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Dear members, friends and colleagues,

After having operated the WASWC in present style for 5 years, now there is a chance that our Decentralization scheme will materialize soon. From the year 2008 onward the management of the WASWC Newsletter, J&P (Journal and Proceedings) and HOT NEWS/ SUPER HOT NEWS will be separated and located in three centers, thus the overall operation of WASWC will be more efficient and sustainability is assured.

My recent trip to China has yielded satisfactory results – a major website has been established at the Guangdong Institute of Eco-environment and Soil Sciences in Guangzhou to replace the one in Bangkok that will close down soon; two co-publishers for the Special Publication III on No-Till Farming Systems have been found; and, more importantly, the updated management network of the WASWC Secretariat at a number of Chinese academies has been generally agreed.

As said earlier, our association needs volunteers in doing the works. We need to have a number of persons to do it, especially in the type of work that needs coordination. So if you feel you are interested in giving helping hands in such thing, please do not hesitate to let us know.



Finally we would like to thank all who have supported us in many ways, especially by paying the membership fees. Those who have not yet paid are requested to do so. Please be assured that the Council of WASWC will make the association better and stronger, always.

We wish all of you **Happy Midsummer**. You may remember that today or tomorrow is the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. Many modern Druids (above photo) would be roaming around the Stonehenge in Wiltshire, England!

Samran Sombatpanit

You may ask sombatpanit@yahoo.com about your membership status, i.e. up to which year you have paid.

Then you may send your membership fee to either Bill or me:

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(still) HOT BOOK

Special Publication No. 3, “No-Till Farming Systems”

After having announced in the last issue of HOT NEWS more members have contacted us to co-publish, and some of them wanted to contribute articles. At this time the whole book, about 210-230 pages of A5 size, will have 11 articles as follows:

1. **No-tillage and Conservation Agriculture: a progress report**, by Rolf Derpsch (Paraguay)
2. **Carbon sequestration and environmental benefits from no-till systems**, by Donald C. Reicosky (USA)
3. **Effect of no-till on conservation of the soil and soil fertility**, by Jose R. Benites (Argentina/ FAO)
4. **Environmental Impacts and Social Dimensions of Zero Tillage Conservation Agriculture in Tropical Brazil**, by John N. Landers (Brazil)
5. **Roles of annual legumes in no-till farming systems**, by Gan Yantai (Canada)
6. **Soil Fertility Enhancement in No-Tillage: An Example from Chile**, by Carlos C. Crovetto (Chile)
7. **Critical Steps to No-Till Adoption**, by Rolf Derpsch (Paraguay)
8. **Research on of no-till farming systems in Laos and Madagascar**, by AFD (France)
9. **Current Status of Conservation Tillage in China**, by Li Hongwen, CAU, Beijing, China
10. **No-tillage in Europe – State of the Art**, by Gottlieb Basch et al., ACAF (European Conservation Agriculture Federation)
11. **NEW BOOK: No-Tillage Seeding in Conservation Agriculture**, by John Baker (New Zealand)



In order to prepare ourselves to get familiar with this type of tillage we would like to make this publication available widely. We therefore would like to invite members of WASWC - both Individual and Organization members - to co-publish the book with us, which can be arranged in the way that co-publishers will pay only for the printing cost plus postage and their names/ organizations' names will appear in the book. The condition is only, that each co-publisher will order a minimum amount of 100 copies which can be distributed among members of institutes/ societies/ research and implementing agencies or simply to give as a present during special occasions like New Year. A careful estimation of expenses indicates that the cost for printing the book plus postage to send to countries in various continents will be as follows:

Asia \$7/ copy; Africa, Australia, Europe & the Pacific, \$8/ copy; Western Hemisphere, \$9/ copy

Up to now, there are around 10 organizations that have pledged to co-publish with us. Other members are most welcome to join too. Then we are sure the technology will spread to many people and there will be a better chance that this no-till practice will be implemented wider soon – thus becoming a great boon to the conservation of soil and water resources.

