

MFMI has Approved 46 Scholarships for Participants to Attend Trainings

by network members through the MasterCard Foundation's Scholars' Program. Schools & trainers are encouraged to apply, but recall that the program's initial phase ends Dec. 31, 2008. See: www.themfmi.org/support/scholarships.php

Upcoming Training of Trainers for Network Members Still Open

on three courses" Strategic Human Resources Management, Financial Risk Management, and a TOT on the course development project cycle. For updates see www.themfmi.org/support/workshops.php

A summary of July's **successful conference call** among network members **on course management** can be found at: www.themfmi.org/docs/MarketingManagementTraining_07-15-08.pdf. Those readers who have questions about how to use Skype can find the MFMI's short guide (please add to) at: www.themfmi.org/docs/skypeguide.pdf

The MFMI's Global Network of Trainers and Academics Continues to Grow

recently adding the BRAC Development Institute (Bangladesh), the Microfinance and Community Development Institute (MACDI, Vietnam), and M2i Consulting (India). Pictures at: www.themfmi.org/about/gallery_06.php are of many Asian members. The MFMI encourages each network organization to review www.themfmi.org/community/member_list.php and suggest updates, corrections, feedback, additional information about activities, contact persons, etc.

Mid-Career Fellowships which Bring Professionals Over into the Microfinance Placements

is a topic the MFMI is researching currently and seeks input from members: www.themfmi.org/news/index.php#9

Small Grants -- Global Fund Research Funds Still Available for Network Members

to apply; see: www.themfmi.org/resources/rdf.php

Instituto Technical National (IPN), with USAID/AFIRMA and the MFMI Collaborated

last month to create a Mexico-wide network, composed of among eight Mexican schools, to broaden microfinance research & education. A summary report in Spanish is available at: karl.soros.org/communities/microfinance-capacity-building-network/files/dacun-curricula-dev-process-in-mexico

New Interview with the MFMI's Natasa Goronja Published

which can be downloaded from: http://www.themfmi.org/docs/NatasaGoronja_interview.pdf

Two-Day Training for Funders at the World Bank a Success,

co-organized by the MFMI, the World Bank and CGAP, for donors and policy makers in Washington, D.C., May 6-7, 2008. See: http://themfmi.org/dev/news/workshop_05-2008.php. Upcoming trainings for donors are still open, including Croatia in September and Rwanda in November. See: <http://themfmi.org/dev/course/index.php>

New Guidance on How to Use KARL now Posted for Members

see: www.themfmi.org/support/practice.php or http://www.themfmi.org/docs/How_to_use_KARL.pdf

Social Networking Ideas for New Students & Student Group Section of Website Sought,

please contact the MFMI's specialist, Ms. Connie Jones at Conniejones01@hotmail.com

New Draft Standards for Microfinance Post Conflict, Proposed by the SEEP Network

available for review & comment on the SEEP website or compiled in one document available only on KARL at: <https://karl.soros.org/communities/microfinance-capacity-building-network/files/disasters-post-conflict>

Presentations from the big MFC Annual Conference in Mongolia, can be viewed

at: www.xacbank.mn/mfc-conference2008/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=52&Itemid=139

Current discussion on the shift from social philanthropy to capitalistic philanthropy

www.philanthropyforum.org/forum/Discussion_Forum1.asp?SnID=9209077 provoked by ideas from M Edward's book "Just Another Emperor? The Myths and Realities of Philanthro-capitalism", available from the *Nonprofit Quarterly* or on KARL at: <https://karl.soros.org/communities/microfinance-capacity-building-network/files/on-philanthro-capitalism>

"Making Insurance Work for the Poor," from 2007 Conference, published by Munich Re

available at KARL: karl.soros.org/communities/microfinance-capacity-building-network/files/insurance-for-the-poor