



ECOSF NEWSLETTER



ECOSF Signs MoU with Tashkent State Agrarian University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan to promote cooperation in Agricultural Research in the ECO region

ECOSF has been making strides in promoting cooperation in the higher education and research sector amongst its 10 member states in the key areas of science, technology and innovation in the region. In continuity of its efforts, a MoU was signed on between the ECOSF and the Tashkent State Agrarian University, Tashkent Uzbekistan to set up the first "ECO Network of Agrarian Universities and Institutions" with secretariat hosted by the Agrarian University. Purpose of the MoU is to promote Agricultural Research and capacity building in the 10 ECO member countries. The MoU was signed by President ECOSF Prof. Dr. Manzoor H. Soomro on behalf of the Foundation and the Vice Rector of the Agrarian University Professor ADILOV, Maxsud Mirvasitovich on behalf of the University. Dr. Manzoor H. Soomro paid visit to the University as part of its efforts in promoting SETI cooperation in the ECO Region. After MoU signing, Prof. Dr. Manzoor H. Soomro was taken around various laboratories and facilities of the university that has 7 Faculties, 28 Departments, 500 faculty members and 10,000 students at its main and 3 sub-campuses.



Read More: <http://eco4science.org/MoU-with-Tashkent-State-Agrarian-University>

International Science and Technology Center (ISTC) and ECOSF sign MoU for the S&T Collaboration

ECOSF signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with International Science and Technology Center (ISTC) on 9th October, 2017. President ECOSF Prof. Dr. Manzoor Hussain Soomro and Executive Director, David Cleave signed the MoU on behalf of ECOSF and ISTC respectively. The MoU will facilitate cooperation in the field of science-technology research and capacity building between ISTC and ECOSF.

The MoU will strengthen the ties and cooperation between ECOSF and ISTC in order to establish a framework for cooperation in areas of common interest especially in scientific, technological and innovation based researches and capacity building programs, which may extend and strengthen the conduct of cooperative activities, and encourage the application of the results of such cooperation to the economic and social benefits for the people of common member states.



ECOSF supported the 21st Conference of Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS) on “Science, Technology and Innovation for Global Peace and Prosperity” in Konya, Turkey

The 21st Conference of Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS) on “Science, Technology and Innovation for Global Peace and Prosperity” was held from 8-11, 2017 in Konya, Turkey. The conference was organized by the IAS in collaboration with Turkish Academy of Sciences (TUBA) and Necmettin Erbakan University (NEU) and supported by the ECOSF along with the other collaborators, such as the IDB, COMSTech, Arab Postash Company (APC) and Arab Fund for Social Economic Development (AFSED). The main objective of the conference was to promote global peace and prosperity by boosting the cooperation and collaboration in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation among the Islamic countries. The conference was opened by Prof. Muzaffer Seker, Rector, Necmettin Erbakan University, Turkey. Besides, Prof. A. CevatAcar President of the Turkish Academy of Science (TUBA) and H.E. Prof Salam Majali President of the Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IWAS) also spoke during the inaugural session. While Prof. Amet Arif Ergin, President of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) was the Key Note speaker in the inaugural session.



During the inaugural session, the messages of H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the President of the Republic of Turkey and Patron of IAS and H.R.H Prince El-Hassan bin Talal from Jordan, founding Patron of IAS were also read by representative of respective countries. The conference attracted by a large number of well known scholars, leading scientists, experts and academicians of the Muslim world. It is important to note the ECOSF supported this conference and sponsored the participation of senior scholars and academicians of the ECO region. President ECOSF Prof. Dr Manzoor H. Soomro was especially invited to participate and contribute to the conference. However, due to some preoccupation of Dr. Soomro, Engr. Khalil Raza, Scientific Officer ECOSF participated in the conference where he delivered a presentation on his behalf entitled; “Promoting Global Peace through Inquiry Based Science Education and Fusion of Civilization Curriculum Development”. The conference included key note speeches, technical papers and thematic presentations on pressing issues and emerging fields of STI.

