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UNPAN NEWS HEADLINES

Spring 2006 Session of UNPAN Online Training Courses

The Spring 2006 session of UNPAN Online Training courses on "E-government - What a government leader should know" is now open to registration. This course is designed for individuals who have been, are, and/or will be involved in e-government initiatives at the country level. Registration for the courses will continue until 1 June 2006 and subscribers have to complete the courses by 1 July 2006. Please follow the link below for registration.

URL: <http://unpan3.un.org/tlm40/Login.aspx>

Seoul Ranks First in Municipal Web Site Study Co-Sponsored by DPADM and ASPA

A joint study by researchers at Rutgers-Newark and Sungkyunkwan University, Korea, of the official web sites of the world's major cities ranked Seoul, New York, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Sydney as the top five municipalities in "digital governance." Digital governance is the degree to which a web site – in this instance those of 100 large cities worldwide – enhances citizens' ability to learn about and participate in governmental affairs. New York's web site was ranked first worldwide in terms of usability.

The survey was conducted by the E-Governance Institute of Rutgers-Newark and the Global e-Policy e-Government Institute of the Korean university, and was co-sponsored by the United Nations Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) and the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). The Rutgers-SKKU E-Governance Performance Index continues a survey first completed in 2003. Researchers examined the largest city in each of 98 countries with the highest percentage of Internet users, as well as Hong Kong and Macao. The study evaluated the official web sites of each city in their native languages.

Investigators applied 98 measures that covered five central areas: security and privacy, usability, content, services and citizen participation. Scores and rankings of all 100 cities are available online at <http://www.andromeda.rutgers.edu/~egovinst>.

IPAC Executive Director Passes Away

Last month, **Luc Bernier**, president of the [Institute of Public Administration of Canada](#) (IPAC), sent the following message:

To all members and friends of IPAC:

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you of the sudden death of our dear friend and colleague, Joseph Galimberti.

Joe joined IPAC in the late 1960s, serving as Director of Research. In 1976, he was named Executive Director and since then guided the Institute with a steady hand and an ambitious heart. He was an

unfailingly wise counsel to the Board of Directors and dearly appreciated by the staff that worked for him in the IPAC national office.

Public servants and scholars across Canada and around the world have lost a great champion in Joseph Galimberti. His cheerful disposition, his integrity and his easy smile won him friends across Canada. People who knew him well will remember the twinkle in his eyes when conversations turned to the subject of Africa. Joe dedicated his life to the ideals of professional, efficient and non-partisan public service and to the cause of sustaining scholarship in this vitally important field of endeavour. His values became our values.

I know that I speak on behalf of the Board of Directors, the IPAC staff, and all the members of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada in expressing our deepest sympathies to Carol, Joe's wife; Tony, his son; Heather, his daughter-in-law, and Liam, his dear young grandson, on this tragic loss.

It is a poignant sadness all the members of the IPAC family deeply share.

Guido Bertucci, director of the United Nations Division for Public Administration and Development Management, wrote:

All the UNPAN members are extremely saddened by the sudden death of our dear friend and colleague, Joseph Galimberti, who was the Executive Director of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC), a member of the UNPAN Network.

Mr. Galimberti played an instrumental role in IPAC's partnership with the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and in promoting the improvement of public service through innovations, sharing his valuable advice and experience, particularly with the governmental and non-governmental organizations of developing countries.

We would like to join all the colleagues of IPAC in paying tribute to Mr. Galimberti, and we wish to express our gratitude for his extraordinary life of dedication and his contributions to the ideals of professional, efficient and non-partisan public service and to the cause of sustaining scholarship in this vitally important field of endeavour.

Joseph Galimberti's funeral was held on 12 April in Toronto. UNPAN has posted a special tribute page to Galimberti on its web site.

