



ICPCNanoNet catalyst for collaboration

The ICPCNanoNet partnership recently presented its accomplishments at an annual workshop including its new open-access publications archive and databases of organisations and scientists, focusing on International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC).

The event attracted participants from 25 countries and its success has now led to the ICPCNanoNet partnership being extended to NANOSciences AFRICA NETWORK (NanoAfNet) as well as the scheduling of the first online nano workshop for Wednesday 8th July.

In addition, the first annual reports mapping nanoscience and nanotechnology activities in eight ICPC regions have just been released and are now available at <http://www.icpc-nanonet.org>.

ICPCNanoNet Workshop 2009

The ICPCNanoNet project held its first annual workshop at Prague Congress Centre in the Czech Republic on Monday 1st June 2009, immediately before the highly-profiled EuroNanoForum 2009 Conference. This first workshop focused on the results of the project's first year, and profiled specific nano activities in the EU and a number of International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPCs). Seven eminent guest speakers, especially invited to this event, highlighted nano developments in their respective regions. The workshop united delegates from 25 countries and eight ICPC regions in Prague and was also accessible to the rest of the world via live online webcast.

Following the success of the day, the ICPCNanoNet partnership of the Institute of Nanotechnology (UK), St. Petersburg Electrotechnical University (RUS), Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (IND), Chinese Society of Micro-Nano Technology (PRC), Malsch TechnoValuation (NL), MERIT of Universiteit Maastricht (NL), and Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação (PT) has welcomed the NANOSciences AFRICA NETWORK (NanoAfNet) as a new associate partner.

The presentation slides from the ICPCNanoNet Workshop 2009 are available at <http://www.icpc-nanonet.org>. You must be a registered ICPCNanoNet member to view the presentations. Registration is free. In addition, advance orders are being taken for the forthcoming DVD of the proceedings. The first 100 DVDs will be given out to members at no charge. Plans are now underway for the 2010 workshop to be held in Beijing next June.

Publication of the ICPC Region Reports

The ICPCNanoNet region reports are now available at <http://www.icpc-nanonet.org>. These are the first of four annual reports on N&N in the following regions:

- Africa
- Asia (East) and Asia (West)
- Mediterranean Partner Countries
- The Caribbean
- Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Western Balkan Countries
- The Pacific
- Latin America

These reports describe N&N activities in the ICPCs providing information about the region and its N&N publications as well as initiatives, networks, S&T agreements and funding programmes. Detailed descriptions of specific ICPC countries provide insight into their N&N situation and developments including profiles of the main research centres, the specialised areas of interest, and key individuals. The reports are available to all registered members. If you would like to comment on any of the reports, your feedback is welcome. Please contact the respective author.

Online Workshop

The first Online Workshop of ICPCNanoNet members will take place on Wednesday 8th July. Two workshops will take place on the same day, at 8:00 and 15:00 hrs BST to allow for global time differences.

As well as an introductory overview of the workshop software there will be a chance for participants to raise questions on topics covered in last month's First Annual ICPCNanoNet Workshop and discuss future activities. See <http://www.icpc-nanonet.org/images/stories/1stonlineworkshopagenda.pdf> for the programme.

If you would like to participate, please select one or both workshops and email lesley.tobin@nano.org.uk with your selection. Tuesday 7th July 15:30 (BST) you will then receive instructions for connecting.

Web-based repositories

Publications archive
www.nanoarchive.org

Project website and database
www.ICPC-nanonet.org

News highlights

8th July 2009
First ICPCNanoNet Online Workshop.

30th June 2009
Publication of regional reports.

22nd June 2009
NanoAfNet joins the ICPCNanoNet partnership.

2nd - 5th June 2009
EuroNanoForum2009 Conference.

1st June 2009
The first annual ICPCNanoNet workshop held in Prague.

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