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Timely completion of Barendra Project directed

Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury yesterday directed officials to complete the Barendra Project properly and timely for development of agro-system and farmers of the area, reports UNB.

She was presiding over a meeting at the ministry to review the progress of the second phase of the revised Barendra Project. Various problems of the region and the ways of solution were also discussed. The meeting also discussed the fertilizer distribution system of the predominantly agrarian area.

The 2nd phase of this big project, which included 25 thanas of Rajshahi, Naogaon and Nawabganj districts, is being implemented at a cost of Tk 402.30 crore.

The Agriculture Minister also directed the officials concerned to complete soil test of 25 thanas in the area with a view to ensuring measured use of fertilizer.

It was informed that some 25 lakh saplings were planted this year in the vast area under the Barind Project, that covers mainly red-earth tracts. The minister asked the officials to plant one fruit sapling after every 10 plants.

The meeting also laid emphasis on involving women workers in building and preservation of the infrastructure of the project area, afforestation and irrigation network. Some 3.85 lakh acres of land of the area have been brought under irrigation facilities by installing 3050 deep tubewells since December last year, the meeting was told.

Agriculture Secretary Dr AMM Shawkat Ali and officials concerned attended the meeting.

PIB training workshop begins

A six-day training workshop on 'Language in English Newspapers' began at the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

PIB Director General Dr Sheikh Abdus Salam inaugurated the workshop. A total of 21 journalists from English newspapers and news agencies of Dhaka and Chittagong are participating in the workshop, organised by PIB.

Renowned journalists, university teachers and resource persons will conduct different sessions of the workshop.



Dr Sheikh Abdus Salam, Director General of the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) addressing the inaugural function of a six-day workshop on 'Language in English Newspapers' at PIB in the city yesterday.

What's on today...

Photo exhibition: An exhibition of photographs by Anwar Hossain titled 'Narcissism vs. Introspection' will open. Venue: Alliance Francaise, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm. The exhibition will remain open from 3 pm to 8 pm till Feb 2, except Saturday.

Film show: A 4-day long retrospective of Indian film maker Shyam Benegal, organised by the Zahir Raihan Film Society will begin. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium. Time 2:30 pm. Today's film: 'Ankur'.

Founding anniversary: The 5th founding anniversary and 4th national conference of 'Ekathurer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee' will be held. Venue: Engineers' Institute. Time: 9 am.

X-mas reunion: The Christian Co-operative Credit Union Limited, Dhaka has arranged a Christmas reunion. Chief guest: State Minister for Religions Affairs Maulana Mohammad Nurul Islam. Venue: Tejgaon Church Community Centre, 9, Tejgunjpara, Tejgaon. Time: 6:30 pm.

BIISS Workshop: A two-day workshop on 'Integrated coastal zone management in the Bay of Bangla: National capacity building for Bangladesh,' jointly organised by Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies, Dhaka and Oceans Institute of Canada, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, will be inaugurated. Chief guest: Minister for Water Resources Abdur Razzak. Venue: BISS auditorium, 1/46 Elephant Road. Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhanmondi: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 5 pm.

Discussion and Iftar party: Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir has arranged a discussion meeting on significance of holy Ramadan and an Iftar party. Venue: Dewan Manzil, 60, Purana Paltan. Time: 4 pm.



Life-sketch of Abdul Matin Khasru

Abdul Matin Khasru, Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs was born on February 12, 1950 in Mirpur under Bhramanpara thana of Comilla district, says a PID handout.

Graduated from Comilla Victoria College in 1970, he obtained his LLB degree in 1976.

Khasru joined erstwhile East Pakistan 'Chhatra League' in 1966 and played leading role in the mass movement of 1968 and later in Liberation War in 1971. He was the thana commander of the undivided Burichang thana. He was the founder president of the Burichang thana Chhatra League in 1971-72. He was elected vice president of the Students Union of Comilla Law College.

He was elected MP in the 5th Parliament from Comilla-5 constituency in 1991 as the only elected MP from Comilla district with Awami League ticket. He was general secretary of the Comilla district Awami League from 1992 to 1995. He was member of the central committee of the Awami Jubo League for three consecutive terms.

