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Call for Case Contributions to Practitioners' Labs

3rd Regional European IASC-Conference (Bern, 10-13 May 2016)

In the past, practitioners' meetings have been organized at several IASC-conferences, offering an excellent opportunity to exchange knowledge and expertise between practitioners and academic scholars interested in commons. In order to promote these meetings and to encourage practitioners to exchange their experience, ideas and questions with the academic scholars working on commons, the IASC now issues a call directed specifically at practitioners working on commons. We hope scholars and practitioners will use this opportunity to mutually benefit from each other's expertise and experience throughout all future IASC-meetings.

The IASC calls on practitioners **to present their initiative at the conference** as well as **to formulate topics and questions** they would like to see addressed at one of the practitioners' labs. The labs offer the opportunity to engage in discussions between other practitioners and scholars on specific topics. In order to prepare and facilitate this process, practitioners are asked to provide the organizers with a description of their initiative/organization and/or a number of questions they would like to see addressed in the discussions. On the basis of the issues raised, the conference organizers will compose specific labs and provide the space for practitioners and scholars to convene. The information provided by the practitioners will not be subject to a peer-review process, but will be used by the local organizers to compose sessions on specific topics. The practitioners' labs will be announced in the official program for all conference delegates to attend. Practitioners can of course also attend the conference without providing this information (please go to the registration page for further information: <http://tinyurl.com/IASCBernRegistration>).

After the conference, the descriptions of the initiatives/organizations will also be shown on the IASC-website, so that these will remain visible to other interested parties.

If you want to present your case and/or submit questions, please go to http://conferences.iasc-commons.org/index.php/iasc/IASC_Europe_Bern2016/login to create an account and submit. Have you already registered for the Bern Conference? Then [log in to your account](#) and submit your case or submit your questions by choosing the option *Contribution Practitioners Lab*.

Make sure your case description contains the following elements. Please use the [pre-defined Word-template](#) for your case: <http://tinyurl.com/CallPractitionersLabs>.

- name of your organization/common
- contact details (name contact person, position, address, social media)
- type of institution (cooperative, common, water board, irrigation community, fishery, etc.)
- location (please provide sufficient details so we can display your case study on a map)
- surface area
- legal form of your institution
- main activities
- sector your organization deploys its activities in (energy, food, health care, etc.)
- start year of your organization
- is your organization still active, dormant, or terminated?
- is your organization officially recognized by the local government? If so, how?
- a concise history of the institution, identifying highs and lows of its history
- goals of your organization
- number of members at the moment
- is membership open to all or limited? If limited, what are the admission criteria?
- what kind of obligations do members have towards the organization?
- what kind of benefits do members derive from the organization?
- additional sources:
 - literature
 - important web links
 - other sources
- Questions your institution would like to have answered via Practitioners Labs; examples are e.g.:
 - How to address collaboration with local governments?
 - How to make sure that reciprocal relationships between commoners develop?

With your consent, your case description will be published online at IASC-related websites, in order to draw more attention to your organization and to offer all other commons-experts information that may be useful.

Please send in your proposal before 1 April 2016. You will be contacted by the Conference Organizing Team on with further details.

In case you have additional questions, please contact the Executive Director of the IASC at iasc@iasc-commons.org.