The ICPCNanoNet project is funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme and aims to provide wider access to published nanoscience and nanotechnology research and opportunities for collaboration between organisations and scientists in the EU and International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC). This will be achieved through a series of key activities, for which the project partnership has dedicated four years, starting in June 2008.

**Key activities**

- Creation of an electronic archive of nanoscience publications that is freely accessible to researchers around the globe - www.nanarchive.org. Making research papers and other scholarly publications widely available. The archive aims to reduce access barriers to output from scientists and researchers in all corners of the world, ensuring records are readily searchable and retrievable, and bring together material currently distributed across different institutions.
- Development of an electronic database of nanoscience organizations and networks in ICPC, accessible through the project website - www.ICPC-nanonet.org. The database provides a description of each organisation, its facilities, capabilities, and contact details.
- Development of an electronic database of nanoscientists and researchers in ICPC, accessible through the project website - www.ICPC-nanonet.org. Searching the researchers database will enable the user to locate and network with other users who have corresponding interests and areas of expertise.
- Publication of annual reports on nanoscience and nanotechnology developments in eight ICPC regions: Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Latin America, Mediterranean Partner Countries, the Pacific, and Western Balkan Countries.
- Provision of online tools (forums, e-mailing services, webcasting) to facilitate networking between stakeholders in different regions of the world.
- Organisation of annual workshops - one each in EU, China, India, and Russia - all of which will be held to facilitate greater access. The annual workshops will provide insight into recent project results and allow guest speakers to highlight specific topics of interest to the ICPCNanoNet community.

**International Cooperation Partner Countries**

For your reference, you can view a list of the International Cooperation Partner Countries and regional contact points here:

www.ICPC-nanonet.org/images/stories/Regions/ListsICPCs.pdf

**Benefits to stakeholders around the world**

Organisations and scientists will have easier access to nano-publications from all over the world, centred through the nano-archive. Furthermore, researchers and scientists will be able to disseminate their publications more efficiently through this single access point.

Organisations and networks will be able to share their details and nanoresearch areas of interest with compatible entities around the globe, and thus increasing their opportunities for multi-lateral collaboration. Similarly, researchers and scientists will be able to share their information and nanoresearch with colleagues around the world, through which new collaborations on research and publications can be realised.

Stakeholders will have the opportunity to positively impact the quality of the annual region reports, by sharing new nano-developments in their region with the ICPCNanoNet partnership, thus improving the region’s attractiveness to potential collaborators elsewhere. Furthermore, the 8 region reports will provide a useful insight into nano-developments in specific countries and regions of special interest to the stakeholders.

Stakeholders will be able to network, set up collaborations, and gain further knowledge from the International scene of nanoscience, by attending the annual workshops in person or through webcast. In addition, through the use of the networking tools made available on the project website.

**How to get involved?**

As a researcher or scientist, the ICPCNanoNet partnership urges you to:

- share your areas of nano-activity and contact details in the assigned database on the project website (to register go to: http://www.icpc-nanonet.org).
- share information on new publications in the established nano-archive (to register go to: http://www.nanarchive.org/cgi/register), and
- attend the annual workshops either in person or through webcast.

As an organisation or network, the ICPCNanoNet partnership urges you to:

- share full description and indication of nano-research areas of interest in the assigned database on the project website - www.ICPC-nanonet.org,
- contribute with relevant input for the annual report covering your respective region.

**Nano-Initiatives prior to ICPCNanoNet**

The ICPCNanoNet project builds on previous initiatives in the area of nanoscience and nanotechnology, including:

- Nanobrum (www.nanobrum.org) which provides information on nanoscience and technology in the EU
- EuroNanoNet (www.splt.pt/area/dianet) which promoted stronger collaboration between EU and Indian nanoscientists.
- European Commission’s work in the New Materials in Europe (NMI3) programme which promotes stronger collaboration between EU and Latin American nanoscientists.

**ICPCNanoNet Partnership**

The Institute of Nanotechnology (UK) / project coordinator: www.nano.uk
- Societé Portugaise de Innovation (Portugal) www.splt.pt
- St. Petersburg Electrotechnical University (Russia) www.eltech.ru
- Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (India) - www.jncasr.ac.in
- Chinese Society of Micro-Nano Technology (China) www.cnsmnt.org
- MERIT of Universiteit Maastricht (Netherlands) www.merit.unu.edu
- Malick Techno Validation (Netherlands) www.malvik.ch.deon.nl
- NANOScientists’ Africa Network (South Africa)

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