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The Deputy Head of the European Union Delegation to Pakistan called upon the President ECOSF

The Deputy Head of European Union (EU) in Pakistan Ms. Anne Marchal called upon the President ECOSF Prof. Dr. Manzoor Hussain Soomro in his office on October 13, 2017. Both sides discussed the ongoing cooperation between EU and ECOSF and to strengthen it further. She briefed the president on mega EU program of Horizon 2020 and the Erasmus Mundas as well as EU's GSP Plus Trade Programme with Pakistan. The Horizon 2020 program is aimed at promoting research and innovation in European Union and Beyond with a budget of nearly EUR 80 billion. The program will Horizon 2020 will bolster excellence in research and science, by attracting the best brains and helping scientists collaborate and share ideas across Europe and beyond. Ms. Marchal sought cooperation and sharing of experiences of ECOSF in Pakistan and other ECO member states especially Afghanistan and Central Asia. Earlier Dr. Soomro welcomed the senior EU diplomat in Pakistan and briefed her on ECOSF and its Programs and Network. He also



shared with her that ECOSF works with ISTC in Astana which is co-funded by the EU. He assured the EU Diplomat of full cooperation in various EU Programs in the Region especially the Horizon 2020 and its latest calls for proposals. It was also agreed by President ECOSF to popularize the EU Programs by sharing the program material on ECOSF website and social media as well as Newsletter. Both sides also agreed to continue cooperation to pursue common goals of sustainable development and inclusive growth in the region through promotion of scientific and technological research.

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ECOSF Goes Global by joining the International Workshop titled “Going Global: The Symbiosis of Innovation-Led Economy” held at Guilan Science and Technology Park, Rasht, Iran

A 5-day workshop titled “Going Global: The Symbiosis of Innovation-Led Economy” was organized by COMSTECH, IDB and INSTP in collaboration with ECOSF in Guilan Science and Technology Park from October 14th–18th, 2017 at Guilan, Rasht, Iran. As the main purpose of the program was to develop capacity of the staff of Science and Technology Parks; two candidates from each institution were invited to participate in the event. The workshop was delivered by expert speakers from Putra Science and Technology Park, Malaysia.

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12th International Symposium on the Chemistry of Natural Compounds held in Tashkent Uzbekistan - ECOSF participated

Professor Soomro visited the Institute of the Chemistry of Plant Substances and participated in the 12th International Symposium on the Chemistry of Natural Compounds On 7th September in Tashkent Uzbekistan. The Symposium was opened by the Prime Minister of Uzbekistan Abdulla Nigmatovich Aripov. The symposium was a part of the 60th Anniversary celebrations of the Institute.

Professor Soomro gave a plenary talk in the symposium on; "ECOSF- A Catalyst for Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation based Economic Development in ECO Region ". Prof. Soomro talked about the historical background of ECOSF establishment, and its ongoing programmes, activities and plans for future. He shared with hosts, the international linkages developed by ECOSF emphasized on the need for a stronger "Cooperation and Collaboration" in S&T research institutions among the 10 ECO member countries including the Republic of Uzbekistan. Dr. Soomro further said that ECOSF plays the role of a catalyst and provides a platform to develop linkages to promote Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation (SETI) among the S&T institutions and organizations of ECO countries as well as with the international organizations partnering with ECOSF.

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President ECOSF pays a visit to the Institute of Archaeology of Uzbekistan in the historical city of Samarkand

President ECOSF Prof. Dr. Manzoor H. Soomro visited the Institute of Archaeology of Uzbekistan under the Academy and met the Director of the Institute Dr. BERDIMURADOV, Amridin Ergashovich and a senior Historian/Archaeologist Dr. Azim Malikov on 6th October . After briefing by the institution’s Director, Dr. Soomro was taken around to see the historic, Ulugbeg Observatory and Madrasahs of 12th-16th centuries as well as the tombs of Amir Timur and Ulugbeg. The Ulugh Beg Observatory in Samarkand, Uzbekistan is one of the finest ancient observatories around the globe. It was built in the 1420s by the Timurid astronomer Ulugh Beg, it is considered by scholars to have been one of the finest observatories in the Islamic world. Some of the renowned astronomers of the Islamic world carried out their scientific and astronomical work at the observatory. The observatory was demolished in 1449; however it was rediscovered by British archaeologists in 1908.



