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Events

Earth Day—The 40th Anniversary Every year on April 22, people around the world mark **Earth Day** by raising awareness of how our lives impact the planet. This year will be the 40th anniversary of the day. Across the nation and globe events will mark the occasion.

To find out what's happening in your area, visit www.earthday.net. If podcasts are your style, check out EPA's Earth Day Green Tips Podcast series. Get tips of the day at www.epa.gov/earthday/podcasts/.

Founded in 1970 by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, Earth Day attracted the concern and participation of Americans from all walks of life. Students, communities, grassroots groups, politicians and early environmentalists took their messages outside to the streets. Earth Day is now celebrated across the globe as a day of service and environmental awareness.

To learn more about Earth Day and how you can be a part of it, visit EPA's site at www.epa.gov/EarthDay

EDem10 4th International Conference on eDemocracy May 6 – 7, 2010
Danube University Krems, Austria www.donau-uni.ac.at/edem

Call for Papers: Scientific eDemocracy visions and models have been developed since the 1960s, but it is now, during the first decade of the 21st Century, that they are becoming reality, being tested and implemented. Extensive IT provides the necessary basis, but it is not the developments in IT alone that are responsible for successful eDemocracy projects - it is due all those who use and apply them, as they adopt new behaviors and change old ones. The new, digital generation lives and breathes new values: they collaborate, compile content together, share their ideas, create networks on social platforms and organize themselves quickly and simply. The new values held, the new behaviors adopted, the changed mindset, along with improved usability and a still-increasing use of the internet, has led to a rapid and radical change in our society.

The EDem10 focuses on these changes which can be seen occurring in different areas and which are manifest in different way:

* Transparency & Communication (freedom of information, free information access, openness, information sharing, blogging, micro-blogging, social networks, data visualization, eLearning, empowering, *);

* Participation & Collaboration (innovation malls, innovation communities, bottom up, top down, social networks, engagement and accountability, collaborative culture, collaboration between C2C, G2C, *);

- * Architecture, Concepts & Effects (access and openness, user generated content, peer production, network effects, power laws, long tail, harnessing the power of the crowd, crowd sourcing, social web, semantic web, ...);
- * Different Fields: open government initiatives, eDemocracy, eParticipation, eVoting, eDeliberation;
- * Approaches and Disciplines: law & legal studies, social sciences, computer sciences, political sciences, psychology, sociology, applied computer gaming and simulation, democratic theory, media and communication sciences;
- * Multidisciplinary and Interdisciplinary Approaches;
- * Research Methods.

The primary aim is to bring together researchers and practitioners from academic, applied and practitioner backgrounds as well as public administration offices, public bodies, NGO/NPOs, education institutions and independent organizations. All are invited to submit their research and project papers.

The main conference language is English; submissions in German (with an abstract in English) are also acceptable. The fees [conference, proceedings and social program during the conference] are EUR 105,- for authors and PEP-NET Members, and EUR 145,- for others.

Deadlines:

Submission of papers (max. 10 pages): Extended Deadline - 1 March 2010

Notification of acceptance: 2. April 2010

Camera-ready paper submission: 12. April 2010

Conference: 6-7 May 2010

Submissions: To submit a paper, please visit the conference website @ www.donau-uni.ac.at/edem All submissions will be submitted to a double-blind full paper review by at least 2 reviewers. Further Information: michael.sachs@donau-uni.ac.at, or noella.edelmann@donau-uni.ac.at The Proceedings will be published by the Austrian Computer Society. The EDem conference series is jointly organized by the Danube University Krems and the University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna.

The conference, "Creating the Future We Want to Be: Transformation through Partnerships," the **11th Conference**, promises to be **Community-Campus Partnerships for Health** [CCPH]'s best yet as hundreds of community and campus partners convene for 4 days of skill-building, networking and agenda-setting May 12-15 at The Marriott Downtown Waterfront in Portland Oregon.

