

RECREATION KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

May 25-27, 2004

Henry Center for Executive Development, Lansing, MI

The Workshop

The topic of the workshop is knowledge management (KM). Since 2001, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been developing its “Natural Resources Management (NRM) Gateway.” <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/>. The purpose of the NRM Gateway is to serve as an interactive body of knowledge that field and mid-level natural resource managers can readily access and use to make decisions. Educators and researchers represent other communities of interest who may find the NRM Gateway to be valuable for teaching, research and outreach purposes. The purpose of this workshop is to generate and organize recommendations from the academic community regarding the development of KM features for the NRM Gateway, particularly a taxonomy for knowledge-based assets in the domain of outdoor recreation management.

The activities that will accomplish the goal of this workshop will be:

- ❖ Conduct presentations and discussions that will allow participants to understand the scope and intent of the Gateway and “Lake Discovery”
- ❖ Listen to presentations on innovative knowledge management projects that will apply to future Gateway development.
- ❖ Develop an outdoor recreation management information taxonomy that will guide future Gateway development.
- ❖ Develop recommendations on how to adapt the Gateway to enhance its use as a teaching and learning tool.
- ❖ Share information on research and related projects that will enhance the utility of Gateway.
- ❖ View a webcast approximately two weeks before the workshop. The webcast will be presented by the sponsors who will share with participants an overview of the NRM Gateway, goals of the workshop, how to prepare for the workshop, and what information participants should bring.

This workshop is sponsored by the U.S. Army of Corps of Engineers, and by MSU Department of CARRS (Community Agriculture Recreation and Resource Studies; formerly the three departments of Resource Development, ANR Education & Communication Systems and Park, Recreation and Tourism Resources)

The Presentors

Dr. Frank Biocca, Director of M.I.N.D. Labs and a Professor in the Department of Telecommunications at Michigan State University. M.I.N.D. Labs is an international consortium of research and training centers focusing on virtual environments. The M.I.N.D. Lab at MSU is the central lab from which all activities are coordinated. The lab specializes in virtual environments, human computer interaction and telecommunication. See www.mindlab.org for further information. Other presentors will be announced at a later date.

Information Sharing by Participants

All registrants will have the opportunity to make a 15 minute presentation to the full group regarding current projects, research, issues or concerns relevant to the theme of the workshop. If you would like to make such a presentation, please provide a 200 word (maximum) abstract by April 1 to Dennis Propst (propst@msu.edu). Please use a 12 point font, single-space the abstract and sent it as a Word document.

Registration Information

The cost of registration, breakfast and lunch Tuesday – Thursday will be covered. Dinner, golfing, transportation and your overnight accommodations at Candlewood Suites will be on your own. To obtain travel directions and a list of amenities at Candlewood Suites, go to: www.candlewoodsuites.com. The cost of your overnight stay at Candlewood is \$82.00 (+ 11% tax) per night. A free temporary pass to the University Club Dining Room and Fitness Center is included with your stay.

Each participant will be receiving a laptop to use during this workshop, free of charge. You may bring and use your own laptop, if you prefer. However, it will be easier to use the Henry Center's internal network to share files if participants use the laptops that are provided.

After registration is received, additional information regarding ground transportation from the airport to the hotel, housing information and an itinerary will be emailed to each registrant.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dennis Propst @ (517) 353-5190 x 119 or Jennifer Decker @ 517-353-9221 x 225.