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# Asia Region Biennial IASC Meeting on

## “Redefining Diversity and Dynamism of Natural Resource Management in Asia”

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## **Asia Region Biennial Meeting of “The International Association for the Study of Commons” (IASC) | AIT-Thailand 2018**

### **Redefining Diversity and Dynamism of Natural Resources Management in Asia**

We would like to invite you to the Asia Region Biennial IASC Meeting, 2018: “Redefining Diversity and Dynamism of Natural Resource Management in Asia”. The conference is organised by the Ostrom Center for the Advanced Study in Natural Resource Governance (OCeAN) at AIT (Asian Institute of Technology) and takes place on 13-16 July 2018, in AIT, Thailand.

In the this meeting, we plan to organize two to three days of presentation and discussion sessions followed by one day of field trip at multiple locations on issues related to the governance of community managed forests and irrigation systems in Central Thailand. We intend to pay special attention to bring forward community forestry and irrigation issues of South and South East Asia, for global audiences and policymakers. Topics to be addressed by the papers and sessions at the meeting will cover a broad spectrum of research questions, but the following issues are specifically of interest to seek answers to:

- a) How can economic growth be prudent together with holding natural resources intact?
- b) How has decentralization of natural management rights affected the resource conditions, and how have concerns of gender and social inclusion been incorporated in the process?
- c) How can the sustainability of efforts to improve the productive capacity of CPR systems be assessed in the context of current debate on the effects of climate change and initiative and implementation of new programs such as PES and REDD+?
- d) How can multiple methods of information gathering and analysis (by multiple methods, we mean both triangulation of methods to get the true picture as well as the combination of socioeconomic methods with the biological science through a combination of micro-macro analytic methods such as remotely sensed data overtime verified by ground-truthing and additional GPS sample point verification process) on CPRs be integrated in the national natural resource policy guidelines and the results used by local managers and users of CPRs, government agencies and scholars?
- e) What are the effective polycentric policy approaches for governance and management of CPRs that are environmentally sustainable and gender balanced?

From the work presented at this meeting, we are planning at least two volumes of books and a special issue of International Journal of the Commons (IJC) as there are hardly any papers representing Asian Commons Problem in IJC.

## Conference Registration

The conference registration include two steps. In the first step all those participants who are currently not a member of The International Association for the Study of Commons (IASC), they are required to register for IASC in order to qualify for participating in Conference. In the second step all the participants are required to register for conference. It is important to note that the conference registration fee and IASC registration fee will be directly added to IASC fund, it will not be added in the funds to cover the expenses of the conference. The conference secretariat is making effort on raising funds for travel and lodging grant for limited number of participants, who are not supported by any official organisation.

The basic structure of conference fee is given below:

<b>For non-member of IASC</b>	100\$
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 30\$ for membership fee of IASC</li> <li>▪ 20\$ for conference registration</li> <li>▪ 50\$ for coverage of food and conference materials</li> </ul>
<b>IASC members</b>	70\$
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 20\$ for conference registration</li> <li>▪ 50\$ for coverage of food and conference materials</li> </ul>
<b>For field trip (optional)</b>	The payment will be equivalent to actual trip expense

Participants are required to fill out the separate forms for field trip registration and for requesting the financial support for conference.

## Conference Facilities and Experiences

Registration includes the following:

- Access to all conference events
- At least three meals (a luncheon on 14 and 15 July), Coffee breaks on 13, 14 and 15 July and a banquet dinner on 13th
- OCeAN secretariat will organize official invitation letters as well as visa support letters for the participants.
- Conference registration *does not* include room booking. Participants can stay in AIT Centre Hotel. It has excellent lodging facilities for accommodating 140 guests. Booking charges for AIT Centre Hotel are given below

<b>AIT Centre Hotel - Main Wing</b>	30\$ per night (AIT alumni), 45\$ per night (others)
<b>AIT Centre Hotel - New Wing</b>	45\$ per night (AIT alumni) 60\$ per night (others)

## Important Dates for Conference

- Mid-January 2018:** Web-site for conference will be available
- Mid-March 2018:** Two page abstract submission will be completed.
- End of April 2018:** Abstracts evaluation will be completed and communicated.
- Mid-April 2018:** Rooms booking will be available.
- Mid-May 2018:** Detailed schedules and programs will be available.

## Keynote Speakers

**Prof. Inoue Makoto**, Waseda University, Environmental Sociology will speak on "Theoretical implication of current social problems in Japan to the studies of the Commons".

