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Location of CPRsouth5 conference

Background:

The decision making process to determine the location of CPRsouth5 has been re-opened at the request of the chair, Prof. Ashok Jhunjhunwala and alternate chair, Prof. Milagros Rivera.

Pakistan and Singapore were offered as possible locations of CPRsouth5. The consensus among Board members was that the location should be Singapore. Alternate chair, Prof Milagros Rivera offered National University of Singapore (NUS) as the possible location (Annex 1). Board member Prof. Yuan Chunhui offered to host CPRsouth5 in China in the Xi'an University of Posts and Telecommunications as an alternative option if required (Annex 2). The possibility of China being the location of CPRsouth5 was discussed at the third Board meeting held in Beijing in December 2008.

The factors affecting the choices as we see them are summarized below. The administrative partner, LIRNEasia, has successfully organised events in both countries in the past. Therefore we have ample experience to draw upon in both cases.

China	Singapore
In East Asia	In South East Asia
Country with large pool of potential policy intellectuals	Country with smaller pool of potential policy intellectuals, but who are from the region
Will be able to expand the existing network of relationships	Relationships already exist; will be strengthened
Clear but lengthy procedure to obtain visas	Most countries get visa on arrival; procedures for those not eligible are clear
Low cost accommodation etc.	Expensive accommodation, though university housing will bring costs down
Organizational costs will be high	Organizational costs lower because most things can be done over the phone
Airline connections available from the SE Asian hubs	Airline hub
Local hospitality likely to be generous	Most things will have to be paid for; Singapore is a matter-of-fact country

Proposal:

1. The location of CPRsouth5 should be

China	
Singapore	

Please write your name in the appropriate box to signify your choice.

