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Memorial Award

CERMES press-release by Caroline Gooding

Caroline Gooding, CERMES MPhil candidate received the 2010 Joanne Goulet Memorial Award on 13 May at CERMES.



Caroline Gooding receiving the Joanne Goulet Memorial Award from Prof. Robin Mahon CERMES Director

This Award was made possible by contributions from family and friends of Ms. Joanne Goulet after her passing on 24 April 2010. It was to be given to a young Caribbean woman actively involved in marine research and conservation. Joanne herself had a great passion for the sea and was a keen SCUBA diver and committed conservationist. She served the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) with excellence and distinction for 35 years.

Caroline Gooding, a Barbadian, is a dedicated scientist with an extraordinary passion for the sea. Over the past two years, she has been conducting research on queen conch, in Barbados, where very little is known about this important fishery species.

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Through her studies she hopes to improve the information available to the Fisheries Division and the conch fishers so that they can ensure the breeding stock is conserved and a healthy fishery maintained. This award comes at just the right time to help Caroline finish her studies and share her results.

Common Fisheries Policy and Caribbean Fisheries Forum

By Patrick McConney

The CRFM Multi-disciplinary Workshop to Finalize the Common Fisheries Policy, held 12-14 April 2011 in Georgetown, Guyana, was a large and impressive event with around 50 government participants from fisheries authorities, legal offices and foreign affairs plus representatives from regional organisations. It was followed in the same location by the Ninth Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, 15 April 2011. Patrick McConney participated in both meetings. The major agenda item for both meetings was the final technical drafting and recommendation for ministerial approval of a Common Fisheries Policy for the Caribbean Community.

The draft Policy was unanimously approved at the Fourth CRFM Ministerial Council in May. Since 2003 this instrument was an evolving

work in progress set in motion by the CARICOM Heads of Government.

New Connections feature

By Maria Pena and Patrick McConney

As CERMES faculty and staff travel and go about our daily work we frequently have the chance to re-connect with many of our alumni and find out about what they are doing. As such we have decided to include a new feature in this and subsequent issues of the *Connections*, 'Alumni at large' that will highlight major activities in the professional lives of our alumni. We hope you enjoy it.



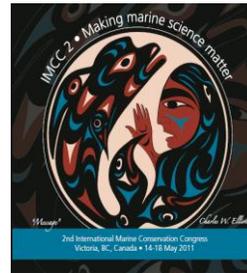
To kick things off, in this issue we hear from Arlene Maheia, CERMES class of 2009-2010, about her recently acquired job in Belize and one project that she is currently working on. Congratulations from us all Arlene!

"I am the Program

Assistant at the National Protected Areas Secretariat (NPAS) in the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment where I assist the Program Director (PD) in the successful management and completion of projects within the framework of Belize's National Protected Areas Policy and System Plan (NPAPSP). One of the projects that the NPAS is currently managing is "**Sustainable finance for the implementation of the Belize National Protected Areas System Plan, cost of the system and economic valuation**" and is being supported by a UNDP Grant to support Country Action on the Convention of Biological Diversity's Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA). Main project components include an economic valuation of the Maya Mountain Marine Corridor (MMMC) and Maya Mountains Massif (MMM) terrestrial protected areas and the development of a sustainable financing strategy for Belize's protected areas system."

MSP@IMCC2 in Victoria

By Patrick McConney



Patrick McConney of CERMES and Ratana Chuenpagdee of Memorial University co-organised a provocative session on "Marine spatial planning in small islands and other

developing States: practices and prospects" on 16 May at the 2nd International Marine Conservation Congress held in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. In addition to the two organisers, other presenters were Kim Baldwin (CERMES PhD candidate), Bob Pomeroy (University of Connecticut), Milton Haughton (Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism Secretariat) and Vera Agostini (The Nature Conservancy). While sharing views and information on experience with MSP, the presenters posed critical questions about its utility and fit with other similar approaches. Look out for a CERMES Technical Report on the session.

Latest CERMES TRs

By Maria Pena

You are encouraged to visit the CERMES website www.cavehill.uwi.edu/cermes and have look at three more of our latest technical reports nos. 43-45 on visitor impact management at a national park in Belize; the implications of implementing a plan to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in Belize; and observations on governance in the GEF IW Programme.



