

## Members

### Universiti Brunei Darussalam

Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) was established in 1985, has seen an increase in the number of graduates, advanced and expanded both academically and infrastructurally, producing influential leaders, entrepreneurs and professionals.

### UNIMAS

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Malaysia's eighth university was officially incorporated on 24 December 1992. A university that is contemporary in character and forward-looking in outlook, it is committed in handling the complex challenges of our common future - confidently, competently, and creatively.

### Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS)

UMS is renowned internationally for its excellence in teaching, and research on Borneo. Four key research niche areas include Sabah's Bio-Cultural Diversity, Aquaculture, Sustainable Tourism, and Poverty Alleviation.

### UNIBA

Balikpapan as gateway to East Kalimantan which is the location of Universitas Balikpapan. University is needed to accommodate and improve the quality of community education. Universitas Balikpapan was formally established on July 1, 1981.

### UNLAM

Lambung Mangkurat University is located on the capital city of South Kalimantan, Banjarmasin, province at the southern part of Borneo Island which rich in biodiversity and natural resources.

### Institut Dayakologi

Institut Dayakologi or ID is an NGO was established as a response of a group of young Dayak intellectuals in West Kalimantan.

### Tanjungpura University (UNTAN)

Tanjungpura University or UNTAN is a public university located in the city of Pontianak in West Kalimantan, Indonesia.

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### Mulawarman University (UNMUL)

The Universitas Mulawarman is a public university located in Samarinda, the oldest tertiary education institution in East Kalimantan.

### Palangkaraya University (UNPAR)

The University of Palangka Raya is the first and the oldest state university in Central Kalimantan.

### Mata Enggang Institute

Mata Enggang Institute (MEI) is an intellectual movement focusing on research and development on local wisdom, which broadened to other areas such as ethnopolitics, ethnoecology and border issues between West Kalimantan with Sarawak, Malaysia.

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# Borneo Studies Network

## 2014 Events

- **Governing Council Meeting**  
27-28 October 2014  
Discussion Room 1, The Core  
Universiti Brunei Darussalam
- **Graduate Students Workshop**  
27-30 October 2014  
Discussion Room 2, The Core  
Universiti Brunei Darussalam





## History

As being the third largest island in the world, Borneo is unique in nature and the three most important biodiversity hotspots on earth. However, it is not only about natural environment and cultural heritage but the most important resources are the inhabitants of the island especially the humankind as a whole. Realizing the research potentials and at the same time acknowledge various shortfalls researchers encounter, a wider and systematic network is deemed important. To encapsulate the various research and academic objectives, the proposed organization is named Borneo Studies Network (BSN).

Founded in 2012, starting from pre-existing relations among university members in Borneo and after the first Borneo Workshop, BSN has initiated its activities to further consolidate position as a leading Borneo-based research and studies in the world where the platform of Borneo originated. The inaugural meeting and workshop took place in Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) on the 21 and 22 October 2013 where the establishments of a Governing Board, the wording of a Charter for the BSN and the appointments of UBD as Secretariat for an initial period of three years were agreed. There was also approval on a list of activities and on the development of a BSN website to facilitate collaboration.

BSN members are based in three countries. It is partnership of leading multi-faculties from Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Universiti Malaysia Serawak, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Universitas Mulawarman (Samarinda-Indonesia), Universitas Lambung Mangkurat (Banjarmasin-Indonesia), Universitas Balikpapan (Indonesia), Universitas Tanjungpura (Pontianak-Indonesia), Institut Dayakologi (Pontianak - Indonesia), Sekolah Tinggi Pastoral Keuskupan Agung (Pontianak-Indonesia) and Mata Enggang Institut (Pontianak-Indonesia).

## Preamble

BSN is a Borneo-based framework of Research and Studies Organizations, allowing the coordination across the institutions of higher education and research centers in the Island of Borneo with a partnership approach. As a precursor of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research in Borneo studies, BSN constitutes a bridge towards Borneo's research, innovation, and studies capacities to foster Borneo competitiveness. BSN plays a very important role in raising the mobility of its members and strengthen the initiative of research excellence in the following key domains but are not limited to:

- Borneo Social Studies (Poverty alleviation, History, Anthropology, Border Communities, Cultural Heritage, Ethno-Religious Identity, Sociology, etc)
- Borneo Language Centre / Indigenous Language Preservation
- Borneo Policy Studies (Decentralization, Autonomy, Adat vs Modern legal system, etc)
- Natural & Environmental Management (Forest and Biodiversity Conservation, Climate Change, logging, forest fires, etc)
- Green Energy Research Project
- Borneo Economic Sustainability & Development
- Heart of Borneo Health Research (Traditional Medicine, Biomedicine, Borneo Healthcare Management, etc)
- Oceanic Borneo Research
- Borneo Transport and Urban Development
- Food and Agriculture
- Borneo Information System (Digital library, Geographic Information System, etc)

In order to facilitate cooperation and networks between BSN members and others researchers interested in Borneo studies, BSN organizes a Governing Council Meeting (GCM) and Graduate Students Workshop (GSW) from October 27-30, 2014. The GCM and GSW are platform for BSN members to draw a future direction of BSN, build a network, and exchange information about their research progress and developments in the field of Borneo's studies. All interested in Borneo research and studies are invited to join GCM and GSW.

## Governing Council Meeting (GSM)

At the Interim Committee Meeting held on 21-22 October 2013, it was agreed to have the Governing Council Meeting (GCM) in 2014 in UBD. It is proposed the First GCM will be held on the 27-28 October 2014. The members of the GCM are expected from the senior administrative members of the partner institutions. The venue of the meeting will be at the Discussion Room 1, The Core. The overseas members will finance their own travel to Brunei. UBD will be responsible on the accommodation, meals and ground transportation for two representatives from each member institutions.

## Graduate Students Workshop (GSW)

As part of its commitment, serving as the BSN secretariat and having initiated the grouping, IAS has planned the first activity. The Graduate Students Workshop is a capacity-building workshop which aims to nurture talent among the young prospective Borneo academics. IAS believes that the future of BSN and Borneo in particular lies in the talented young academics and hence they should be properly guided.

To have maximum impact, the workshop is proposed to be a full four days interactive course. Each institution is expected to send two graduate students who will be fully funded by the organizer (UBD). Besides UBD mentors, the organizer will carefully select the best lecturers in the relevant area from the participating institutions to also serve as mentors. However, it is proposed to invite one prominent international research leader to give prestige as well as the best input to the workshop.

