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EMS PROJECTS

Research Initiative on Public-Private Partnership in Urban Environmental Management

The following project can be visited in our website: "Study, analysis and proposals to strengthen public-private management programmes in the management of solid waste and environmental sanitation in the metropolitan area of San Salvador".

http://www.ems-sema.org/castellano/proyectos/solidaria/ppp/eng_index.html

(Projects section).

EMS – MercoCities Network

Within the framework of the Call for Young Researchers in MercoCities to undertake the project on "Public participation in urban environmental management policies: use of new information technologies by municipal governments in the MercoCities Network", a young researcher, Mr. Alén Pérez, has been selected and we wish him success in his endeavour. Along this line, a database is to be prepared; it will include the information sent by all applicants to this call and will serve as a reference of all professionals interested in the issue.

EMS – Tierramérica

Within the framework of an agreement between the EMS and Tierramérica (the main communications platform on the environment and sustainable development in Latin America – IPS/UNDP/UNEP), an agreement was signed and the project will commence "Knowledge and Action: new institutions on the road to sustainable development in the cities of Latin America and the Caribbean".

NEWS

- Following the project co-funded by the EMS, "Daily activities and change in the management of waste in marginalised areas" (visit: <http://www.ems-sema.org/english/proyectos/solidaria/Approved.html>), supporting the San Vicente Organisation and the IMM (Municipality of Montevideo), the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) has granted a donation of 250.000 US dollars plus a credit for

the same amount to consolidate the work of the institution and the proposal to create micro-enterprises for waste classifiers involved in the project.

- Between June 6 and 8, 2001, the “Istanbul +5” event to examine and evaluate progress in June 2001, five years after the Habitat II”, was held in New York; it was convened by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (for further information visit: <http://www.un.org/ga/Istanbul+5/>. Different presentations were organised simultaneously, namely: “Food for the Cities Urbanization, Food Insecurity and Urban Management”, with the participation of the International Development Research Centre, represented by Dr. Luc Mugeot. For further information: <http://www.unchs.org/Istanbul+5/pe12.htm>
- The International Centre Cities on Water promotes the creation of the Network 2000 linking port cities in Europe and Latin America that are interested in the issue of reclassification of urban port coasts. For more information please visit: <http://www.iuav.it/citiesonwater> or contact: Marina Dragotto – dragotto@iuav.it
- Within the framework of the Stockholm Agreement (where a prohibition is established in relation to the 12 most toxic persistent organic pollutants), sponsored by the UNEP, a trust fund of about 2,500 – 3,500 US dollars for the environment will be set up. <http://www.unep.org>
- Through government decree No. 9563, the Republic of Paraguay consolidates the National Council for Decentralisation of the State (CONADE), whose mission is the political, administrative and financial decentralisation of the State as one of the key issues in the Paraguayan State Reform. For further information: http://www.presidencia.gov.py/snre/pagina2/Decretos_2.htm
- Presentation of the book “Sustainable Uruguay: An urban proposal”, REDES Amigos de la Tierra (Friends of the Earth) and Sustainable Uruguay Programme. For more information: redes@redes.org.uy

Employment opportunities

- Position vacant at the CIID/IDRC: Regional Senior Programme Officer IDRC/CIID for its Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean in Montevideo, Uruguay. The position reports to the Team Leader in the MINGA Programme Initiative and to the Regional Director. Deadline: June 25, 2001. For further information: <http://www.idrc.ca/careers/ROL11.htm>
- Position vacant at IPES (PGU-LAC): Environmental Advisor on Urban Water and Rivers. The position reports to Regional Coordinator of PGU and the Executive Director of IPES. Deadline: June 30, 2001.

For more details please contact Mrs. Maritza Leon: maritza@ipes.org.pe

Events

- “III Latin American Meeting on Air Quality and Health” – “II Workshop, Clean Air Programme for Lima and Callao”. Date: July 10-12, 2001. Venue: Lima, Peru. For further information, please contact Dr. Marcelo Korc – mkorc@cepis.ops-oms.org

- Course on “Diagnosis on Human Settlements” as part of the Master in Local Development and Public Management organised by FLACSO Ecuador and CEBEM. Date: June 25 to July 31, 2001. For further information please contact Beatriz Herrera: beatriz@cebem.com
- Seminar-workshop: “International cooperation sources for local and regional authorities”, organised by Fundación Nexos Municipales (Foundation for Municipal Links), Colombia. Venue: Bogotá, Colombia. Date: July 26-27, 2001. For more information: nexosmun@colnodo@apc.org
- “1º Meeting on Copyright and Technology Commercialisation in the sphere of the MercoCities Network”, organised by the Thematic Unit on Science, Technology and Training of the MercoCities Network, coordinated by the Rio de Janeiro Prefecture, the Special Secretariat of Economic Development, Science and Technology and the Technology Network of Rio de Janeiro. Date: August 23-24, 2001. Venue: Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina. For further information: pires@redetec.org.br
- International Seminar on Integrated Water Basin Management (SIMICH). Organised by CURIHAM, National University of Rosario, UNESCO and the National Hydrological Programme. Venue: Rosario, Argentina. Date: October 8-12, 2001. For further information: curiham@fceia.unr.edu.ar – <http://www.fceia.unr.edu.ar/curiham/>
- World Water Congress – “Efficient Water Management: Making it Possible”, promoted by the International Water Association. Date: October 12-19, 2001. Venue: Berlin, Germany. For further details: http://www.iwa-world-water-congress.de/index_ie.html or info@scantinal.com
- Invitation to attend Workshop 16: “Electronic and city networks within the information society” – 2001 Global Congress. Date: December 5-7, 2001. Venue: Buenos Aires, Argentina. For further information: seneng@infovia.com.ar – claudiagc@telpin.com.ar – propuestas@globalcn2001.org
- Forum: “Valorisation of renewable natural resources in the Caribbean insular area in the 21st Century”. Organised by the National Park and Regional Council of Guadeloupe. Date: December 3-7, 2001. For further information visit: <http://www.forum2001.gp> or contact: c.chipotel@cr-guadeloupe.fr – manselme@parcnational.gp