**Prof. Marty Anderies**, Arizona State University, Center for Behavior, Institutions and the Environment (CBIE)

**Prof. Dr. Pongsak Angkasith**, Vice President of Royal Project Foundation and President at Northern Thai Arabica Coffee Association

**Prof. and Dean Ambika Gautam**, Tribuvan University will speak on "New generation of community forest governance challenges in the context of climate change"

**Prof. and Dean John Pulhin**, Uni. of the Philippines at Los Banos, will speak on "Uneven playing field of community Forestry in Asia"

**Prof. Chen Huiyen**, Tongji University, Shanghai-China, will speak on "Emergence of co-management models in inland Aquatic Resources Management in China"

**Prof. P. K. Visvanathan**, Amrita University, Department of Economics and Sustainability will speak on "Coastal resources management challenges in Western Ghat region of India"

**Prof. Asif Kamran**, Director Policy Research Center at University of Agriculture, Faisalabad-Pakistan will speak on "Spate and other non-conventional mountain irrigation systems: Adaptation strategies in the fragile eco system"

## Organizing Committee Members

<b>China:</b>	Chen Haiyun, Tongji University
<b>India:</b>	P. K. Viswanathan, Amrita University
<b>Indonesia:</b>	Yonariza, Andalas University
<b>Japan:</b>	Prof. INOUE Makoto, Waseda University
<b>Nepal:</b>	Ram C. Bastakoti, IWMI-Nepal
<b>Pakistan:</b>	Asif Kamran, Faisalabad Uni. of Agriculture
<b>Philippines</b>	Prof. John Pulhin, Uni. of the Philippines at Los Banos
<b>Thailand:</b>	Dr. Nutha Potapohn, Dean of Faculty of Agriculture, Chiang Mai University
<b>Vietnam:</b>	Tran Nam Thang, Hue Uni. of Agriculture and Forestry
<b>Ostrom's Workshop:</b>	Tom Evans, Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana Univ.
<b>ISAC:</b>	Marco Janssen, IASC President Elect.
<b>Host Organizers:</b>	Ganesh Shivakoti and Rajendra Shrestha, Asian Institute of Technology
<b>Co-host:</b>	Juthathip Chalermphol, Chiang Mai University

## Preliminary Programme

Day 1: 13 July 2018 (Friday) (Afternoon)		
09:00-21:00	Arrival and Registration of Participants	(AITCC Lobby)
<b>Session 1:</b> 03:00-04:30	Inaugural Session and Keynote Speech	(AITCC Auditorium)
04:30-04:40	Group photo	(AIT Landmark)
04:40-05:00	High Tea	(AITCC Lobby)
05:00-06:00	Singing Performance by the students of AIT-International School, and Asian Cultural Programme	(AITCC Auditorium)
06:30-07:30	Cocktail	(AITCC Dinning Hall)
07:30-08:45	Banquet Dinner	(AITCC Dinning Hall)
Day 2: 14 July 2018 (Saturday)		
<b>Session 2:</b> 09:00-10:00	Keynote Speeches	(AITCC Auditorium)
10:00-10:20	Coffee Break	(AITCC Lobby)
<b>Session 3:</b> 10:20-12:30	Parallel Sessions	(Multiple Rooms in AITCC)
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break	(AITCC Dinning Hall)
<b>Session 4:</b> 13:30-15:00	Parallel Sessions	(Multiple Rooms in AITCC)
15:00-15:20	Coffee Break	(AITCC Lobby)



<b>Session 5:</b> 15:20-17:00	Parallel Sessions	(Multiple Rooms in AITCC)
17:00-17:30	Wrap-up for day and Field trip announcement	(AITCC Auditorium)
<b>Day 3: 15 July 2018 (Sunday)</b>		
<b>Session 6:</b> 09:00-10:00	Keynote Speeches	(AITCC Auditorium)
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break	(AITCC Lobby)
<b>Session 7:</b> 10:30-12:00	Parallel Sessions	(Multiple Rooms in AITCC)
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break	(AITCC Dinning Hall)
<b>Session 8:</b> 13:30-15:00	Parallel Sessions	(Multiple Rooms in AITCC)
15:00-15:20	Coffee Break	(AITCC Lobby)
<b>Session 9:</b> 15:20-16:45	Keynote Presentation Panel Discussion on Future Activities	(AITCC Auditorium)
16:45-17:00	Closing Session	(AITCC Auditorium)

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