

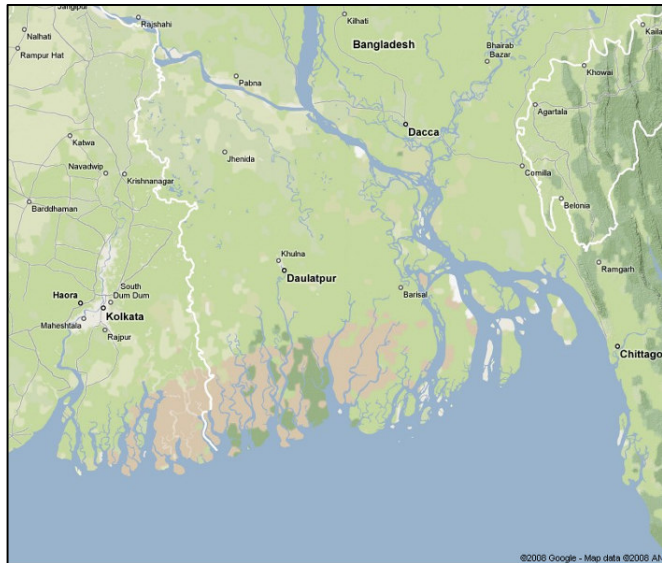
NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2008

Hello DeltaCompetition participant,

We hope you are well, and that both your university studies and preparations for your DeltaCompetition paper are keeping you active and enthused for the subject. Please do get in touch with us at info@deltacompetition.com if you are facing any difficulties or have any queries. We will be only too pleased to help answer your enquiry and do what we can to advise.

Deltas in the news

Since we last wrote to you, delta regions have featured frequently in the news and in academic journals. From the tragic events resulting from Cyclone Nargis route crossing the Irrawaddy Delta and capital of Burma, flooding in India and Bangladesh, where the Sundarban region has seen the first global warming refugees¹, to recent concerns for the Mackenzie River Delta, Canada, Mekong Delta, Vietnam, Niger Delta, Indus river delta, Pakistan and Yangtze delta, China, to name a few, catalogued over the last two months alone. Whether the causes are melting glaciers, sea level rise prolonged and intensified rainfall, these are all linked to climatic changes. There therefore seems no better time to run a competition on adapting the worlds delta's to climate change.

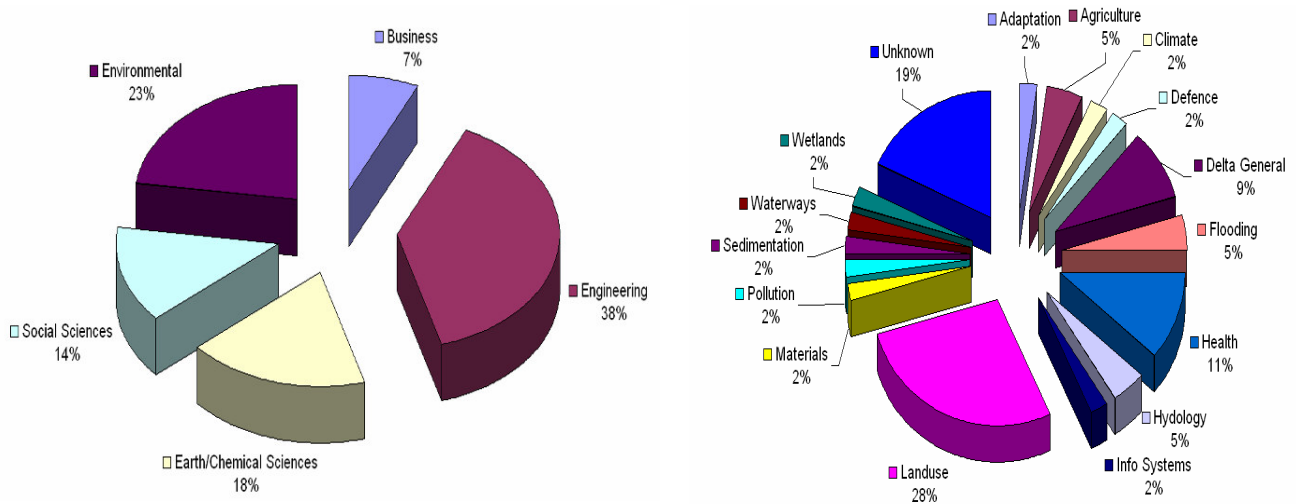


Registrations received

When we last wrote to you in April, we reported that we had received over 60 competition entries from no less than 14 countries worldwide. In the graphs below, we

¹ Comment by Sugata Hazra, director of the School of Oceanography Studies at Kolkata's Jadavpur University, in the Observer newspaper, 30 March 2008.

share with you the split of disciplines of registrations received and themes of the registrations received.



Jury Meeting

In April, the Jury Members met for the first time, in Amsterdam. The meeting was lively and informative to all, with Professor Julian Hunt nominated as Chair of the Jury Panel. The next Jury Meeting will take place on 30th September, where they will discuss, evaluate and select the short-listed and winning papers.

We are also busy with preparations for the DeltaCompetition Award Ceremony, earmarked for November.

Frequently asked questions

As promised, we will keep you informed of frequently asked questions by competition participants (without disclosing the author). Those listed below are what we have received thus far, please keep them coming!

Q. Shall we submit the paper using Microsoft Word or as a PDF document?

A. *Please submit your paper as PDF because of the uniform standard and so that there are no version conflicts. When submitted, we will confirm that we have received your paper in good order.*

Q. What do we have to submit to verify our eligibility as students?

A. *You don't need to worry about providing eligibility documentation. On short listing, we will contact your university to verify you are a student registered there.*

Q. Shall all illustrations (graphs, maps, tables, photographs and others) be within maximum five pages?

A. *Your paper must be a maximum 6000 words. A further five pages are allowed for graphs, maps, etc.*

DeltaCompetition in the news

Next month we will publish articles relating to the 2008 in some student magazines, and on the DeltaCompetition website. We would like to include some coverage on the writing process of the competition participants, such as research techniques, etc. Therefore we like to interview some of the competition teams (groups and individuals). If you would like to be interviewed, please let us know and we will be in touch! Thanks.

We look forward to hearing from you, whether it be on progress, Questions, or general queries – do get it touch!

Wishing you all success and with kind regards,

The DeltaCompetition 2008 team