He was appointed State Minister in charge of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs on June 23, 1996. He contributed largely in placing and passing of the Indemnity Ordinance (Repeal) Bill in the Jatiya Sangsad on Nov 12, 1996.

Khasru was appointed a cabinet minister in charge of same ministry on Jan 14. Matin Khasru visited Chile, Argentina, France, UK, USA, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Uruguay, Korea, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, India and some other countries of the world.

CID team congratulated

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam, Bir Uttam, yesterday congratulated the CID team which recently arrested gunrunners from Chhota Katra in Lalbagh after trading gunshots with them, reports BSS.

Shaheed Asad Day tomorrow

Shaheed Asad Day will be observed tomorrow, to pay homage to the martyr of the 1969 mass upsurge, reports UNB.

Asaduzzaman, a student of Dhaka University, was killed in police firing in Dhaka on January 20, 1969 during a mass movement against the then Pakistani regime.

The killing of Asad, an activist of Students Action Committee that was leading a movement against the Ayub regime, sparked off a country-wide mass upsurge.

Opposition BNP has taken up a day-long programme to observe the Shaheed Asad Day.

On the day, BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and other leaders will offer fa'eha and place wreath at the grave of Asad at Shibpur in Narsingdi district at 10 am.

A discussion meeting on Shaheed Asad will be held at the BNP central office at 11 am.

Egyptian envoy meets Sadique

Ambassador of Egypt in Dhaka Ossama Mohammed Tawfik yesterday called on Education, Primary and Mass Education and Science and Technology Minister A S H K Sadique at his office, reports BSS.

Election of BCS (Information) Assoc held

The Harun-Akhter panel has won most of the seats of BCS Information Samity election held on Friday, says a press release.

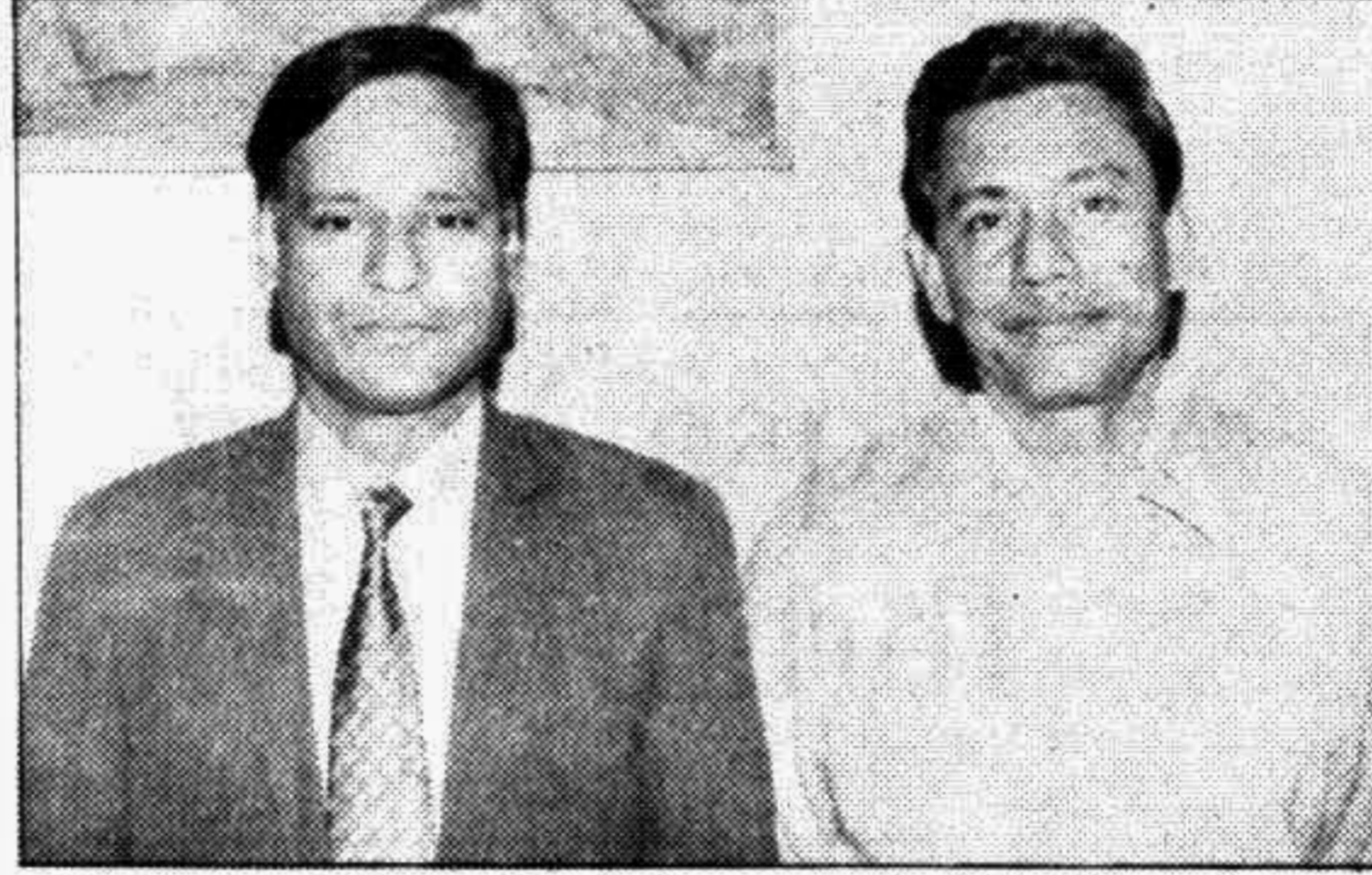
Harun-Ur-Rashid, Senior Deputy Principal Information Officer (SPIO) of the PID and Akhter Uddin Ahmed, secretary of the Film Censor Board, has been elected President and Secretary General of the Samity (Association).