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Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan and its Institutes in Tashkent and Samarkand visited by the President ECOSF

President ECOSF Professor Manzoor Hussain Soomro paid a visit to the Academy of Sciences, Republic of Uzbekistan and its research institutions on 5-7 September 2017. The President ECOSF was warmly welcomed on 5th September at the Presidium of the Academy by the First Vice President Professor Ibromkhim Y. Abdurakhmonov, who is also the Director of the Center of Genomics and Bioinformatics. He was flanked by the Director of Institute of the Chemistry of Plant Substances, named after Acad. S. Yunusov, Professor Shomansur Sh. Sagdullaev. Vice President Abdurakhmonov after welcoming remarks briefed the President ECOSF about the Academy, its structure and research institutions. He informed that the Academy has a President, three Vice Presidents (3 Divisions- Life Sciences & Chemistry, Physics & Maths and Humanities) and 31 thematic/ discipline research institutes across the country. The Academy also has 4 Natural History Museums across the country. The Life Sciences and Chemistry Institutes focus on Pharmaceuticals, Drug Development and Agriculture; Nano and Biotechnology as well as Genetic Engineering and Bioinformatics.



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DG Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) visits ECOSF and meets the President

A delegation of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) comprising of Director General (CARs and ECO) Ms. Saqlain Syeda and Mr. Taimur Zulfiqar, Director (CARs and ECO) and a Senior official of Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) Mr. Amjad Hussain, Joint Scientific Advisor called upon Prof. Dr. Manzoor Hussain Soomro President ECOSF in his office on October 24, 2017 to discuss strengthening cooperation and patronage of Government of Pakistan to ECOSF.



The meeting was called upon to discuss the Host Country Agreement and its associated modalities between the Government of Pakistan and ECOSF. Prof. Dr. Manzoor H. Soomro thanked the visiting Senior Officials for continuous support extended by the MoFA, MoST, Government of Pakistan to the ECOSF. Prof. Soomro apprised them of various developments and progress made by the ECOSF in promotion of Science, Technology and Innovation in the ECO region.

Read More: <http://eco4science.org/Delegation-of-MoFA-and-MoST>

ISTIC Training Workshop on Computer Science Education held in Kuala Lumpur, ECOSF participated

A training workshop Computer Science Education was organized by International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre for South-South Cooperation under the auspices of UNESCO (ISTIC) in collaboration with La main a la pate Foundation (LAMAP) of France from 23-27 October 2017 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. There were 25 participants (10 international, 15 local/Malaysian) from Cambodia, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Namibia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Malaysia.



Assistant Director ECOSF Mr. Ghulam Abbas participated as an invitee from ECOSF. It is pertinent to mention that ECOSF and ISTIC are collaborators/partners in various STI programmes. The main objective of the training workshop was to provide the necessary knowledge and skills to participants on computer science through 'unplugged' and 'plugged' activities and apply these into pedagogical activities.

The workshop was opened by Dr. Rusminibinti Ku Ahmad, Deputy Rector, Institute of Teacher Education Malaysia representing the Director General of Education Malaysia. In her remarks, she appreciated the activities of ISTIC especially promotion of Inquiry Based Science Education (IBSE) Malaysia. She mentioned the support of Malaysian Government to ISTIC and education sector. She wished that the international participants will take maximum benefit of the workshop and enjoy the stay in Kuala Lumpur.

Earlier, Dato Dr. Sharifah Maimunah Syed Zin, Director ISTIC welcomed all the guests of five day workshop. She also introduced Dr. David Wilgenbus of LAMAP as a facilitator of the workshop. Later, Dr. David Wilgenbus in his remarks gave an overview of the workshop and its outlines. He mentioned that as an trainer of LAMAP he has developed a project called "1,2,3...Codez" based on Computer Science Education through IBSE which is implemented in the system of LAMAP by his team led by him. Dato Ir. Lee Yee Cheong, Honorary Chairman of ISTIC and member of the UNESCO Broadband Commission also addressed and talked about Digital Disruptive Revolution and said that it is the time of digital technologies.

During the workshop, Mr. Wilgenbus gave a presentation and defined Robotics. Different activities based on unplugged and plugged were performed.

The posters presentation was also arranged on last day of the workshop. Finally, the certificates were distributed among the participants and the workshop was called off.