URL: <http://www.unpan.org/discover-specialnews.asp>

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NEWS FROM ASPA

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)

<http://www.aspanet.org>

U.S. Public Administration Community Gathers at ASPA National Conference

More than 1,100 public administration professionals, faculty and students gathered in Denver, Colo., last month to participate in the 2006 ASPA National Conference. At the conclusion of the conference, **Wendy Haynes** commenced a one-year term as the Society's president.

ASPA National Council Approves MOU with FRESPAG

At its 4 April 2006 meeting, ASPA's National Council voted to approve a memorandum of understanding between ASPA and the Free State Society for Public Administration and Governance (FRESPAG) in South Africa.

URL: <http://www.aspanet.org/scriptcontent/intl.cfm>

ASPA Delegation Will Visit Moscow This Month

ASPA past president **Don Menzel** will lead a 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.

Second Sino-U.S. International Conference Proceedings Available on UNPAN Web Site

The proceedings of the Second Sino-U.S. International Conference, "Public Administration in the Changing World," which was held in Beijing, China in May 2004 are now available on the UNPAN web site. The conference was co-sponsored by the Chinese Public Administration Society (CPAS), ASPA, Rutgers University-Newark and the *Chinese Public Administration Review (CPAR)*.

URL: <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/ASPA/UNPAN022840.pdf>

Recent Publications

- [PA TIMES - April issue](#)
- [Public Administration Review - March/April issue](#)

Conference Information

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)

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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 CAFRAD

African Training and Research Centre in Administration for Development (CAFRAD)

<http://www.cafrad.org>

LOG-IN Africa Research Network Official "Kick-Off " on 1 March 2006

The LOG-IN Africa Project (Local Governance and ICTs Research Network for Africa) has officially initiated its activities on 1 March 2006. LOG-IN Africa is an emergent pan-African network of research peers from nine countries (Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Senegal, South Africa, and Uganda). The main objective of LOG-IN Africa is to assess the current state and outcomes of e-local governance initiatives in Africa, and in particular how ICTs are being used to realise good local governance at four levels: a) the internal organizational processes of local governments; b) the provision of information and service delivery; c) the promotion of the principles of good governance; and d) public participation and consultation. LOG-IN Africa is executed by the African Training and Research Centre in Administration for Development (CAFRAD), so to ensure effective implementation; a pan-African outlook; and high-level policy dissemination of research results. Initial funding for 1.3 Million CAD have been provided by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC, Canada). LOG-IN Africa is led and coordinated by **Gianluca Misuraca** (a former UNPAN Associate Expert) on behalf of CAFRAD. The first "Methodology Workshop" of LOG-IN Africa will take place at CAFRAD, in Tangier, between 8-10 June 2006. For more information please visit www.cafrad.org (and soon www.loginafrica.net) or contact cafrad@cafrad.org.

Conference Information

IST Africa 2006

The IST-Africa 2006 Conference & Exhibition takes place 3-5 May 2006 in the CSIR International Convention Centre, Pretoria, South Africa. IST-Africa 2006 promises to be one of the most important applied ICT research conferences to take place in Africa this year. Part of the [IST-Africa Initiative](#), which is supported by the European Commission under the Information Society Technologies (IST) Programme of Framework Programme 6 (FP6), IST-Africa 2006 is the first in an Annual Conference Series bringing together delegates from leading commercial, government and research organisations, to bridge the Digital Divide by sharing knowledge, experience, lessons learnt and good practice.

URL: <http://www.ist-africa.org/Conference2006/default.asp>

NEWS FROM CARICAD

Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD)

<http://caricad.net>

CARICAD Technical and Advisory Support Facility

The "Action-Oriented E-government Strategy for Countries of the Caribbean Region 2004-2007" was adopted by the 5th Caribbean Ministerial Consultation on Regional Cooperation for E-government Capacity Building in Barbados in June 2004. The strategy calls for a focus on "institutional and human resources capacity building as the framework for action." Part VI of the Strategy states that, "the operational part of this Strategy will constitute the Caribbean E-government initiative, open to all Caribbean countries".

