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## **EASST Awards to Celebrate Collaborative Activity 2012**

At the EASST / 45 Conference held in Copenhagen in October 2012, EASST made its first awards for collaborative activity.

### **Amsterdamska Award**

For a significant creative collaboration in an edited book in the broad field of science and technology studies.

The 2012 Award was made to *Bio-Objects Life in the 21st Century* (Ashgate 2012) edited by Niki Vermeulen, Sakari Tamminen & Andrew Webster

This book represents an extensive, diverse and interactive collaboration among senior and junior colleagues from 7 different European countries.

The collection contributes new insights into boundaries, governance, materiality and relational practices that constitute phenomena as bio-objects.

Its creative development of the theme of the changing meanings of life enriches a core concern of the Science and Technology Studies domain.

### **Freeman Award**

For a publication which is a significant collective contribution to the interaction of science and technology studies with the study of innovation.

The 2012 Award was made to *Sustainability Transitions* (Research Policy 41 (2012) 955 – 1047) edited by Jochen Markard, Rob Raven and Bernhard Truffer

This is a collection of high quality publications which successfully shapes an emerging broad research area around sociotechnical transitions.

The process involved a thorough and very 'collegial' collaboration between editors and with authors.

The papers draw explicitly on STS approaches such as actor network theory, controversies, narratives, relational processes, sociotechnical systems and reflexive policy.

These contribute to an enriched understanding of innovation in sustainability transitions.

## **Ziman Award**

For a significant innovative cooperation in a venture to promote the public understanding of the social dimensions of science.

The 2012 Award was made to Innovation, Sustainability, Development: A New Manifesto

([www.anewmanifesto.org](http://www.anewmanifesto.org), 2010) a project of the STEPS Centre and its international network of partners

This project offers a novel approach to the relations between science, innovation and the big global challenges of development.

It addresses significant changes since STS initiatives of 40 years ago.

Insights into the social dimensions of science from STS knowledge are translated into a publicly accessible and policy relevant 3D agenda of directionality, distribution and diversity.

An ambitious process of dialogue and engagement was pursued in Europe and worldwide including India, China, Brazil, Argentina, Kenya.

It is a collaborative and innovative venture bridging the academic and policy worlds.