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Dear Network Participants,

As 2006 draws to a close, so does our signature theme on "Media and Communication in the Asia Pacific". There are still a number of activities taking place in December but for the most part this time of year signals the shift into our 2007 theme on "Mobility and Health in Asia Pacific Populations."

Signature Events

2006: Media, Policies, Cultures and Futures in the Asia Pacific Region (November 27-29, Curtin University of Technology, Perth)

Next week Professor Krishna Sen will host the 2006 Conference at Curtin [See <http://mediaasiaconference.humanities.curtin.edu.au/>]. The conference has an impressive array of international speakers including: Garin Nugroho (Indonesia), Shayam Benegal (India), Paola Voci (China), Zhang Yingjin (China), David Robie (Pacific), Louise Williams (Asia). The program outlines an stimulating array of events and papers and many of you will also have had the opportunity to attend associated presentations from some of the international speakers in various other locations around Australia.

2007: Transitions: Health and Mobility in Asia Pacific Populations (June 28-30 2007, Monash University, Melbourne)

Professor Lenore Manderson will head of team to host the 2007 event. Planning is already underway and more details such as the call for papers and lists of speakers will become available in due course. In the meantime, mark the dates in your diary and alert and colleagues and industry partners who may be interested in the event of the dates.

2008: Globalising Religion and Culture in the Asia Pacific: Fundamentalisms, Proselytising and Consequences (Adelaide Asian Studies Group 2008)

Dr Gerry Groot of Adelaide University will lead a team from the Universities of Flinders, Adelaide and South Australia to host the 2008 event. Dates will be confirmed later in 2007.

Thanks to all those who submitted applications to host the events in 2007 and 2008. We appreciate your willingness to serve the profession and the time that was spent in writing the applications. Congratulations to the teams at Monash University and the Adelaide Asian Studies Group for their success.

Grants 2006

The Fourth Round Grants Subcommittee awarded funds to Charles Darwin University's Dennis Shoesmith, David Mearns, Steven Farram and Rod Nixon for an event exploring the East Timor Crisis. Congratulations to this team for their work on this important topic.

In total during 2006 the central Network funded 18 projects amounting to \$101,000. Each respective Node of the network also funded other projects.

New Grants Rounds 2007

The closing date for first round 2007 applications is February 1st 2007. Application forms will be available on the web in due course (but will largely follow previous models for those who wish to get a head start on this). Projects that address the 2007 signature theme will be given priority (Mobility and Health in Asia Pacific Populations).

South Asia Research Facility AusAID program update

The first year of the Network's collaboration with AusAid has been completed under the able leadership of Professor Ken MacPherson. LaTrobe University has hosted SARF and with the able administrative guidance of Tracy Lee has ensured a dynamic start to the cooperation.

PhD Scholarships:

8 PhD scholarships were awarded to students from 5 different countries in the region and have been assigned supervisors at 7 different universities around Australia. They will arrive in Australia over the next few months to commence their programs and we look forward to welcoming them to our myriad events and to the Australian academic scene more generally.

To see a summary of the successful candidates and their topics follow the link

[http://www.sueztosuva.org.au/south_asia/DACSA_Scholarships.pdf]

In addition to the Conference, which took place on 25-26 September, SARF has also administered 2 targeted research programs for AusAid on "Islamic Based Faith Schools" and "HIV-AIDS in civil conflict". Scholars at Monash are undertaking the latter project with the former currently pending.

Congratulations to Ken and Tracy for doing the hard work on starting up this stimulating and diverse research program.

Forthcoming Network Events

Visit the website for updates of forthcoming events. Also, if you are a successful grant holder, please send me details of your weblinks as soon as they become available.

Postgraduate Mailing List

This has grown considerably and is a very lively forum for promotion of events (both network and otherwise) so please alert your new postgrads and ECRs to its existence [To register, they should visit the link http://www.sueztosuva.org.au/postgrad_register.php] and let me know if you have news that may be of interest to this important constituency.

Best wishes for the end of semester,

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