Its aim will be: 1. To establish at the regional level...a Technical and Advisory Support facility (TASF) at the service of national and regional e-government efforts; 2. To provide a broad updateable programmatic framework for activities deemed crucial from the point of view of e-government development in the Caribbean, to be considered in national and regional plans and programs for e-government development and to offer programmatic information to the donors.

The Strategy further states that “the Regional Facility...will be established within CARICAD as part of CARICAD’s current mandate in the area of e-government and in implementation of the provisions of this Strategy.”

A major initiative which will be launched by the TASF by 15 May is the Caribbean E-Government Knowledge Bank, which will be accessible through the [UNPAN](#) and [CARICAD](#) web sites. The design and content outline has already been drafted and input from member states will be solicited prior to the finalisation of the Knowledge Bank.

Upcoming Activities

Belize: 16-18 May 2006

Conduct an In-Country Workshop on E-Government Policy Formulation

St. Kitts & Nevis: 30-31 May 2006

- Requirements Analysis Study (re. Information Systems and Information Requirements for a Human Resource Information System and other software applications) to support the transition of the Establishment Division to the Human Resource Management Department
- Conduct an In-Country Workshop on E-Government Policy Formulation

Dominica: 14-15 June 2006

- Assist with the design of island-wide Surveys to collect data/evidence for e-government policy formulation
- Conduct further meetings with Committee established to rationalise the IT institutional framework across the Public Service and develop a National ICT Policy

NEWS FROM CLAD

Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD)

<http://www.clad.org.ve>

XI International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform

Dates: 7-10 November 2006

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

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The XI Congress will focus on the six thematic areas defined as priority subjects by CLAD's Directive Council, as follows:

1. Legal innovations for State and public administration reform
2. Professionalisation of civil service
3. Planning, budgeting and evaluation by results
4. Public policies and management models to face poverty and exclusion
5. Local development and territorial management
6. State and democratic governance

An Evaluating Committee integrated by external professionals of relevant international trajectory, along with CLAD's Academic Committee, will select the panel proposals related to their respective area.

During the Congress, diverse conferences will be presented by recognized specialists, among others:

- **Enrique V. Iglesias**, Secretario General Iberoamericano, Secretaría General Iberoamericana (SEGIB)
- **Robert Wade**, Professor of Political Economy, Development Studies Institute (DESTIN), London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

XIX Concurso del CLAD sobre Reforma del Estado y Modernización de la Administración Pública 2006

Theme: "Contraloría y participación social en la gestión pública"

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Updated sections on SIARE's "Innovations and Trends in Public Management" (in Spanish)

Social Control and Transparency in Public Management

The section contains the results of the research carried on by CLAD related to citizen participation and social control in public affairs, which has intended to contribute to enhance the improvement of democratisation in Latin America's public administrations. The section includes the review of on-line mechanisms for parliamentary participation. Also available are published methodologies, guides, links and documents of interest.

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

Innovations and Tendencies of E-Government in Latin America

The section has been updated, presenting new experiences and best practices in E-Government meant to get the State nearer to its citizens.

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

Web Site Commented Directory on Public Management

This section includes 400 sites, approximately, portals related to State and Public Administration Reform, which have been organized by CLAD according to the type of

information contained in each one. This will allow for faster and more direct connection to the portals. A summary description of the contents of each portal is included in this section. Recently has been incorporated to this section several web sites related to the fight against corruption.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/directorio/inicio.html>

Structure and Institutional Profiles of the State

This section provides systematized information to offer an overall view of the institutional profiles which characterise the States and Public Administrations in countries in Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula. Bearing in mind recent changes in State powers, the information is grouped according to a selective number of categories, as follows: State Structure; Public Administration Control Organisms; Regulatory Agencies, particularly privatised public services; and Political and Administrative State Structure.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/perfiles/inicio.html>

Juridical Basis of Public Institutionalality

With a view to supporting legislative development processes, this section enumerates the titles of juridical norms -and in some cases the full text- underlying State Reform and Modernization processes underway in Public Administrations in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Iberian Peninsula. The said norms are organised according to relevant categories.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/basesju/inicio.html>