WE RECOMMEND

Documents

- Report on Decentralisation of Water Services and Sanitation in Latin America – Case Studies. Environmental Health Project Programme (EHP) funded by USAID. http://www.ehproject.org/Pubs/LAC_Content.htm or info@ehproject.org
- 2001 Report – Quality of Life. Canadian Federation of Municipalities. For further information: <http://www.fcm.ca/english/communications/qol2001-e.PDF>
- Work on “Management of Basins and Rivers related to Urban Centres”, by Alex Dourojeanni

and Adrei S. Jouravlev. ECLAC. For further information please visit: <http://www.eclac.org/default.asp?idioma=IN> (ECLAC Series/Manuales/ #10) or contact: ajouravlev@eclac.cl

- Publication on “Departmental, Municipal and Private Protected Areas in Bolivia – Formulation of Policies for Generation and Management” by PROMETA with the support of the Tinker Foundation. For more details: Rodrigo Ayala – rodrigoa@cosett.com.bo
- “Profile of Brazilian Municipalities”, disseminated by the IBGE (Brazilian Institute for Geography and Statistics). <http://www.ibge.net/ibge/presidencia/noticias/1704munic.shtm>

Web

- Site on Climate Change and sustainable development in urban areas: <http://www.cathalac.org>

SERVICES

Cities Forum: Find out about environmental management experiences in cities and municipalities throughout Latin America and the Caribbean

<http://www.ems-sema.org/english/noticias/forum.htm>

City Press: Publish your news on environmental management in cities and municipalities of Latin America and the Caribbean in the INFO-EMS news bulletin.

http://www.ems-sema.org/english/noticias/city_press.htm

Cities Forum

Information is requested on:

Solid Waste Management

- Experiences in minimisation and recycling of bottles, containers and packaging generated as household solid waste. Contact: Claudia Guerrero – cloguerrero74@hotmail.com
- Battery waste management (production, recycling and waste). Contact: Patricio Cabello – pcabello@puc.cl
- Sorting and treatment of household solid waste for industrial design project. Contact: Nélida Sasiain – nelidasasiain@ciudad.com.ar
- Experiences with sanitation landfills in Argentina, especially in the Santa Fe Province. Contact: Dr. Roberto Castro – asociacionsanfranciscocodeasis@telpin.com.ar
- Sanitation landfills as a waste disposal system: advantages and disadvantages. Contact: Lesly Garboza – investigacionuba@correoweb.com
- Design and implementation of composting plants. Contact: Saúl Ávila – sauleduardo@LatinMail

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Public-private partnership in Urban Environmental Management

- Experiences in the preparation of an environmental management framework at the local scale in municipalities of Latin America (functions of the municipalities). Contact: Maritza Mayo – mmayo@conam.gob.pe

Urban regeneration and the environment

- Impact of urbanisation on irregular settlements in Latin America. Contact: Jessica Boot – jboot@home.com
- Projects and technology in treating and tapping sewage systems. Contact: 1985801@vortex.ufrgs.br / zpo@bol.com.br
- Environmental impact caused by mobile phone antennas. Contact: Licie – olsa@sce.cnc.una.py
- Information technologies and local governments to develop a project in Argentina. Contact: nasauer@yahoo.com / carolina.sauer@mail.salvador.edu.ar
- Institutional or personal references on experiences and types of biological lavatories/WCs. Contact: Raúl Bustamante – ecoclub 16005451@infovia.com.ar

Culture, education and the environment

- Bibliographical references on “clean energy” with a focus on the use of wind-driven energy for an educational project in Costa Rica. Contact: avega123@racsa.co.cr

Financial mechanisms in environmental management initiatives

- The “Women in Action” foundation requests financial support in the promotion of women’s labour projects within the scope of the “Artisanal Production of Recycled Paper for Artistic Use” project. Contact: Elizabeth Lozada (elialoz@hotmail.com) -- Adiel Terreros (terady@uniweb.net.co)
- The Provincial Municipality of Maynas, Iquitos, Peru, seeks funds for the following projects: “Implementation of a freeze-drying plant to industrialise native tropical crops, with an emphasis on Camu Camu”, “Solid Waste Recycling Plant for the Peruvian Amazonia” and “Soybean and Derivatives Production”. Contact: Víctor H. Ruiz and Richard Vasquez – coop.int.mpm@iquitos.net
- Co-funding is sought from Venezuela to develop the following project: “Application of a Classified Garbage Collection Model from its place of origin in the Municipality of Girardot, State of Aragua”. Contact: Lesly Garboza – investigacionuba@correoweb.com

- Funds are sought for the Project on Participatory Evaluation of the Housing Programme called "Rebuilding with Hope alongside the Victims of Floods". Contact: María Di Loreto -- mdiloreto@arga.com.ar

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- Mini course on Solid Waste Management. Topics: sanitation landfills, solutions for small municipalities, real experiences, sorting and recycling techniques. August 15-18, city of Ibagué, Tolima, Colombia. For further information: Mr. Mauricio Salgado – msalgado@cable.net.co
- The Santo André community (Brazil) together with Medellín (Colombia) and Villa El Salvador (Peru), were the selected Latin cities to attend the Istanbul+5 conference, held in New York on June 5-8, 2001.

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