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As Rector of the National University of Management (NUM), Cambodia, I am very proud to write this editorial.

NUM will soon hold a Summer School of both Erasmus+ Capacity-building projects coordinated by University of Nantes, named DOCKSIDE and WANASEA, with the participation of more than 100 Asian young researchers and Europeans visiting scholars. We are excited to organize this event and it will probably be happening while you will be reading this newsletter.

I am therefore very happy to emphasize what I consider to be the highlights of DOCKSIDE Projects for my university and for all Cambodian Higher Education Institutions:

First, the DOCKSIDE Project has been creating university networkings between EU, ASEAN and Cambodia. It has also improved the curriculum development for master and phd program for my university and, I believe, all Cambodian partner universities. Furthermore, the DOCKSIDE Project provides academic mobility (faculty exchange and students exchange through summer school program) which is essential for the strengthening of our administrative and teaching staff. Finally, it enables to enhance Human Resources development in higher education in Cambodia, which is much needed in our beautiful Kingdom.

## DEVELOPING SYNERGIES



DOCKSIDE tries to engage and build synergies with EU funded projects. Recently, DOCKSIDE project participated at the EU SHARE Policy Dialogue on 29- 30 April, in Bangkok, Thailand. Ria Deniska, project manager of University of Nantes, shared the learning experiences from DOCKSIDE project partners and highlighted the development of quality HEI within the ASEAN members. The EU-SHARE was designed to support the harmonization of higher education in the ASEAN region by building on relevant experiences and expertise from the European Bologna Process, the ERASMUS mobility scheme and the creation of the European Higher Education Area. See more : <https://www.share-asean.eu/>

RULE Academic Coordinator, Paul Angles was a speaker at the Research and Innovation Project Quality Assurance Workshop of Erasmus+ GReSH-CAM-project. The workshop was held the 27th to 31st May at RUFA, Phnom Penh. Paul Angles coordinated the work of Quality Assurance of DOCKSIDE project along with Dr. Angkearot Sam Or of the MoEYS. Both of the Quality Report has been published on DOCKSIDE website. All DOCKSIDE documents are available free : <http://www.dockside-kh.eu/documents/>



To further join force of DOCKSIDE and WANASEA, the two Erasmus+ projects coordinated by the University of Nantes, France, NUM will host around 150 participants to the ASEAN Water Platform (AWP) the 5th to 13th July 2019. Our young researchers from both projects and between Asean and EU will work intensely during nine days. The summer school's presentation and materials will be available online on our website. See more : <https://wanasea.eu/asean-water-plaform-2019-phnom-penh-july-5th-13th/>

The first goal of the Annual ASEAN Water Platform (AWP) is to build capacity in research on water natural resource management (WNRM) within the partner countries' institutions, by means of gathering researchers from different backgrounds for multidisciplinary methodological approaches related to the analysis of WNRM sector.

The second objective is to disseminate knowledge on WNRM and enhance collaboration between the participants. The platform must be able to increase the research collaboration between participants and to set the basis future long-term partnership between the representatives of different institutions in EU and in ASEAN. Then, the institutions partners must be able to set up and run projects of bigger international scale.



This year, NUM is holding the Summer School of both Erasmus+ Capacity-building projects coordinated by University of Nantes, named DOCKSIDE and WANASEA, with the participation of more than 150 Asian young researchers and Europeans visiting scholars from July 5th until July 13th 2019. In addition, a number of places have been given to candidates outside WANASEA consortium, mainly co-funding Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar, thanks to co-fundings from AUF, IRD and University of Nantes.

A highlight of this summer school will take place on the second day of the programme. It will be devoted to the presentation of the restitution of 4 Research Programs which took place in the framework of DOCKSIDE Project. The first one is about the valuation of ecosystem services of mangrove forests in Cambodia, by Sophak Pok (Royal University of Agriculture) and Pierre-Alexandre Mahieu (UN) whereas the second one will focus on equitable, reasonable and sustainable use of water resources in Cambodia by, Tob Chann Aun (IFReDI/MAFF) and Laura Movilla (Vigo). Furthermore, Dr. Bunyeth Chan (UBB) Inland commercial fishing lot and mobile gear fishing in Tonle Sap Lake and Dr. Ratha Seng (UBB) Evaluating the success and sustainability of community fisheries in Tonle Sap Lake after fisheries reforms. You can see more details on the first project on our "Research Corner" Section.

