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=N&id=1064>

Symposium: Development of the Leading Skills for Directors of Private and Public Firms

Dates: 19-23 March 2006

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: alialam@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=N&id=1060>

Symposium: Making a Contract with the Private Sector for Managing Public Projects

Dates: 19-23 March 2006

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: aelgendy@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=N&id=1061>

Symposium: Self Motivation and its Manner of Activation in the Governmental Sector

Dates: 19-23 March 2006

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: alialam@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=N&id=1063>

Second Arabic Conference: Councils of the Legislative Arabic

Dates: 25-27 March 2006

Location: Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: h-afifi@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org.eg/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=C&id=1114>

First Arabic Symposium: The Managerial and Legal Organizing for Rules of Databases

Dates: 28-30 March 2006

Location: Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

Contact: ARADO

E-mail: h-afifi@arado.org.eg

URL: <http://www.arado.org/AradoActivitiesDetails.asp?type=N&id=10042>

NEWS FROM ASPA

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)

<http://www.aspanet.org>

ASPA Delegation Will Visit Moscow in 2006

President **Don Menzel** will lead an ASPA delegation to Moscow, Russia, to participate in an international conference on "Public Administration in the XXI Century: Traditions and Innovations" 24-26 May 2006. Please contact Menzel at donmenzel@tampabay.rr.com for more information.

Recent Publications

- [PA TIMES - January issue](#)
- [Public Administration Review - January/February 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

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URL: http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=1838

A Performing Public Sector: The Second Transatlantic Dialogue

Theme: "Building Public Service-Oriented Government"

Dates: 1-3 June 2006

Location: Leuven, Belgium

Organizing institutes: American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and European Group of Public Administration (EGPA)

Contact: Dr. Wouter van Dooren

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3rd Sino-US International Conference for Public Administration

Theme: "Building Public Service-Oriented Government"

Dates: 8-9 June 2006

Location: Beijing, P. R. China

Host Institute: School of Public Administration, Renmin University of China

Organizing institutes: American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and Chinese Public Administration Society (CPAS)

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NEWS FROM CARICAD

Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD)

<http://caricad.net>

Project Steering Committee Meets

The Project Steering Committee (PSC) for the European Development Fund (EDF) sponsored Overseas Countries and Territories Strategic Planning Project held its inaugural meeting in the British Virgin Islands on 23-24 January. Representatives of the British and Dutch Caribbean Overseas Territories:

- Ratified the Programme Estimate and associated Implementation Plan
- Confirmed the composition and functions of the PSC.
- Reviewed the First Programme Estimate for the project.
- Approved an Implementation Plan for the first Programme Estimate.
- Reviewed the procedural requirements for project implementation.
- Identified, prioritized and scheduled follow-up actions required.
- Engendered a spirit of mutual support and cooperation among project participants.

The next such meeting is scheduled for May 2006.

Recent Publications

- [CARICAD Chronicle - Vol. 1 No. 6, December 2005](#)

NEWS FROM CIIIAP

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

More Ethics, More Development

CIIIAP hosted the International Conference "More Ethics, More Development" on 6 December 2005. The aim of the conference was to extend the reflection and stimulate the debate about the social development and the politics formulated to eradicate poverty and diminish social inequalities. The conference was administered by **Dr. Bernardo Kliksberg**, an international specialist in social development and poverty. He coordinates the Inter-American Initiative of Capital Stock, Ethics and Development of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB). Mr. Kliksberg also works as special advisor for the United Nations and other agencies.

Conference Information

Last Seminar of the "Cycle of Seminars in 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) has promoted a cycle of 19 seminars all over the State of Bahia. The seminars constitute a training program for Bahian mayors on how to insert the MDG in the planning process, and how to work assembled in order to accomplish such goals.

Dates: 31 January - 1 February 2006

Knowledge Management with Laurence Prusak

Larry Prusak is one of the most innovative knowledge management thinkers. He is founder and executive director of the Institute for Knowledge Management, a global consortium of people and organizations interested in advanced research and knowledge management practices. The conference is divided in two parts: in the morning, it will be held an international conference open to the public and a workshop focused on what works and what doesn't work in knowledge management.

Date: 31 March 2006

Location: Salvador, Bahia, Brazil

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

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URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/congreso/congreso10i.html>

Ricardo Lagos, President of Chile, inaugurated the Congress, which gathered more than 1500 participants from Latin America and Europe. 129 panels were constituted presenting 600 documents. In addition, three plenary conferences were made. Inaugural and Closing Speeches, as well as Conclusions Reports by Thematic Areas are available at CLAD's web site.