The other elected members are, Rabindra Chandra Gope, Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, Bijan Lal Dev, Md Mostafa, Sachindra Nath Halder, Md Billal Hossain, Nipendra Chandra Devnath, AM Motahtar Hossain, AHM Abdullah, Abu Taher, Nurun Nahar Najma, Md Najmul Huda Khan, Mridula Bhattacharya, Abdul Awal Hawlader, and Md Maniruzzaman, the press release added.

117 arrested on various charges

Police rounded up a total of 117 people on various charges from different parts of the city during last 24 hours, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, 14 were held on warrants and 47 others on charges of murder, dacoity, snatching, extortion and terrorism.



Newly elected president Harun-ur-Rashid (R) and secretary general Kazi Akhteruddin Ahmed of the BCS (Information) Association.

Darul Ihsan University convocation Mar 17

The first convocation of Darul Ihsan University will be held on March 17. President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, chancellor of the university is expected to attend the ceremony as the chief guest, says a press release.

All students who have obtained their degrees from Institute of Higher Islamic Learning (IHIL) and Institute of Education (IE) of Darul Ihsan University are requested to enlist their names with the concerned institutes on payment of Tk 500 (take five hundred) only as registration fees by Feb 27.

Orientation course for women AL MPs held

An orientation course for women lawmakers belonging to the ruling Awami League was held yesterday at Sangsad Bhaban.

The Prime Minister's Parliamentary Affairs Advisor Suranjit Sengupta conducted the course, attended by some twenty women MPs of AL.

Talking to The Daily Star, Sengupta said that some guidelines were offered to the women MPs to help them play a more effective role in the Jatiya Sangsad. They were also advised to keep in touch with the affairs of their respective constituencies.

