



New CFSC Working Group in ALAIC

The Latin American Association of Communication Research (Asociación Latinoamericana de Investigadores de la Comunicación) has recently created a new Working Group on Communication for Social Change, coordinated by Alfonso Gumucio-Dagron. ALAIC is the regional body for Latin America, as IAMCR is the international association. The purpose of the working group is to facilitate the discussion on principles and experiences related to communication for social change in Latin America. This is the first time a Working Group on CFSC is created in any of the major international or regional associations of communication research. The new WG will meet for the first time in Sao Leopoldo, Brazil, during the 8th Congress of ALAIC, 19-21 July 2006. For more information on the Congress and the Working Groups: <http://www.alaic.net/Paginas/ProxCongreso.html>

Globala Tider, third issue

The third issue of Globala Tider (Global Times) is now online, with contributions from some of our colleagues that attended de University Network seminar in Los Baños last September 2005. Among them: James Deane, Maria Celeste Cadiz and Helen Hambly, Globala Tider is a Communication for Development web magazine, produced by our colleagues Oscar Hemer and Florencia Enghel at the ComDev Programme of Malmö University School of Arts and Communication, in Sweden. It is also an archive of theses by graduates from the Master in Communication for Development. Since 2002 the Master degree has been delivered entirely in English, which has open the possibility for students from Latin America (e.g. Florencia), Asia and Africa to participate.

I encourage you to look at the Globala Tider site: <http://www.globalatider.nu/> but also at the Communication for Development webpage:

<http://webzone.k3.mah.se/projects/comdev/cmt04/default.asp>

New Media Observatory in Bolivia

Our colleague Erick Torrico, who attended the seminar in Los Baños last year, when he was the head of the Communication for Development Master degree at the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, is now the Director of the recently created Observatorio Nacional de Medios (ONADEM), in Bolivia. The idea is to be a watchdog of Bolivian mass media, to encourage responsible and accurate reporting, and to generate inputs for a critical reflection on the role of journalism in the context of democracy. The observatory will also provide a space for dialogue and debate, and training for journalists. The media observatory is built on a similar concept to the one created in Peru by another of our colleagues, Rosa María Alfaro. The new organisation is supported by an agreement between the UNIR Foundation and the association of communication

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