



## Inter-University Research Programme

### **Sustainability in Higher Education: 7 Announcements**

#### **1. Call for Papers for WSSD-U 2018: - 28th-30th August 2018- Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Penang, Malaysia**

A Call for Papers for the “4th World Symposium on Sustainable Development at Universities” (WSSD-U-2016) has been issued. WSSD-U-2016 will focus on: "Universities as Living Labs for Sustainable Development:

Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals”, and will contribute to the further development of this fast-growing field. As the slogan of the event suggests, we are looking for practical experiences on

Education, Research and Extension (the so-called 3rd Mission, whereby universities outreach to

local communities, industry and other groups) with the aim of documenting such experiences and

making them available to a wide audience. The book “Universities as Living Labs for Sustainable Development:

Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals” will be produced with accepted papers from

the event, to be published as part of the World Sustainability Series:

<http://www.springer.com/series/13384>

WSSD-U-2016 is the world’s leading international symposium on sustainability at higher education series,

congregating researchers and practitioners, as well as doctoral students from round the world. Details can

be seen at: <https://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/wssd-u-2018.html>

#### **2. Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme (IUSDRP) now with nearly 120 members**

The Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme (IUSDRP), launched at WSSD-U-2014 in Manchester, has now nearly 117 members from across all continents.

Member universities cooperate on the preparation and submission of joint research projects, doctoral students’ training and publication of papers in high quality (indexed) journals. Further details can be seen at: [https://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/ftz-](https://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/ftz-nk/programmes/iusdrp.html)

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### **3. New Paper: Identifying and overcoming obstacles to the implementation of sustainable development at universities**

The article "Identifying and overcoming obstacles to the implementation of sustainable development at universities" , Walter Leal Filho, Yen-Chen Jim Wu, Luciana Brandli, Lucas Veiga Ávila, Ulisses Miranda Azeiteiro, Sandra Caeiro, Lucia Rejane Gama Madruga has just been published at the Journal of Integrative Environmental Sciences, Vol 14, Issue 1, 2017. It is an open source article and, as such, freely available at:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/1943815X.2017.1362007>

### **4. Encyclopedia of Sustainability in Higher Education - Invitation to authors**

The Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme (IUSDRP) <https://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/ftz-nk/programmes/iusdrp.html> is leading the production of the "Encyclopedia of Sustainability in Higher Education". This is a unique, high calibre, peer-reviewed publication, will provide a substantial addition to the body of information and knowledge on matters related to sustainable development in higher education.

The Encyclopedia of Sustainability in Higher Education will be published by Springer, as part of the "World Sustainability Series" <http://www.springer.com/series/13384>. It consists of 500 terms, to be compiled by senior academics on the one hand, but also by PhD/Masters students performing work on sustainable development issues on the other, providing them with the opportunity to engage in scientific writing, and to become part of the next generation of professionals familiar with concepts related to sustainability. We therefore warmly encourage teaching staff to bring this to their relevant PhD/MSc students performing research on sustainability issues, since they might be able to provide quality inputs which may pass peer-review.

Since accepted inputs to the Encyclopedia are official proofs of high level academic performance which may be used for promotion/tenure purposes, certificates will be sent to authors whose works have been accepted, which may add them to their CVs.

Further details on the project, and on how to contribute to it, it can be seen here: <https://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/ftz-nk/publications/encyclopedias.html>

### **5. Sustainability and Social Science Research Symposium was a success**

The Sustainability and Social Science Research Symposium held at University of Michigan, United States, on May 17th-19th 2017, was a success. The "Handbook of Sustainability and Social Science Research" will soon be published, with all accepted papers. Further details can be seen at: <https://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/ftz->

[nk/events/michigan2017/](#)

## **6. MRIT hosted Symposium on Sustainability Research in the Asia and Pacific Region**

RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia, hosted the Symposium on Sustainability Research in the Asia and Pacific Region, held on 25th-28th July 2017. The event gathered researchers from across the region and the book

with the same title is now on production. Details at: <https://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/conferences/2017/july/sustainable-development-in-the-asia-pacific-region>

## **7. Forthcoming events in 2017:**

8th November 2017: Symposium "Sustainability and Humanities: linking social values, theology and spirituality towards sustainability", Canterbury Christ Church University, United Kingdom

<https://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/ftz-nk/events/canterbury.html>

12th - 13th December 2017: Universities and Climate Change: The Role of Climate Change Research and Projects in Fostering Climate Action, London, United Kingdom

<https://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/ftz-nk/events/universities2017.html>