News from the Network

Register Now: Seoul Congress Website Up and Running

With only 127 days to go, the CITYNET Seoul Congress is right around the corner. Want more information about the big event? Ready to register? Then click on over to http://seoul2013.citynetcongress.org/ for the most up-to-date details, including the draft schedule, sponsors, and more. For more information please email partnerteam(at)citynet-ap.org.

Represent Your City as a CITYNET Elected Official: Deadline July 31st

Nominations for CITYNET elected positions are now open! This November, elections will take place for a President, a first and a second Vice President, members of the Executive Committee and an Auditor. Elected officials work to direct the vision and activities of CITYNET from 2014-2017, and promote their cities in the process. For more information please contact Linda Byun at dir.operations(at)citynet-ap.org.

For further details, see here.

CITYNET-KOTI Sustainable Urban Transportation Workshop

CITYNET and the Korea Transport Institute (KOTI) will host the “Sustainable Urban Transport in Asia and the Pacific Region” workshop in Seoul from September 2nd - 5th, held in conjunction with KOTI's 4th International Public Transportation Forum (ITPF). CITYNET members will be acquainted with best practices in public transit in Korea, introduced to cutting-edge research, and offered the opportunity to engage in discussion-based learning.

This year, participants will also visit the EcoMobility World Festival in Suwon. Now in its second year, the Sustainable Urban Transport Workshop is an annual fixture tailored to the needs of CITYNET members and the latest themes in urban transportation. For more details, please contact the CITYNET Secretariat at programs1(at)citynet-ap.org.

Seoul Training Program for Water Managers in Southeast Asia

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Upcoming Events

- September -
  EcoMobility Festival 2013
  September 1-30, 2013
  Suwon, South Korea
  CITYNET-KOTI Sustainable Urban Transport Workshop
  September 2-5, 2013
  Seoul, South Korea
  Seoul Training Program for Water Managers
  September 8-14, 2013
  Seoul, South Korea
  KLRTC 26: Green Purchasing
  September 18-20, 2013
  Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
  KLRTC 27: Integrated Urban Planning
  September 23-26, 2013
  Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- November -
  CITYNET Seoul Congress
  November, 3-6 2013
  Seoul, South Korea
  PASCAL: Cities Learning Together
  November 18-20
  Hong Kong

Join Our Team

- Volunteers Needed -
The CITYNET Secretariat is seeking multiple volunteers! This is an exciting opportunity to engage with an international environment while connecting your home city with our network. Read More
September 8th to 14th sees the launch of the Seoul Training Program for Water Managers, hosted by the Seoul Metropolitan Government Office of Waterworks and co-organized by CITYNET and the Korea Water and Wastewater Works Association. This one-week event introduces practitioners and decision makers from across Southeast Asia to Seoul’s water management initiatives through lectures and site visits. The scheme provides an interactive means of knowledge exchange, technology transfer and personnel development.

At the Seoul Training Program, participants will build a technical network of water managers through which they can exchange policies and lessons. The deadline for registration in this year’s Seoul Training Program has passed, but CITYNET plans to make this program available to CITYNET members on an annual basis.

KLRTC 26: 4th International Conference on Green Purchasing

The 4th International Conference on Green Purchasing will take place from September 18th-20th, at the Sunway Resort Hotel and Spa, Malaysia. This conference will bring together world renowned experts and practitioners in green purchasing and green productivity. Participants will examine how the roadmap for Government Green Procurement (GGP) has been implemented in advanced green purchasing countries, with a focus on strategies and techniques, such as resource productivity, eco design and private enterprises. The conference will also include a one-day seminar on safe and green commercial complexes and high-rise buildings. Please email admin(at)gpnm.org for more information.

KLRTC 27: Integrated Urban Planning in the Asia Pacific Region and World Conference on Sustainable Cities

One of KLRTC’s most popular programs, the 2013 “Integrated Urban Planning” workshop will take place in Kuala Lumpur from September 23rd to 26th. Timed to coincide with the 5th International Conference on World Class Sustainable Cities 2013 themed “Liveable Cities are Creative and Competitive Cities” at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, CITYNET will be organizing a succeeding training course for planning practitioners from across Asia and the Pacific. The sessions will use problem-based learning methods and real life case studies to skill city managers in infrastructure provision, the pursuit of sustainable development and means of addressing informality.

In addition to leading urban planning experts, trainers from UN-Habitat will provide an in-depth introduction of their new guide, Urban Planning for City Leaders. The guide is sponsored by Siemens and aimed at providing local leaders and decision makers with the tools to support urban planning good practice. For more details, please contact the CITYNET Secretariat at programs1(at)citynet-ap.org.
Announcing CITYNET Young Professionals

CITYNET staff and our enthusiastic team of interns will be kicking-off the CITYNET Young Professionals Program (CYP) this month, with a formal launch planned during the CITYNET Seoul Congress 2013 in November. CYP is a voluntary student-led organization supported by CITYNET that is committed to empowering often marginalized young voices by engaging youth in pressing development issues, producing unique pieces of research and raising awareness of themes often left off mainstream political agendas. CYP activities will include regular workshops and field trips, as well as opportunities to meet and network with city officials, policy experts, development practitioners and NGOs. This year, the program will provide a platform for students to engage in three focus areas; green growth, multiculturalism and ODA in Korea. Read more.