BCIC International Tender Notice. Managing Director, Urea Fertiliser Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi, Bangladesh invites sealed quotation on two envelope system for supply of 2.5 MT Di-Ethanol Amine (DEA) under Tender No UFLL/FP-102. 15/96-97/887 on C&F(C) Chittagong Sea Port/Dhaka Air Port basis. Tender will be received up to 11.00 AM on 02.03.1997. Tender documents will be available at Tk 50/- from (1) Accounts Division, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, (2) BCIC, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & (3) UFLL. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening. BCIC 36-11/97 DFP-912-13/1 G-222

Tender Notice. Name of work: Supply of triglyph for Head Making Machine. Eligibility of contractors: Contractor firms of Power Development Board enlisted for 1995-96. Estimated cost: Tk 10,50,000 (ten lakh fifty thousand) only. Price of tender: Tk 1000/= (one thousand) only (non-refundable) as Bank Draft in favour of the Deputy-Director (Accounts), Regional Accounts Office (P&Co), Power Development Board, Dhaka. Place & date of obtaining tender: From the Chief Engineer, Civil Works, Power Development Board, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka/Director, Civil Works, Power Development Board, 80, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka/Agrani Bank, Arichaghat Branch, Manikganj up to 29/01/97 (16th Magh/1403 BS). Date of receiving and opening tender: Up to 12:00 Noon of 30/01/97 (17th Magh/1403 BS) and on the same day at 12:30 PM. All other terms and conditions concerning the tender should be complied with properly. Executive Engineer PC Pole Workshop PDB, Aricha Manikganj Biddut/Jana-780(5)/96-97 DFP-234-5/1 G-219

