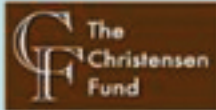


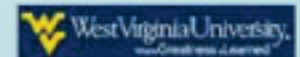
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<p><b>Mr. Dhrupad Choudhury</b></p> 	<p><b>Organisation:</b> G B Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development  <b>Position:</b> Scientist In charge of the North East Unit  <b>Contact Details:</b>  <b>Educational Background:</b> Choudhury has a D. Phil in Ecology from the University of Oxford, U K.  <b>Professional Experience:</b> He has been working in North East India since the early nineties. His interest in Traditional Practices and Ecological Knowledge was nurtured during his stay among the Aos, an upland ethnic community in Nagaland and his work later among the Garos, another upland community of Meghalaya. Both these communities are shifting cultivators. Dr Choudhury's understanding of ownership and tenure regimes, as well as of shifting cultivation, resulted from the long interactions he has had among these communities. In 2000, he was invited to join the North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project for Upland Areas as the Chief Natural Resource Management Adviser. He spent three years in the Project, initiating a number of important interventions for Livelihood Security and Natural Resource Management, one of which was the P3DM.</p>
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<p><b>Mr. Jon Corbett</b></p> 	<p><b>Organisation:</b> University of Victoria</p> <p><b>Affiliation:</b> Land and People Information Sharing Society (LAPIS)</p> <p><b>Position:</b> assistant professor</p> <p><b>Contact Details:</b></p> <p><b>Professional Experience:</b> Jon Corbett’s doctoral research investigated the relationship between empowerment and the use of digital Information Communication Technologies (ICTs) to document, store and present Indigenous knowledge related to traditional land stewardship. This research was conducted with two Indigenous Dayak communities in East Kalimantan, Indonesia over a three year period (1999-2002), as part of a Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) funded project. This information, recorded by members of the community in the form of digital video, text, audio and image data, is managed, referenced and accessed through an interactive hypermap (a map with embedded hyperlinks). The technologies developed as part of this project were referred to as Community Information Systems (CIS). The theoretical component of the research investigated how these technologies impacted the communities with respect to altering internal and external social and political relationships, more specifically framed within the conjectural area of empowerment. Jon’s current SSHRC funded research tests whether the CIS technologies and the empowerment framework developed when working in Indonesia are commonly applicable or are limited by the narrow geographic and cultural setting in which they were created. He is presently working with the Chemainus First Nation on Vancouver Island to establish a Community Information System and examine whether similar empowerment catalysts and outcomes observed during the Indonesia research exist in First Nations communities. His research program is situated in the action-oriented paradigm, yet it draws on a range of different methodologies from both qualitative and quantitative fields. It combines elements of participatory action and empowerment research with more formal statistical computer monitoring and questionnaire techniques. He is member of the ‘Research on ICT with Aboriginal Communities’ group, has sat on the federal Government eGovernance panel on Communities and ICTs, and is currently a collaborator on the Community University Research Alliance funded ‘Revitalization of Coastal Salish Languages’ project providing multimedia training.</p>



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<p><b>Ms. Anju Mangal</b></p> 	<p><b>Organisation:</b> Secretariat Of The Pacific Community (Spc)  <b>Position:</b> Information/Publication Officer  <b>Contact Details:</b> Secretariat Of The Pacific Community (Spc)  Telephone: (679) 3370 733 Ext: 218/262  Fax #: (679) 337 0021</p> <p><b>Educational Background:</b> I have a Bachelor of Science (Information Systems/Geography/GIS) and am currently pursuing my studies in a Masters in Information Technology and hold the position of Information/Publication Officer at the Animal Health and Production services in the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.</p> <p><b>Professional Experience:</b> Briefly I have listed out my responsibilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Updating and maintaining the PAHIS database and providing training and assistance as required to users on PAHIS software. Assist in the dissemination of PAHIS database to Animal Health colleagues around the Pacific via electronic media (e.g. the Internet) and CD's.</li> <li>2. Coordinating internet development, Updating and maintaining Animal Health and Production Service website which will include the following : the installation and maintenance of the map server &amp; maintaining web server (or map server) using TOMCAT (java servlet container) and MapInfo; Ongoing revision of the website; Data entry and design of thematic maps for the website using MapInfo; Automation and design of forms for the PAHIS database access version; Installation of the SQL database on the web server.  PTO</li> <li>3. Design and layout of animal health publications including the PARAVET materials (Paravet CD's, labels/covers and student/tutor booklets, brochures, leaflets and posters and Paravet certificates).</li> <li>4. Using GPS and MapInfo (GIS graphical Software) to create maps and create and maintain a range of spatial data for waste management project.</li> </ol>