AWARDS/PRIZES/FUNDS

ProVention Consortium Secretariat

Research and Action Grants for Disaster Risk Reduction Announcement: Launch of Third Round of Grants

The ProVention Consortium is pleased to announce the launch of the 2007-2008 Research & Action Grants for Disaster Risk Reduction. Students and young professionals from developing countries are invited to propose creative projects and innovative ideas for support. Please assist us by passing this message on to young disaster risk reduction champions (staff in non-governmental, government and private sector, graduate students, recent graduates) in developing countries!

The Research and Action Grants for Disaster Risk Reduction programme is designed to engage enthusiastic young students and professionals in developing countries in creating innovative links between research and action in disaster risk reduction. Applicants are invited to seek ways to cut across professional disciplines and to exchange knowledge and engage stakeholders from scientific and academic, civilian, public and private sectors. Information about previous rounds of grants is available at www.proventionconsortium.org/research_and_action_grants.

If you think that you have a project that will bridge the gap between knowledge and action in disaster risk reduction, and make your country, region, city or district safer - please apply. You may solve an urgent problem or document valuable lessons to be learned in the field; apply and test findings in a new physical, socio-political or cultural context; delve into subjects ignored by researchers in other places; or learn how to scale-up action, change policy, or link disaster risk reduction to other themes like urbanisation or climate adaptation.

Proposals are encouraged in, but not limited to, the following thematic focus areas:

- Identifying enabling factors and incentives for disaster risk reduction
- Developing mechanisms to strengthen community resistance and resilience
- Applying local risk analysis and risk management (especially for schools and hospitals)
- Improving education materials and curricula
- Promoting risk reduction in response and recovery activities
- Engaging the private sector in disaster risk reduction (especially micro-enterprises)
- Linking climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction efforts.

Eligibility & Requirements: Applicants and up to 2 additional team members must be under 35 years of age at the time of application, and must be citizens of a developing country (low to middle income: www.worldbank.org/data/countryclass/classgroups.htm). Each project should also have a host organisation and mentor. The team leader, host organisation and mentor should be based in the country where the project will be conducted. Preference will be given to projects involving 2 or 3 team members from different disciplines, engaging different sectors (academic, public, NGO or community, private), and coached by mentors from more than one field or sector.

Timeline:

- Deadlines for proposal submission: **July 15th, 2007** (earlier submissions are encouraged)
- Research and Action Grants Award Announcement: September 28th, 2007
- Project Implementation Phase: October 15th, 2007 - July 15th, 2008 (9 months)

- Project Dissemination Phase: July 15-October 15, 2008 (3 months)

Grant Amount : \$5,000 maximum per project.

Partners: The Research and Action Grants for Disaster Risk Reduction was launched by the ProVention Consortium in 2003, under the name "Applied Research Grants Programme". It is administered in association with the University of Wisconsin Disaster Management Center with regional partners: Asian Disaster Preparedness Center; University of Cape Town Disaster Mitigation for Sustainable Livelihoods Programme; Secretariate General, The Latin American Social Science Faculty; and Bogazici University Center for Disaster Management.

To receive an email with the Request for Proposal, following June 1, 2007, please write to:

provention@ifrc.org or download the request for proposal online at:

www.proventionconsortium.org/research_and_action grants.

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Water Conservation Field Services Program

The objective of this Request for Proposals is to seek partners with whom Reclamation can partner in implementing improved water management/water conservation activities. All applicants seeking funds through the Water Conservation Field Services Program will be rated using the selection criteria in the full announcement. Funds will be directed first to irrigation districts that have contracts to use Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Project water or use Reclamation Project facilities. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Applicants may request any amount in Federal funding, however agreements are generally limited to a maximum of \$100,000. Reclamation retains the right to make awards on a case-by-case basis. Deadline 31 Jul. www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=14249



