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2012 STS Forum

Regional Climate Change Workshop at RIHN

Following our first involvement with the STS (Science and Technology in Society) Forum in 2011, we again collaborated with the Forum and hosted the Fourth RCC (Adaptation to the Natural and Social Impacts of Regional Climate Change) Workshop as one of the side-events of the Forum, at our facility. STS Forum gathers leading figures of science and technology, education, politics and business related with sustainable development in the 21st century. Every year, about 1000 people join this big event to discuss recent issues of sustainability and promote new areas of discussion for wider and further international collaboration.

RIHN has been taking part at STS Forum for 3 years and since 2011, we co-organize the RCC workshop together with the STS Forum, the Research Institute for Technology and the Environment (RITE) and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES). Three parallel sessions on Asia, Europe/Africa and Americas were held by focusing on this year's specific topic of sea-level rise and coastal cities. The 2012 Forum took place during October 7-9 and the RCC workshop was held on October 6 with participation of about 40 official STS participants and RIHN colleagues.



GEC-Japan Platform Corner

International Symposium on Future Asia

Our first GEC-Japan Platform international symposium will be held on December 13-14, 2012 in Kyoto by focusing on "Bridging Science, Technology and Society: Practices of Transdisciplinary Implementation on Sustainability and Environmental Change in Future Asia". We pick the keyword "Future Asia" to emphasize our broad vision of turning the GEC-Japan Platform into a larger body of sustainability and environmental change initiative in Asia. For this reason, we also believe that this symposium will be the step towards initiation of GEC-Asia Platform.

Further details of the program and list of the participating organizations can be reached at our website. <http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/gec-jp/>

You can visit our homepage for further information on events and news (http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/index_e.html)

You can also send us your feedback about our RIHN News and also share your questions, comments,

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GEC-Japan Platform News

We re-drafted an organizational chart of the GEC-Japan (Global Environmental Change-Japan) platform to present our link with Japanese as well as Asian and other international environmental change frameworks on our stance towards initiation of a GEC-Asia Platform. You can follow our activities and recent news on our website.

<http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/gec-jp/>

International Symposium on Future Asia
December 13th–14th, 2012
RIHN Lecture Hall, Kyoto, Japan

PROGRAM

Day I (13 December 2012, Thursday) 9:00-17:30

Opening
Panel 1: Missing questions
Panel 2.1: Sub-regional potentials and initiatives
Panel 2.2: Country-based initiatives: The case of Japan
Panel 3: Feedback from ICSU and Belmont Forum initiatives

Day II (14 December 2012, Friday) 9:00-13:00

Panel 4: Regional Diversity – European and other experiences
panel 5: Is there any Asian type of "Science-Society Interface"?
Vision(s) from Asia for sustainability and environmental change

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Recent Events

- 18th RIHN China Workshop

August 2 (RIHN, Kyoto)

"Report on the status of health care coverage in rural Yunnan area, China"

- 2012 RIHN Open House,

August 3 (RIHN, Kyoto)

The third public house opening of RIHN successfully took place thanks to more than 350 guests who spend the day with us at RIHN.

<http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/rihn/openhouse2012/>

- RIHN International Survey: Transdisciplinary Mission

August 29-September 5

We visited ISSC and ICHIPS as part of our survey to search for linkages and research collaboration on transdisciplinarity (RIHN, Kyoto)

- Incubation Study (IS) and Feasibility Study (FS) Presentations

September 7 (RIHN, Kyoto)

- Nichibunken-RIHN Joint Symposium

September 14 (Nichibunken, Kyoto)

"Who owns culture and environment?"

Volume Special: 2012 RIHN International Symposium



The 7th RIHN International Symposium took place in Kyoto during October 24-26, 2012 on the main theme of "Complexification and Simplification: Ecosystems, human health and lifestyle in Asia". This symposium has become one of the main events of RIHN as it provides a rare opportunity for the completing projects (at their 5th year of implementation) of RIHN to come together and organize a joint symposium with their project results. No matter which program they belong and which research focus those projects have, it is an important occasion to promote interdisciplinary discussion and production among these projects. Three projects which are at their final year in 2012 have co-organized this year's symposium around three thematic sessions: "Collapse and restoration of social-ecological networks", "Physiological adaptation and recent lifestyle change in high-altitude environments" and "Ecohealth: Ecological transformation and human health".

Research at RIHN

New Projects of 2012 Academic Year

(D-05) Coastal Area Capability Enhancement in Southeast Asia: (Diversity Program)

Project leader is Dr. Satoshi ISHIKAWA. <http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/rihn/project/D-05.html>

(R-07) Desertification and Livelihood in Semi-Arid Afro-Eurasia: (Resources Program)

Project leader is Dr. Ueru TANAKA. <http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/rihn/project/R-07.html>

(E-05) Vulnerability and Resilience of Social-Ecological Systems: (Ecosophy Program and Initiative project) Project leader is Dr. Tetsu SATO. <http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/rihn/project/E-05.html>

You can find further information on these projects and others at our Prospectus as well: http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/archive/brochure/2012/index_e.html

Upcoming Events

- BRIT XXII 2012

November 13-16 (Fukuoka, Japan and Busan, South Korea)

RIHN organizes a session

"De-bordering Environmental Change and its Impacts on the Concepts of Boundaries and Human Security"

- All RIHN In-house Project Presentations Days

December 5-7 (Coop, Kyoto)

- GEC-Asia Symposium

December 13-14 (RIHN, Kyoto)

"International Symposium on Future Asia"

- The COMMONS

14th Global Conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons,

June 3-7, 2013 (Mt. Fuji, JAPAN)

Call for proposals for IASC2013 Kita

Fuji Conference is open now:

<http://iasc2013.org/en/index.html>

RIHN-IASS Collaboration

Research Fellow Exchange Program initiated

IASS (The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies) and RIHN have been in close institutional collaboration since the establishment of IASS in 2009. After organizing institutional workshops and joint panels at various international symposia, we have initiated a roadmap to deepen our collaboration to promote joint research. As our first step, our colleague, Dr. Aysun Uyar (assistant professor at CCPC and working on regional environmental governance) joined IASS as a visiting fellow during August and September. We will continue our exchange of research fellows by inviting an IASS colleague to RIHN and organizing our first research workshop in January 2013.

Notice Board

• Project Applications

- If you are interested in initiating a research proposal at RIHN, you can first apply with your proposal to be evaluated for Incubation Study. Deadline for this application is usually end of March or beginning of April. For further details on research project application procedures and exact deadlines, please contact our office.

Contact: RIHN Research Cooperation Section, [kenkyou\[at\]chikyu.ac.jp](mailto:kenkyou[at]chikyu.ac.jp) ([at]=@)

• Job Openings

- Please check our homepage for the recent and updated job openings.

http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/index_e.html

Recent Publications

- RIHN News (back numbers)

http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/archive/RIHN_News/index_e.html

- RIHN Leaflet 2012

http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/archive/documents/leaflet/index_e.html

- RIHN Prospectus 2012

http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/archive/brochure/2011/index_e.html

- RIHN Annual Report 2010

http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/archive/annual_report/index_e.html

- RIHN Book Series:

The Dilemma of Boundaries

(Eds. Taniguchi and Shiraiwa, Springer, 2012)

<http://www.springer.com/environment/book/978-4-431-54034-2>