



# APRUNet Meeting

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# Agenda

- Agenda review
- Introductions
- Review of past APRUNet meeting
- “Distance Learning and the Internet” conferences
- Mailing lists
  - East Asian Studies mailing list
  - Global Infectious Diseases mailing list
  - Marine and Ocean Biology mailing list
  - Distance Learning Discussion mailing list
- Distance Learning Partnership Project
- APRUNet Newsletter
- APRUNet/Internet2 Videoconferencing Workshops
- Distance Education Portal
- Student Graphics Competition
- Next APRUNet meeting
- Any other business

# APRUNet Meeting

## Singapore December 2003

- APRUNet/Internet2 Videoconferencing Workshops
- APRUNet East Asian Studies Project
- APRUNet Global Infectious Diseases Project
- APRUNet Marine and Ocean Biology Project
- Roundtable on current distance learning activities
- Consensus to create a Distance Education Portal
- Co-location with APAN meetings
- Online distance learning discussion list
  - <http://mailman.isi.edu/lists/apru-dld/>

# East Asian Studies Project

- Multi-point interactive videoconferencing
- Past accomplishments (Prof. Myungkoo Kang)
  - Seoul National, ANU, NUS, USC, Univ. Tokyo
  - Faculty and graduate students
  - Post Colonialism, Urban Cultures seminars
- Mailing list <[apru-eas@mailman.isi.edu](mailto:apru-eas@mailman.isi.edu)>
- Web site <http://mailman.isi.edu/lists/apru-eas/>

# Global Infectious Diseases Project

- Current projects
  - University of Southern California
  - University of Washington
- APEC interest
- APRU Conference 2004 at Fudan University
- Mailing list <[apru-gid@mailman.isi.edu](mailto:apru-gid@mailman.isi.edu)>
- Web site <http://mailman.isi.edu/lists/apru-gid/>

# Marine and Ocean Biology Project

- USC Wrigley Institute, Catalina Island
- Far Eastern National University
- University of California at Santa Barbara
- University of Washington
- Virtual aquariums?
- *Suggestion for DLPP focus*
- Mailing list <[apru-mob@mailman.isi.edu](mailto:apru-mob@mailman.isi.edu)>
- Web site <http://mailman.isi.edu/lists/apru-mob/>

# Distance Learning Partnership Project

- High school partners and faculty mentors
- High school chosen for top students
- Projects of real global concern
- Was Lucent grant; now small APEC grant
- *Olympic project?*
- *Matchmaker service?*
- *Workshop?*
- Mailing list <[apru-dlp@mailman.isi.edu](mailto:apru-dlp@mailman.isi.edu)>
- Web site <http://mailman.isi.edu/lists/apru-dlp/>

# DLPP: Olympics Suggestion

- In conjunction with Beijing Olympics 2008
- Prof. Bob Franza, University of Washington
- Electronic (but not competition) Olympiads?
- Add matchmaking of faculty and students
- Present research results via videoconference
- Single point of contact via Minister of Education

# DLPP: Workshop Report

- **First Wednesday/Thursday U.S. 17:00/Japan 10:00/China 09:00/ Vladivostock 11:00/Chile 21:00 Coordinators' videoconference**
  - **Will be 23/24 November 2004 via teleconference**
- Students to universities for videoconferencing
- Marine and Ocean Biology emphasis
- Workshop in conjunction with DLI2005
- APRU research conference on Marine and Ocean Biology (Kyoto University=Seismic/Tsunami, Peking University=Cultural Diversity)
  - Chinese language and culture (Far Eastern National University)
  - Russian language and studies (Far Eastern National University)
  - \*Biomedical studies (marine biology) (Far Eastern National University)
  - \*SEAFDEC Southeast Asia Fisheries Development Corporation (University of the Philippines)
  - \*Biodiversity research (University of Indonesia)
  - \*Marine geology (Peking University)
  - \*Technology, science, and biology web site (University of Chile)
  - \*Wrigley Institute on Catalina Island (University of Southern California)

# APRUNet Newsletter

- Monthly electronic newsletter
- Sent out since 2002 (V.3, n.9)
- Restates mailing lists and Portal information
- Includes up-to-date distance education news
- Includes other Asia Pacific news (e.g., APAN)
- Includes other related meetings
- Is this helpful? If not, what is needed?

# APRUNet/Internet2

## Videoconferencing Workshops

- Technical hands-on workshop
- Successful workshop held co-located with the “Distance Learning and the Internet” conference in Singapore December 2003
- Subsequent workshops co-located with APAN meetings were not attended
  - Honolulu January 2004
  - Cairns July 2004
- Local workshops requested (need travel and logistics)

# Distance Education Portal

- Initiated in response to last APRUNet meeting
- Several people responded
- Accessed via APRUNet web pages
- Also printed in APRUNet Newsletter
- Universities include: National Far Eastern University, Stanford University, University of Sydney, University of Southern California...
  - [http://apru.nus.edu.sg/activities/aprunet\\_DE\\_portal.html](http://apru.nus.edu.sg/activities/aprunet_DE_portal.html)

# Student Graphics Competition

- To be announced at this “Distance Learning and the Internet” conference
- Objective: to get the students’ perspective and involvement (student panel, presentations, etc.).
- Grid Technology and PovRay graphic generator tools. Users can submit their program to Nanyang Technical University to process and then download the results back onto their computer.
- *Themes:*
  - “Virtual Campus”
  - “Virtual Environments for Distance Learning”
  - “Multi-Media Distance Learning”
  - “Distance Learning Simulations and Games”
- Submission: The participants submit their PovRay program and the finished graphics together with a short write-up to explain the image, along with a short write-up on anything special they have used in the generation of the image.

# Student Graphics Competition (2)

- Prizes: 1st prize US\$500, 2nd Prize US\$300, 3rd prize US\$100.
- Criteria for judging:
  - Usefulness of the image
  - Creativity
  - Technology advancement
- Important dates: Announcement October 2004, registration January 2005, submission March 2005, awards 2005 at Grid Asia 2005 and DLI 2005.
- Eligibility: The competition is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students from APRU as well as universities.
- Organizing Committee: Zita Wenzel, Lee Bu Sung Francis, Alexei Sourin (graphics technical advisor), Lee Hing Yan, Jon Lou, Ne Hee Khiang.
- Organizers: APRUNet, National Grid Office (Singapore), Nanyang Campus Grid (Singapore).

# Roundtable and Discussion

- Do you know about the mailing lists?
- Is the APRUNet Newsletter useful?
- Responses to new Distance Learning Partnership Project ideas?
- What about the Videoconferencing Workshops?
- Is the Distance Education Portal useful?
- Comments on the Student Graphics Competition?
- Best distance learning course competition

# Ideas Generated during Discussion

- Learning workshops (hands-on)
- Global issues (library exchange: Pacific Rim Digital Libraries)
- Increase networking connectivity
- Reinforce APRU's goals (e-community)
- Exchange of: best practice, courseware, learning objects
- Best course competition
- Videoconferencing experiences
- Study/best practice of APRU universities
- Technical portal of videoconferencing
- APRU/APRUNet Course Certification
- Information technology for higher education
- APRU Technical Videoconferencing Directory
- Web collaboration site
- Use more videoconferencing (content seminars)
- Teleconferences

# Next APRUNet Meeting

- Will take place co-located with the next APAN meeting
  - (Asia Pacific Advanced Networking Consortium)
- Will be held in Bangkok, Thailand
  - 24-28 January 2005
- See <http://www.apan.net/>