

Alliance Short Update

The Strategic Alliance for Asian Studies is a cooperative framework of European institutes specializing in Asian Studies. The Alliance, established in 1997, aims to bring together fragmented forces in Asian Studies in Europe to facilitate scholarly excellence to the benefit of the respective national research environments and those of the European scholarly environment at large, by: building up high-quality, border-transcending research with a stronger focus on contemporary issues; creating sustainable networks with Asian and other overseas research institutions and scholars; strengthening the links and communication between academic research on Asia and non-academic institutions and actors.

In the previous issue of the *IIAS Newsletter* a call for workshop proposals was published in the framework of the newly set up Alliance/ASEF Annual Asia Europe Workshop Series. For more information on the selection of the proposals, please see below.

From 4-7 April 2002 the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) was held in Washington. The Asia Alliance was represented in the exhibition hall, where representatives of the Alliance institutes provided information on Alliance activities, and on the publication programmes of the participating institutes. In cooperation with the IIAS and various Dutch publishers (Brill, MMF, IDC, and the KITLV) an e-mail/Internet service was provided

for AAS participants, free of charge.

The Asia Alliance organized a 'meeting in conjunction' on the ASEM (Asia Europe Meeting) process. The central question during the meeting was: 'How can ASEM contribute to a more stable triangular global political environment in the aftermath of 11 September and what will this mean for its relationship with the US?'. The contributions made by the panel participants will be collected in a third publication on ASEM edited by Dr Paul van der Velde and Prof. Wim Stokhof.

Upcoming events

- 11 September 2002, Brussels: one-day Alliance Asia Update at the European Parliament on EU-Asia relations after 11 September (main organizer: EIAS).
- October 2002, Berlin: one-day Asia Update in Berlin (organized by IFA);
- November 2002, Paris: Colloquium on Environmental issues in Paris (to be organized by ASEF and AEC). ◀

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