The XI Congress of CLAD will be held in Guatemala City during the last trimester of 2006.

New Sections on SIARE's "Innovations and Trends in Public Management" (in Spanish)

Citizen Charters

The section contains the description of the respective programs implemented in Argentina, Mexico and Spain. The section includes methodologies, guides, links and documents of interest.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/innotend/cartascompr.html>

Intersectoral Management

The theme has become one of the most critical in the actuality due to, among others facts, the multi-causality of the poverty and social exclusion, as well as the relevance of transversal policies. The section presents the main results of a research carried on by **Nuria Cunill**, and includes references to other studies and tools that may facilitate the intersectoral approaches.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/innotend/intersec.html>

Evaluation as a Tool for a Result Oriented Public Management

Has been duly updated the information related to key experiences from Chile,

Colombia, Costa Rica, Uruguay and Argentina. In addition, the experiences from Bolivia, Brazil and Mexico are now available in this section. Instruments, methodologies and web sites are also published.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/innotend/evaluacion.html>

Professional Development of the Civil Service in the Framework of the New Public Management

The advances from the experiences of Brazil, Chile and Mexico in this field has been published. In addition, the case of Colombia is now available in this section. Official reports, civil service units, key documents, methodologies and web sites are also presented.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/innotend/profesion.html>

Innovations and Tendencies on E-Government in Latin America

The section has been updated, presenting new experiences and best practices in E-Government as mean to get the State nearer to its citizens. A comparative analysis based on United Nations Global E-Government Readiness Report 2005: "From E-government to E-inclusion" is also included.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/innotend/qobelec.html>

CLAD Posts Additional Documents Online

630 documents from CLAD's 2005 Congress, held in Santiago, are now available via the UNPAN web site.

Papers were presented by Ministers and State secretaries responsible for public policies, as well as parliamentarians, researchers, academicians, students, consultants, public servants and trade unionist from Latin America and many other countries. Documents are related to the main dimensions of the renewed process of State and public administration reform, and management of public affairs.

URL: <http://www.unpan.org/latin.asp> (SIARE's Bibliographic Database -Bilingual Interface (Spanish / English) - CLAD)

Research and Training Activities related to Public Affairs

This database has been redesign entirely in order to:

- allow interactive input and update of the information, based on a personal password
- gather relevant information about each course of Ph.D., Master or Specialization
- improve the information's retrieval facilities (based on several fields such as theme, language, country, etc.)

URL: http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/insti/insti_f.html

Recent Publications

CLAD's Journal *Reforma y Democracia*

The 33rd edition contains the following articles:

- **Amitai Etzioni:** Por qué la sociedad civil no es lo suficientemente buena
- **Salvador Parrado, Elke Löffler y Tony Bovaird:** Evaluación de la calidad de la gobernanza local: algunas lecciones de la experiencia europea
- **Alfred Vernis Domènech:** Asociaciones entre lo público y lo privado: en búsqueda de la complementariedad
- **Juan Carlos Cortázar Velarde:** La implementación de los programas sociales como proceso estratégico y gerencial
- **Denise Vitale:** Reforma del Estado y democratización de la gestión pública: la experiencia brasileña del Presupuesto Participativo
- **Ronny Rodríguez Chang:** Participación ciudadana en los poderes legislativos de Costa Rica y Guatemala: lecciones aprendidas
- **María Victoria Whittingham Munevar:** Aportes de la teoría y la praxis para la nueva gobernanza

CLAD's Association Members for 2006 are entitled to receive free of charge editions 34,35 and 36 of this journal. Subscription conditions, abstract, and guida for contributions are available on CLAD's web site.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/reforma.html>

XVIII Concurso del CLAD sobre Reforma del Estado y Modernización de la Administración Pública 2004 - 2005 "Cómo combatir la corrupción, garantizar la transparencia y rescatar la ética en la gestión gubernamental en Iberoamérica"

After reviewing the 69 monographs received, the International Jury emitted the verdict, as follows:

- **1st Prize:** "Governança informacional como sustentação das ações de combate à corrupção" - **Carla Andrea Ribeiro and Maria Eugênia Albino Andrade**
- **2nd Prize:** "Auditing, Accountability and Anticorruption: Multilateral Lending to Legislative Budget Oversight and External Auditing of Public Finances in Latin America" - **Carlos Santiso**
- **3rd Prize:** "Corrupção, nepotismo e gestão predatória: um estudo do caso brasileiro e alternativas para seu enfrentamento" - **Luiz Alberto dos Santos y Regina Luna dos Santos Cardoso**

