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International Alumni Expert Seminar „Disaster Risk Management - Strategies to improve social resilience and the local disaster management“ in Siegen, Germany

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) provides financial support for organising an Expert Seminar to be held in Siegen (Germany – University of Siegen; Research Institute Water and Environment). Organizer is the University of Siegen, Chair of Water Management and Engineering Hydrology.

The Expert Seminar “Disaster Risk Management - Strategies to improve social resilience and the local disaster management” is scheduled from 15th September to 21th September, 2013 (15th September day of arrival, 21th September day of departure).

The Topics:

The main topic contains presentations of participants and international guest lecturers as well as group discussion and group work. It covers the following sub-topics:

- Recognize and perceive risks
- Communication and the prediction
- Precautionary measures
- Aftercare measures
- Law

Group work: Working out:

- Deficit analysis to the individual countries
- Basic approaches to compensate for the identified deficits
- Strategies for crisis management

Excursion: Visit of the Flood Control Centre Cologne

The **detailed program** can be found on the website: www.wasserwirtschaft.uni-siegen.de => Projekte => Expertenseminar "Disaster Risk Management"

Those topics which are not covered by a guest lecturer are available for Alumni experts. There is also space for additional topics regarding to the main topic of the seminar.

The Program:

The seminar program will include:

- Papers and case studies presented by the participants (Alumni - Experts) and invited external experts from Germany and Netherland
- Group work and group discussions
- Excursion

You may find the tentative program of the Seminar on the above mentioned web-page

Cost Coverage:

Following costs will be covered by the project

- For the flight (economy-class return ticket) to Frankfurt or Cologne (Germany), and return we are going to subsidise the ticket costs with a **maximum** of:
 - 920,- Euro for participants from Africa
 - 1060,- Euro for participants from Asia
 - 820,- Euro for participants from Arabic-speaking area
 - 640,- Euro for participants from Egypt
 - 740,- Euro for participants from East Europe
 - 380,- Euro for participants from Ukraine
 - 1460,- Euro for participants from Latin America

Please arrange your flight on your own. We will refund the costs for your economy-class return ticket in cash in exchange for the original receipt (e-Ticket voucher) and your boarding pass of the air ticket up to the above mentioned amount.

- For the train ticket (economy-class return ticket) from the Airport in Frankfurt or Cologne to the Hotel and return, we are going to subsidise the train ticket costs with a **maximum** of 60, - Euro. We will try to arrange a bus-taxi from the airport to the hotel, if possible according to the arrival times of the different flights.

If it is impossible to book the train ticket together with your flight ticket it is necessary to take enough Euro (100,- Euro) with you, because in that case you will have to buy the train ticket at Frankfurt or Cologne Airport.

- Accommodation including breakfast, lunch and the conference coffee breaks during the stay in Siegen.
- Travel health insurance (we are going to manage a group health insurance for the participants)

Attention:

Transport costs from your home town to your home airport must be covered by your means.

All ticket costs above the mentioned ceiling must be covered by yourself.

If you like to stay in Siegen before the 15th September, 2013 or beyond the 21th September, 2013, you have to cover all costs by your means. You have to manage the hotel by yourself for the stay before or after the seminar.

Participants:

The participants of the seminar should be

- Alumni of a German University coming from a developing country according to the DAC-list (stay in Germany min. 3 month),
- Working in the field of water and environmental management, agriculture and forestry, geophysics, sanitary environmental engineering, architecture, regional and infrastructure planning, traffic planning, social sciences, economy and law,
- "Multipliers", e.g. people who are in a position to spread the acquired knowledge and experience and/or
- Decision makers, able to take decisions in the above mentioned sectors

Application:

Are you interested? Please use the application form:

- application form can be downloaded under: <http://www.wasserwirtschaft.uni-siegen.de> => Projekte => Expertenseminar "Disaster Risk Management"

All Alumni interested in giving a presentation during the expert seminar are requested to send an abstract. The main topics are given above and in the detailed program, respectively (see web side). Abstract should not exceed one page (maximum 450 words); please use font type "Arial", font size 11, 1.2 line spacing.

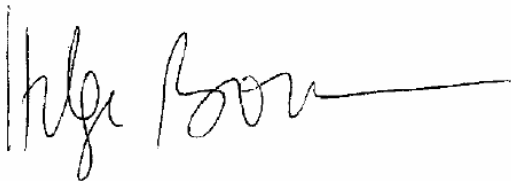
Please remember that refunds will only be possible against original receipts.

Sufficient knowledge of German and English language is a requirement to participate in the expert seminar. The seminar will be held in German and English.

Deadline for application is the 21st July 2013.

For further questions you may contact ingrid.althoff@uni-siegen.de, please send your application also to this e-mail address.

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