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French researcher wins an award from OECD, 30 Oct 2009, Busan, Korea

The award was presented to Michel Renault, PEKEA researcher, **on October 30th** at the closing session of the **3rd OECD World Forum « Statistics, knowledge and policy - Charting progress, building visions, improving life »**. **PEKEA is an NGO with consultative status to UN- ECOSOC and is networking about 1000 academics in 60 countries from all social sciences to build a Political and Ethical Knowledge in Economic Activities.**

As the winner of this year's award, Michel Renault, demonstrated excellence in designing and experimenting a methodology involving citizens to contribute to the objective of the Forum. OECD has launched this forum four years ago to go beyond GDP « "Measuring and fostering the progress of societies" ».

Michel Renault received this award for the ISBET project « Well Being Local Societal Indicators" (*ISBET is an acronym for Indicateurs Sociétaux de Bien Etre Territorialisés*). A paper co-authored by **Michel Renault (PEKEA-University of Rennes 1) and Yves Franchet (PEKEA President) has been presented at the 3rd Forum.**

The ISBET program, coordinated by M.Renault, was launched in 2006, by a team composed with academicians (especially P.Meriot from the Rennes 1 university), civil society activists, local government members...The project develops a participatory methodology for building indicators with citizens adapted from the Social Cohesion Division of the Council of Europe methodology. In October 2008 an **international conference with the support of OECD and the Council of Europe "Building together local indicators for societal progress"** was held in Rennes, France, with academics, civil society and local government members from all around the world. This conference was recognized as a significant step for the OECD global project.

The ISBET program is a part of a global movement which can change the world dominant paradigm only based upon GDP increase to a new model based upon what really counts for citizens and taking more accurately into consideration social, economic and environmental sustainability. The ISBET project and the global movement of which it is a part also promote the democratic involvement of citizens into indicators building processes.

The ISBET program is composed with three steps:

-the first one is devoted to the calculation and elaboration of different versions of the HDI index adapted to local contexts at sub-regional levels. For example a new version of the HDI, called HDI 35, has been developed with the collaboration of the statistics office of the Ille et Vilaine department in France.

-the second step is aimed at building local indicators of societal well being with citizens. The building process adopts a participatory methodology originating from the Council of Europe and adapted to the local context. The process is considered by local authorities as a mean to improve public policies.

-the third step will be devoted to contribute to the development of a social science of indicators and indicators building processes. From an analytical and operational point of view it appears necessary to initiate a collective research upon these topics in order to develop more democratic methodologies.



Michel Renault (speaking) with Yves Franchet, at the Award Ceremony

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Awards for Contributions to the 3rd OECD World Forum

The awards panel was made up of a mixture of people from different regions of the world and from various organisations. They reviewed, discussed and choose the winners, as well as selecting the categories.

Awards Judges Panel:

Dr. Sulhee Kim: Director General, Statistics Korea (South Korea)

Prof. Nicholas Nicodemus Nana Nsowah-Nuamah: Professor, Ghana University. (Ghana)

Tania Guzman Pardo: Associated Researcher, UNDP (Columbia)

Dr. Juan Pedro Laclette: Coordinator General, Foro Consultivo Científico y Tecnológico (Mexico)

Dr. Jussi Simpura: Research Professor & Strategy Advisor, National Institute for Health and Welfare (Finland)

Deanna Zachary: Project Manager, Applied Survey Research (USA)

Sue West: Research Fellow, McCaughey Centre, University of Melbourne (Australia)

Award Winners:

✓ **Best Operational Initiative:** Jaeyeol Yee and Dukun Chang: Professors from the Department of Sociology, Seoul National University and Institute for Social Development and Policy Research (Session 2.2b)

✓ **Best New Indicators Initiative:** Milorad Kovacevic from the UNDP for the work on Bosnia and Herzegovina (session 1.1c)

✓ **Best New Indicator Initiative for Engaging Citizens:** Michel Renault and Yves Franchet for their initiative, *Political and Ethical Knowledge on Economic Activities* (PEKEA) Research Program (session 2.2f)

✓ **Best New National Initiative:** Mariano Rojas for the initiative *Midiendo el Progreso de las Sociedades: Perspectiva desde Mexico* (session 2.2b)

✓ **Best Use of New Technology in a Report:** Ulla Rosenstrom from the Prime minister's office for their new project, *Findicators* (session 2.4f)

✓ **Best Exhibitor:** Wolfram Alpha <http://www.wolframalpha.com/>

✓ **Best Exhibitor stand:** Statistics Korea (KOSTAT) <http://kostat.go.kr/eng>