

RIA Progress and Plans

Past 6 months

Projecting RIA and community building

Beijing meeting: several RIA sessions, esp ISSC fellows. Journal papers being developed – enough for a RIA special edition?

International Risk Community Symposium, Tokyo, Oct 16-17, Japan/NSF event: informal RIA sessions and plenary (could not be badged as RIA because co-funding required.) Ann now writing a report on 'Agenda for risk communication in action research' for NSF/Japan funding agencies.

Poland: 13-14 October, TACTIC, EU project meeting, an entry point for new membership eg Leipzig,

Academic Leadership

Paper in Australasian Journal of Trauma Studies(on IRDR www) by 25 RIA Fellows, paper based on Beijing.

Associated research

Four RIA-ISSC Fellow group projects funded by Taipei ICoE and START.

Mark: two DFID projects with Christian Aid in BRACED programme in Burkina and Ethiopia on building resilience through climate information services. Research inside practice, 2015-2018

Others – following criteria for associate status?

Action spaces for impact

ISDR, GAR background report on the evidence base for transformation in DRR. Led by GNDR and KCL with case studies from NYC, Christchurch, Sindh, Sundarbans and Save the Children. Scope for special issue and full case studies to be on IRDR www.

Contribute to S&T HFAII – in Geneva and through formal review process, coordination for IRDR (satisfactory process??).

Future

Big research idea

Wicked problems (getting to risk and uncertainty in life) through Evaluation of different approaches for intentional behaviour change and reduced loss (1) Education, Japan, Australia/NZ/US - could

engage UNESCO/UNICEF (2) law (governance) and planning enacted (3) early warning with last mile, Bangladesh – UNICEF with PEARL on communication and action. This should move beyond examining knowledge and institutions effecting output (lots of syllabi to outcome – observed behaviour change and outcomes – numbers of people who evacuate). Consult with DFID (Nicola), other strategies?

Communities of Practice

Communities of practice: to structure RIA presentation in Sendai

Principles to be defined:

1. Build science capacity
2. Build policy/practice capacity
3. Need key activities for online community life, eg focus on practical problems or reviews?

New communities of practice proposed:

- Children and Youth: Australia to lead, Mark's PhD
- Indigenous: New Zealand to lead: Cassy (external) RIA fellows, scope for GAR/HFAII etc
- Gender and RIA: Maureen Fordham (external)?
- Early warning: Fakhruddin to lead. To be social not tech. led, and connect across perils (geophysical and hydrometeorological hazards). Needs an agenda defining paper to then direct a community.
- Knowledge exchange approaches and evaluation: Mark to lead. Bring in NERC Fellows, David's PhD focus on methods for practice based evidence and evidence based practice, boundary spanners . A paradigm shift to practice based evidence (self-evaluation – practice scientists).

Workshops

Ann proposed linked symposia on risk interpretation and action on climate change for Society for Risk Analysis meeting in December.

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As required...