Recent Publications

The 34th edition of CLAD's journal *Reforma y Democracia* contains the following articles:

- **Mark H. Moore:** Creando valor público a través de asociaciones público-privadas
- **Manuel Villoria Mendieta:** ¿Por qué desconfiamos de los políticos? Una teoría sobre la corrupción de la política
- **Philippe C. Schmitter** con **Claudius Wagemann** y **Anastassia Obydenkova:** Democratización y capacidad del Estado
- **Koldo Echebarría:** Caracterización empírica de las burocracias latinoamericanas: configuraciones y roles en el proceso de elaboración de políticas públicas
- **Iván Finot:** Descentralización y viabilidad del desarrollo local en América Latina
- **Mauricio Olavarria Gambi:** Superación de la pobreza: ¿crecimiento económico vs. políticas sociales?
- **Enrique Cabrero Mendoza:** Los retos institucionales de la descentralización fiscal en América Latina
- **Mario Marcel:** Reflexiones acerca del proceso de modernización del Estado en Chile y desafíos futuros

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 guide for contributions

are available on CLAD's web site.

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

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>

UN Hosts Fifth Session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration

Organised by DPADM/DESA, the Fifth Session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration met at UN Headquarters in New York from 27-31 March 2006. The Committee dealt with the following substantive items: (a) innovations in governance and public administration for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals; (b) searching for a bottom-up approach and methodologies for developing foundations and principles of sound public administration; (c) a compendium of basic terminology in governance and public administration; and (d) a review of the activities of the United Nations Programme in Public Administration.

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

Recent Publications

- [Governance World Watch](#) - Numbers 78, 79 and 80 will be issued
- *Innovations in Governance in the Mediterranean Region* (Available in July 2006)

Conference Information

Africa Governance Inventory and African Peer Review Mechanism Focal Points' Workshop

DPADM is organising an Africa Governance Inventory (AGI) and African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Focal Points' Workshop to be held in conjunction with the Sixth Africa Governance Forum (AGF VI) at UNDP offices in Kigali, Rwanda on 8 May 2006. The Workshop will focus on the theme "The AGI as a governance information tool supporting the APRM".

Date: 8 May 2006

Location: Kigali, Rwanda

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Panel on Participatory Budgeting

DPADM is partnering with the University of Chile, Santiago to organise a UN Panel on Participatory Budgeting to be held on 9 May at the University. The panel will be organised within the framework of the 6th International Conference in Finance, held by the University of Chile and taking place from 8-12 May.

Date: 9 May 2006

Location: Santiago, Chile

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Panel on Standards of Excellence in Public Administration and Training

DPADM is organizing a Panel on Standards of Excellence in Public Administration and Training to be held on 12 May in conjunction with the NISPACEE 14th Annual Conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia, being held from 11-13 May. The main objective of the panel is to bring together specialists and practitioners in public administration education and training to reflect and exchange ideas, information, experiences and best practices in the area of public administration education and training, especially given the challenges that are facing public sector leadership and management today and in the future. It is expected that the

exchanges will benefit managers of public administration education and training institutes in their efforts to strengthen the human and institutional capacities of their institutes for improved public sector performance.

Date: 12 May 2006

Location: Ljubljana, Slovenia

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WSIS Implementation: Consultation Meetings on Action Lines C1 and C7

Following the Consultation of WSIS Action Lines Facilitators/Moderators held in Geneva on 24 February 2006, DPADM will facilitate Consultation Meetings on Action Line C1 - The role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development and Action Line C7 – ICT Applications – E-government. The Consultations will take place on 16 May 2006 during the World Information Society Week in Geneva, Switzerland.