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President ECOSF participated in the Asian Conference on Plant Pathology 2017 (ACPP 2017), held at Jeju-South Korea

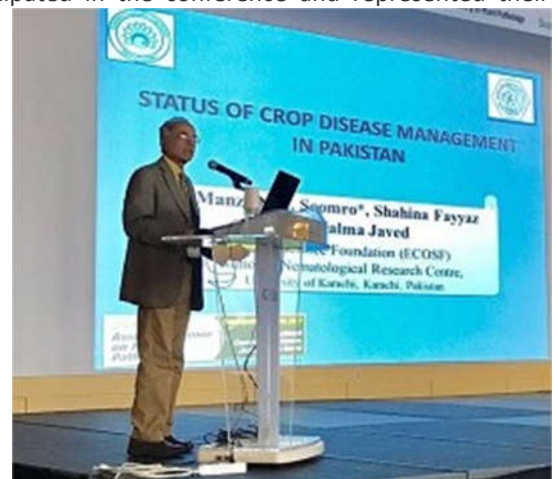
Korean Society of Plant Pathology organized the Asian Conference on Plant Pathology 2017 (ACPP 2017) at Jeju-South Korea, September 13-16, 2017. The main theme of the conference was translation from Genomes to disease management where participating scientists and experts deliberated on how to respond to the challenges and threats, such as climate changes, epidemic of plant diseases, and environmental pollutions, to disturb sustainable supply of foods and natural resources for diverse industries. ACPP 2017 served as a platform to foster collaboration among scientists around the world, especially Asia.



Experts made their presentations and assessed the level of progress made in a wide range of research topics on the biology, genomics, host-pathogen interactions, resistance, and disease management. Over 700 participants participated in the conference to share the recent advancement in scientific researches and to broaden understanding of plant diseases. A large number of scientists, academicians, plant pathologists and students participated in the conference and represented their countries with their poster presentations.

This conference provided a unique opportunity to promote scientific collaboration in the field of plant pathology, from diagnosis to biotechnology. Prof. Dr. Manzoor Hussain Soomro, President ECOSF represented Pakistan and participated in the conference where he made a presentation entitled, "Status of Crop Disease Management in Pakistan". In which, he presented the country profile of Pakistan, diseases relevant to pathology and their measures taken in Pakistan. During the conference, Dr. Soomro also had an interaction with the President of International Society of Plant Pathology Dr. Gerg Johnson.

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The delegation of ICIMOD, NEPAL and Lanzhou University, China visited ECOSF Secretariat

The delegation of Integrated Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) headquartered in Nepal and Lanzhou University, China led by Prof. Dr. Long Ruijun paid a visit to the ECO Science Foundation ECOSF on October 5, 2017. Prof. Ruijun currently serves as the program coordinator for ICIMOD and a Professor at the Lanzhou University China. The delegation included scientists, experts, researchers in the area of



integrated mountain development and climate change. The delegation was warmly welcomed and briefed about the functions and programs of the ECOSF. Mr. Ghulam Abbas Rahar, Assistant Director ECOSF gave a brief overview of the ECOSF and its various activities for promoting Science, Technology and Innovation in the ECO region. Dr. Ghazanfar Abbas Consultant ECOSF and Engr. Khalil Raza Scientific Officer ECOSF attended the meeting. It is important to acknowledge here that Dr. Ghazanfar Abbas facilitated the visit of delegation to the ECOSF for strengthening the collaboration among the organizations. Prof. Ruijun appreciated and thanked the Foundation for hosting the delegation. Prof. Ruijun deliberated on various programs undertaken by the ICIMOD. ICIMOD is an intergovernmental organization of eight countries, which is working to address the climate change and biodiversity issues linked to the Mountain Development of Hindu-Kush Himalaya. He said Pakistan is an important member of the ICIMOD and it has been working on a number of collaborative programs with other member states. Prof. Ruijun shared various initiatives that ECOSF can join hands together with ICIMOD in implementation of their programs. Prof. Ruijun also shared a number of collaborative program undertaken at the Lanzhou University and invited ECOSF to take part in research activities especially in the area of arid and ecological rehabilitation. Both sides agreed to collaborate together and develop partnership for mutual benefit and promotion of sustainable use of resources to protect biodiversity in the region.

Implementation of ECO Vision 2025 discussed during a meeting held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan

A meeting was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) to discuss the implementation of ECO Vision 2025 in the region on October 30, 2017. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Aizaz Ahmad, Additional Secretary (ME, ECO & CARs) and it was attended by representatives of various ministries and organizations of the Government of Pakistan. On behalf of ECOSF, Mr. Khalil Raza Scientific Officer and Mr. Ghulam Abbas Assistant Director (A&P) attended the meeting. The chair welcomed all participants and highlighted the importance of the ECO vision 2025 which outlines key cooperation areas of energy, water, environment and economic growth and trade cooperation.

