

4th Scientific Committee Meeting of Borneo Studies Network

26th August 2020

UBD hosted the 4th Borneo Studies Network (BSN) Scientific Committee Meeting (SCM) on the 26th August 2020 via the Microsoft Teams virtual platform. In attendance were members from Universitas Borneo Tarakan (UBT), Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Universitas Islam Kalimantan (UNISKA), Universitas Lambung Mangkurat (ULM), Universitas Mulawarman (UNMUL), Universitas Palangkaraya (UPR), Universitas Tanjungpura (UNTAN), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), STAKATN & Institute Mata Enggang (IME). The meeting was chaired by Dr Joyce Teo Siew Yean, Assistant Vice Chancellor (Global Affairs) and co-chaired by Dk Dr Noor Hasharina Pg Hj Hassan (Head of BSN Secretariat Office, UBD).

The meeting agenda included member institutions' update on BSN Research and Academic Collaboration and Activities which included the progress of the five research groups. The 5 Research Groups are:

1. Borneo Biodiversity,
2. Borneo Cultural Heritage & Ethnic Groups,
3. Borneo Renewable Energy & Advanced Material (REAM),
4. Borneo Sustainable Community Transformation, and
5. Borneo Economy and Banking.

The Renewable Energy & Advanced Material (REAM) Research Group has successfully organised the first BSN International Webinar on Biomass-based Materials and Energy: Prospects & Challenges in Borneo on 9th July 2020 amid the Covid-19 situation via the Zoom virtual platform. The speakers from Brunei Darussalam and Kalimantan were Dr Rosnah Abdullah (UBD), Dr Sunardi (ULM), Made Dirgantara (UPR) and Sri Rezeki (UNTAN) with about 330 participants in attendance. The REAM research continues well despite researchers from different institutions are not able to conduct field trips and field visits due to the pandemic situation. Nevertheless, some of the member universities were able to continue research at its own institution and share their findings and data to be analysed together via regular online discussions. The SCM enabled

