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CDS Spotlights Members

As part of the CDS membership campaign, the Membership and Marketing Committee has initiated its Member Spotlight on the CDS website. Located under JOIN, this page puts the spotlight on CDS members, and their interests and areas of expertise in the community development profession.

Each month the CDS will spotlight new members, gathering the information

Dear Mallory,

The 2010 joint CDS/IACD conference had many interesting sessions and renewed much enthusiasm about engaging in community development both in the U.S. and around the world. The diversity of programs, the can do atmosphere in New Orleans, and the camaraderie among participants combined to make it an exciting several days. We very much appreciate Lori's and Tionna's efforts in keeping the conference moving along. Working with IACD on this conference was great and CDS is certainly better for the experience.

For the 226 who attended, a conference evaluation form is available at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FBHK32> to provide input in designing next year's joint conference with the Rural Sociological Society in Boise, ID. The venue will explore different issues which attests to the exciting nature of community development which can, and must, occur in diverse environments. That is an attraction of hosting the CDS meetings in different locations.

A CDS and IACD joint post-conference newsletter is in preparation. We are posting the Power Points, President's Remarks, and other materials from the conference on the CDS [Ning Site](#). Check them out and contact the authors for additional information.

The membership survey, thus far, has generated more than 120 respondents who provided excellent input into strengths, limitations, and ways for CDS to move into the future. The survey will be open for several more weeks before we tabulate the final results. The early findings are already being used by the Board and committee chairs to design, or reshape programs for this year. Membership on

from the [membership survey located here](#). If you have not already completed this survey, please do so, and maybe you will be the next member in the spotlight!

[Click here to view the CDS Member Spotlight](#)

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the CDS committees is open now so you can [sign up](#). By all means, contact a committee chair to learn what is planned for this year and how you might benefit.

Special efforts are underway to provide a CD-Practice and an educational series including Webinars and related approaches. We also will expand our service delivery and communication using NING and other social networking approaches. If you are interested in helping with these efforts, contact lori@assnoffices.com to sign up. More to come later.

High unemployment and difficult economic times are a perfect setting to use the CDS Principles of Good Practice and other tools to make positive changes. We invite you to become as engaged as you can in the community development profession and use the tools and resources of CDS to help in your professional advancement. Let us know how we can help.

[Norman Walzer](#)

President

CD Practice

CD Practice is looking for promising practices in community and economic development.....

What is CD Practice?

CD Practice is a web-based publication of the Community Development Society. It presents innovative approaches, tools, and techniques that can be readily applied by community development practitioners. The goal is to help transfer practices and tools with a history of success to new areas to new environments and build a collegiality among CDS practitioners who are working on similar issues. So this is your chance. If you have a success story to tell about a project or program or lessons learned from a previous undertaking, this is a forum for you.

The articles are designed to be brief (2400 to 3600 words) and focus on what was done, how it worked, how it followed the "Principles of Good Practice," and what was the end result.

For more information, including a complete description of guidelines, visit the CD Practice page on the CDS website:

http://www.comm-dev.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=81

Michael Dougherty, Editor, CD Practice

Endowment Scholarships

The CDS Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the CDS Endowment will make distributions from the fund in three categories in 2011. As of December 31, 2009, the Endowment had reached the critical level (over \$100,000) that allows distributions to be made from the fund. According to the protocol, distributions can be made from ½ the amount of money that is over \$100,000. In March 2010 the Finance Committee Distribution Subcommittee recommended, and the Board approved, distribution of \$4,000 from the Endowment earnings for the following purposes and amounts:

- \$1,500 to the Scholarship Fund for three \$500 scholarships. The Scholarship Fund was initially established as the CDS Scholarship Trust in 1988, to encourage students of good academic standing and CDS Members in good standing to attend the Annual International Conference. When the Trust became part of the CDS Endowment in 2002, this original purpose continued. An applicant may receive a scholarship only one time. The amount of the scholarship is \$500. The recipient(s) of a scholarship will be recognized at a plenary session of the conference.

Grant Criteria: Student: (a) the applicant is currently enrolled and matriculating in a community development or related curriculum at an accredited college or university with undergraduate or graduate status; (b) the applicant can demonstrate a Grade Point Average of 3.0 minimum; (c) the applicant provides evidence of planned involvement in the Annual International Conference as supported by: (d) a letter of endorsement from a faculty member who can verify the applicant's status and plans for involvement at the Conference; and (e) the applicant's commitment to participate in the entire Conference.

Grant Criteria: Member: (a) the applicant's CDS membership has been verified by the CDS Secretary or the CDS business office; (b) the applicant has provided a letter outlining his/her planned participation in the Annual Conference; and (c) the applicant makes a formal commitment to participate in the entire Conference.