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<p>Ms. Silika Ciriewasa  Tuivanuavou</p> 	<p><b>Organisation:</b> Native Land Trust Board  <b>Position:</b> Spatial Information Coordinator in the Spatial Unit  <b>Contact Details:</b> Department of Research &amp; Development  Native Land Trust Board  P.O Box 116, Suva, Fiji  Email: stuivanuavou@nlb.com.fj  Telephone: (679) 3229589  Fax: (679) 3312078  <b>Educational Background:</b> Master in Geographic Information Systems, 2000, (MGIS -University of Queensland – Australia)  Certificate in Remote Sensing, 2001, (University of the South Pacific-Fiji)  <b>Professional Experience:</b> Profession: Spatial Information Coordinator in the Spatial Unit - October 2002 to date.  Duties: Develop, implement and monitor the GIS/GPS/RS software applications architecture. Ensure the Board is provided with superior GIS/GPS/RS facilities, during implementation and through continued support, to optimize the utilization of all information technology equipment. Provide the Manger Research &amp; Development with relevant and timely reports, maps, statistics, assessments and other information.  <b>Research Interest:</b> Work with the communities to build their livelihood.  Research into the use of 3D model for mapping of cultural heritage sites with all its attributes and know how the community might share /not share their knowledge with the rest of the world. Also an understanding on how PGIS ethics might come into play in the process.</p>

<p><b>Ms. Elke Verbeeten</b></p> 	<p><b>Organisation:</b> Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)  <b>Position:</b> Research Fellow  <b>Contact Details:</b> Mrs. Elke Verbeeten  Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)  06 BP 9478, Ouagadougou 06, Burkina Faso  Telephone: +226 76 54 90 66 or +226 50 30 47 43  e.verbeeten@cgiar.org</p> <p><b>Educational Background:</b> MSc in Physical Geography (graduation discipline Landscape Ecology) at the University of Amsterdam</p> <p><b>Professional Experience:</b> I worked as a processor of hydrographical data at a regional Survey &amp; Information Department of the Dutch Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management. Data quality, 3D modelling, map presentation and documentation had special focus. After transferral to the Institute for Inland Water Management and Waste Water Treatment RIZA (same Ministry) I worked at the GIS- and Data Management section. Responsibilities include participation as GIS-specialist in multiple project teams involved in the Dutch implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive. Since October 2004 I work as a research fellow at the regional office of the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) in Burkina Faso.</p> <p><b>Research Interest:</b> The research I presently carry out is under CIFOR's Environmental Services and Sustainable Use of Forest Program. Activities include review of current knowledge on processes of water use/production from key landscape elements; collection and analysis of water use/production from key landscape elements; hydrological modelling and analysis of the likely impacts of land change and climate change scenarios on catchments goods and services. Of specific interest is the influence of vegetation and vegetation change on the water balance, in specific groundwater recharge and the river discharge in the dry season.</p>
<p><b>Mr. Jeroen Verplanke</b></p> 	<p><b>Organisation:</b> International Institute For Geo-Information Sciences And Earth Observation - ITC  <b>Position:</b> Lecturer, Researcher and Coordinator of alumni network  <b>Contact Details:</b> International Institute For Geo-Information Sciences And Earth Observation - ITC  Department of Urban and Regional Planning and Geo-Information Management  P.O.Box 6,  7500 AA, Enschede, The Netherlands  Tel: +31 (0)53 4874300/532/444 Fax: +31 (0)53 4874575  <a href="mailto:verplanke@itc.nl">verplanke@itc.nl</a>  <a href="http://www.itc.nl">http://www.itc.nl</a></p> <p><b>Educational Background:</b> Jeroen has a M.Sc. in (Physical) Geography (1999) from the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands, His specialisation topics were Land degradation, Land use planning and GIS.</p> <p><b>Professional Experience:</b> Since 1998 he has been employed at ITC as a lecturer and researcher. He is lecturing in subjects related to Natural Resource Management and Urban and Regional Planning. His classes are mostly focused on Conflict Analysis and Management, Stakeholder Analysis and the (participatory) use of mobile GIS. He has around 10 years of field experience in Africa and Asia gained through research fieldworks and master student supervision.</p> <p><b>Research Interest:</b> His current research efforts are focussed on Community Forestry. He is involved in a research project called "KYOTO: Think Global, Act Local" which aims to have local communities world wide measure and monitor their own community forests and claim credit for carbon sinks at international level. For more info visit: <a href="http://www.communitycarbonforestry.org">www.communitycarbonforestry.org</a></p>

