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The combining of scientific research with the indigenous knowledge was the important aspect of this IPY Montreal 2012 Conference. Representatives of the communities from Russia and Northern Canada shared the wide-ranging and sometimes personal knowledge about the Arctic ecosystems in which they have lived for centuries.

The IPY 2012 invited participants for indigenous knowledge exchange panels as well as offered a space for action forums which brought up interactive discussions on current issues facing the polar regions. Discussions covered the perspectives and knowledge from various disciplines and sectors including industry, policy, civil society, academics and indigenous representatives. Verity of workshops was open for all participants, concentrating on introducing science to policy makers and vice versa. Association of Polar Early Career Scientists held the workshop on career development during the first two days of IPY 2012. Conference delegates had a chance to balance their active participation in the sessions with a number of different tours, including technical and cultural tours, which were being offered through the whole week and were organized by local, polar-related facilities. Participants could visit the old port in Montreal, where CCGS “Amundsen” research icebreaker is currently based and opened for public visitors. The IPY 2012 “From Knowledge to Action” was definitely one of these years’ most important scientific gatherings for polar science and governance, climate change impacts and adaptation.

Additionally to participation in the IPY Conference I had a pleasure to give an invited lecture at the Marine & Environmental Law Institute (MELAW) at the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada. The title of this presentation was: “Poland’s approach towards the Arctic region: an insignificant dream or a meaningful contribution?”. The lecture was attended mainly by a group of the researchers from the five Halifax universities. It was followed by a long and interesting discussion, also about prospects of the Polish and Canadian political and scientific cooperation in the Arctic. One of main outcomes of this study visit in Halifax is an article coming next year in the Ocean Yearbook which is one of the leading reference works of the Brill Publishing House edited by Prof. Aldo Chircop, Director of the MELAW.

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International Scientific Conference “Public Administration East and West: Twenty Years of Development”

On 23–25 May 2012 I took part in the International Scientific Conference: “Public Administration East and West: Twenty Years of Development”. The purpose of the conference was to raise knowledge and expertise and exchange of experience in the operation of public administration issues, a variety of political and administration systems, and to establish cooperation with foreign universities and scientific institutions. The specific objectives:

- to provide a public stage where academics, professionals, and students can present their research at the international level,
- to facilitate an exchange of knowledge and academic/research experiences,
- to encourage development in academic research with the purpose of supporting more effective learning and teaching processes, as well as striving for economic, social, and political administration development at both national and regional levels.

The conference was held on 23–25 May 2012 in Ohrid, Macedonia. It was organized by The Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe (NISPA) in co-operation with the University St. Kliment Ohridski – Bitola, the Republic of Macedonia (FYR Macedonia).

The 20th NISPAcee Annual Conference held in Ohrid, Macedonia gathered academics and practitioners in various fields of public administration, not only from central and eastern European countries, but from all over the world. The conference began with welcoming and opening speeches given by representatives of: NISPAcee (Gyorgy Jenei, NISPAcee President), University St. Kliment Ohridski – Bitola, the Republic of Macedonia (Prof. Violeta Panovska-Boskoska, Dean of the Faculty of Administration and Information Systems Management), ASPA (Stephen E. Condrey, ASPA President-Elect), NASPAA (Nadia Rubaii, NASPAA President), Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland (Barbara Kudrycka, Minister). The conference programme consisted of working sessions on the main conference theme, general sessions, meetings of research working groups, EAPAA sessions, several Panel Sessions and Forums, and Panels of new projects, which enriched the programme of the conference with new information, and a presentation of new initiatives and opportunities for collaboration with external organisations, as well as within NISPAcee.

The papers presented provided a detailed overview of the forms and motivations of East-West cooperation and highlighted its contribution:

- to the development of new public administration, public policy and public management programmes at universities in the region, learning from various models of western institutions,
- to the creation of curricula and teaching materials,
- to fostering cooperative research programmes, resulting in joint conference papers, articles, edited volumes, and research grants.

The papers provided valuable comparative analyses of institutions, models and practices in the framework of a series of selected country case studies dealing with Poland, Estonia, Slovenia, Romania, and Slovakia.

During the conference I presented the paper *The Evolution of the Revenues and Expenditures of Local Government in Poland after 1990. Legal and Financial Aspects*.

The Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe originated from the genuine effort of people and institutions from the region to share the knowledge and skills and unite the effort to cope with present and future challenges in the field.

NISPAcee is an arena for East–West collaboration through assisting, mediating and facilitating joint research, educational and training programmes and discussions between instructors, civil servants, trainers, public sector managers and politicians. This will promote both human capacity building and institutional development in public administration through mutual learning and bring about considerable synergetic effects to all member institutions.

The core of the NISPAcee activities is to promote the development of public administration disciplines and training programmes in post-Communist countries. This means increasing the quality of instruction and research and assisting in school/institute development on the international, regional and national levels.

Part of the mission is also to foster the development of civil service human resources by spreading the practices of good professional public management, public policy and governance and assisting in the overall political and economic transition through effective public service. Most important is the creating of conditions for increased professionalism of the civil service especially through the facilitation of contact between government representatives responsible for public service and representatives and consultants from member institutions.

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International Conference: “Governance and Poverty Reduction in Developing Countries”, 6–8 March 2012

The conference was held on 6–8 March 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand. It was organized by the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA).

The International Conference on Advancement of Development Administration 2011 (ICADA 2011), hosted by the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) lasted two days (20–21 February 2012). The theme of ICADA 2011 was “Governance and Poverty Reduction in Developing Countries” including academically related issues. The aims of this conference were (1) to bring together international academics, professionals, and undergraduate/graduate students with the general public by providing a stage for the latest research in development administration and related fields to be presented and discussed and (2) to provide a forum for professionals with practical experience of the social and economic development of developing countries to exchange their views and share their knowledge with leading countries.

During the conference there were established contacts with representatives of science from the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) and other countries participating in the project (Japan, Indonesia, Philippines, India, Malaysia, Nigeria, Germany, France, United Kingdom).

The National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) was established following His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej’s vision of advancing Thailand’s development through the establishment of an advanced educational institution to prepare people to become agents of change for the national development.

NIDA was originally established to support the national development in Thailand; this objective has now been expanded to encompass the regional development in countries outside of Thailand, with the aim of producing advanced degree graduates who can serve in the public, business, and nonprofit sectors. At present, NIDA is a state-supported graduate