Application Process and Deadline: Student letters of application including letters of faculty support, and members' letters of application need to be submitted to the CDS Vice President for Operations by January 15, 2011.

- \$1,000 to the Nette Nelson Travel Scholarship Fund; This Fund was created for the dual purpose of honoring the memory of Nette Nelson and to help defray the expenses of CDS members who wish to participate in a community development conference outside of the member's home continent by presenting a paper or workshop or giving a major address. No member may receive this scholarship more than once. The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000. The recipient(s) of a Nette Nelson Travel Scholarship will be recognized at a plenary session of the CDS Annual International Conference. All funds distributed shall be described as having been made available by the CDS Nette Nelson Travel Scholarship Fund.

Grant Criteria: (a) The applicant is a current member of the Community Development Society; (b) the applicant provides evidence of an invitation to present a paper, workshop or major address at a community development conference held outside of the member's home continent plus evidence of his/her acceptance of the invitation; and (c) the applicant

provides written support for the importance of the presentation to the community development profession by two other current CDS members.

Application Process and Deadline: Applicant letters are to be submitted to the CDS Vice President for Operations by January 15, 2011.

- \$1,500 to the Annual International Conference Fund

This fund was created for the specific purpose of enhancing the plenary sessions of the CDS Annual International Conference by supporting outstanding presenters who by their very presence attract greater audiences and media attention, and thereby support the growth of the organization and focus broad-based positive attention on the field of community development. It is important to note that eligible presentations may include musical, diversity, historical and other cultural components that enable participants to have a better understanding of the conference program theme.

Grant Criteria: Grants from the Annual International Conference Fund will meet the following criteria: (a) any and all grant awards will be initiated by a recommendation by the CDS Vice President for Program to the CDS Board of Directors for purposes related to the specific Annual International Conference for which he or she has primary responsibility; (b) grants will be given for such purposes that will enhance the program of said conference; (c) the plenary session(s) for which funding is requested will in all ways conform to the CDS Principles of Good Practice; and (d) the specific plenary session(s) receiving support from the Annual International Conference Fund will be acknowledged in the printed conference schedule and in other ways deemed appropriate by the Vice President for Program.

Eligible Grant Activities: Requests for funding to support the honorarium, travel expenses, lodging expenses, and related reasonable support for plenary presenters whose presence will further the theme and stated goals of the Conference will be considered under this category.

Grant Deadline: The deadline for application is November 1, 2010.

All funding recipients from the 2010-2011 distributions will be recognized at the annual international conference in Boise, Idaho, July 27-31, 2011.

A special thank you to the Distributions Subcommittee, Jane Leonard (chair), Alan Kirk, Kris Kauth, and John Kuester, for their work to develop the distribution formula and grant criteria for each award. And thank you to all the CDS members and supporters who have contributed to the Endowment over the years, making these awards possible.

New CDS Social Networking Committee to be Formed

Interested in Social Networking? Do you have a desire to better communicate with other CDS members? Want to share information and connect with practitioners in the field? Do to the interest at the recent Social Networking Session at the CDS 2010 Conference, a new Social Networking Committee is being formed by Paul Lachapelle, CDS Board Member, to investigate current social media technologies and determine how the CDS can use existing information technology (IT) to further the goals and principles of CDS.

The focus of the Committee will be on the applied use of various devices and networking methods including Twitter, Facebook, blogging, web conferencing, and related information technologies as they are applied to community development. A small group of individuals have already committed to convening to determine current needs and capacities, investigating available resources, and mapping out a concrete strategy for the future.

We would welcome your involvement! Please consider joining this new committee. Contact Paul at commdev@montana.edu for more information.

Disaster Recovery

Shakeel Abro attended the CDS/IACD conference on recovering from disasters, only to return to Pakistan to encounter the major flooding from monsoons that has affected millions of residents. On his return, he shared the following e-mail:

Dears,

It was really an enriching experience by participating in the conference, "Role of Community in Economic & Disaster Recovery" by CDS in New Orleans-USA. I am sorry that due to sometime taking immigration in USA and missing flights problems, my time to the participation was reduced but during the last two days the sessions were very useful and during that learning's and experience sharing and networking was amazing. I appreciate the way your team organized the conference and the CDS members meetings. I liked the silent auction and open auction activity very much. I am thankful to IACD & Commonwealth Foundation who afforded me to participate so as to learn bundles of experiences especially Exposure Visit to Ground Zero-Gulf Coast-Katrina Recovery and BP oil spillover effects.

