



Dear Reader,

In Denmark, we are now gradually returning to work after the summer vacation and many other places in Europe and North America, it's still vacation time. This is also reflected in this newsletter, which is rather brief.

Among the news items, I want to emphasize the call for reviewers for the First Order Draft (FOD) of Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's contribution to the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5). Contributing here would be a very worthwhile summer project for anyone in the community!

Else, I look particularly forward to the annual event, "piggy-backed" at the IAREP 2012 conference in Wroclaw, Poland. Besides the intellectual exchanges at the symposia, this is our first opportunity to discuss experiences with having and running a virtual community such as this among a circle of community members. Based on the experiences from the first year, what should be our strategy for the next year, and the following years? Which adjustments could be made to make the VC more valuable for the community, within the limited resources available? I very much encourage members who are not able to attend the meeting in Wroclaw to email your feedback and thoughts to [vc@asb.dk](mailto:vc@asb.dk), preferably before the event.

Please send any feedback and news that you want to share with the VC to [vc@asb.dk](mailto:vc@asb.dk).

Kind regards,  
John Thøgersen

## NEWS

### The VC at IAREP Conference 2012

As mentioned last month, the VC on Sustainability & Consumption will have its second annual meeting at the IAREP 2012 conference in Wroclaw, 5-8 September. The VC has organized a track of three special sessions on Sustainability & Consumption at the IAREP conference. The annual meeting has been scheduled to Thursday 6 September 15:30-16:30 and will be in the same room as the Sustainability & Consumption sessions. At the annual meeting, we will evaluate the community's activities in the first year and discuss the strategy for the future, including the time and place of the 2013 annual meeting. Hence, we hope to see a lot of community members in Wroclaw. [Read more](#)

### 2012 Greendex Report

The Greendex is a comprehensive analysis of the individual consumer behaviors most closely tied to environmental impact. It provides a map of sustainable consumer behavior worldwide in the areas of transportation, housing, food and goods. [Read more about Greendex and download full 2012 Greendex Report here.](#)

### Update to the European Environment State and Outlook 2010 (SOER 2010) thematic assessment

A newly updated chapter of the EEA's State and Outlook of the Environment Report (SOER) 2010 was prepared for the Global Research Forum on Sustainable Consumption and Production in Rio de Janeiro. The report links climate change, eutrophication, air pollution and acidification to personal consumption and population growth. [Read more about it and download an update here.](#)

### IPCC Working Group III contribution Expert Review of the First Order Draft

Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) seeks reviewers for the First Order Draft (FOD) of its contribution to the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5). The review period runs from 20 July to 14 September, 2012. [Read more about it and register here](#)

### New SCORAI website has been launched

The new website has a new look and feel and provides new functionality to enhance capacity for developing individual connections among the more than 400 affiliates of the network. SCORAI also now has its own YouTube channel and Twitter account. Visit the new SCORAI website [here](#)

## CALLS

### Seventh Framework Programme for Research (FP7)

The European Commission has published the final and biggest ever calls for proposals under its Seventh Framework Programme for Research (FP7). In total, €8.1 billion is available to support projects and ideas within a wide range of environmental fields, among others. [Read more](#)

### The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies in Japan is looking for researcher

The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies in Japan is looking to host an additional researcher working on sustainable consumption. Potential candidates include a recent PhD graduate or someone currently working at an Associate Professor level. The duration could be as short as a few weeks or up to one year. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Sustainable Development Symposium

The 3rd Annual European Postgraduate Symposium - "Sustainable Development Symposium" will be held February 13th-15th 2013 at "Parthenope" University of Naples, Italy. The Abstract Submission phase will be open from 1st September to 30th October 2012. [Read more](#)

### SCORAI 2013 conference

SCORAI is organizing an international conference on the theme of "The Future of Consumerism and Well-being in a World of Ecological Constraints" on June 12-14, 2013, at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. Proposals are invited for conference sessions, individual papers, and posters based on theoretical and applied research. [Read more](#)

## EVENTS

29-31 August	Sustainable Transitions: Navigating Theories and Challenging Realities (Technical University of Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark)
5-7 September	2nd EU Dialogue on Sustainable Consumption and Economic Growth: Contradictions in Greening the Economy (Brussels, Belgium)
5-8 September	IAREP Conference 2012 (Wroclaw, Poland)
13-15 September	The International Conference on Culture, Politics, and Climate Change (Boulder, Colorado, USA)
14-16 September	International Workshop on Energy Efficiency for a More Sustainable World (University of Azores, São Miguel Island, Azores, Portugal)
19-23 September	3rd International Conference on Degrowth for Ecological Sustainability and Social Equity (Venice, Italy)
29-30 October	Sustainable Innovation 2012: Resource Efficiency, Innovation and Lifestyles (Alanus University, Bonn, Germany)
12-14 November	Behavior, Energy and Climate Change Conference (Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sacramento, California, USA)
14-18 November	Boundaries of Consumption: Critical Perspectives on Race, Class, Gender, Citizenship and Space in Changing Markets (San Francisco, California, USA)
22-23 November	ICICI 2012 Sustainability & Innovation (Friedrichshafen, Germany)
22-24 November	Workshop: Responsible Supply Chains and Networks: Challenges for Governance and Sustainability (Stockholm, Sweden)

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(chair of the board)
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