**MAP 2014 RESIDENCE: “SPACE OF IMAGINATION AND KNOWLEDGE”**

**‘Science meets arts’ workshop on**

**BIODIVERSITY**

**Brela, Croatia, Aug 25-31**

**General theme**

Biodiversity is the degree of variation of life, the variety of all living things: different plants, animals and microorganisms, genetic information they contain and the ecosystems they form.

**Concept**

This workshop aims at developing open-minded trans-disciplinary approach to public engagement of science among enthusiastic young artists and scientists. We will facilitate combining artistic and scientific practice through projects where participants will experiment with different types of creative expression. Together they will come up with a unique improvised performance broadly themed up around the issue of biodiversity on our planet and exhibit artwork created during the workshop. We hope that such activity may help to overcome artificial barriers between science and arts, provide inspiration for participants’ current activities and shed light on difficult global issues in the contemporary society. We also hope to create positive effects on public awareness and support for sustainable development policies.

**Description of activities**

Activities will include: creating visual art, improvisation, physical theatre, music/dance/drama, exquisite corpse projects, sci-foo camps, etc. Participants are expected to give a short informal presentation of their previous work/interests on the first day to introduce themselves. The program will include lectures from prominent scientists and artists. Work created at the workshop will be open to public. Language of the workshop: Croatian and English.

**Participants**

15 students or young professionals (18+ years old), approx. 50% from science/technical disciplines and 50% arts/music/architecture/theater. Applications are invited from people who have a strong interest in a creative exchange with different fields and are open to teamwork and experimentation. Selection will be based on the motivational letter that should emphasize previous accomplishments, skills and overall interests.

**Organizers**

This workshop is co-organized by Prof. Ivan Dikic (Goethe University, Frankfurt), Dr. Martina Mijuskovic (Society for Out of Frame Education, Zagreb) and acad. sculptor Ivanka Filipovic (MAP -Meeting Art Place, Brela).

**Travel and accommodation**

Accommodation and food will be covered for all participants, for the duration of the workshop. There is a limited number of travel fellowships available for participants who cannot afford the travel expense.

**Application deadline**

July 6th 2014

**About MAP 2014 RESIDENCE PROGRAM**

This year’s MAP (Meeting Art Place) 2014 residence program (June 14-September 14) is realized through a series of activities encompassing visual arts, architecture, film, scientific and curator lectures, design, etc. The concept for all these activities includes the local community, helping it to develop, get connected and create a sense of togetherness.

**Links**

MAP Brela

http://www.mapbrela.hr

Society for Out of Frame Education

http://drustvo-evo.hr

*“Happigenetics Extravaganza”* science-meets-arts project (July 2013, St. Petersburg)

http://soundsofscience.net/happigenetics/

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfIInSe8e9E&feature=youtu.be

The UN Decade on Biodiversity:

http://www.cbd.int/2011-2020/goals/

Article “*Rethinking Social Contracts: Building Resilience in a Changing Climate*”

http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art12/

About Science Foo Camps:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Science\_Foo\_Camp

About the Exquisite Corpse concept:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exquisite\_corpse