Presentations at Conferences and Other Meetings

The following describes some of the conferences and other meetings that PEACESAT has participated in.

"The Integration of Satellite Networks: Space Collaboration System (SCS) and PEACESAT – Focus on Applications". (September, 2002). Presented by Christina Higa at the Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers Conference, Hiroshima Japan.

"The Integration of Satellite Networks: Space Collaboration System (SCS) and PEACESAT – Focus on Networking". (September, 2002). Presented by Christina Higa at the Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers Conference, Miyazaki Japan.

"Update on the PEACESAT Program". (August, 2002). Presented by Christina Higa at Pacific Island Digital Opportunity, Honolulu, USA.


"PEACESAT Celebrates 30 Years in the Pacific Islands: A Program Update and Look at Public Service Telecommunications in the Region." (January, 2002). Presented by Christina Higa at Pacific Telecommunication Conference, Honolulu, USA.

"Session Chairperson, Panel on Distance Learning and Education". (January, 2001). By Christina Higa at Pacific Telecommunication Conference, Honolulu, USA.

"Public Service Telecommunications in the Pacific Islands". (November, 2001). Presented by Christina Higa at JUSTSAP, Kona, USA.

"A Video Teleconference Demonstration for Distance Learning". (July, 2001). Presented by Christina Higa at the Pacific Education Consortium Conference, Guam, USA.


“Update on E-Rate Activities in the Pacific Islands” and “An Environmental Scan on Telehealth and Telemedicine Activities in Hawaii and the Pacific Islands” (January, 2000). Presented at the Pan Pacific Distance Learning Association, Honolulu, USA.

“The Emergence of Pacific Partnerships for Distance Learning, Telehealth, and Telecommunications in the Pacific Islands Region: An Environmental Scan,” (January, 2000) Presented by Christina Higa at the Pacific Telecommunication Conference, Honolulu, USA. (Written in collaboration Dr. Norman H. Okamura.)
“Update on PEACESAT & FCC Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.” (September, 1999). Presented by Christina Higa at Pacific Island Health Officer’s Association Meeting, Pohnpei, FSM.


"Workshop on Public Service Telecommunication Networks in the Pacific Islands", (July, 1999). Saipan, CNMI. Presented by Christina Higa, co-organized w/ Dr. Norman H. Okamura and sponsored in part by the Sasakawa Pacific Islands Nations Fund

"Workshop on Public Service Telecommunications in the Pacific Islands Region", (October, 1998), Suva, Fiji. Presented by Christina Higa, co-organized w/ Dr. Norman H. Okamura and sponsored in part by the Sasakawa Pacific Islands Nations Fund


“Strategies for Working in Collaboration to Support Emergency Management Communications in the North, Central and Western Pacific” (Written in collaboration with representatives from FEMA, American Red Cross and the Pacific Basin Development Council.) (January, 1996) Presented by Christina Higa at Pacific Telecommunication Conference, Honolulu USA.

"Distance Education in Pacific Islands," Vancouver, Canada (November, 1995) -- Ms. Lori Mukaida participated in a meeting to discuss the preparation of a book on distance learning in the Pacific Islands region. The meeting was attended by individuals that have had experience in working in the region. The meetings were sponsored by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan and held at the Commonwealth of Learning.


"11th World Telecommunications Forum: Conference on Multimedia Applications in Developing Countries," United Nations University, Shibuya, Japan (1995/1996 Oct 95) -- Ms. Lori Mukaida presented a paper that drew attention to the issues limited bandwidth, technological support, and other factors that affect the use of multimedia in the Pacific Islands and developing regions. Discussion of strategies for multimedia in narrowband or high cost telecommunications environments. The travel was supported by the Japan Society for Telecommunications and Information Studies

"Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) High-Level Meeting on the Asia-Pacific Information Infrastructure," MPT Ikuura Annex, Toranomon, Japan (XXX, 1995) -- Dr. Okamura participated and gave a presentation on PEACESAT activities in the Pacific Islands region to member countries of APT. The travel was supported by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Japan.