In addition to the monetary price, CLAD financed the participation of the winners in a special Panel during the X Congress, held in Santiago, in order to present their winning papers.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/concurso/xviiiiconcu.html>

NEWS FROM CPSI

Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI)

<http://www.cpsi.co.za>

Report on the 5th Pan-African Conference of Ministers of Public Service and

Administration

A Conference of African Ministers of Public and Civil Service took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on the 12-15 December 2005. The biannual Conference concluded with the Addis Ababa Declaration which in effect sets the agenda for capacity building and knowledge exchange within the sphere of governance and public administration. The Addis Ababa Declaration takes forward the theme set by the Stellenbosch Declaration to capacitate and position the African public service for the challenges of the 21st century and to build the kind of capability that would catapult African countries to meet the Millennium Development Goals.

URL: <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/cpsi/unpan022303.pdf>

An African Path to Good Governance and Prosperity

South Africa's process of peer review, the great national 'conversation' moves steadily forward with submissions being drawn up by institutions and sectoral and community groupings amongst others, across the country. The South African government will also be presenting a submission and has been carrying out its own wide ranging conversations, across its departments and at a broad-based conference at the end of last year.

URL: <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/cpsi/unpan022304.pdf>

NEWS FROM DPADM

Division for Public Administration and Development Management, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DPADM/UNDESA)

<http://www.unpan.org/dpepa.asp>

Recent Publications

- *Governance World Watch*, Issues 75, 76 and 77
- http://www.unpan.org/major_development.asp
- *Development Administration Newsletters* - <http://www.unpan.org/serials-international.asp>

1. [Development Administration Newsletter - Participatory Governance through Community Engagement \(2005 - Issue III\)](#)
2. [Development Administration Newsletter - Reinventing Government Is Not a One-Time Process \(2005 Issue II\) French Version](#)

- UN Global E-government Readiness Report 2005: From E-government to E-inclusion - <http://www.unpan.org/egovernment5.asp>
- [Public Enterprises and its Management: New Opportunities and Unresolved Challenges](#)
- [Decentralization: Poverty Reduction, Empowerment and Participation](#)
- [Innovations in Governance and Public Administration: Replicating What Works](#)
- [Auditing for Social Change: A Strategy for Citizen Engagement in Public Sector Accountability](#)

- [Public Sector Transparency and Accountability in Selected Arab Countries: Policies and Practices \(in English\)](#)
- [Public Sector Transparency and Accountability in Selected Arab Countries: Policies and Practices \(in French\)](#)
- [Human Resource Recruitment and Best Talent Retention Tool Kit for Public Sector](#)
- [Citizen Participation and Pro-Poor Budgeting](#)
- [Globalization and the State: Challenges for Economic Growth and Human Development](#)
- Compendium - E-government Innovative Practices
- http://www.unpan.org/autoretrieve/dpadm_pub.asp?content=dpadm

Conference Information

Committee of Experts on Public Administration – Fifth Session

Dates: 27-31 March 2006

Location: New York, NY, USA

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URL: <http://www.unpan.org/cepa-5.asp>

Expert Group Meeting on Re-inventing Public Enterprise and its Management

Dates: 27-28 October 2005

Location: New York, NY, USA

Contact: Mr. Jacinto de Vera, Chief, Policy Analysis and Coordination Unit & Expert Group Meeting Coordinator, Socio-Economic Governance & Management Branch, DPADM, UNDESA

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NEWS FROM ECE

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

<http://www.unece.org>

29th Session of the UN/CEFACT International Trade Procedures Working Group

The ITPWG-TBG15 held a two-day meeting in Geneva, 19-20 January 2006, to consider broad trade facilitation issues and implementation and coordination issues.

URL: http://www.unece.org/cefact/forum_grps/itp/welcome.htm

Recent Publications

- *Building Trade Partnerships in the CIS*

This paper was prepared for the Annual Session of the Committee on Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (CTIED) of May 2005 where it was presented and discussed. It was written by **Ms. Lorenza Jachia**, Economic Affairs Officer, of the Trade, Development and Timber Division (TDTD) of UNECE. The countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) have long been working towards the elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers to regional trade. This booklet reviews trade integration results so far, mainly those achieved in the

context of the Eurasian Economic Community and of bilateral trade agreements negotiated under the umbrella of the CIS.

Conference Information

Global Facilitation Partnership for Transportation and Trade Biannual Meeting

The meeting will offer GFP partners an opportunity to jointly assess the implications for trade and transport facilitation of the WTO Ministerial Conference in Hong Kong and to discuss institutional cooperation mechanism for technical assistance and capacity-building.