Mr. Khalil Raza appreciated the MoFA for holding this important meeting and inviting ECOSF for its feedback and contribution to ECO Vision 2025. He further emphasized over the adequate investment in Science and Technology (S&T) sector in the ECO region which will be critical to build strong scientific foundation to address the pressing challenges in the region. He said sound S&T base and education sector can help member states to achieve desired goals outlined in the Vision 2025. Thus there is need to emphasize on promoting S&T sector in the region. He also highlighted the rapid progress achieved by similar regional organizations, such as ASEAN due to favourable policies on promoting S&T. It was proposed that a special committee on S&T may be constituted to deliberate the relevant issues during the Regional Council Meeting that is scheduled to take place in

December 2017. Mr. Raza also highlighted various initiatives undertaken by the ECOSF to promote S&T and it can utilize its channel to bring together scientists of member states to address the prevailing challenges in the area of energy, water, environment to boost economic growth and sustainable development.

MoFA appreciated the suggestions made by the ECOSF and other organizations and further recommended to provide the feedback on the Vision in the written form. The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

Education Innovations: Ecole 42 – a coding school in Paris with no teachers, no books and no tuition

In this digital era, the use of modern ICT technologies has been ever increasing. With greater access to smart devices, our young generation and students are more digitally connected than ever before who are growing with internet. However, the learning and education system is not evolving in parallel at a rate with which these technologies are rocketing. It seems to be a concern that our educational system is still based on archaic model and lags behind many technological endeavors but our kids are well accustomed to make use of modern ICT tools. Thus in most cases the school education does provide the necessary skills that will shape our children for the future.

Read More: <http://eco4science.org/Ecole-42>



Research & Innovation cooperation under HORIZON 2020 - the European Framework Programme for Research & Innovation – A Call for Proposals

The EU's Horizon 2020 program is aimed at promoting research and innovation in European Union and beyond. The program will run from 2014 to 2020 with a budget of nearly EUR 80 billion. Horizon 2020 is the biggest EU research and innovation programme ever. It will lead to more breakthroughs, discoveries and world-firsts by taking great ideas from the lab to the market. Horizon 2020 has been designed to deliver results that make a difference to people's lives. Built on three pillars – Excellent Science, Industrial Leadership and Societal Challenges, further described below – it will fund all types of activities, from frontier science to close-to-market innovation.

Horizon 2020 will bolster excellence in research and science, by attracting the best brains and helping scientists collaborate and share ideas across Europe and beyond. It will help talented people and innovative firms boost competitiveness, creating jobs along the way, and contributing to a higher standard of living – benefiting everyone. Organisations and researchers from any country of the world – including Pakistan – can participate in Horizon 2020 projects. Whereas, the Pakistan Science Foundation is the Focal Organization for EU Research and Innovation Programme Horizon-2020 in Pakistan by the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) on behalf of Government of Pakistan.

For more details and guidelines for Pakistani users on the Horizon 2020 program, please use the link below:

<http://eco4science.org/Horizon2020.aspx>

Training on “Protection against Harassment of Women at Workplace, Act-2010”

3-day residential training was organized by Mehargarh – A Centre for Learning at outskirts of Islamabad from 13-15 October 2017 for creating awareness about sexual harassment of women at workplace and implementation of the subject law in the organizations working in Pakistan. Mr. Ghulam Abbas, Assistant Director (Admin & Programmes) was nominated to attend the training on behalf of ECOSF.



A total number of 22 participants from all over Pakistan belonging to various national and international departments/organizations attended the training. It is pertinent to mention that it is the first time in the history of Pakistan that sexual harassment has been defined in Pakistani Law. Until this law in 2010, sexual harassment was not considered a crime but only a social evil that was justified by blaming women for causing it. No law specifically covered harassment at the workplace.

In early 2010, Pakistan Government passed a Law called ‘Protection against Harassment of Women at Workplace Act 2010’. The intention of the Law is to provide an opportunity to all organizations, public, private and civil society, to develop a self regulatory mechanism whereby organizations could handle the problems related to sexual harassment internally. Based on the law, a Code of Conduct has been prepared for the organizations/institutes and adoption of this Code has become mandatory for all organizations. It requires management to take charge of the transformation of their institutional culture and make it dignified for both women and men.

