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Tourist potentials in Hyderabad

In their diploma thesis finished at the end of 2005, Corinna Esch and Kirsten Scherrer from the University of Trier studied the tourist potential of both Bangalore and Hyderabad. Sustainable development provided the theoretical frame of reference. Their data consisted of a great number of documents and statistics, as well as expert interviews. They spent three weeks in each city discussing their findings with local partners. In Hyderabad they were kindly supported by ASCI.

Bernd Hamm



German team meeting in Karlsruhe

In January 2006 the German Team met in Karlsruhe to discuss the results of the one week visit in Hyderabad. Everybody agreed that the meetings were fruitful, the field trips have been interesting and the team was impressed about the engagement of the local partners even during the weekend. It was also obvious that the time spent in the city and the discussions were by far not enough – but it was a good start!

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Collaboration with BMZ Project

Parallel to SHKATI, a project entitled “Ensuring Health and Food Safety from Rapidly Expanding Wastewater Irrigation in South Asia” started. This will take place in Hyderabad, India and Lahore, Pakistan and is funded by BMZ (the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development). In February 2006 SHAKTI team members met with a representative from the University of Freiburg, Institute for Applied Geography of the Tropics and Subtropics (APT), to discuss possible exchange and collaboration. All participants agreed that further exchange will be fruitful for both projects and the SHAKTI water experts will contacts the involved institutions in the BMZ project when they are in Hyderabad next time.

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Impact Assessment, Guidelines and Monitoring

In February the German Team started to develop guidelines to assess the impact of the future pilot projects. A first draft is being prepared for discussion with the Indian partners. The impact on selected target groups has to be assessed as well as the impact on other sectors. An evaluation and monitoring process of selected sustainability indicators has to be established during the implementation phase (three times three years, after the 2-year project set-up phase). An extract of the guidelines will later be used by the city government.

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SHAKTI at Symposium in Cape Town

A preliminary event to the ICLEI World Congress 2006 was a Symposium on current research on Sustainable Human Settlements and their Governance, held end of February in Cape Town. Initiated by ICLEI and organised together with the University of Cape Town, researchers from around the world shared their findings on current research initiatives on "sustainable cities". A major question for discussion was "What support can research provide to the local decision makers?" All participants – researchers as well as city administration representatives agreed, that research will become an increasingly importance contribution to urban development and city governance, and the communication gaps between the stakeholders need to be bridged. The SHAKTI project was presented and was seen as a very innovative and challenging approach. The results of the symposium were presented to the local governments attending the Congress during the following week.

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