

# Asia-Europe Workshop Series Update



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In the previous *IIAS Newsletter* (issue 27), we announced the first call for proposals for the Annual Asia-Europe Workshop Series sponsored by the Asia-Europe Foundation and the Strategic Alliance for Asian Studies. This encouraged academic researchers to submit proposals for the organization of workshops focussing on a variety of issues affecting both regions. The criteria of proposals were determined by considerations of interregional and multilateral importance and the applicants were requested to focus on contemporary topics concerning both Asia and Europe in a comparative perspective. Most importantly, the workshops had to be organized by an Asian partner and European partner, to stimulate dialogue between both regions.

The Workshop Series secretariat received 30 proposals by 1 June 2002, covering a wide range of topics. The Selection Committee Meeting was held in Singapore on the 27 June, and the committee consisted of Amb. Delfin Colomé (ASEF), Prof. Jean-Luc Dome-nach (Tsinghua University), Prof. Chai-bong Hahm (Yonsei University), Prof.

Lily Kong (National University of Singapore), Prof. Hanns Maull (University of Trier), Prof. Shamsul A.B. (University Kebangsaan Malaysia) and Prof. Wim Stokhof (Asia Alliance).

The committee showed enthusiasm with regards to the quality of the proposals and a possibility of a series of projects in the future. (Amb. Delfin Colomé had expressed his interest in funding another Workshop Series in the following year, seeing the positive responses from interested organizations and institutions). The committee hopes to have more proposals coming from Asian and Southern European scholars for the next series, which will be announced, in the next issue of the *IIAS Newsletter*.

The six selected proposals are:

1) **Dr P. Ho** (Wageningen University, the Netherlands)

**Prof. Dai Guangcui** (Forestry Economic Research Institute, China)

*Land Registration and Spatial Planning in Transition Countries: Opportunities for Asian and the European Union*

31 October – 1 November 2002

2) **Dr P. Nas** (Universiteit Leiden, the Netherlands)

**Prof. J. Silas**

(Institut Teknologi, Indonesia)

*Mega-urbanization in Asia and Europe*

12-14 December 2002

3) **Dr H. Dahles** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands)

**Dr Loh Wei Leng**

(University of Malaya, Malaysia)

*Transborder Exchanges: Business, Networks and Identity Formation in Asia's and Europe's New Economy*

May 2003

4) **Dr M. Fiskesjö** (Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities, Sweden)

**Dr Chen Xingcan** (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China)

*New Perspectives in Eurasian Archeology*

June 2003

5) **Dr R. Hassink**

(University of Bonn, Germany)

**Dr Shin Dong-Ho**

(Hannam University, Korea)

*The Restructuring of Old Industrial Areas in Europe and Asia*

August 2003

6) **Dr S. Bhattacharya** (Welcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, UK)

**Dr R.K. Chhem**

(National University of Singapore)

*Interweaving Medical Traditions: Europe and Asia, 1600-2000*

11-13 September 2003 ◀