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The World Teachers’ Day celebrated all over the world

The World Teachers’ Day is celebrated every year on October 5 to pay tribute and highlight the importance of teachers in a society. The day is aimed at mobilising support for teachers and to ensure that the educational and spiritual need of future generations would continue to be met by dedicated teachers.

Teacher is the most important person in the educational domain and deserves appreciation. Considered as spiritual father a teacher plays an important part in nourishing a child’s brain. Where parents are responsible for the upbringing of children, teachers play a vital role in helping them use their knowledge and imply them to become valuable citizens of the society.



ECOSF supports the teacher community of ECO region and also promotes Inquiry Based Science Education (IBSE) and the teachers are trained to impart quality science education at schools in the region.

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Government of Pakistan Grants Scholarship to Afghan Students: A Welcome Move to Strengthen Cooperation between two ECO Member States

The ECOSF is pleased to share that the Government of Pakistan has launched a programme for capacity building of universities in Afghanistan and awarded 3,000 scholarships to Afghan students. Under the programme, Higher Education Commission is set to grant 3,000 scholarships for graduation to PhD level studies which will be awarded to the Afghan students. These students will pursue their higher education in different universities of Pakistan in various fields including Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Management, Computer Science, etc. It is worth mentioning that Afghanistan is one of the ten member states of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and currently the chair of ECO is with Pakistan since February 2017. ECOSF highly welcomes this positive step and initiative undertaken by the Government of Pakistan. This will further boost the diplomatic and scientific relation and cooperation between Pakistan and Afghanistan. ECOSF strives to strengthen collaborative activities among ECO member states through science education, technology and innovation based economic development.

Read More: <http://eco4science.org/Scholarship-to-Afghan-Students>

Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Message Primers for Upcoming Assessment

IPBES is the global science-policy platform tasked with providing the best-available evidence to inform better decisions affecting nature - by Governments, businesses and even individual households. IPBES is often described as 'the IPCC for biodiversity'.

The success of humanity's efforts to reverse the current unsustainable use of our irreplaceable natural assets and heritage requires the best-available evidence, comprehensive relevant policy options and committed, well-informed decision makers. The IPBES assessment reports serve these ends, by providing the credible peer-reviewed information needed for informed decision-making.

In March, 2018, representatives of 127 Governments will receive, for approval, five landmark assessment reports describing the state of knowledge about biodiversity, ecosystems and nature's contributions to people.

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Upcoming Events posted on ECOSF website and Facebook page

2018 STEPI Fellowship

STEPI (Science and Technology Policy Institute) invites graduate students, scholars and researchers to apply for 2018 STEPI Fellowship. This program aims to encourage research on the issues pertaining to science, technology and innovation (STI) policy, and to build a research network among STI policy researchers and students around the world. The fellowship supports up to 5,000 USD for research on various topics of STI policies, preferably issues pertinent to East Asian countries. Research results from the fellowship support will be published in 'STI POLICY REVIEW' (www.stipolicyreview.net), an international journal focusing on STI policy issues of East Asian countries.

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International Symposium on Networks, Computers and Communications. 19-21 June 2018, Rome-Italy

The International Symposium on Networks, Computers and Communications (ISNCC) will be held in the beautiful city of Rome, Italy from 19-21 June 2018, under the patronage of the Italian Space Agency (ASI)

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International Roundtable on 'The Impact of Extreme Natural Events: Science & Technology for Mitigation (IRENE), Colombo, Sri Lanka, 13-15 December 2017

An inescapable effect of the climate change is the increase in the occurrence and severity of extreme natural events. To combat with these hazards, the need of the hour is not only to work out appropriate disaster-prevention strategies, but also since the climate change is a reality, call for an ecosystem for development and diffusion of new climate-relevant technologies. This would require preparing a blueprint for crisis managers, community officials and policy makers, which would specify the converging partnerships among the host of stakeholders, find resource requirements for successful programmes and provide a step-by-step demonstration of the disaster-planning process.

With the above in view, the Centre for Science & Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre) in partnership with the National Science & Technology Commission (NASTEC), Sri Lanka and the Research Centre - Technology for Disaster Prevention, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka (RC-TDP, SEUSL) announces the organisation of an International Roundtable on the 'Impacts of Extreme Natural Events: Science & Technology for Mitigation (IRENE)' in Colombo, Sri Lanka during 13-15 December 2017.

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