This third international conference to be hosted by the PASCAL Observatory on place management, social capital and learning regions provides an opportunity for all with an interest in policy and programme development to share their knowledge and experiences in policy-making, community-building, regeneration and sustainability projects with others from a wide range of fields at local, regional, national and international level.

The conference aims to examine the implications for policy and practice of contemporary research in different models of place management, the role of social capital and the development of learning regions, and to raise fresh questions from practice for further research.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: FRIDAY 29 APRIL 2005
PASCAL is an international research and policy development alliance, which aims to develop, communicate and explain new and emerging ideas about place management, social capital and learning regions. PASCAL was initiated by the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, the University of Stirling, the Victorian Government, the Scottish Executive and Kent County Council. Additional governmental and other partners will be announced before or at the conference. The founding members along with the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) have organised this third international conference.

The PASCAL Observatory is funded by its members on the presumption that there is considerable work to be done to enable regional governments and associated policy-makers to benefit fully from emerging research and learning about how best to foster balanced and sustainable economic and social development in their regions. PASCAL invites new members to join its network. To find out more about the service or to become a supporter please contact: leone.wheeler@rmit.edu.au or l.e.doyle@stir.ac.uk or look up http://www.obs-pascal.com

Following the success of the last conference held in Australia in October 2004, and organised by a partnership of PASCAL, the Australian Institute of Public Administration, and the Department for Victorian Communities, this will be the third international conference hosted by PASCAL: Making Knowledge Work. The conference is designed to further develop the international dimension of PASCAL’s work and to deepen our understanding of the issues associated with policy and programme development around the world.

Parallel sessions of presented papers, demonstration projects which illustrate good practice, and roundtable discussions will allow for debate and discussion on a range of topics within the broad themes of Place Management, Social Capital and Learning Regions.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Public policy-makers and managers, community development leaders, academic researchers, stakeholders and partners from all sectors working in the fields of place management, social capital and lifelong learning particularly those with an interest in:

• Sharing success with other policy makers and practitioners from across the world
• Learning how to create constructive partnerships at local, regional, national and international level
• Demonstrating the value of policy makers and practitioners from public, private and NGOs working with academic institutions
• Networking with people tackling similar community development issues
• Facing the challenges of changing demographics
• Disseminating applied research findings to end users
• Demonstrating engagement with community networks for social change
• What research can tell us about place management, social capital and lifelong learning in building strong and sustainable communities
PASCAL is interested in research and evaluation work, applied and theoretical, concerning policy and programmes for sustainable community development, especially involving a ‘whole of government’ (or linked-up) approach.

PASCAL exists to learn, improve and exchange knowledge about ways of planning that succeed in building and supporting social capital and lifelong learning together with sustainable prosperity. The broad themes of the conference are those of PASCAL, namely place management, social capital and learning regions. We invite contributions to conference themes from a range of discipline areas and multi-disciplinary contexts including architecture, planning, urban and rural development, education, community learning and social policy. In addition to the conference proceedings, papers will be considered for a proposed book based on the themes of the conference.

Within the three broad themes of place management, social capital and learning regions, submitted papers, demonstration projects and roundtables will be grouped into sub-themes as follows:

- Policy makers and researchers working together
- Current reforms and new community priorities in the public, local and regional sectors
- Public/private and voluntary partnerships for community development
- Creating and managing linkages across levels, portfolios and sectors
- Rural and remote communities and engagement in their futures
- Sustaining economic development and active citizenship in the third age
- Social capital and lifelong learning
- Social capital and social cohesion – the role of the elderly
- Developing the Learning Region – concepts and realities
- Stakeholder and Communities of Practice roles in Learning Cities and Regions

The following questions provide guidance on the issues to be addressed:

- What kinds of interventions work most effectively in achieving which goals?
- What are the implications of different kinds of partnerships for the effectiveness of various interventions?
- Are different kinds of interventions more appropriate for influencing some economic and social objectives rather than others?
- What lessons can be learned about the effectiveness of initiatives, which have both economic and social objectives?
- What is ‘joined-up’ government and is it important? How do initiatives allow for, or provide for, ‘joined-up’ government? What is the best model for ‘joined-up’ government?
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
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SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT

DEADLINE FRIDAY 29 APRIL 2005

We welcome submission of abstracts for individual papers and demonstration projects illustrating good practice which are focused on one or more of the Conference themes. These may include reporting on policy development, innovative practice, research in progress or completed research, methodological issues, theoretical issues or conceptual issues. We particularly welcome papers which have an international comparative dimension.

