

This is a third MLI e-bulletin.

### **Research Exchange**

Two research exchanges have now come to the stage of producing final works.

Linking of Policy to Community-based Natural Resource Management: Yunnan University, Royal University of Phnom Penh and Ubon Ratchathani University. The team is developing an interactive CD Rom that will be produced as a teaching resource to be shared among MLI partners. Students in this exchange are producing comparative reports of 3 case studies. Lastly, a journal paper on “Cross cultural peer-based learning in a regional context” will also be produced. Due to busy schedule of the team, the finishing dates have been delayed. However, the team plans to complete it by the end of this year.

Community-based Natural Resource Management: Khon Kaen University and National University of Laos. This exchange is also in the final stage. The team is writing an article titled “Learning Across Borders: A Thai-Lao Initiative Research Exchange” to be presented at EDU-COM, Engagement and Empowerment, in Nongkhai, November 2006.

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### **MLI workshops** ([MLI website – click “workshop”](#))

#### **Coming workshop**

[Learning from and about conflict over natural resources: Combining field learning and secondary materials](#)

*Time*: 10-15 October 2006

*Place*: Jinghong, China

*Participants*: one partner from each university

*Objectives*: This workshop will look in turn at conflict analysis, conflict resolution and conflict management. Another main focus of the workshop will be on ways to research and teach about these topics.

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#### **Previous workshops in 2006**

[Seminar on Social Analysis in Natural Resource and Environmental Management](#)

*Time*: 3-7 June 2006

*Place*: Can Tho University, Vietnam

*Participants*: 20 different academic discipline participants from 2 universities in Vietnam (10 from Tay Nguyen University and 10 from Can Tho University)

*Facilitators*: AMRC/MLI - Robert Fisher, Philip Hirsch, Andrew Wyatt, Nattaya Tubtim

*Objectives*: This *workshop* was initiated by Can Tho University, to assist in developing skills in social science analysis for natural resource and environmental management for the university staff, most of whom have been trained in natural science.

*Approach*: Bob led this seminar using experiential learning approach. Field visit was arranged on the first day. Then some selected social science concepts and theories

were introduced along the rest of the seminar where they were relevant to the analysis, rather than to start by introducing a series of concepts and then applying them.

*Outcomes:* Participants from both universities found the seminar is very useful for them to see things in more depth and wider than only using natural science alone to understand issues or problems in the field.

### Role play as a teaching method in multi-stakeholder natural resource management

*Time:* 21-26 March 2006

*Place:* Vientiane and Nam Theun Hinboun Dam site, Lao PDR

*Participants:* one partner from each university

*Objectives:* The workshop was an experiment to explore the potential for the use of role plays as a teaching method. It was also aimed to increase knowledge large-scale development in Lao PDR using the case of Nam Theun Hinboun dam.

*Outcomes:* A. Mana, KKU and Dr. Santita, CMU, have applied role play in their teaching. At Khon Kaen University, A. Mana used the case of conflict in Thaksin's regime. While at Chiangmai University, Dr. Santita used the case of rapid blasting in the Mekong River.

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### MLI Logo

After a long process looking for students to enter logo competition, at the end we got Khlong a freelance artist at Khon Kaen University to design MLI logo and brochure.

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### Australian Youth Ambassador

Tanja McKenzie who was based at Yunnan University, China and Lindsay Soutar who was based at Khon Kaen University and later at Chiang Mai University have now finished their contracts and went back to Australia.

MLI now has hosted one youth ambassador, Zoe Pollock, she is working at Ubon Ratchathani University from March 2006 – February 2007.

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### News from MLI partners

- Please feel free to use MLI website as to update what is going on in MLI and to post news from your institution (send to Tubtim).