<p><b>Ms. Lucy Chege-Waruingi</b></p> 	<p><b>Organisation:</b> African Conservation Centre  <b>Position:</b> Head of GIS/IT  <b>Contact Details:</b> Mrs. Lucy Chege –Waruingi  P O Box 62844-00200  Nairobi, KENYA  Tel: 254-20-891360 Fax: 254-20-891751  email: <a href="mailto:lucy.waruingi@acc.or.ke">lucy.waruingi@acc.or.ke</a>; URL: <a href="http://www.conservationafrica.org">http://www.conservationafrica.org</a></p> <p><b>Educational Background:</b> B.Sc. Statistics and computer science, (University of Nairobi), Postgraduate diploma in GIS (Huddersfield university, UK), currently completing M.Sc. GIS (Manchester Metropolitan University,UK)  <b>Professional Experience:</b> Wildlife conservation International, Data analyst and IT assistant (1990 – 1995)  African Conservation Centre, Data analyst &amp; GIS analyst (1996 – 2005)  <b>Research Interest:</b> Applying GIS techniques with sound science and local knowledge to address emerging conservation challenges.  To use RS, GIS and other tools to document the natural resources available to local communities and equip them to understand and manage the resources at their disposal and apply them for their own benefit through initiatives that are compatible with conservation of biodiversity. At this conference the poster display will focus on current projects that African Conservation Centre (ACC) is involved in with the local community around Amboseli National Park and the Magadi area. We are assisting and training the community game scouts to set up a programme for monitoring their natural resources and using the information gathered to make management decisions together with the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS). Using sound science, analysed remote sensing images and GIS we are helping the community take charge of their resources and initiate viable projects that are compatible with conservation and bring economic benefit back to the local people.</p>
<p><b>Mr. Francis N. Wegulo</b></p> 	<p><b>Organisation:</b> Egerton University / Department of Geography  <b>Position:</b> Associate Professor / Director  <b>Contact Details:</b> Egerton University  P.O. Box 536  Njoro, Kenya  Tel. +254 51 62259  <a href="mailto:fwegulo@yahoo.com">fwegulo@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>Educational Background:</b> PhD in Economic Geography, Clark University, USA  <b>Professional Experience:</b> Researched on rural development issues in Kenya, including energy, small &amp; medium sized enterprises, rural-urban linkages and development, land tenure, land use and resource management. Keen on integrating PGIS in assessing and manageing resources for equitable development.  <b>Research Interest:</b></p>

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<p><b>Mr. Yonas Beyene</b></p> 	<p><b>Organisation:</b> Department of Archeology &amp; Paleontology, Ministry of Youth, Sprots &amp; Culture; part time lecturer in African arechaology at the Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia  <b>Position:</b> Head of Department  <b>Contact Details:</b> P.O. Box 6686  Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  <a href="mailto:ybeyene@ethionet.et">ybeyene@ethionet.et</a></p> <p><b>Educational Background:</b> BA 1981 in History, Addis Ababa University; DEA 1987 Quaternery Studies, Institute of Paleaontology Humaine, Museum National D'Histoire Naturelle, Paris; PhD 1991 in Prehistory, Museum National D'Histoire Naturelle, Paris; Post Doctoral Fellow 1992, University of California, Berkeley, USA</p> <p><b>Research Interest:</b> Preshistoric Archaeology: Early Stone Age &amp; Middle Stone Age, Technology, Landscapes &amp; Behaviour;  Cultural landscapes  Heritage management  Museography</p>
<p><b>Ms. Reiko Yoshida</b></p> 	<p><b>Organisation:</b> UNESCO  <b>Position:</b> Assistant Program Specialist  <b>Contact Details:</b> Section of Intangible Heritage  CLT/CH/ITH  UNESCO  1, rue Miollis  75732 Paris Cedex 15  Tel: +33.1.45.68.41.24; Fax: +33.1.45.68.57.52  E-mail: <a href="mailto:r.yoshida@unesco.org">r.yoshida@unesco.org</a></p> <p><b>Educational Background:</b> She holds a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Anthropology. While working in UNESCO, she is also pursuing a doctoral research at McGill University, Canada, on the topic of the politics of sexuality education.</p> <p><b>Professional Experience:</b> Ms Reiko YOSHIDA works as an assistant program specialist in the Intangible Heritage Section of UNESCO since February 2005. She is responsible for issues related to "visibility" (e.g., contact with media, organizing of exhibitions) and the region of Eastern Africa. Before joining the section, she worked on the program of HIV/AIDS prevention and care in the Section of Culture and Development and on a special project of EXPO 2005 Aichi, Japan at UNESCO.</p>

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