Date: 17 February 2006

Location: Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Contact: Ms. Azhar Jaimurzina

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URL: http://www.unece.org/trade/workshop/gfp_feb06/welcome.htm

Workshop on International Standards to Stimulate Paperless Trade

The goal of the two day Workshop is to present important international standards for document and information harmonization and exchange in international trade, to discuss the national and regional adaptation and implementation of these standards and to exchange know how and best practice on pilot projects and initiatives in the region. The workshop will aim to develop recommendations on the development, adaptation, and implementation of global standards in the Asia Pacific Region.

Dates: 20- 21 February 2006

Location: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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URL: http://www.unece.org/trade/workshop/malaysia_feb06/welcome.htm

UNECE Commission Meeting

During its High-level Policy Segment, the Commission will review the UNECE Reform – the way forward and the economic context for the Reform: challenges, policy responses and the role of the UNECE. The General Segment of the Commission will discuss:

- Preparation of the Strategic Framework for 2008-2009
- Technical cooperation activities of the UNECE
- Progress report on specific issues: UNECE contribution to CSD cycles and promotion of ICT in UNECE work

Dates: 21-23 February 2006

Location: Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

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URL: http://www.unece.org/commission/2006/61st_index.htm

UN/CEFACT Forum Meeting

UN/CEFACT will host its regular forum in Vancouver. There is also a special meeting for signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE) and the Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Systems (OASIS).

Dates: 13-17 March 2006

Location: Vancouver, Canada

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URL: <http://www.ebusiness-apps.com/uncefact/index.htm>

UN/CEFACT Workshop on Common Standards & Interoperability for Single Window

The goal of the Symposium is to identify the standards and approach required for Single Windows to exchange information. The Symposium will consider current approaches by regional working groups to exchange information among Single Windows and will seek to identify the framework through which new standards can be developed. In addition, it will introduce the Single Window concept to countries and organizations, which are considering establishing such facilities.

Dates: 3- 5 May 2006 (rescheduled from February 2006)

Location: Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

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URL: http://www.unece.org/trade/workshop/sw_2006/welcome.htm

NEWS FROM EROPA

Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA)

<http://www.eropa.org.ph>

Planning for 2006 Seminar in Brunei Darussalam

On behalf of **Secretary General Patricia A. Sto. Tomas**, the Dean of the National College of Public Administration and Governance, University of the Philippines, **Dr. Alex B. Brillantes**, also the Deputy Secretary General for Research and Publication, is currently in talks with Brunei Darussalam Public Service Department Assistant Director **Junaidi Omar** to plan for the EROPA Seminar scheduled to be held later this year in Brunei Darussalam. A delegation from the Public Service Department is meeting with the EROPA Staff in early February 2006 to discuss the logistics and finalize the main theme of this year's seminar. The preparations for the seminar began last October 2005 in Hanoi when members of the Brunei Darussalam attended the General Assembly in Hanoi to observe the details entailed in preparing for and organizing an EROPA seminar/conference.

9th Issue of Comparative Studies of Public Administration in the Works

The EROPA Local Government Center is currently working on a special issue of the *Comparative Studies of Public Administration* Monograph Series. The issue will be the ninth of the series and will be focusing on "Civil Society and Local Governance: From the Asia and Pacific Regional Perspectives." It will be edited by **Dr. Akira Nakamura**, Dean of the Graduate School of Meiji University and Adjunct Professor of the Local Autonomy College, Tokyo, Japan, which houses the EROPA Local Government Center. Co-editing the issue is **Dean Alex B. Brillantes, Jr.**, EROPA's Deputy Secretary General for Research and Publications, and **Professor Osamu Koike** of Yokohama National University.

NEWS FROM ESCAP

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

<http://www.unescap.org>

ESCAP and Korean Government Sign Accord Paving Way for New Technology Centre

Aiming to help close the "digital divide," the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Seoul Government sealed a pact

on 31 January to open a technology centre in the Republic of Korea. The Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development is expected to open its doors later this year in Incheon City, a technology hub located some 50 kilometres west of Seoul. The new technology centre will provide training programmes in the use of information and communications technology (ICT) to benefit countries of the region, ESCAP said, emphasizing the importance of reaching the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), a set of time-bound international antipoverty targets. Goal Eight focuses on developing a global partnership for development and making the benefits of new technologies, especially ICT, widely available. The Korean Government will provide financial and in-kind contributions totalling \$10 million, including premises, for the Centre's first five years of operation.