Highlights include:

- A stellar line-up of pre-conference workshops covering such topics as service-learning, community-based participatory research and partnerships for policy change:
<http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/conf10-preconf.html>
- An inspiring opening keynote presentation by Elder Atum Azzahir, Executive Director of the Powderhorn Phillips Cultural Wellness Center in Minneapolis that works to "unleash the power of citizens to heal themselves and build community":
<http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/conf10-program.html#KeynoteSpeakers>

- Skill-building workshops, educational exhibits, site visits of exemplary community-campus partnerships, and many opportunities for informal networking:
<http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/conf10-agenda.html>
- Opportunities to meet with staff from funding agencies that include the National Institutes of Health, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Northwest Health Foundation

The International Association for Public Participation will offer “**Emotion, Outrage and Public Participation**” **April 8 – 9, 2010 in Washington, DC**. In these challenging times of environmental, health, cultural, economic and social changes this is a course that will enhance your practice, support your clients and equip you to think about and learn how to apply behaviors that will enhance quality public participation outcomes where communities are emotional or outraged and therefore not yet at the place where they can fully participate in a public engagement process.

During this two-day course, you will discover:

- Six practical strategies for managing outrage
- New behaviors that you can apply immediately
- A new way of thinking and analyzing outrage
- New ways to plan and implement public participation projects where people are outraged

This course is based on the work of [Dr. Peter Sandman](#), combined with the International Association for Public Participation's core concepts for meaningful and effective public participation. The development of the course represents a partnership with Dr. Sandman and IAP2. The fee is \$700 for IAP2 members and \$750 for others.



The instructor will be John Godec, a Phoenix-based certified professional facilitator with over 20 years experience in actively designing and managing public involvement projects for environment and natural resources, transportation, land use, urban and regional planning, facility siting and energy.

Upcoming U.S. Institute Training Sessions – 2010

Those interested in learning about environmental collaboration and conflict resolution are welcome to register for the following open training sessions sponsored by the U.S. Institute:

- *IBN101: Interest-Based Negotiation of Environmental Issues*, Denver, CO, April 21-22, 2010

Interest-based negotiation provides the foundation for all training at the U.S. Institute. This highly interactive workshop helps new and experienced resource managers engaged in environmental decision making become more effective in environmental conflict negotiation, prevention, and management. Lessons learned in this training also transfer to many facets of life.

- *CC201: Collaborative Capabilities*, Denver, CO, June 15-17, 2010

To work more effectively and efficiently, federal agencies and others recognize the need to develop collaboration competencies at all levels. This training facilitates staff in acquiring advanced skills in collaboration; multi-party negotiation; conflict prevention, management and resolution; meeting facilitation; and alternative dispute resolution. This training develops essential skills in communication, collaboration, negotiation, and conflict management needed by environmental and natural resource managers.

- *MPN301: Advanced Multi-Party Negotiation of Environmental Disputes*, Denver, CO September 14-16, 2010

More sessions will be added throughout the year to the website. For additional information and to register for U.S. Institute courses, see the Training tab at www.ecr.gov.

Registration is now open for the 2010 Environmental Information Symposium.

Enabling Environmental Protection Through Transparency & Open Government May 10 - 14, 2009 Philadelphia, PA

The Web site is now live and accepting registrations. Please visit the site at: <http://www.epa.gov/oei/symposium/2010/index.html> for logistical information and to register for the Environmental Information Symposium, IT Operations and Security Conference or the Quality Management Conference. Exhibitors should register early to get the best choice of exhibit space.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the 2010 Symposium, please contact Jan Jablonski at 202-564-9922 (jablonski.janice@epa.gov) or Judi Maguire at 202-564-9922 (maguire.judi@epa.gov)

Project on Civic Reflection Facilitation Training Workshop -- From volunteers to educators, nonprofit leaders to community organizers, civic reflection discussions engage participants seeking to make a difference in the world.

If you are interested in learning to facilitate civic reflection discussions, consider attending the Project on Civic Reflection's next Facilitation Training Workshop. The two-day workshop, to be held at Columbia College in downtown Chicago, will begin at noon on Thursday, April 29, 2010 and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30. The registration fee is \$250.

Workshop participants receive hands-on facilitation skills taught by expert trainers, a facilitation handbook with tips and answers to frequently asked questions, a copy of The Civically Engaged Reader, and program consultation and ongoing support. You can access an informational flyer and registration form here:

http://civicreflection.org/resource/d/52331/Training_Flyer_April_October_2010.pdf

Please submit the registration form to Debbie Garbukas at deb.garbukas@valpo.edu or by fax at 219.464.5496. If you have questions, please contact Program Coordinator Liz Granger at liz.granger@valpo.edu or call 312.750.1760. Registration closes on March 26.