Date: 16 May 2006

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

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URL: <http://www.unpan.org/post-WSIS-C1-C7.asp>

Regional Workshop on "Poverty-Environment Nexus: Building Institutional Capacity"

DPADM, in collaboration with the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the UNDP Poverty-Environment Project, is organising the Regional Workshop on "Poverty-Environment Nexus: Building Institutional Capacity" to be held in Hue City, Viet Nam from 23-25 May 2006. The primary theme of the workshop is institutional capacity-building and partnership development for participatory governance aiming to address the complex and intertwining challenges of poverty and environment at the community level. The workshop will be attended by approximately 40 officials and experts from Viet Nam and other Asian countries, and from relevant international organisations.

Dates: 23-25 May 2006

Location: Hue City, Viet Nam

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Launch of the Network of Innovators in Governance in the Mediterranean Region

DPADM has organized a meeting on the Launch of the Network of Innovators in Governance in the Mediterranean Region, which will take place in Marseille, France from 5 to 7 June 2006. The establishment of the Network is one of the activities of the Programme for Innovation in Public Administration in the Euro-Mediterranean Region (InnovMed), which is implemented by DPADM in collaboration with the World Bank Institute in Marseille and with the support of Formez, Italy through CAIMED. The meeting aims to provide a platform for discussion on the mission, composition, operational modalities and services, funding mechanisms, and sustainability of the Network, as well as the challenges and opportunities of linking existing networks in the region for the promotion of good governance and a better quality of life for all citizens.

Dates: 5-7 June 2006

Location: Marseille, France

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Diplomats' Training Workshop on E-Governance for Development

DPADM, in partnership with UNITAR, has designed a Webinar Series Training Workshop for New York Delegates entitled "E-Governance for Development", to be conducted in 2006/2007. This training workshop series is in response to the outcome of the two phases of the World Summit on the Information Society, which called for a continuous effort of developing countries to utilize the potential of ICT to further economic and social development and reduce the digital divide. The first one-day workshop will take place on 14 June 2006 in Conference Room 9 at UN Headquarters in New York.

Date: 14 June 2006

Location: UN Headquarters, New York

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United Nations Public Service Day and United Nations Public Service Awards

Organized by DPADM, the United Nations Public Service Day will be observed in a ceremony to be held at UN Headquarters on 23 June from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room 4. In conjunction with this Day, the United Nations Public Service Awards for 2006 will be presented to the selected winners from various countries worldwide in recognition of their outstanding achievements in serving the public in their respective countries. The ceremony includes a video-conferencing session held with countries selected from all regions of the world, and cultural performances.

Date: 23 June 2006

Location: UN Headquarters, New York

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

Institutional Partners Group Meeting

A meeting of the Institutional Partners Group (IPG) will be organised by DPADM to be held from 27-28 June 2006 at UN Headquarters in New York to prepare for the capacity development workshops in the 7th Global Forum on Reinventing Government, which will be hosted by the UN in 2007. Twenty partner institutions, including the entities of the UN system and world renowned institutions outside the UN, will participate in the meeting.

Dates: 27-28 June 2006

Location: UN Headquarters, New York

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NEWS FROM ECE

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

<http://www.unece.org>

First World Road Safety Film Festival

On 23 March, the Palais des Nations hosted the first World Road Safety Film Festival on the occasion of the 48th session of the UNECE Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1). The festival was organised by UNECE in cooperation with LaserEurope.

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New United Nations Project to Promote Dam Safety in Central Asia

To prevent major dam accidents in Central Asia, two United Nations regional commissions – the UN Economic Commission for Europe and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific – launched a project to help Central Asian countries work together to improve dam safety. The UNECE-UNESCAP project was launched at a meeting in Almaty (Kazakhstan) on 10 and 11 April 2006

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Recent Publications

Energy Security in the Caspian Sea Region

The Caspian Sea region may be one of the few options left to policymakers seeking to ensure the energy security of UNECE member countries. It is a region very rich in oil and natural gas but at present accounts for only 2% of world production. It has a very large potential for increasing exports given adequate investments and export agreements.