ABSTRACTS SHOULD INDICATE:

- the nature of the paper, for example, whether it is a report on completed research, work in progress, an analytical or discussion paper or a demonstration project
- the issues the paper raises
- the relationship of the paper to other literature, research, etc.
- the approach to the topic, and where relevant an outline of methodology, sample, etc.
- conclusions and recommendations

Abstracts should not exceed 500 words. The working language for the conference is English. Abstracts must be submitted no later than Friday 29 April 2005. Preference is for electronic submission (Rich Text Format or Microsoft Word).

Please send to:
Harry Cameron, Administrator
Institute of Education
University of Stirling
Stirling FK9 4LA Scotland

PROPOSALS MUST CLEARLY STATE:

- the sub-theme for which the abstract is submitted
- full name(s), job title(s), place(s) of employment, postal, telephone, fax and e-mail address(es) of proposers

Abstracts will be reviewed and contributors will be notified regarding acceptance of their papers by Monday 30 May 2005.

Each paper will be allocated 35 minutes in duration. Presentations should be no longer than 25 minutes, leaving at least 10 minutes for discussion and questions. Completed papers should not exceed 4000 words. All published papers will have been subject to an anonymous, full refereeing process. Deadline for submission of full papers is Monday 1 August 2005. Details of submission format will be circulated with acceptance of abstracts.
Keynote speakers will include
Alex King, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Kent County Council
Dr Jarl Bengtsson, Chair of Advisory Board, PASCAL
Ylva Johansson, Minister for Health and Elderly Care, Sweden (to be confirmed)
Eric Kuhne, Principal, Eric R Kuhne & Associates
Professor Tom Schuller, Head of CERI, OECD
Angelique Verli, Head of Unit for School and HE Policies, European Commission

DAY ONE  Tuesday 25 October 2005
10:00-15:00  Optional Visit in Scotland to sites of community development organised in conjunction with the Scottish Executive and Local Authorities
15:00-16:00  Check-in at hotels for residential delegates
17:00-19:00  Registration in Airthrey Castle, University of Stirling
19:30-21:30  Reception and Buffet, Airthrey Castle, University of Stirling

DAY TWO  Wednesday 26 October 2005, Pathfoot Building
07:45-08:30  Registration in Crush Hall, Pathfoot Building

Session One
08:45-09:00  Fáilte: Professor Christine Hallett, Principal and Vice Chancellor, University of Stirling
09:00-12:45  Keynote, Roundtables and Parallel Sessions around the theme of Learning Regions
Lunch
12:45-14:15

Session Two
14:15-18:00  Keynote, Roundtables and Parallel Sessions around the theme of Social Capital

Session Three
18:00-18:45  PASCAL Annual General Meeting
Dinner
20:30-24:00  Conference Dinner and Ceilidh in Great Hall, Stirling Castle

DAY THREE  Thursday 27 October 2005, Pathfoot Building

Session Four
08:45-12:45  Keynote, Roundtables and Parallel Sessions around the theme of Place Management
Lunch
12:45-14:15

Session Five
14:15-17:00  Parallel Demonstration projects of practice around PASCAL themes, Panel Session and final Plenary

Session Six
20:00-24:00  Evening Reception to celebrate the Launch of the PASCAL International Observatory with founding sponsors and subscribers
Drinks/cocktails/dinner with after-dinner speaker at Stirling Management Centre

DAY FOUR  Friday 28 October 2005
08:00-09:00  Check-out from hotels for residential delegates
10:00-17:00  Optional Visit in Scotland to sites of community development organised in conjunction with the Scottish Executive and Local Authorities.

This programme is correct at the time of going to press. The organisers reserve the right to make changes to the published programme in the event of one or more of the advertised speakers being unable to attend. Delegates will have no claim against NIACE in respect of such changes.
THE VENUE AND THE CITY OF STIRLING

This conference is being held in Pathfoot Building which is located on the campus of the University of Stirling. The University of Stirling was opened in 1967 on a brand new campus building on the estate of the 18th Century Airthrey Castle. Lying two miles from the Royal Burgh of Stirling, the University’s location and history provide some clue as to what makes Stirling that bit different from other UK universities. The views around campus are breathtaking and the surrounding woodland changes colour dramatically with the seasons. The campus also attracts a large number of wildlife – ducks, rabbits and squirrels abound – which adds to the relaxed atmosphere that pervades the campus. Though a tranquil setting, there is still plenty to do at the university. The University Campus hosts a range of leisure activities including 50m indoor Swimming Pool, Modern Fitness Suite, Indoor and Outdoor Tennis Courts and 9-hole Golf Course.