NEWS FROM ICCE

Park University International Centre for Civic Engagement (ICCE)

<http://www.park.edu/icce>

***International Civic Engagement* Named to "Most Engaging Blog" List**

International Civic Engagement, a blog hosted by Park University's International Center for Civic Engagement, was named last month to the [Smart Communities](#) "Most Engaging Blogs" list. **Suzanne Morse**, president of the Pew Partnership for Civic Change and author of *Smart Communities*, wrote the following about *International Civic Engagement*:

What is meant by "International" is not a notion of individuals worldwide uniting to better our common circumstance; no, the "International" here means an effort to find initiatives from across the globe that improve civic engagement and present them in one place. It's an interesting endeavor and one that I like because universities do bridge that gap between what's global and what is local community. Further, the blog devotes entries to information (news, research, examples of initiatives, etc.) that can be as easily applied to America as it is abroad. Since part of the battle of civic engagement is just demonstrating to people that it is possible and yields positive results I think this information is important.

URL: <http://icce.typepad.com>

ICCE Will Host Session at ASPA Conference

The ICCE and the National Civic League will co-sponsor and organize a super session on "[Civic Engagement in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina](#)" at the 2006 American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) National Conference. The session will take place on 3 April.

Recent Publications

- ["The Power of Engagement: How Helping Others Helps YOU"](#)
- ["Toward a Theory of Civic Engagement"](#)

University Will Webcast David Rosenbloom Lecture on 6 April

David Rosenbloom, distinguished professor of public administration at American University, will deliver the 2006 Dr. Jerzy Hauptmann Annual Distinguished Guest Lecture at Park University on 6 April. His topic will be "Preserving Constitutional Government in an Age of Outsourcing." Previous lecturers in the series include: **Dwight Waldo**, **Chester Newland**, **Donald Kettl** and **Patricia Ingraham**. Park University will webcast the event for a global audience.

NEWS FROM IDEP

African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP)

<http://www.unidep.org>

Conference Information

Training Course on Agricultural Policy Analysis in Africa

Agriculture is the mainstay of about 2/3 of the African population, forming a major source of income; and agricultural trade is a key link between trade and poverty. Agriculture offers the broadest potential basis for promoting overall economic development. Most analysts share the conviction that Africa will be lagging behind so long as its agricultural sector lags behind. All diagnostic studies have pointed to policy as a major cause of low performance. Therefore, building a critical mass of domestic capacity for the design and implementation of sound agricultural policy is absolutely necessary in accelerating Africa's development.

Dates: 20 March - 15 April 2006

Location: Dakar, Senegal

Contact: Prof. Aloysius Ajab AMIN, Deputy Director, Chief Training Division

E-mail: unidep@unidep.org

URL: <http://www.unidep.org>

NEWS FROM IIAS

International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)

<http://www.iiasiisa.be/iias/aiacc.htm>

Recent Publications

- [IIAS Newsletter 3 - 2005](#)

Conference Information

International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA) Annual Conference

Theme: "In Search of the Best: Attracting, Developing and Retaining in Public Service"

Location: Warsaw, Poland

Contact: IASIA

1 rue Defacqz, bte 11

BE-1000 Brussels

Tel.: +32/2-536.08.80

Fax : +32/2-537.97.02

E-mail: iasia@iiasiisa.be

URL: <http://www.iiasiisa.be/schools/aeconf/aewarsaw/aewarsa.htm>

International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) Third Regional International Conference

Theme: "Transparency for Better Governance"

Dates: 16-20 July 2006

Location: Monterrey, Mexico

Contact: IIAS

1 rue Defacqz, bte 11

B-1000 Brussels

Tel.: +32/2-536.08.80

Fax: +32/2-537.97.02

E-mail: iias@iiasiisa.be

URL: <http://www.iiasiisa.be/iias/aiconf/monterrey/aimexico.htm>

European Group of Public Administration (EGPA) Annual Conference

Theme: "Public Managers under Pressure: Between Politics, Professionalism and Civil Society"

Dates: 6-9 September 2006

Location: Milan, Italy

Contact: EGPA

1 rue Defacqz, bte 11

BE-1000 Brussels
Tel.: +32/2-536.08.80
Fax : +32/2-537.97.02
E-mail: geapegpa@iiasiisa.be
URL: <http://www.egpa2006.com>

NEWS FROM INSTRAW

United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)
<http://www.un-instraw.org>

Recent Publications

"Crossing Borders: Gender, Remittances and Development"

This paper presents a preliminary framework that will strengthen the understanding of the interrelationships between migration, gender, remittances and development and also serve as an entry point for future research and project proposals. This framework aims to establish the basis for formulating a more adequate response to questions such as: How does the growing feminisation of migration affect remittance flows? How can remittances contribute to the achievement of gender equality? and How can we mobilise remittances to achieve sustainable development that includes women?