Conference Information

Symposium on Single Window Standards and Interoperability

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

Location: Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

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Twelfth Session of the UN/CEFACT (Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business)

During the plenary the Centre will approve the decisions of the twelfth session in the afternoon of Wednesday, 24 May. The formal meeting will begin on Monday, 22 May at 12:00. The morning will be reserved for bilateral consultations with delegations.

Dates: 22-24 May 2006

Location: Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

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Sixteenth session of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardisation Policies (WP.6) and Forum on "Regulatory Cooperation and Standardisation in a Globalizing World - Challenges and Future Directions"

The session will include the International Forum on Common Regulatory Language for Global Trade, which starts at 3:00 p.m. on 20 June and concludes on 21 June. The Forum is a joint event with the newly formed Committee on Trade, which has its session from Wednesday, 21 June, until Friday, 23 June.

Dates: 19-20 June 2006

Location: Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

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First Annual Session of the Committee on Trade

The first annual session of the newly formed Committee on Trade will take place back-to-back with the sixteenth session of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardisation Policies (WP.6)

and the Committee's annual International Forum. With the UNECE reform, a "Committee on Trade" was created to replace the Committee for Trade, Industry, and Enterprise Development (CTIED). During the session, the participants will discuss the implications of the reform plan for the work of the new Committee. Specific actions to be taken, as related to the work of the Committee's subsidiary bodies, will be considered under the corresponding agenda items.

Dates: 21-23 June 2006

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NEWS FROM ICCE

Park University International Centre for Civic Engagement (ICCE)

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

New ICCE Publication: Incoming ASPA President, Executive Director Describe the Value of Membership in Professional Associations



In a new paper published by Park University's [International Centre for Civic Engagement](http://www.park.edu/icce), incoming ASPA president **Wendy Haynes** and ASPA executive director **Antoinette Samuel** ask:

"How do non-profits, and specifically professional societies such as the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), sustain relevancy? How do we honor our past, while focusing upon the creation of value for the members of tomorrow? Are associations such as ours relevant to today's needs, to the expectations of tomorrow, and equipped to address the issues and trends of the future?"

They conclude:

"In today's civil society, influenced by internal and external transformations, the 'process of associating' is still extremely relevant. Associations are a resource for our members, and the public at large, as they attempt to understand issues, adapt to trends, and manage the related change. Within the framework of a learning organization ASPA must, and will, continue to pursue its meaning, place, and relevancy in a growing global civil society."

URL: <http://www.park.edu/icce/files/civic200603.pdf>

EPFL Executive Master in e-Gov 2006/07: Availability of Scholarships and Stipends for Selected Outstanding Candidates

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NEWS FROM IIAS

International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)

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

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"

Dates: 5-8 July 2006

Location: Warsaw, Poland

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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

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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

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URL: <http://www.egpa2006.com>

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 in Uganda

The Ugandan government recently held a Public Service Readiness Workshop to prepare the public service for a newly elected government. All Permanent Secretaries (deputy minister equivalents) and presidential advisors attended the 4-day workshop

which included presentations by **Mr. Mitala**, Head of the Public Service and Secretary to Cabinet, **Mr. Vincent Lukone**, Deputy Secretary to Cabinet, three Permanent Secretaries, and a team of three (political and bureaucratic) representatives of the Ontario Public Service. The workshop effectively defined and implemented a process to provide the incoming Cabinet with considered, non-partisan advice on how to implement the new government mandate, and a foundation for translating the election manifesto and other public commitments into a medium-term policy agenda.

A New IPAC Program for Tanzania

IPAC is now planning a new program for Tanzania: Experience Sharing Programme on Human Resources (HR) Management. In the early summer, nine senior officers of the Tanzanian Ministry of Public Service Management will be visiting two Canadian provinces to gain insight into Canadian innovations and best practices in strategic workforce management, HR planning, recruitment and retention, labour relations, career management, and HR information management and analysis.

