Regional and Interregional Cooperation to Strengthen Basic Sciences in Developing Countries

First Announcement

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An International Conference on the Strengthening of Research and Higher Education in Basic Sciences by Regional and Interregional Cooperation; Relevance for Developing Countries.

▪ How can regional and interregional cooperation best strengthen Basic Sciences in developing countries?
▪ How can cooperation be enhanced?
▪ In the cases where cooperation already exists, how has it improved postgraduate training and building of research capacity?
▪ What has been the impact on society?
▪ Which form of cooperation is most efficient under different circumstances and from different perspectives?
▪ What is the importance of education at all levels for the development of research and higher education in Basic Sciences?
▪ What is the role of governments and intergovernmental organizations in promoting research cooperation in the Basic Sciences?

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Call for papers: Abstracts (maximum one A4 page) are invited from those interested in making a presentation. The contributions could address topics such as:

- The importance of regional and interregional cooperation in the areas of higher education, basic sciences, and technology.
- Influence of national policies on higher education and research in basic sciences.

A proposed contribution that regards planned or existing regional scientific research cooperation might be organized as follows:
- motive and significance
- background
- purpose
- aims
- strategy
- financing
- activities, experiences, challenges
- results, outcomes, advantages of networking
- impact at university and in society
- future development

Deadline for receipts of abstracts: 12 June 2009

Conference fee:
100 USD up to 12 June 2009
175 USD after 12 June 2009

Additional information may be found at the following website: www.isp.uu.se/nwc (to be activated 1 March 2009)

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Important dates:
February       First announcement  
31 March       Pre-registration  
April          Second announcement  
12 June        Abstract and early registration

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All aspects of Basic Sciences are considered, including fundamental and applied research.