It was coincidence that after attending the conference on disaster recovery I came back to Pakistan in a disaster state. We are facing worst ever flood and heavy rains that badly affected all 4 provinces including Sindh Province of Pakistan where I live. Threat of increasing damage to millions of people and their property is fostering. Since last two-three days, floodwater with heavy rains has entered in Sindh with huge intensity and larger capacity, which seems to be uncontrollable and devastating. It has affected more than 14 million people across Pakistan. Till now, more than 400 breaches have been reported in different canals resulting into severe inundation which has destroyed properties of billion rupees including the ruining houses, destroying crops and livestock along home appliances and other valuable things. Damage to public infrastructure is in addition to the loss of private property.

There flood water is damaging the life, infrastructure and property worth billions of rupees. Crops of paddy, cotton, sugarcane, vegetable etc are almost prepared and people have invested billions of rupees in their

farms. Floodwater has swallowed and washed away these crops in Sindh. Even today, national highways, link roads and railway tracks are totally inundated and transportation in few districts are closed and banned, like national highway of Sukkur-Jacobabad and Shikarpur etc.

Flood victims are crying for help and support in many districts that include Kashmore, Ghotki, Shikarpur, Sukkur, Khairpure, Larkana, Dadu, Banzeerabad, Matiari, Jamshoro and Thatta etc. Situation is getting from bad to worse day by day and from moment to moment. Wherever, flood water is crossing, it brings destruction and badly affecting people. Hundreds of villages are evacuated from the catchment area of Guddu Barrage and now evacuation is started in downstream to Sukkur Barrage.

It is reported that all the districts, touching both sides of River Indus are in dangerous condition and people living around the Indus in these district are facing hardships and are deprived of very basic facilities like water, food, milk for children, hygiene kits and medicines. Arrangements made on the government's side are insufficient and inadequate. It is said only five hundred army personnel are deployed to save the people lives and transfer them to safer places. All claims made by governments are almost misguiding and portraying yellow pictures. Relief Camps arranged by governments are very poor and lack basic facilities. People are reluctant to leave their houses as they know very well that there is no arrangement made by government as officials are claiming.

In this situation, flood victims and those affected are in acute need of support. This is the hour that they should be saved, protected, provided shelters and basic facilities like food items, drinking water, medicines and hygiene kits and mosquito jals etc.

In this alarming situation, NGOs and Civil Society Organizations including IACD local chapter is playing an effective role for safeguarding and dignifying human being. But, as you know very well that the rescue work is going on than there will be relief and rehabilitation work that will take lot of time and resources. Pakistan is already a resource constrained country and without the help of International Community the Recovery from Disaster seems impossible.

But at the same time i am confident enough that the learning's of the conference specially seeing the recovery after Katrina has provided me the potential tools to organize my team of volunteers here to cope up with the situation.

I wish you the successful conferences and events in future too.

Thanks.

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CDS UpFront

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- August 2010**

News from CDS

Online Access to the Journal

As a member of the CDS, you can access the members only section of the CDS website by using your personalized username and password. The newest benefit? Online access to our journal! To get your password, contact Lori Landry, lori@assnoffices.com.

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New CDS "Think Tank" Underway

Over the past several months, CDS has moved in a new direction with the creation of a "Think Tank" to provide our members, as well as the society, with sources of the latest news and trends in community development and related fields. Already:

- We have started to revamp the Vanguard. The board has asked Stephen Gasteyer, a rural sociologist at Michigan State University and Timothy Collins of the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University to look at the publication and consider new formats in conjunction with the Publications Committee.
- The group will consider new ways to communicate with members about the latest trends in CD, including:

specifics of committee charge to explore ways to move CDS into more prominence among practitioners, policy makers, and researchers;

interactions with other CDS committees, members, and other organizations to synthesize and develop an understanding of community development trends, issues, and opportunities.

We have recruited new committee members, including John McNutt, James Calvin, Mark Peterson, Randy Adams, Anne Silvis, and Kim Walker. Interested in participating on the committee? Please contact Collins at t-collins@wiu.edu, Gasteyer at gasteyer@msu.edu, or Lori Landry, lori@assnoffices.com.

An Online "Community" and Its Hive Mind

One morning in June, Google's list of the top global searches began to fill up with random words: "fried chicken," "comic book stores," "gyms."

[The Washington Post](#)

Updated California Green Economy MAP Shows Innovation Hubs Statewide
California's growing green economy reaches every major metropolitan area in the state, according to an updated online map released by Environmental Defense Fund.

[Chloregy](#)

Economy Takes Toll on Generation of Children

The recent annual report from the Foundation for Child Development suggests that children of the so called Great Recession will experience a decline in fortunes that erases 30 years of social progress.