After the 2 first days of plenary sessions, trainees will be divided into 5 workshops depending of their center of interest (and also trying to reach a balance between different universities, nationalities, gender).

**WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL BE A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL OUR TRAINEES AND ALSO TRAINERS !**

## DOCKSIDE PROJECT'S LIFE

Time flies. Since the issue of the second newsletter, 4 months have passed, and we also entered the new year of pig. Likewise, DOCKSIDE Project is also coming close to the end. Before that, let's all partner universities continue to do our best for the final stage to achieve the fruitful end. Here is a summary of what happened during the last 4 months.

## DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP AND EXPERIENCE SHARING AT RUA



A dissemination workshop and experience sharing on "Distance Learning" has been organized at Royal University of Agriculture on 6th March 2019 by Ms. Dok Chanpheakdey, RUA director of computer center, and Mr. Lay Vichet, assistant in charge of e-learning projects. Back in October 2018, Ms. Dok Chanpheakdey and Mr. Lay Vichet visited DOCKSIDE European partners, University of Nantes and University of Vigo. The purposes are to learn about the IT programs, tools and methods used in Europe to manage a university and to experience the e-learning management in order to better implement the distance learning after the installation of DOCKSIDE Equipment. After their visit, they hold an experience sharing session to other IT and relevant staffs of universities so that they acquire knowledge and skills to implement distance learning courses in their university.

## INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY



Many international mobilities have been done for the final year of the project. Mr. Pok Sophak, Dr. Seng Ratha, and Mr. Chan Bunyeth, from Royal University of Agriculture and Royal University of Law and Economics, have spent their time for research at University of Nantes, France. Moreover, Ms. Boravin Tann and Ms. Sophorn Tuy, lecturers and researchers at the Center for the Study of Humanitarian Law of Royal University of Law and Economics, had mobility at University of Vigo and joined the International Seminar organized by University of Vigo, Spain on 27th March 2019 as speakers. Besides, Dr. Kang Sovannara and Dr. Soun Hong from National University of Management have completed their mobility at University of Nantes and University of Vigo in order to discuss on Joint Degree of Master/Ph.D programme and a joint research in Environmental and Resource Management (ERM).

## THE RESEARCH CORNER



A collaborative research project was launched in 2019 in the framework of DOCKSIDE and co-led by Sophak Pok from Royal University of Agriculture, Cambodia and Pierre-Alexandre Mahieu from University of Nantes, France. Thanks to the international mobility program of DOCKSIDE project, Sophak went to the University of Nantes for a month in March 2019 where he worked and exchanged knowledge with Pierre-Alexandre. He also attended an economic seminar and interacts with several researchers and students. This experience benefits to Sophak in several ways after coming back to Cambodia, not only this experience had a positive effect on his research but also on his teaching.





HERE IS WHAT OUR  
TEAM MANAGED TO DO:  
IT IS IMPRESSIVE !!!

While mangrove forests provide many valuable ecosystem services that contribute to human well-being, they are significantly under pressure from human activities, particularly in developing countries. The aim of this research is to value mangrove conservation programs in Cambodia. In this research, a choice experiment survey was performed to the population living in or near the mangrove area in the southwest part of the country. The survey was administrated by 8 trained interviewers in May 2019. Respondents were provided with different program options, including the status quo option, and had to choose the situation they like the most. The programs varied according to four attributes: water quality, CO2 emission reduction, biodiversity and cost. The cost consisted of an addition of the amount of money to be contributed to the conservation programs in the electricity bill, to limit free riding. Preliminary results from a mixed logit model suggest that results are consistent with a priori expectation. Participants are more likely to choose the program if the level of water quality, CO2 emission reduction and biodiversity is high. Furthermore, preference heterogeneity is observed among respondents, i.e., the importance assigned to each of the attributes of the program is not identical across the respondents. The results could be useful for policy makers to estimate the cost-benefit of the mangrove conservation programs based on local people's preferences and economic factor.

## DOCKSIDE AGENDA 2019

- ▶ **JULY | Asean Water Platform 2019 : 5th - 13th July 2019, NUM Phnom Penh Cambodia**
- ▶ **SEPTEMBER |**  
Workshop from University of Vigo : **Economic and Law Workshop at RULE, Phnom Penh (tbc)**  
Final conference : **Best Practices and Dissemination Workshop of DOCKSIDE project , Phnom Penh (tbc)**
- ▶ **OCTOBER | End of DOCKSIDE contract : 14th October 2019**

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