Recent Publications

IPAC has released two new titles in its [New Directions Series](#):

New Directions #18

Dreaming of the Regulatory Village; Speaking of the Regulatory State (158 pp.)

edited by Michael McConkey and Patrice Dutil

A collection of essays by leading scholars from around the world addressing the cutting edge ideas in regulatory governance, drawn from the IPAC "International Brainstorm on the Future of the Regulatory State" held in Toronto in December 2004.

URL: <http://www.ipac.ca/files/RegulatoryState.pdf>

New Directions #17

Managing Service Transformation Relationships Between Government and Industry: Best Practices

by Patrice Dutil, John Langford, Jeffrey Roy

Based on the study of seven cases drawn from the Government of Canada, provinces and municipalities, this study examines the conditions of successful collaborations between the public and private sectors. It proposes 20 steps to attain "sustainable collaboration."

URL: <http://www.ipac.ca/files/New%20Directions%20%2317.pdf>

Conference Information

IPAC National Conference – In Search of Democracy

The place to be is Charlottetown, PEI where over five hundred public service practitioners, academics and professionals from across the country will gather to participate in IPAC's 2006 Annual Conference, 27-30 August. Under the theme "In Search of Democracy", a dynamic and knowledgeable roster of speakers will address the challenges facing democracy in our public service culture, as well as the public services' democratic relations to other components of society.

URL: <http://www.ipac.ca/2006>

IPAC Workshops on Performance Reporting

IPAC's joint workshops on performance reporting continue to draw participants from all orders of government and agencies. Workshops organized by IPAC National and Regional Groups have already been held in Montreal, Oakville and Fredericton with Halifax, Victoria and Edmonton sessions scheduled

in May. For more information or for organizing a workshop in your region, contact **George Khoury**, Director of Membership and Marketing, at gkhoury@ipac.ca.

NEWS FROM IPMA-HR

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

Recent Publications

- The April issue of *IPMA-HR News* is available online at www.ipma-hr.org (for IPMA-HR members only); the May issue of will be available online next week
- The weekly *IPMA-HR HR Bulletin* is available online at www.ipma-hr.org (for IPMA-HR members only)
- The April issue of the bimonthly electronic *IPMA-HR International News* is available online at www.ipma-hr.org
- The Spring 2006 issue of *Public Personnel Management* is available online at www.ipma-hr.org (for IPMA-HR members only)
- The *Federal Section News* is available online at www.ipma-hr.org (for IPMA-HR members only)
- The April 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

2006 IPMA-HR International Symposium on Public Personnel Management

Dates: 14-18 May 2006

Location: Barcelona, Spain

Contact: Neil Reichenberg

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2006 IPMA-Canada Human Resources Conference

Theme: "Challenge to Change"

Dates: 28-31 May 2006

Location: Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

URL: <http://www.ipma-aigp.ca>

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

IPMA-HR Competency Model Online Training

Date: July 12

URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/index.cfm?id=4017&navid=240&tcode=nws3>

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

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NEWS FROM RCOCI

Regional Cooperation Office for City Informatization (RCOCI)

<http://www.apcity.org>

RCOCI Ready for 6th Annual Forum on City Informatization in the Asia-Pacific Region

The 6th Annual Forum on City Informatization in the Asia-Pacific Region (CIAPR VI) will take place in Shanghai, China, 18-19 October 2006, with the theme "ICT and Citizens' Inclusion: The Role of Local Government." It will be co-organised and co-sponsored by the Shanghai Municipal People's Government and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies Task Force (UN/ICT/TF), the State Council Informatization Office of China, the Ministry of Information Industry of China, the Ministry of Science and Technology of China, and the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

With a focus on inclusion for the poor, innovative e-government solutions and tools, and engaging citizens' participation in the decision-making process, the Forum will be composed of a plenary session, a number of parallel sessions and workshops, covering topics such as ICT and e-government development for all, creating a public value for citizens, enhancing participation and partnership with citizens, creating e-government toolkits (information technology & applications), and citizen-friendly e-government policies and cyber laws.