[Read more](#)

Recession hurts nonprofits and lower income populations

More nonprofit organizations reported a decrease in funding in the Kansas City Fed's latest Low- and Moderate-Income Survey. Also, financial conditions for low- and moderate-income populations continued to deteriorate moderately, though at a slower rate than last year.

[Read the report](#)

Northwest Area Foundation Provides Funding for Rural Prosperity

Grants totaling \$1.9 million are going to seven state universities to expand work of Horizons - an 18-month leadership development program for rural towns with populations of 5,000 or fewer and with poverty rates of at least 10 percent. These grants will bolster poverty-reduction work within 260 communities in seven states that have completed Horizons.

[More information](#)

Smart Growth for Rural Areas

International City/County Management Assn. has released a new report, "Putting Smart Growth to Work in Rural Communities."

[Read the Report](#)

From Asphalt Back to Gravel

Across the country, rural communities are replacing asphalt with gravel, citing the high costs of maintaining hard-top roads.

[Wall Street Journal](#)

Rural America in the 2000s: Age

Rural America - like the rest of the country - is getting older. But it's not that simple. In some parts of the Great Plains, the percentage of young people is growing.

[Daily Yonder](#)

From the Heart of Coal Country

Deep Down, a documentary film, looks at the pressures within a small town that's faced with the prospect (and profits) of mountaintop-removal mining.

[Daily Yonder](#)

Ideas for Urban Agriculture

Terreform ONE announced the winners of an ideas competition focused on creating productive green spaces in cities.

["Food for Thought"](#)

Urbanophile Blog

Rural or urban Cdgers might want to check out Aaron M. Renn's [Urbanophile](#) blog.

Rural Education Blog

Education week is offering a new [blog on rural schools](#) by Mary Schulken.

Ford Foundation Commits \$85 Million for Rural Land Rights, Climate Change

The Ford Foundation has announced a five-year, \$85 million commitment to help make rural and indigenous people a stronger part of the world's response to climate change.

[Ford Foundation](#)

Conferences and Meetings

Federal Reserve Conference on Low-Income Communities
September 9-10, Kansas City

[More Information](#)

HomeTown Competitiveness Workshop Is Part of CFED Conference

A pre-conference workshop on the Heartland Center for Leadership Development's HomeTown Competitiveness program, winner of the Innovative Program of the Year Award from the Community Development Society, has been scheduled on September 22 before CFED's 2010 Assets Learning Conference.

September 22-24, Washington, DC.

[Heartland Center](#)

[CFED Conference Information](#)

International Economic Development Council: Practicing Economic Development in a Changed Landscape

Columbus Ohio, September 26-29

[More Information](#)

Performing the World 2010: Can Performance Change the World?

Performing artists, community organizers, theatre workers, educators, scholars, youth workers, students, social workers, psychotherapists, psychologists, medical doctors, health workers, and business executives are coming from 31 countries to discuss/perform that question and their responses to it.

September 30- October 3, 2010, New York City

[More Information](#)

Trust for Public Land

Hartford, CT, October 2-5

[More Information](#)

Community Capitals Institute: Call for participation

Are you currently using the Community Capitals Framework in your work? If so, we would like to learn about your approach and methods. This year's CCF Institute will feature several sessions on data collection, coding and analysis using the CCF in addition to the work sessions created by participants' work.

We are particularly interested in how the Community Capitals Framework is being used to understand the impact of community change work, leadership development, and climate change. We are also interested in strategies to engage communities and organizations using the Community Capitals Framework. Finally, we want to bring great minds together to

discuss strategies for collecting and analyzing data using the CCF.

If you are interested in participating in the program, please send an abstract of your work (500 words) along with key words to Mary Emery memery@iastate.edu by September 15.

Registration materials and accommodations information will be available in the next couple of weeks.
Ames, IA, October 15- 16

University Economic Development Association
Reno, NV, November 7-9
[More Information](#)

University of Wisconsin Extension Basic Economic Development Course
Nov 8-11, 2010, Madison, WI
[More Information](#)

International Journal of Neighbourhood Renewal Conference
London, UK, November 17-18, 2010.
[More Information](#)

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USDA Rural Development
[Renewable Energy Feasibility Studies Grants under the Rural Energy for America Program](#) (REAP)

Department of Health and Human Services
[Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program](#)

Do you have something to share?

We welcome member input and articles for our Vanguard e-news bulletin. If you have something that you would like to get out to the entire membership, or if you have comments or suggestions, send them to CDS@assnoffices.com with subject e-news bulletin. We will do our best to accommodate your articles in a timely manner.

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