Call for participation

Workshop “Building research capacity in Social and Environmental Accounting Research”

An international collaboration initiative between CICSMA (Spain) and CSEAR (UK)
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Purpose and Introduction

This workshop, organized in conjunction with the CSEAR Spain conference, will take place the 16th of September 2015, immediately before the 10th CSEAR Spain Conference (X Reunión de Investigación en Contabilidad Social y Medioambiental) that will be held the 17th and 18th of September 2015 in Pablo de Olavide University headquarters in the city of Carmona, organized by CICSMA and Pablo de Olavide University.

This workshop intends to reflect on how to foster research capabilities, social infrastructure and research funding opportunities that guarantee individual career development, engagement (with education, public policy, and organizations) and a healthy development of our research community. The workshop intends to be an opened forum for discussion without the time restrictions we use to have in traditional conferences and workshops.

The motivation to run this initiative comes from the necessity to facilitate resources to researchers to enable both researchers’ learning, engagement and a healthy and sustainable development of our research community and social infrastructure. Think of what we have and we have got until now in the field and take advantage of it to strengthen and foster our research capacity to develop SEAR. In our still marginal research field, this makes special sense in the current European context driven for the scarcity of research and mobility funds and grants and strong pressure for publication in indexed journals.

The workshop will start with an introduction by our keynote speaker, Lee Parker, with wide international experience in the field to open up an informal (but oriented and purposive) discussion around a list of tentative issues:
• Issues and concerns
• What really matters?
• Networking
• Collaborative efforts
• Opportunities and shared resources to help young scholars without grants to get into the field and develop their careers
• Writing social and environmental accounting research for publication and impact?
• Writing social and environmental accounting research for knowledge and influence on society?
• A more strategic orientation of research to real problems, and themes and priorities in EU funding schemes?
• Making internationalization an issue – effective collaboration with other scholars at international level
• Results in terms of what?
  o Knowledge transfer to industry, business and society
  o Influence on the profession
  o Education
  o Publications
  o Joint research projects

We think of this workshop as an opportunity to learn from more informal interaction and from diversity, and as an opportunity to think of how to envisage future relevant research projects. We understand this exercise as a vital one to foster long-life learning of researchers and to develop current research structures around CICSMA in Spain and CSEAR overseas.

Those interested in participating in this workshop must send an e-mail to CSEAR_Spain2015@upo.es by 15th May 2015 (coinciding with submission deadline for the 10th CSEAR Spain Conference).

Further details for registration in this workshop will be provided on the conference website: www.upo.es/congresos/csear-spain2015/