



New LOICZ Regional Node South Asia Node opened in Chennai, India



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In parallel with an International Workshop on Deltas: “Coastal Vulnerability and Management” organised by the Institute for Ocean Management, Anna University Chennai, Chennai, India, the new LOICZ Regional Node South Asia was officially opened.

The purpose of the workshop was to understand the current environmental status of Asian deltas from various viewpoints, e.g., changes in runoff, nutrient and sediment loads, coastal ecosystem health, and human activities, and to synthesize these data for future assessments and management. Biogeochemical assessment of turbid water systems was a second focus.

The aim of LOICZ Regional Nodes in general is to coordinate and promote global change research at the regional and local level as well as to facilitate links and exchanges between international, national and local science and policy.

LOICZ is currently supported by three Regional Nodes: East Asia, Southeast Asia and South Asia. A fourth Regional Node will open in 2010 in Portugal: LOICZ Regional Node Europe-MENA (Middle East and North Africa) and PALOP (Países Africanos de Língua Oficial Portuguesa) countries.

Following a typical Tamil Nadu tradition to give a warm welcome and to express each other's honour the Vice Chancellor of Anna University, Prof. P. Mannar Jawahar and LOICZ CEO Dr. Hartwig H. Kremer exchanged colourful silk scarves and handed over flowers to each other.

LOICZ is now also a part of Anna University, Chennai.



(Photo. Staff of the Institute for Ocean Management at Anna University, Chennai)

From left: Prof. P. Mannar Jawahar (Vice-Chancellor Anna University), Dr. Hartwig H. Kremer (LOICZ IPO), Prof. Ramachandran Ramesh (Director of the Institute for Ocean Management at Anna University, Chennai, host of the LOICZ Regional Node and LOICZ Scientific Steering Committee member)



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From left: Prof. P. Mannar Jawahar (Vice-Chancellor Anna University), Dr. Hartwig H. Kremer (LOICZ IPO)



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From left: Prof. P. Mannar Jawahar (Vice-Chancellor Anna University) and Dr. Hartwig H. Kremer (LOICZ IPO) exchanging the signed MoU. Prof. Ramachandran Ramesh (Director of the Institute for Ocean

Management at Anna University, Chennai, host of the LOICZ Regional Node and LOICZ Scientific Steering Committee member)



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From left: Yoshiki Saito (ex. LOICZ SSC Member, Institute of Geology and Geoinformation (IGG), Geological Survey of Japan (GSJ), AIST.), Dr R. Sellamuthu (Additional Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner, Government of Tamil Nadu), Prof. P. Mannar Jawahar (Vice-Chancellor Anna University), Dr Hartwig H Kremer (LOICZ IPO), Prof. Ramachandran Ramesh (Director of the Institute for Ocean Management at Anna University, Chennai, host of the LOICZ Regional Node and LOICZ Scientific Steering Committee member) presenting the signed Memorandum of understanding (MoU) for scientific collaboration in this new LOICZ Regional Node.

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