An exciting mix of old and new, the city of Stirling has a growing reputation as one of the most attractive places to live in the UK. With a population of almost 40,000, Stirling is both busy and welcoming and boasts a wide range of shopping and leisure facilities to cater for all tastes. Stirling has emerged as a leading culture and business centre, with ongoing regeneration in both industry and the arts attracting investment from home and abroad. Stirling, Scotland’s ancient capital and the original seat of the Scottish crown, has played a pivotal role in Scotland’s history. Dominated by its famous Castle, Stirling has been a focal point for some of the most influential episodes in Scotland’s past, including the Wars of Independence during the Middle Ages. The National Wallace Monument, dedicated to William Wallace (immortalized by Mel Gibson in the Oscar-winning film, Braveheart), is a reminder of the city’s turbulent history, and stands as a sentinel above the University campus.

TRAVELLING TO STIRLING

Stirling is located in central Scotland and is well connected to the major UK road and rail networks. Stirling is easily accessible by air via Glasgow or Edinburgh Airports. Stirling Town Centre is located 50 minutes from Edinburgh by train and 40 minutes from Glasgow by train. The University campus is two miles from Stirling Town Centre.

There are many low cost airlines which fly into Glasgow and Edinburgh, including Easyjet and Ryanair.

EVENT INFORMATION (CONFERENCE REF: C1197/10/05)

- Conference registration will be required for refereed papers to be included in the conference proceedings

- Places can be reserved using the Online Reservation facility via http://www.niace.org.uk/Conferences/PASCAL.htm

- Alternatively, the completed and signed application form (page 7 and 8) must be faxed / posted to NIACE by Friday 26 August 2005 to secure a place at the event. Reservations by telephone cannot be accepted

- Only application forms with the payments section completed will be processed

- There are 200 places which will be allocated in order of receipt of completed application forms

- Bed and Breakfast accommodation will be in the University’s Management Centre and other hotels in Stirling. Accommodation in the Management Centre is limited and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Coaches to and from the hotels to the venue will be arranged. There are many other hotels and B&Bs in Bridge of Allan (15-20 minutes walk from the campus).

- Confirmation of a place will be sent to successful applicants by e-mail. Joining instructions, along with a full programme, map and directions to the venue, will be mailed out to only those who have made payment in full during week beginning Monday 10 October 2005.
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Attendance Fee: All delegates will receive a copy of a book on Learning Regions and Social Capital (priced at GBP 17.95) being launched at the conference

☐ Fully residential delegates: GBP 650.00 per person
   This includes all sessions, beginning at 17:00 on Tuesday 25 October to 09:00 on Friday 28 October 2005

☐ Fully non-residential delegates: GBP 395.00 per person
   This includes all sessions, beginning at 17:00 on Tuesday 25 October to 24:00 on Thursday 27 October 2005

☐ Day Two non-residential delegates: GBP 200.00 per person
   This includes all sessions, beginning at 07:45 to 24:00 on Wednesday 26 October 2005

☐ Day Three non-residential delegates: GBP 200.00 per person
   This includes all sessions, beginning at 08:45 to 24:00 on Thursday 27 October 2005

☐ Additional Pre-conference Bed and Breakfast:
   Night of Monday 24 October 2005: GBP 85.00 per person

☐ I do NOT wish my e-mail address to be made available to other delegates

☐ My organisation has authorised payment of GBP _______ towards my attendance

☐ I am interested in attending the Optional Visit in Scotland to sites of community development being organised in conjunction with Scottish Executive and Local Authorities on:
   ☐ Tuesday 25 October 2005          ☐ Friday 28 October 2005

   Please pass on my details to the Organising Committee in Stirling so we can firm up the arrangements.

Cancellations will only be accepted if received in writing before Friday 26 August 2005 and will be subject to an admin fee of GBP100.00. After Friday 26 August, the full fee is payable. Substitutions are to be advised by e-mail to gurjit.kaur@niace.org.uk by Friday 7 October 2005.
Payment of Attendance Fee:
The signatory is responsible for payment of the conference fee
Payment must be received by NIACE by Friday 7 October 2005

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Date

Please return the completed application form pages 7 and 8 by the closing date of Friday 26 August 2005
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