URL: <http://www.un-instraw.org/en/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=595&Itemid=108>

Lend a Caring Hand: Tips for Home Health Care

This manual aims to support home-based caregivers of people living with HIV/AIDS in low-resource settings. Using pictures and simple texts, it provides instructions on safe and hygienic ways to store and prepare food, dispose of waste, change bed linens or dressings, watch for and treat opportunistic infections, as well as nausea and other common side-effects.

URL: <http://www.un-instraw.org/en/index.php?option=content&task=blogcategory&id=72&Itemid=104>

NEWS FROM IPAC

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

IPAC Emissions Reduction Training Program Receives Contract Extension

IPAC's Caspian Basin GHG emissions reduction training program (CTP) has received a contract extension. This extension was the result of continuing strong support from our Caspian Partners, and the positive results of an independent program review conducted by Marbek Resource Consultants Ltd. The CTP management team and Program

Partners cooperated in a comprehensive evaluation process that was conducted in Canada, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan in January 2005.

IPAC's Public Sector Blogger

IPAC's public sector blogger is breaking new ground. Our blogger is **Ms. Carleen Carroll**, Director of Community Relations in the Halton Region Government (Ontario). She is responsible for communication and customer service functions, internal and external communications, change management processes and raising brand awareness, and public consultation and communication strategies. Join her in reflecting on the work public servants do in engaging the public on the issues that matter. Let's talk about how public servants dialogue with the public! Go to <http://www.quantumgovernance.ca/wordpress>.

Recent Publications

- “Managing Service Transformation Relationships between Government and Industry: Developing Best Practices” (New Directions #17) is available for download. This timely report examines how the public sector and the private sector have successfully partnered to deliver “service transformation” to the public. Focusing on seven cases from across Canada and all levels of government, the study proposes 20 steps that should be followed to ensure success. This report was written by **Patrice Dutil** (Director of Research at IPAC), **Prof. John Langford** (University of Victoria) and **Prof. Jeffrey Roy** (University of Ottawa). To download, go to http://www.ipac.ca/pubs/new_directions/index.html.

Conference Information

IPAC annual conference takes place in Charlottetown, 27-30 August 2006 to explore the theme “In Search of Democracy.” Mark your calendar and watch for details at <http://www.ipac.ca/2006>.

NEWS FROM IPMA-HR

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

Recent Publications

- January issue of *IPMA-HR News* is available online at www.ipma-hr.org (for IPMA-HR members only)
- The weekly *IPMA-HR HR Bulletin* is available online at www.ipma-hr.org (for IPMA-HR members only)
- The December issue of the bimonthly electronic *IPMA-HR International News* is available online at www.ipma-hr.org
- The Winter 2005 issue of *Public Personnel Management* is available online at www.ipma-hr.org (for IPMA-HR members only)
- The November issue of the *Federal Section News* is available online at <http://www.ipma-hr.org/index.cfm?navid=130>
- The December issue of the *Assessment Council News* is available online at www.ipmaac.org

- Various press releases can be found online at www.ipma-hr.org

Conference Information

Webinar: *The Overtime Regulations: Their Impact on Public Employers a Year and a Half Later* (presented by Brian P. Walter, partner, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore)

Date: 9 February 2006

Contact: Carrie Hoover

E-mail: choover@ipma-hr.org

URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/index.cfm?navid=254>

Webinar: *Discipline Without Punishment: Managing the Marginal Performer* (presented by Dick Grote, chairman and CEO, Grote Consulting Corporation)

Date: 9 March 2006

Contact: Carrie Hoover

E-mail: choover@ipma-hr.org

URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/index.cfm?navid=254>

2006 Tri-State Conference, sponsored by the Connecticut, Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts Chapters

Theme: "Truth or Blarney—Separating Fact from Fiction"

Date: 10 March 2006

Location: Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina, Newport, RI, USA

Contact: Crystal Ross

E-mail: crystal.ross@ct.gov

Webinar on Pensions

Date: 13 April 2006

Contact: Carrie Hoover

E-mail: choover@ipma-hr.org

URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/index.cfm?navid=254>

2006 IPMA-HR Southern Region and TPMA State Conference

Theme: "Employees-R-US, Are We Making the Grade in Customer Service?"

