The Strategic Alliance for Asian Studies is a cooperative framework of European institutes specializing in Asian Studies. The Alliance, established in 1997, aims to bring together fragmented forces in Asian Studies in Europe to facilitate scholarly excellence to the benefit of the respective national research environments and those of the European scholarly environment at large.

**Activities**

The most recent Alliance activities are the Asia Update and the meeting of the steering committee. The Asia Update on ‘Europe-Asia: One year after the 11th of September’ took place in Brussels on 11 September 2002. More than 150 participants such as ambassadors and counsellors from almost all Asian countries, members of the European Parliament and scholars from research institutes and universities in the field of Asian Studies enjoyed the lively, sometimes controversial discussions. The Alliance steering committee met in Brussels on 12 September 2002. The Alliance members informed on latest and planned activities and discussed the draft of a new Memorandum of Understanding.

**Workshop Series 2003/2004**

The Strategic Alliance for Asian Studies and The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) welcome proposals for workshops to take place in 2003/2004 on themes of common interest to both Asia and Europe.

**The Proposal**

- **Title of the workshop**
- **Proposed date and venue**
- **Names of organizers and organizing institutions (both European and Asian), and one contact address**
- **Other topics (see above already)**
- **Introduction to the topics to be addressed**
- **Scientific context**
- **List of expected participants, indicating each participant’s Asian and/or European affiliations and background of relevance to the workshop’s topics**
- **An informed, detailed budget indicating expenses as well as all expected incomes (including other sponsorships).**

Please note that the list of your proposal, if accepted, may be published on the web page www.asia-alliance.org and the Asia Alliance (www.asia-alliance.org) and in the International Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS).

**Address and mainland**

The workshop proposals should be reviewed by the Asia Science-Workshop Series Committee. Submissions will be selected for realization between September 2002 and September 2004. The received proposals will be reviewed by a joint committee of the Asia Alliance and European partners, and will be presented to the Asia Alliance Committee. Successful proposals will be informed of the Committee’s decision in June 2003. Financial support consists of a contribution to travel costs and accommodation costs up to a maximum of US 11,000 per workshop.

**Workshop format**

- The workshop format of the Asia Science-Workshop Series will be that of a joint meeting bringing together a group of about 20 participants (both male and female), balancing senior scholars and promising junior scholars.
- The workshop should be jointly organized by an European and an Asian institute from ASEM member countries, and to be held in one of these countries.
- The workshop should not be a larger conference.
- Participation should be from at least one European and one Asian country. Participants are limited, predominantly, from the scientific domains that are not well established. Contribution from other Asian (Pacific) countries (journalistic, corporate staff) is encouraged.
- Workshops that take place in one of the traditional ASIA countries are welcomed.

**Background**

The Asia Science-Workshop Series is a follow-up to the Asia Science-Workshop Series in the first half of 2002, which was organized for the first time in Brussels on 11 May 2002, and in the Asian Science-Workshop Series organized in Shanghai in 2001. More information on Asia Alliance activities: www.asia-alliance.org; More on the 11-09-Asia Update: www.eias.org