Welcome Jacki Dover: Partner Development Officer

Jacquelyn “Jacki” Dover brings her extensive experience in United States campaign management and lobbying to CITYNET. Through positions with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), on congressional and gubernatorial political campaigns and as a lobbyist for a statewide non-profit organization, Jacki has developed outstanding communication, international relations and research expertise. Jacki received her graduate degree in political science with an emphasis in international relations from the University of Utah where she completed her masters essay on patterns of information communication technology development within South Korea and China. She can be reached at partnerdev(at)citynet-ap.org.

Welcome Toby Roycroft: Program Officer

Toby has worked towards sustainable urban development in a number of challenging contexts. He most recently worked for a built environment charity in London on the master-planning of sustainable communities across the UK and Africa. Toby formerly worked as an urban development advisor for The International Labour Organisation’s Somalia programme, within UN-Habitat’s senior policy division in Nairobi and for the urban planning and research wing of the All India Institute of Local Self Government in Gujarat. He brings his knowledge and project management experience to CITYNET’s caseload of campaigns, events and partnerships. He can be reached at programs1(at)citynet-ap.org.

National Chapter Updates

Nepal

Baglung Municipality, with financial assistance from the CITYNET Secretariat, is initiating the pilot ‘Public Toilet Construction Project’ in ward number 2, Shreenagar.
Tole, Baglung. To carry out the project, a nine member User Committee was formed in early 2013. Construction will soon begin and the project is expected to be completed in September 2013. Read more.

Bangladesh

Four CITYNET member cities elected new mayors in early June, 2013. Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, and Sylhet are welcoming new mayors from the Awami league. CITYNET looks forward to working with them. For more details from this election, please see the the Daily Star.

News from CITYNET Partners

Suwon EcoMobility World Festival

This September 1-30, Suwon, South Korea, a CITYNET member city, will hold the EcoMobility World Festival 2013. The EcoMobility World Festival, organized by ICLEI, is a unique month-long presentation of urban transportation culture where residents live without cars using carbon-free ecomobile transport. The Festival will serve as a global showcase of future mobility for NGOs, businesses, universities and governments throughout the month-long program including:

- EcoMobility 2013 Suwon congress
- Seminars and workshops
- Ecomobile vehicle exhibition
- Vehicle test tracks
- Ecomobile Neighborhood Project

To find out more or register your interest, visit www.ecomobilityfestival.org or contact the Festival team at ecomobility.festival(at)iclei.org.

World Toilet Organization in the News

CITYNET Associate Member, the World Toilet Organization, was recently profiled in the Huffington Post. The WTO has worked tirelessly for 15 years to bring the topic of public sanitation to the forefront of the development agenda. For more information check out the article here and take a minute to watch their hilarious and informative video here.

GIZ-SUTP Updates

Potential of Cycling to Reduce Climate Emissions in Road Transport
Measuring potential emission reductions in the transport sector becomes
increasingly important in order to forecast and evaluate local emission savings. The Institute for Transport and Infrastructure Planning of Germany jointly with the Institute for Transportation Ecology has developed a transport emission model adjustable to local circumstances. Read more.

**Rio+20 Voluntary Commitments to Create Universal Access to Safe, Clean and Affordable Transport Moving Forward**

The Voluntary Commitments on Sustainable Transport launched at Rio+20, one year ago, is well on track. The report “Creating Universal Access to Safe, Clean and Affordable Transport” was presented at the Berlin High Level Dialogue on ‘Implementing Rio+20 Decisions on Sustainable Cities and Transport. Read more.

**World Bank Recap: Flood Risk Management and Urban Resilience Workshop**

Policy-makers from eight East Asian countries re-united from May 28-29, 2013 in Seoul at the Second Flood Risk Management and Urban Resilience Workshop. The two-day workshop, organized by the World Bank, with support from the Republic of Korea through the National Emergency Management Agency and the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), is part of ongoing collaboration. These groups are working to strengthen cooperation, and facilitate international partnerships for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. Over 70 policy-makers from China, Indonesia, Korea, Lao PDR, Mongolia, the Philippines, Vietnam, and Sri Lanka joined the event. Additionally international experts from the field and representatives from partner and donor organizations participated in regional knowledge transfers and fostered a multi-stakeholder community of practice on urban flood risk management. Read more.

**PASCAL: Cities Learning Together**

CITYNET partner PASCAL will hold the Cities Learning Together: Local Communities in the Sustainable and Healthy Learning City conference from November 18-20, 2013 at the Hong Kong Institute of Education. This event will explore the intersections of local communities and governments with global crises, and how cities can develop sustainable systems for confronting urban growth. Read more.