জাতীয় শিক্ষাক্রম ও পাঠ্যপুস্তক বোর্ড. পাঠ্যপুস্তক তখন ৯৯-১০, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা-১০০০. বিজ্ঞপ্তি তারিখ: ১৬/০১/১৯৯৭ই. মাধ্যমিক স্তরের (নবম ও দশম শ্রেণী) আবশ্যিক ইংরেজি বিষয়ের পাঠ্যপুস্তক গ্রন্থের উদ্দেশ্যে লেখক/লেখিকাদের আধিকারিক জন্য আবেদন প্রার্থনা। পূর্ণপ্রযুক্তি বাল্যশিক্ষার হাজার সেকেন্ডারী একুশের প্রকল্পের আওতায় এশিয়ান ডেভেলপমেন্ট ব্যাংকের অর্থায়নে নিম্ন মাধ্যমিক থেকে উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক স্তর পর্যন্ত শিক্ষাক্রম ও পাঠ্যসূচি নবায়ন ও পরিমার্জন করা হয়েছে। এ নতুন শিক্ষাক্রম অনুযায়ী ১৯৯৯ সন থেকে নবম শ্রেণিতে ইংরেজি বিষয়ের নতুন পাঠ্যপুস্তক প্রকল্পের নিমিত্তে নবম ও দশম শ্রেণীর জন্য একটি মাত্র পাঠ্যপুস্তক গ্রন্থের উদ্দেশ্যে দেশের ব্যাচনামা লেখক/লেখিকাদের নিকট থেকে প্রাক নির্বাচনী আধিকারিক জন্য সরাসর আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। নির্বাচিত লেখক/লেখিকাদের পরিমার্জিত শিক্ষাক্রম ও পাঠ্যসূচি সরবরাহ করা হবে যার ভিত্তিতে তাঁরা নতুন পাঠ্যপুস্তক প্রণয়ন করে পাঠ্যসূচির ৪ কপি ৩১ অক্টোবর ১৯৯৭ই তারিখে যথোপযুক্ত ভাবে পাঠ্যপুস্তক প্রকল্পের কার্যালয়ে জমা দেবেন। অগ্রহী লেখকগণ এককভাবে বা যৌথভাবে পাঠ্যপুস্তক রচনা অর্পণ করতে পারবেন। স্বাক্ষরিত প্রকল্পের ক্ষেত্রে বোর্ডের প্রস্তুত হার বলবৎ থাকবে। পূর্বে নির্বাচিত লেখক/লেখিকাদের পুনরায় আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই তবে তাঁরা বর্তমানে কাঙ্ক্ষিত কাজ করতে অগ্রহী হলে শিকিভ্যে জানাতে হবে। লেখক/লেখিকাদের আধিকারিক প্রাক-যোগ্যতা: ১। উপরির্ণিত স্তরের ইংরেজি বিষয়ের পাঠ্যপুস্তক লেখকদের পাঠ্যবই/সুমনসীল রচনা/প্রকল্প/পেথনামূলক প্রকল্প প্রণয়ন ইত্যাদির অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। ২। যাদের লেখা বই ইতোপূর্বে বোর্ড কর্তৃক উচ্চ প্রতিযোগিতায় নির্বাচিত ও অনুমোদিত হয়েছে এবং যাদের এ শ্রেণীর পাঠ্যবই রয়েছে তাঁরা এ ক্ষেত্রে অগ্রাধিকার লাভ করবেন। ৩। পাঠ্যপুস্তক লেখকদের শিক্ষাক্রম উন্নয়ন, পাঠ্যসূচি প্রণয়ন সম্পর্কে অভিজ্ঞতা অতিরিক্ত যোগ্যতা বশে বিবেচিত হবে। ৪। শিক্ষক প্রশিক্ষণ ও শিশু পেশাদার আধুনিক কলাকৌশল সম্পর্কে লেখকদের অভিজ্ঞতা বিশেষ বিবেচনা লাভ করবে। ৫। পাঠ্যপুস্তক লেখকদের সর্টিফিকট বিষয়ে উচ্চতর ডিগ্রি অতিরিক্ত যোগ্যতা হিসেবে ধরা হবে। ৬। জাতীয় বা আন্তর্জাতিক পর্যায়ে স্বীকৃত কোন পাঠ্যপুস্তক/পেথনামূলক কার্যক্রমের অগ্রাধিকার লাভ করবেন। ৭। বিষয়ের উপর সর্বশেষ তত্ত্ব ও তথ্য সম্পর্কে তথাকথিত হতে হবে। ৮। দেশের শিক্ষা ব্যবস্থা, আর্থ-সামাজিক অবস্থা, শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রাপ্ত সুযোগ-সুবিধা, শিক্ষকের যোগ্যতা ও শিক্ষাদানের মান এবং শিক্ষার্থীদের ধারণ ক্ষমতা ইত্যাদি সম্পর্কে সত্যক অবহিত থাকতে হবে। ৯। পরিমার্জিত শিক্ষাক্রমে চিহ্নিত উদ্দেশ্য, বিষয়বস্তু, শিশুকল পাঠ্যপুস্তকে কিভাবে পুরোপুরি প্রতিফলিত হয় সে সম্বন্ধে সত্যক ধারণা থাকতে হবে। আধিকারিক হতে অগ্রহী লেখকদের উপরে বর্ণিত যোগ্যতা সম্পর্কিত তথ্যাবলি উপস্থাপন নিয়ন্ত্রককারী নিকট আশাযী ০৫.০২.১৯৭৭ তারিখে যথোপযুক্ত ভাবে আবেদন করার জন্য আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

CU classes. CHITTAGONG, Jan 18: The classes of third year BA Honours for the session 1995-96 and BMA course will begin from Feb 23, a university press release said, reports BSS.

Birthday of MAHMUDA. Many happy returns of the day. L K, Muna, Affan, Aksin, Pinku S-63

LAND WANTED. Land plots wanted in Dhaka City, Uttara, Mirpur or other residential areas including DOHS for construction of Apartments. Land owners interested in exchange of land for cash or apartments. Please contact: Mr S Alam: Tel: 871923, 607362; Fax: 870788.