Dates: 30 April - 3 May 2006

Location: Chattanooga Marriott and Convention Center, Chattanooga, TN, USA

Contact: William E. Brown, IPMA-CP

Tel.: (865) 380-4753

E-mail: wbrown@cityofalcoa-tn.gov

2006 Western Region IPMA-HR Training Conference

Theme: "The HR Trek"

Dates: 3-6 May 2006

Location: Historic Embassy Suites Hotel, Portland, OR, USA

Contact: Richard Dukellis

Tel.: (858) 668-4443

E-mail: rdukellis@ci.poway.ca.us

Webinar: *Uses and Abuses of Salary Survey Data* (presented by James Fox, chairman, Fox Lawson & Associates, and Bruce Lawson, president, Fox Lawson & Associates; sponsored by Fox Lawson & Associates)

Date: 11 May 2006

Contact: Carrie Hoover

E-mail: choover@ipma-hr.org

URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/index.cfm?navid=254>

2006 IPMA-HR International Symposium on Public Personnel Management

Dates: 14-18 May 2006

Location: Barcelona, Spain
Contact: Neil Reichenberg
E-mail: nreichenberg@ipma-hr.org

Webinar on Generational HR Issues

Date: 8 June 2006
Contact: Carrie Hoover
E-mail: choover@ipma-hr.org
URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/index.cfm?navid=254>

70th Annual IPMA-HR Central Region Training Conference

Theme: "Brewing Premium HR – 70 Years of Excellence"
Dates: 11-14 June 2006
Location: Hilton Milwaukee City Center, Milwaukee, WI, USA
Contact: Gail Strobe
E-mail: gstrobe@jeffcitymo.org
URL: <http://www.ipmacentralregion.org/crc.htm>

2006 IPMA-HR Eastern Region Conference

Theme: "Human Capital at the Capitol: Achieving Monumental Results"
Dates: 18-21 June 2006
Location: Hotel Washington, Washington, DC, USA
Contact: ipma-mc@ipma-mc.org

Annual IPMAAC Conference on Personnel Assessment

Theme: "Winning thru Assessment: 30 Years of Adding Value to Organizations"
Dates: 25-28 June 2006
Location: The Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, NV, USA
Contact: Carrie Hoover
E-mail: choover@ipma-hr.org

Webinar on Recruitment & Selection/Benchmarking

Date: 14 September 2006
Contact: Carrie Hoover
E-mail: choover@ipma-hr.org
URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/index.cfm?navid=254>

2006 IPMA-HR International Training Conference

Theme: "Solving the Generational Puzzle"
Dates: 7-11 October 2006
Location: The Flamingo, Las Vegas, NV, USA
Contact: Carrie Hoover
E-mail: choover@ipma-hr.org

Webinar: Bring the 2006 IPMA-HR International Training Conference to Your Office

Date: October 2006
Contact: Carrie Hoover
E-mail: choover@ipma-hr.org
URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/index.cfm?navid=254>

Webinar on Reference Checking and Background Investigations

Date: 9 November 2006
Contact: Carrie Hoover
E-mail: choover@ipma-hr.org
URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/index.cfm?navid=254>

NEWS FROM RCOCI

Regional Cooperation Office for City Informatization (RCOCI)

<http://www.apcity.org>

RCOCI Attended the First Annual Forum of Informatization and Shanghai Expo

The First Annual Forum of Informatization and Shanghai Expo was held in Shanghai Exhibition Center on 5 November, 2005. Based on the platform of 7th Shanghai Industry Fair, this forum focused on the theme of informatization and digital world expo, and combined with the development and prospect of city informatization. It is committed to outline the development trend and framework of China's information industry and to enhance the communication and cooperation between government and leaders of information industry. Hot topics of informatization planning and construction of 2010 Shanghai Expo were discussed, while common understanding and willingness for further collaboration were reached.

URL: <http://www.ifise.org/index.htm>

RCOCI Appoints Professor Wang Jianhua as Chief Editor

RCOCI is pleased to announce that **Mr. Wang Jianhua**, a retired professor of history at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, has been appointed as Chief Editor of UNPAN Asia-Pacific Center. Mr. Wang and his staff have made important contributions to the UNPAN-RCOCI web site, and he is proud to enjoy the support from all those concerned.

