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CLIMATE CHANGE: IMPACTS AND RESPONSES ADVISORY BOARD

Dear Advisory Board Member,

I hope this past year has been a productive year for you, full of new opportunities and fruitful exchanges. The year has brought about many exciting changes and successes for the Climate Change community, and I would like to share our most recent updates and news from the community.

New Board Addition

I am pleased to welcome our new member who joins us on the board—**Dr. G. Raj Chintaram**. Raj is the Executive Chairman of the [Allied Network for Policy, Research and Actions for Sustainability](#) (ANPRAS) based in Port-Louis, Mauritius. Founded in 2008, ANPRAS is committed to driving change and community-based actions for sustainable development through grassroots coordination. ANPRAS is a leader in the Indian Ocean region on sustainability issues and spearheaded local coordination of the Green Africa Awards in 2010 and further championed Earth-Hour, Candle-Night, and Earth Day in Mauritius. Thank you, Raj, for joining us. We look forward to the contribution your voice will bring to our future work together.

I am also pleased to report that the conference and journal continue to go from strength to strength.

2013 Conference

Our most recent edition of the conference was held 18-19 July 2013 in Port Louis, Mauritius. Across the two days of the conference, over 70 scholars and professionals representing 20 countries were in attendance. The program included thought-provoking plenary sessions and conversations from leading scholars, as well as a diverse, multidisciplinary collection of parallel sessions. Plenary talks included contributions from **G. Raj Chintaram**, **Mokshanand Dowarkasing**, **Mohammad Khalil Elahee**, and **Richard Munang**. For more details on the 2013 conference, including the full program, please visit the conference [website](#).



2014 Conference

Additionally, we invite you to share the **Call for Papers** to our upcoming Climate Change Conference to be held at the **University of Iceland** in **Reykjavik, Iceland, 27-28 June 2014** (share CFP via [online link](#)). Iceland has received international recognition for its use of renewable energy resources, attempts at afforestation and land reclamation, and work in the field of geothermal energy—making the University of Iceland an ideal venue for our climate change discussions. As a member of the board, we hope you can join us in Reykjavik and invite you to attend the conference with a complimentary registration ([inquire here](#) about registering for the conference).

Climate Change Journal

The [International Journal of Climate Change: Impacts and Responses](#) is also thriving. The journal has published 205 peer-reviewed articles to date. Articles are now published online first, so authors can report citation information as soon as their paper is ready for publication—even if that is before the publication of the full journal issue. The journal has a circulation of 239,911 and an acceptance rate of 40%.



Award for International Excellence

We would like to congratulate the winners of the 2013 [Award for International Excellence](#) in the area of Climate Change: **Mohammad Zahirul Islam, Shannon Rutherford, Olav Titus Muurlink, Scott Baum, and Cordia Chu**, all of Griffith University in Queensland, Australia. Their article, “A Focus Group Study of the Lay Concept of Climate Change in a Developing World Context,” was selected for the award from among the ten highest-ranked papers submitted to volume 5 of *The International Journal of Climate Change: Impacts and Responses*.

Book Series

The Climate Change community also has an associated [book series](#) that is currently accepting proposals for individually and jointly authored books and edited collections that address a clear, intellectually challenging theme. Collections may include or consist entirely of articles previously published in the journal. We encourage Advisory Board members to submit book proposals and journal articles for publication. You may send your submissions directly to [Jamie Burns](#), the Managing Editor.

Looking Forward

I, and everyone at Common Ground, value your assistance and leadership with the conference and journal collection. We are interested in your ideas for future conference collaborations, venues, and themes, as well as your general intellectual direction of the conference and journal. We encourage collaboration across the board and invite suggestions for proposed plenary panel discussions from the board and/or proposals for edited collections for the Climate Change book series. The Climate Change knowledge community also serves as a platform to promote the work you're doing—whether it be at your home institution, via other channels, or even a change to your institution.

Share your updates, news, and ideas for the conference or journal by contacting [Izabel Szary](#), the Climate Change Conference Producer.

Thank you again for being a part of this intellectual journey.

Yours Sincerely,

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