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Research at the nanoscale has the potential to solve many fundamental scientific problems and lead to new developments in different disciplines and application areas such as medicine, electronics, energy, and the environment. Successful outcomes to such research will have a measurable impact on the future well-being of our global society; however this can only be achieved through improving access to information and opportunities for international collaboration. The ICPCNanoNet project is one such initiative in this framework. It will provide:

- an electronic archive of nanoscience publications that will be freely accessible to researchers around the globe;
- an electronic database of nanoscience organizations and networks in ICPC;
- links to nanoscience researchers and stakeholders across the globe;
- annual reports on nanoscience developments in eight ICPC regions: Africa, Caribbean, Pacific, Asia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA), Latin America, Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPC), Western Balkan Countries (WBC);
- online networking tools (forums, workshops);
- annual workshops, one in each of EU, China, India, and Russia, which will also be webcast to facilitate greater access.

The project builds on previous initiatives including Nanoforum (www.nanoforum.org) which provides information on nanoscience and technology in the EU; EuroIndiaNet (<http://www2.spi.pt/euroindianet/>) which promoted stronger collaboration between EU and Indian nanoscientists and technologists, and NanoforumEULA (www.mesaplus.utwente.nl/nanoforumeula/) which promotes stronger collaboration between EU and Latin American nanoscientists and technologists.

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