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NET4SOCIETY and its newsletter:

Europe is facing important societal challenges. European researchers in Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities (SSH) work everyday on providing answers to these challenges. NET4SOCIETY, the network of SSH National Contact Points of the European 7th Framework Programme (FP7), aims to support research in SSH and mobilise stakeholders with the support of various tool and instruments, including the publication of newsletters.

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>>> SSH Highlights

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Are you looking for project partners for European projects?

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NET4SOCIETY is organising the "Active Ageing - the Potential for Society" conference in Dublin on July 9-10, 2012. The brokerage event on July 9 -11, 2012 provides an efficient structure for researchers to meet potential project partners.

The EU Commission will offer first-hand information on the upcoming SSH work programme for 2013 at the event!

Conference website: www.net4society-activeageing2012.eu

Visit us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/events/229413103844113> and

LinkedIn: http://www.linkedin.com/groups/NET4SOCIETY-3872440?trk=myg_ugrp_ovr ‘

Would you like to improve your visibility among peers? Use the Research Directory!

The NET4SOCIETY Research Directory is an English language online directory of actively involved SSH researchers and key players. It gives you the possibility to find - and to be found by- new research connections.

INGENIUS, an EU project with significant ICPC involvement

INGENIUS is a success story of an EU project that benefits from the involvement of researchers from International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC).

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>>> Calls

New SSH Call for proposals 2013

In early July 2012, the European Commission will publish the last call for proposals in Theme 8 (Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities, SSH) of FP7.

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>>> Events

Besides the "Active Ageing - the Potential for Society" in July 2012 (see Highlights), more interesting SSH events coming up.

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>>> Publications

Succesful in Europe: German researchers funded through the FP7 SSH programme

A brochure has recently been published on German SSH coordinators of FP7 projects.

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Conference and Brokerage Event: Active Ageing - the Potential for Society, 9-11 July 2012 in Dublin Castle

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"Active Ageing – the potential for society" on July 9-11, 2012 is an international conference showcasing a positive approach to ageing and its potential for society, presenting international SSH research in this field and identifying future research needs. The event is targeted at researchers, policy makers and stakeholders of the international SSH community. Participation is free of charge.

Key note speakers include Anne-Sophie Parent, Director of the AGE network, Dr. Martina Brandt from SHARE – The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe and Lenia Samuel from the European Commission's Year for Active Ageing initiative.

Thematic sessions will be based on the following four key topics:

- Employment

- Social participation
- Intergenerational solidarity
- Economy and innovation

The third day of the conference, July 11, 2012, will be dedicated to a structured brokerage event that will provide researchers and stakeholders with the opportunity to meet potential partners for research projects in the FP7 call SSH-2013 and beyond.

On July 11, the EU Commission will offer first-hand information on the then freshly published SSH work programme for 2013!

The event is sponsored by the European Commission and is linked to the 2012 European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between generations and is an official satellite event of ESOF, the Euroscience Open Forum.

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It is designed to facilitate research cooperation in the context of FP7. It gives you the possibility to find - and to be found by - key players in SSH. Any researcher who is actively involved in SSH research and interested in international cooperation is welcome to register their profile on the Research Directory. The Research Directory also targets SSH researchers active in other FP7 areas than Theme 8 "Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities", including interdisciplinary themes ranging from health to security.

To register please go to www.net4society.eu/research-directory.

To maximise the effectiveness of the Research Directory, the SSH NCP your profile will be checked for completeness and relevance before publication.

Via the Research Directory a researcher can find – and be found by - partners in over 40 countries in Europe and the rest of the world!

INGENIUS, an ICPC success story: Interview with a project partner

International collaboration in research is essential when dealing with global problems such as sustainable consumption, an ageing society, and cultural diversity. The 2012 Work Programme for SSH contains the following statement: *“Researchers and research institutions from International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC) are strongly encouraged to take part in proposals submitted under all Challenges and Topics in this work programme. Participation of (a) relevant non-EU country partner(s) could enhance the scientific and technological excellence of projects and enable the research to have more impact.”* (page 7).

What follows below, is the story of an SSH project that achieved exactly that! Relevant non-EU country partners were involved from the outset. They helped to conceptualise and develop the original project proposal. They led some of the work packages and made strong contributions to others. Scientific meetings and project reports benefited from inputs from partners across the globe, and yielded insights that have already found their way into important policy documents dealing with future innovation policy for Europe and beyond. The name of the project is INGENIUS. We interviewed a South African member of the project consortium, Dr Glenda Kruss, to tell us her project story.

N4S: Tell us a little more about the project?