The United Nations Public Service Awards, in the category of ICT Application and Local e-Government, will be presented by UNDESA to recognize outstanding achievement and contribution in local e-government applications.

The Forum is expected to attract over 800 participants worldwide, including senior officials from the UN and from central and municipal governments of both developed and developing countries, CEOs of well-known IT companies, and famous experts and scholars of academia, international organizations and NGOs.

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RCOCI Attended the 2nd Workshop of Cifal Barcelona

The 2nd Workshop of Cifal Barcelona took place from 8-10 March 2006, entitled "Building Sustainable Communities: Urban Planning and Security Policies". Launched by Cifal Barcelona in collaboration with Unitar and the Generalitat de Catalunya, it was

the first one of a series dedicated to analysing the spatial and social processes that contribute to generating safe and lively urban environments. In the 3-day session, local actors from Europe, North and Latin America, Africa and Asia discussed approaches in carrying out local security appraisals so that the authorities will be in a better position to identify possible solutions, in particular in the field of urban planning and design.

RCOCI Responds Quickly to Avian Influenza

The recent spread of avian influenza poses a grave threat to public health and public security. It also raises a severe challenge to public governance the world over. In this understanding, the RCOCI Editing Department made an excellent effort to post a series of documents focusing on avian influenza, health administration, and disaster management as well, hoping to provide useful references for officials, researchers, entrepreneurs, policy and decision makers. Please click to view: [Selected Papers on Avian Influenza and Disaster Management](#).

Recent Publications

- [Asia-Pacific City Informatization Bulletin, Spring 2006, Issue 13](#)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, April 2006, Issue 53](#)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, March 2006, Issue 52](#)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, February 2006, Issue 51](#)

NEWS FROM UNCRD

United Nations Centre for Regional Development

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

Training Workshop on Project Planning and Management, and Data Collection and Analysis: Training of Planning Experts for Oromia Regional Government of Ethiopia - Phase VIII

UNCRD, Oromia Bureau of Finance and Economic Development, and UNICEF Ethiopia organized the training workshop in Adama, Nazareth, Ethiopia from 3-29 April 2006. The broad objective of the training programme is to strengthen the capacity of the Regional State of Oromia for effective local and regional development planning and implementation by ensuring the availability of skilled and competent manpower in the region.

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

APDIP-UNCRD Regional Workshop on Capacity Building of Asia Pacific e-Government Initiatives

As part of the project on Capacity Building of Asia Pacific e-Government Initiatives, UNDP Asia-Pacific Development Information Programme (UNDP-APDIP) and UNCRD jointly organised the workshop in Bangkok, Thailand, 24-25 April 2006. Two authors from each of the selected countries of Cambodia, China, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand met at the workshop to review the draft papers, to share and discuss experiences and initiatives on local e-Government in the Asia-Pacific region.

URL: <http://apollo.apdip.net/egov-init>

Introductory Thematic Training Module on Human Security

The module was conducted as part of the Postgraduate Course on Urban and Regional Projects and Human Security of the University of Viña del Mar, in Santiago, Chile, from 25-28 April 2006 jointly with University of Viña del Mar, Chile; University Blas Pascal, Argentina, Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLAC) and the Municipality of Milan. A group of approximately 28 selected Chilean, comprising high and middle level public officials of seven municipalities and of the Ministry of Housing and Urbanism participated.

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

Recent Publications

- [Annual Report 2004 \(in English\)](#)
- [Newsletter January-June 2005, No. 59 \(in English\)](#)
- *Regional Development Dialogue*, Vol. 26, No. 1, Spring 2005, "Human Security and Conflict Resolution"

Conference Information

34th International Training Course in Regional Development (ITC)

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.

Dates: 18 May - 28 June 2006

Location: Nagoya, Japan

Contact: Training Office, UNCRD

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Fax: 81-52-561-9458 / 9375 (general)

E-mail: training@uncrd.or.jp

URL: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp/tr/index.html>

Second Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum

Dates: 11-12 September 2006

Location: Yogyakarta, Indonesia

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