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Welcome to the third edition of the SCORAI Europe newsletter where you can find the latest news and upcoming events from the SCORAI Europe network. If you would like to feature your project, event, publication, news item or anything that you think may be of interest to the growing SCORAI Europe community in upcoming editions, please send a brief description to gary.goggins@nuigalway.ie



futureearth
research for global sustainability

Report by Charlotte Jensen

A new Knowledge Action Network on Systems of Sustainable Consumption and Production (KAN SSCP) is forming to become part of Future Earth's cluster of 8+ Knowledge-Action Networks to catalyze new research and partnerships around eight key challenges to global sustainability.

In short, Future Earth is an umbrella organization formed in 2015, which supports an open, international network of academic research projects focused on transition to a sustainable world. For 10 years, Future Earth will foster collaboration between these projects, and serve as a bridge between the research community and a plethora of stakeholders from policy, civil society, NGO's and businesses.

Future Earth is funded by a consortium of foundations, government agencies, and academic institutions from around the world. You can read more about the organization here:

<http://www.futureearth.org/who-we-are>

RECENT EVENTS

With sponsorship from the National Socio-environmental Synthesis Center, the KAN SSCP held its first face-to-face workshop on May 3rd-5th in Annapolis, Maryland, USA. The purpose of the workshop was to further develop the KAN's research and action agenda and prepare for formal recognition by Future Earth.

Thirty-one participants from around the world took part in the workshop, of which two were from the Future Earth Secretariat, and the remaining twenty-nine from four different Working Groups organized under the KAN.

The working groups are

- A:** WG on Ecological Macroeconomics and Political Economy of a Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles
- B:** WG on Urban Provisioning Systems and Well-being
- C:** WG on Social Change Beyond Consumerism
- D:** WG on Communications and Outreach.

Each Working Group is comprised of a mix of academics and practitioners, and the program of the workshops was organized in such a way that each working group had time to develop their individual research and action plans, but there was also allocated time for 'Reflections from the Field' which were to a large extent provided by the practitioners of the group. This allowed for rich and vibrant discussions, and took serious the challenges and possibilities that academics as well as practitioners are facing in their work towards sustainable consumption and production. The heterogeneous configuration of people, topics and concepts is key to Future Earth and its KAN's, as well as for SCORAI. Indeed SCORAI was acknowledged for its key role in the development and success of the KAN SSCP so far.



SCORAI Budapest Workshop September 2016

Following on from the SCORAI Budapest workshop that featured in the November issue of the SCORAI Europe newsletter, the full Workshop proceedings are now available here

(http://www.ceeweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/SCORAI-Europe_Budapest-Workshop_Proceedings_2016.pdf)

Highlights from the Workshop are available in a fun and accessible format here. Please take a look!

<http://www.ceeweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Sustainable-consumption-how-to-make-it-happen.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Swiss Sociological Society

2017 Conference

Zurich, June 21-23, 2017

Philip Balsiger and Marlyne Sahakian will be hosting a special session on « Sustainable Consumption and Social Change » at the Swiss Sociological Society 2017 Conference in Zurich, 21-23 June 2017.



Third International Conference Of The Sustainable Consumption Research And Action Initiative

June 27-29, 2018

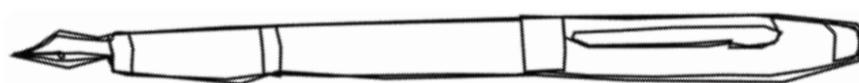
Sustainable Consumption: Fostering Good Practices and Confronting the Challenges of the 21st Century

In collaboration with the VELUX Endowed Chair in Corporate Sustainability and hosted by the Copenhagen Business School, the Third International Conference of the Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative (SCORAI) will be held in Copenhagen on June 27–29, 2018. The event will comprise paper presentations, panel discussions, and keynote presentations by acclaimed speakers. The conference will enable participants to learn firsthand about some of the world's most sustainable solutions to challenges in the domains of transportation, food, energy, and urban design.

Building on earlier events at Clark University (2013) and the University of Maine (2016), the conference is expected to attract an international assemblage of researchers who value close interaction with policy makers and practitioners while pursuing co-designed interventions to enable progress toward a more sustainable future. The organisers enthusiastically encourage participation from representatives of academia, industry, government, and civil society organisations, with recognised and emerging expertise in topics related to sustainable consumption from interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and disciplinary perspectives.

Further Information is available at

<http://scorai.org/2018-conference/>



RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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ENERGISE

EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR RESEARCH, GOOD PRACTICE
AND INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

ENERGISE is an innovative pan-European research initiative to achieve a greater scientific understanding of the social and cultural influences on energy consumption. Funded under the EU Horizon 2020 programme for three years (2016-2019; Grant Agreement number 727642), ENERGISE develops, tests and assesses options for a bottom-up transformation of energy use in households and communities across Europe.

Almost six months into the project, a comprehensive review and classification of household and community energy initiatives across Europe is well underway, with

PROJECT UPDATES

data on over 700 initiatives collected from 30 European countries. Data collection has now moved into the second phase, where researchers are preparing in-depth qualitative reports of selected cases that will be used to inform the design and implementation of ENERGISE Living Labs.

To find out more about ENERGISE, and to keep up-to-date on the project progress, visit www.energise-project.eu. You can also subscribe to the ENERGISE newsletter by sending an email to info@energise-project.eu



by Anna Davies

SHARECITY (sharecity.ie/) uses innovative social science and collaborative research methods to explore the practices and sustainability potential of ICT-mediated food sharing within cities. The project runs until 2020 and involves a team of international researchers and a high-level advisory panel of global experts committed to exploring novel pathways for more sustainable futures. This project has received funding from the European Research Council (ERC) under the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme (Grant Agreement No. 646883).

After six months of intensive work by the whole research team and in collaboration with food sharing initiatives worldwide, SHARECITY launched the first international interactive and open access food sharing database the SHARECITY100 late in 2016. In just

three months nearly 2000 people from 23 countries from Russia to Mexico had interacted with the database, providing feedback and recommending other initiatives and other cities where food sharing is active. High level findings from the database are summarised in our 1st Briefing Note and we've recently had a paper on the construction of the database published in the journal *Area* with more outputs in the pipeline

(onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/area.12340/full).

The research has now moved into the in-depth research phase with researchers embedded in cities and exploring the practice and sustainability potential of sharing initiatives with those who share.

Building on a successful suite of sessions and an activist-scholar panel at the AAG Conference in Boston in April 2017, we are looking forward to running a special session and food sharing futures workshop at the ERSCP Conference in Skiathos later this year. We'd be delighted to share our experiences with and learn from experts in food consumption and sustainability from within the SCORAI network at this event or in other fora so please do get in touch with me on daviesa@tcd.ie or sharecity@tcd.ie.