GK: INGENIUS deals with the Impact of Networks, Globalisation, and their Interaction with EU Strategies. It addresses the evolution of global production networks (GPNs) into global innovation networks (GINs), and the impact this process of global capitalism has on knowledge intensive activities in the EU. The project consortium is large, and truly international. Led by the Italian *Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei*, partners from Brazil, China, India and South Africa made significant contributions to the project, alongside partners from Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. The project started in 2008.

N4S: How did you become involved in the project?

GK: The original project idea came from a colleague of ours in the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) of South Africa, Dr Jo Lorentzen. He shared the idea with potential collaborators in Europe as well as with counterparts from

countries where different kinds of global production and innovation networks are prevalent, such as India, Brazil and China. Once a suitable consortium leader was found, a core team was formed to develop the proposal. The rest, as they say, is history.

To read the full text of the interview please visit: <http://www.net4society.eu/public/international-cooperation.php>

New SSH Call for proposals

In early July 2012, the European Commission will publish new calls for proposals in the theme of the Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities (SSH). Proposers will find a number of topics addressing major societal challenges under a variety of areas of research. All call information will be accessible on the Participant Portal:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/cooperation&state=open>.

The NET4SOCIETY document "Opportunities for Researchers from the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH)" will be published in early July 2011. The document will summarise all topics in the open FP7 calls with SSH relevance outside of Theme 8 of the Specific Programme "Cooperation". It will be available at:

<http://net4society.eu/public/documents.php>

Interesting SSH events

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Are you involved in SSH research? Are you looking for project partners? Do you want to be among the first to know the research topics proposed in the FP7 SSH Work Programme of FP7?

NET4SOCIETY will organise a conference themed around the European Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations. The conference will take place in Dublin Castle, as an official satellite event of ESOF 2012, 9-10 July, followed by a structured brokerage event on 11 July, providing the opportunity for researchers in the field of SSH to meet potential project partners. The FP7 SSH work programme will be officially launched at the event.

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More events...

Scandic Linköping (Väst, Sweden) organises the conference "Historiography of Religion" in 10-14 September 2012 focusing on the question: How, under which conditions, and with which consequences are religions historicized? Further information is provided at the following website: <http://www.esf.org>

On the 26-30 September 2012 the conference "Children's Literature and European Avant-Garde", organised by Scandic Linköping, will bring together those scholars who are interested in the relationship between avant-garde movements and children's culture (i.e. arts, literature, toys, films for children) within a European context. The relevant website is available at the following link: <http://www.esf.org/index.php?id=9078>

Scandic Linköping is also the organiser of the event entitled "In search of Peace: Dialogues Between Theories and Practices" that will take place on 20 - 24 October 2012 in Linköping, Sweden (<http://www.esf.org/index.php?id=9306>). The conference aims to bring together, on the one hand, academic analyses and research innovations in the politics, histories, and discourses of peace from various disciplines, and on the other, the practical expertise and field experiences of civil society actors, activists, journalists, artists and policy-makers with concrete perspectives on the possibilities and avenues towards a sustainable peace.

Rethinking Older Age: Transnational Migration, Home and Cultures of Care is the title of the workshop that will provide new perspectives on older age and experiences of ageing, by exploring linkages between transnational migration, home and care cultures. Workshop participants will explore innovative questions around the dialectic of home

and transnational migration with attention to inequalities, intersections, and emerging cultures of domesticity in older age. Outcomes centre on an edited volume and international research network designed to foster continued debates on the topic in Europe and beyond. It will be held on 22-25 August 2012 (Helsinki, Finland). Relevant information is available at the following website: <http://www.esf.org/activities/exploratory-workshops/social-sciences-scscs/workshops-detail.html?ew=11502>

Designed around the theme of Research and Social Innovation, the latest edition of the EFC Research Forum's Stakeholders' Conference was a conference entitled Research and Social Innovation: The Potential for European Foundations to Pave the Way that featured plenary sessions and parallel discussions exploring:

- The potential for foundations to spearhead socially innovative research
- The impact of social media and networks on research and social innovation
- Open Access and the challenge of quality assurance
- Public participation in science: new modes of interaction

More information is provided at the following link:

<http://www.efc.be/Networking/InterestGroupsAndFora/Research%20Forum/Pages/researchforumconference2012.aspx>

Successful in Europe: German researchers funded through the FP7 SSH programme

The Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) in Germany has recently published a brochure in which German coordinators of FP7 projects in the socio-economic sciences and humanities are portrayed. Each of the 17 projects under German coordination funded so far (incl. NET4SOCIETY) is presented in an abstract. In addition, the brochure includes interviews with all coordinators on their experiences with working in EU-funded projects.

The success stories of these researchers should especially encourage young researchers to participate in European research projects.

The electronic version of the brochure will shortly be available for download under:

<http://www.bmbf.de/en/publications/index.php> or at <http://www.nks-swg.de/>



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