ADMISSION. O & A LEVEL EXAMS 1997-1998. DURATION: A' Level - 16 Months, O' Level - 10 Months. SUBJECTS: 1. Accounting, 2. Economics, 3. Maths, 4. Commerce, 5. English, 6. Bengali, 7. Physics, 8. Chemistry, 9. Business Studies. CENTRE FOR BUSINESS STUDIES. House # 641-(OLD), 75-(NEW), Road # 21-(OLD), 11/A-(NEW), DHANMONDI R/A, DHAKA-1209, PHONE: 810633

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H Chandpur Road Division Chandpur. R&H Tender Invitation Notice. 1. Tender No: 51/EE/CRD/1996-97. 2. Name of work: Invitation of tender for earth work and protective work in 2 (two) groups at different kilometres of different roads under Chandpur Road Division during 1996-97 financial year. (Head of expenditure: 266-Development). 3. Estimated cost: As per group list. 4. Earnest money: As per group list, should be submitted through BD/TC/Pratirakha Sanachaypatra/5-year Sanachaypatra or Bonus Sanachaypatra in favour of the undersigned. 5. Name of offices where tender documents will be available: Office of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Comilla/B'baria/Planning & Designing Division, Comilla/Planning Division (Road & Bridge), Dhaka and offices of all Sub-Divisional Engineers under this Division. 6. Name of offices where tender documents will be received: Offices of the Additional Chief Engineer, R&H, Comilla Zone, Comilla/Superintending Engineer, R&H, Road Circle, Comilla/Superintending Engineer, R&H, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka and office of the undersigned. 7. Time allowed: 45 (forty five) days from the date of issue of work order. 8. Last date of selling tender: 29.1.97 (16/10/1403BS) up to office hours. 9. Date & time of receiving tender: 30/1/97 (17/10/1403BS) up to 12:30 PM. 10. Date & time of opening tender: 2/2/97 (20/10/1403BS) at 11:00 AM. 11. Eligibility of contractors: R&H Directorate enlisted 'A' to 'D' general class contractors. Group List: Group No, Name of work, Estimated cost, Earnest money. 1 (one) Earth work and protective work on road dam at 2nd (P) kilometre of Belcho-Samareshpur-Ramchandrapur River Ghat under Chandpur Road Division during 1996-97 financial year. Tk 9,59,415/- Tk 19,199/- 2 (two) do- work at the 1st kilometre of do- do- Tk 8,93,886/- Tk 97,878/- DFP-111-4/1 Executive Engineer, R&H Road Division, Chandpur. G-220

SEPHIS. The South-South exchange programme for research on the history of development. Sepsis Grants Programme - Grants for PhD research. Under the sub-themes of 'The Forging of Nationhood & The Contest over Citizenship, Ethnicity and History' and 'Equity, Exclusion and Liberalisation' Sepsis will give special attention to the search for new identities and visions on development which arise in the South. In 1997, ten grants are available for PhD research. PhD grants will be provided for a period from one to three years. The proposal must include a period of research and should make clear that the applicant can realistically complete his or her draft theses in the given time. Salaries are normally not included in the Sepsis PhD grants. In addition, applications for Post-Doctoral grants should include: - an indication of the form of publication (book, article etc.); - a copy of the PhD certificate. In addition, applications for PhD grants should include: - a letter of recommendation by the thesis supervisor. Research proposals will be selected by the Sepsis Steering Committee, which consists of historians from different regions in the world. The applications will be evaluated according to academic quality, relevance to Sepsis themes, comparative potential and contribution to South-South co-operation. The application must be received before April 30, 1997. Applications should be written in English. Incomplete applications, applications by fax or e-mail and/or too lengthy applications cannot be taken into consideration. Eligibility: PhD students enrolled at a university in the South who are supported by their institution. Applications for these grants should include: - a research proposal (maximum of 4 pages prefaced by an abstract of 100 words) presenting the research problem and research methodology (including resources to be examined), reviewing the relevant literature and indicating the relevance of the research to one or both of the Sepsis themes: - an academic curriculum vitae; - a letter testifying to institutional affiliation; - a referee's report (report sheets can be obtained from the Sepsis). Eligibility: Scholars who have received their PhD degrees, preferably within the last five years, and who are employed by, or affiliated to, a university, a research institution, or development agency in the South. The application - and all requests about the grants programme - should be sent to: Sepsis Grants Programme Faculty of History & Arts Erasmus University P O Box 1738 3000 DR Rotterdam The Netherlands. E-Mail: Bosma @ sephis.fh4.eur.nl Telephone + 31 10 408 2404 Telefax + 31 10 452 4503 Adlink International London