TECHEXPO Conference for Government and Education, Los Angeles, California - Travel and Lodging (N. Okamura) (September, 1995) -- Dr. Norman Okamura gave a presentation on "best practices and pitfalls" leading to development of State of Hawaii telecommunications infrastructure. The travel was supported in part by the LA TECHEXPO.

"Disaster Communications Task Force Meeting," Virginia, USA -- Dr. Norman Okamura and Ms. Lori Mukaida participated in forum with American Red Cross disaster and communication managers, Department of State (Mr. Bill Jahn), National Telecommunications and Information Administration (Mr. Bill Cooperman), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Mr. Robert McCoy) on role of PEACESAT in emergency
communications. During the meeting, a "Statement of Understanding" was signed between the American Red Cross (Elizabeth Dole) and PEACESAT (Lori Mukaida). The funding for the travel was provided by the American Red Cross, National Organization.

"International Telecommunications Summit and International Student Summit" - (September, 1995) -- Mr. Ryota Ono and Ms. Christina Higa represented the University of Hawaii and PEACESAT at the International Telecommunications Summit and the International Student Summit in Bandung, Indonesia. The air fare and lodging was supported by the Bandung Institute for Technology, Indonesia.

"Hawaii Information Network and Technology Symposium," (March, 1994) HINTS-6, Honolulu USA/PEACESAT Services

"Emergency Management Network Site Planning Survey" (1994) -- Mr. Ed Tomasu of PEACESAT and Mr. David Kennard briefed emergency management agencies in the Pacific Islands region on the EMN and conducted preliminary site and environmental assessments. The travel was supported by the Pacific Basin Development Council.

"Conference of Ministry, Users and Providers," Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (March 95) -- Dr. Okamura gave a presentation on PEACESAT program and discussion of international issues affecting the provision of public services. The travel was supported by the Forum Secretariat of the South Pacific Forum.

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FUNDING AGENCIES: Sea Grant College Program

"Distance Education in the Pacific Islands Conference," University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji -- (1993/1994 March 94) Japan-Ministry of Posts of Telecommunications

"Tokyo Japan/PEACESAT Operations" (March, 1993) Presented by Christina Higa at The 2nd Joint Meeting on Development of a Global Distance Education System for the Pacific Region.

"ETS-V PARTNERS Satellite Workshop Conference," National Institute for Multimedia Education, Chiba, Japan (1992/1993) -- Dr. Norman Okamura participated in a conference with representatives from the Bandung Institute for Technology (Indonesia), King Mongkut Institute for Technology (Thailand), University of the South Pacific (Fiji), University of Technology at Lae (Indonesia), and the University of the South Pacific. The travel was sponsored by the National Institute for Multimedia Education, Ministry of Education, Japan.

DESCRIPTION: PARTNERS/ PEACESAT Conference, University of Electro-Communications (Tokyo) and Tohoku University (Sendai), Japan (1992/1993) -- Dr. Donald Topping, Ms. Lori Mukaida, Dr. Norman Okamura, and Ms. Christina Higa gave presentations on the PEACESAT Network at a conference involving U.S. and Japan telecommunications specialists. The funding for the travel was provided by the University of Electro-Communications, Japan.

"Sendai Japan/ETS-V/ PEACESAT Experiments" (February, 1992) Presented by Christina Higa at PEACESAT Policy Conference.

"Travel to Japan PARTNERS Meeting in Tokyo" (August, 1991) Mr. Lori Mukaida participate in the formative meeting PARTNERS Project to discuss the satellite workshops. The travel was supported by the Japan-Ministry of Posts of Telecommunications.

"Conference on PEACESAT Policies and International Space Year Cooperation." (1992) -- Mr. Lori Mukaida co-hosted a conference to discuss the future of PEACESAT, public service telecommunications in the Pacific Islands region, and international cooperation. The Conference was attended by over 80 representatives from the Pacific islands; 8 University of Hawaii researchers, faculty and administrators; and over 50 scholars, researchers and telecommunications specialist from Japan. Funding for the conference and travel for Pacific Islanders was provided by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (Japan), Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (Japan), and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).