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MarGov Project Update

by Lyn-Marie Deane and Patrick McConney
with contributions from
Shelly-Ann Cox and Kemraj Parsram,
PhD candidates



MarGov awarded IDRC small grant

By Lyn-Marie Deane

The MarGov Project was recently awarded a small grant in the sum of CA \$5,000 for a proposal submitted for the production of a 20 minute documentary entitled, "Rebuilding the sea egg fishery in Barbados."

The small grant was offered by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), in collaboration with the Caribbean Impact 2.0 Expert Consultation on New Mechanisms for linking research and policy, a two day workshop held in Kingston, Jamaica, from 22-23 February 2011.

The purpose of this documentary is to address the overwhelming need for a sustainable approach to the management of the fishery as well as a public education programme on the history and importance of the sea egg and the need for resource conservation.

The documentary will consist of interviews with fisheries officers who are considered experts in the field, researchers, divers, breakers, vendors and law enforcement personnel. Through the utilization of visual aids and tools such as photographs, voice overs, video footage and dramatisations, the documentary aims to educate and inform the various members of the target audience about the financial and cultural value of the sea egg fishery, as well as why it is necessary to ensure the longevity of fishery through conservation of the resource.

The documentary is being produced in partnership with Caribbean Webcast Inc, a

media platform established by Icon Studios Media to capture, catalogue and engage the world with rich online content highlighting interaction with website users.

The chadon adventure begins

By Shelly-Ann Cox



Shelly-Ann's fieldwork continues in the island known for its Creole culture and the majestic Pitons. The Chadon (creole name for sea eggs) adventure has begun with surveys and

interviews with sea egg divers in the community of Anse Ger. Shelly-Ann and her team are expected to conclude their Anse Ger surveys and interviews by the end of May and continue on to the Laborie community.

Shelly-Ann is also particularly active in the field. Several aspects of her fieldwork include swims with fishers to traditional sea egg harvesting sites to assess their sea egg population as well as the occasional fishing trip with her new found diver friends. Shelly-Ann has also been involved in other activities such as conducting movie nights showing fishing related videos in the community of Bruceville, Vieux Fort more commonly known as Shanty Town. Upcoming activities include focus group meetings in the communities of Anse Ger, Laborie and Vieux Fort before her return to Barbados at the end of June.



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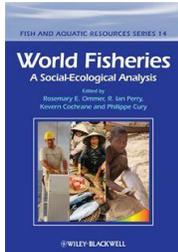
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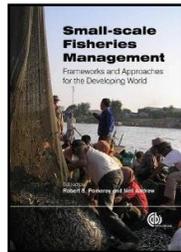
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Chapters on networks and communication

By Patrick McConney



As an output of the CERMES MarGov project, PhD candidate Kemraj Parsram and senior lecturer Patrick McConney have published a chapter on “A Network Approach to Understanding Coastal Management and Governance of Small-Scale Fisheries in the Eastern Caribbean” in the book, “World Fisheries: A Social-Ecological Analysis,” edited by Rosemary Ommer, Ian Perry, Keven Cochrane and Philippe Cury. The book



provides useful insight into fisheries systems that were shared in a symposium in Rome in 2008.

Another chapter inspired by the MarGov project is on “Communication” by former communications officer Carmel Haynes and project manager Patrick McConney. It is in a book on “Small-scale fisheries management: frameworks and approaches for the developing world” edited by Robert Pomeroy and Neil Andrew.

Workshops on governance and networks

By Patrick McConney

MarGov workshops on ‘resilience in fisheries governance’ and on ‘social network analysis in fisheries’ were held in Antigua and Barbuda (10-11 May) and St Kitts and Nevis (25-26 May). The first set were organised by the Fisheries Division in Antigua and the second set by the Department of Marine Resources (St Kitts) and Department of Marine Fisheries (Nevis). The latter workshops were offered in association with the CRFM Secretariat represented in person by Terrence Phillips.

All of the workshops got passing marks in their participant evaluation and the reports are being prepared. A highlight of the Antigua and Barbuda workshops was to have the Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture, Hon. Chanlah Codrington, open the governance workshop and then also participate actively on both days, really making a strong connection between science and policy.



Minister Codrington makes his point

The St Kitts and Nevis workshops followed directly upon the final meeting of their MarGov small grant project on scoping the introduction of an ecosystem approach to fisheries, and the three events were well linked in their marine governance themes.



The St. Kitts participants in discussion

About 15 participants attended each workshop, and all received good coverage from the local news media.

Similar two-day workshops are scheduled for Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.



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