Recent Publications

- [*Asia-Pacific City Informatization Bulletin, Winter 2005, Issue 12*](#)
- [*Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, January 2006, Issue 50*](#)
- [*Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, December 2005, Issue 49*](#)
- [*Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, November 2005, Issue 48*](#)

Top 10 Most Visited Documents in 2005 According to Progress Report on UNPAN Implementation

1. [*Leadership Styles and Cultural Values: A Comparative Study of Four Countries...*](#)
2. [*Insurance in India*](#)
3. [*List of Top 500 Chinese Enterprises in the Year of 2002 and ...*](#) (in Chinese)
4. [*Impact of Agrarian Reform on Poverty \(Philippines\)*](#)
5. [*Pre-service and In-service Teacher Education in the Philippines*](#)
6. [*Economy Report - Philippines*](#)
7. [*India's Information Technology Act, 2000*](#)
8. [*Survey on Population Resources of 7 Major Cities in China*](#) (in Chinese)
9. [*Global Competition and Strategies in the Information and Communications...*](#)
10. [*Malaysia on Track for 2020 Vision*](#)

Conference Information

6th Global Forum on City Informatization in the Asia-Pacific Region (CIAPR VI)

Theme: "Bridging Digital Divide – Innovation · Harmoniousness · Development"

Dates: 18-20 October 2006

Location: Shanghai, China
Contact: Ms. Liu Haiying
E-mail: hyluu@siecc.org
Tel: 86-21-61123736
Fax: 86-21-61123739
URL: <http://www.apcity.org>

NEWS FROM UNCRD

United Nations Centre for Regional Development

<http://www.uncrd.or.jp>

Recent UNCRD Activities

- The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), Viet Nam, and UNCRD organised “Viet Nam National 3R Policy Formulation Meeting,” in Hanoi, Viet Nam, 20-22 December 2005. Twenty-two governmental officials from relevant ministries and national experts participated to formulate Vietnamese National 3R Strategy through a participatory process.
- The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and UNCRD organised a “Mini-Workshop on Human Security Assessment in Sri Lanka,” in Colombo, Sri Lanka, 20-21 December 2005 to promote and operationalise the human security approach in development planning and monitoring in Sri Lanka. For more information, visit: http://www.uncrd.or.jp/hs/05f_slminiws.
- The Cooperation for Planning and Investment, Government of Lao PDR (CPI), JICA, and UNCRD organised the “Eighth In-Country Training Course on Local Development Planning and Management: Focus on Training of Trainers (TOT),” in Xam Neua, Huaphanh Province, Lao PDR, 5-17 December 2005. About 30 participants from five provinces attended the training course.
- The Bogota-Cundinamarca Regional Planning Board -RPB (Government of the City of Bogota, Government of the State of Cundinamarca, Autonomous Regional Corporation of Cundinamarca-CAR) and UNCRD organised “In-Country Training Course on Integrated Regional Development Management with Focus on Building Capacity For Local and Municipal Participation in the Implementation of the Regional Agenda 2005-2008 in Bogota-Cundinamarca,” in Bogota, Colombia, 28 November - 1 December 2005. Seventy-five municipal and local officials from Bogota and Cundinamarca, and officials from the central offices of the RPB entities participated the training course.
- UNCRD will hold its 34th International Training Course in Regional Development (ITC) from 18 May to 28 June 2006. The six-week Course will deliver the expected outcomes through a compact programme replete with cases for study and discussion, as well as field study visits to provide insights into Japan's regional development experience. For more information, visit: http://www.uncrd.or.jp/tr/index_itc.html.

Recent Publications

- [Annual Report 2004](#) (in English)

- [Newsletter January-June 2005, No. 59](#) (in English)
- *Regional Development Dialogue*, Vol. 25, No. 2, Autumn 2004, "Sustainable Livelihoods for Human Security"

Conference Information

Six Municipal and Local Dissemination Workshops on the Integrated Regional Development Experience in Bogota-Cundinamarca

Dates: 1-24 February 2006

Locations: Villeta, Pacho, Facatativa, Girardot, Soacha (in Cundinamarca) and Bogota, Colombia

Contact: UNCRD Latin America and the Caribbean Office

Tel: 57-1-629-2808 / 2819,

Fax: 57-1-629-2785

E-mail: uncrdla@uncrdlac.org

URL: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp/lac/>

Fourth UNCRD Study Camp: Towards Sustainable Development - Globalization and Local Community

Dates: 17-19 March 2006

Location: Aichi, Japan

Contact: External Affairs Office, UNCRD

Tel: 81-52-561-9377 (general) / 9532 (EAO)

Fax: 81-52-561-9375 (general) / 9374 (EAO),

E-mail: camp@uncrd.or.jp

URL: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp/ja/studycamp/4/>