Conservation Innovation Grant - Rhode Island

The Purpose of CIG is to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies. CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) into NRCS technical manuals or guides, or to the private sector. CIG does not fund research projects. Instead, it is a vehicle to stimulate the development and adoption of conservation approaches or technologies that have been studied sufficiently to indicate a high likelihood of success and to be candidates for eventual technology transfer. CIG funds projects targeting innovative on-the-ground conservation, including pilot projects and field demonstrations. NRCS in Rhode Island will accept applications for single or multi-year projects, not to exceed three years, submitted from eligible entities, including Federally-recognized Indian Tribes, State and local governments, and non-governmental organizations and individuals. Applications will only be considered for projects within Rhode Island. Complete applications will be evaluated by a technical peer review panel and scored based on the Criteria for Proposal Evaluation identified in the grant announcement. Rhode Island NRCS anticipates that the amount available for support of this program in FY 2007 will be approximately \$178,000, with individual grants not to exceed \$75,000. Funds will be awarded through a statewide competitive grants process. Two categories will be offered for Rhode Island CIG: Natural Resource Concerns and Technology. Deadline 6 Jul. www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=14279



Tourism Cares Offers Worldwide Grant Program

Deadline: June 1, 2007; and **October 1, 2007**

Tourism Cares (<http://www.tourismcares.org/>), a nonprofit charity supported by the tourism industry, administers the Worldwide Grant Program to support worthy tourism-related nonprofit organizations working to preserve, conserve, and restore the world's natural, cultural, and historic treasures.

Primary consideration is to fund projects and programs whose goal is capital improvements that serve to protect, restore, or conserve sites of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural significance; or the education of local host communities and the traveling public about conservation and preservation of sites of exceptional cultural, historical, or natural significance.

The 2007 Worldwide Grant Program goals for grantmaking call for a balanced distribution to U.S. and non-U.S. recipients. Based on merit and availability of funds, grants of up to \$100,000 each will be considered.

To be eligible, U.S.-based organizations must have nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status; non-U.S.-based organizations must have status equivalent to the U.S. 501(c)(3).

Visit the Tourism Cares Web site for complete program information.



Funding opportunities (updates)

Description: Follow the link below to find new funding opportunities (small grants and fellowships) for practitioners and researchers engaged in collaborative NRM, PGIS practice, Indigenous Knowledge Management and GIS science. There are altogether 24 grants in: www.iapad.org/funding_sources.htm



APPLY FOR A ROLEX AWARD

SEE DETAILS IN PREVIOUS ISSUES OF HOT NEWS

Please note that if you live in Asia, the Pacific or North, Central and South America, the deadline is May 31, 2007.

If you live in Europe, the Middle East or Africa, the deadline is September 30, 2007.

[read about the winners of the last series](#)

And learn about Laureates for 2006 Rolex Awards announce on October 2006 by clicking

<http://www.rolexawards.com/laureates/laureates-2006/index.html>



Now Accepting Applications for Charlotte Conservation Fellowships

African Wildlife Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya. Release date: April 20, 2007

The African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the 2007-2008 Charlotte Conservation Fellows scholarship program.

Since its founding in 1961, the African Wildlife Foundation has believed that Africans are the ideal stewards of Africa's natural resources. This core belief led AWF to assist in establishing the first school to train African wildlife managers in Tanzania in 1961. To date, the school has trained over 3,000 wildlife managers.

Today, lack of capacity to implement conservation programs continues to be one of the major threats facing wildlife conservation. AWF continues to invest in training and scholarship opportunities every year with the goal of enhancing the effectiveness and impact of African nationals in the fields relevant to conservation and sustainable development through the increased knowledge, skills, and credentials obtained through an advanced degree.

Under the Charlotte Conservation Fellowship Program, **AWF is offering scholarships for full MSc or partial Ph.D. programs** with field research components that produce knowledge or insight into specific conservation challenges in the African Heartlands or Conservation in general. This year, citizens of **Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe** are eligible to apply.

Expenses that AWF expects to cover under the scholarship will vary depending on the individual program selected by the scholarship recipient, but each scholarship is valued at a maximum cost of US\$25,000. Those whose total costs for their studies exceed this figure must demonstrate that they have secured additional funding from other sources to enable them to complete their studies.

Applications must be received by **June 30, 2007**. To download the application and information materials visit www.awf.org.

For more information, contact:

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Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund CALL FOR PROPOSALS for CLEAN ENERGY INVESTMENT FUNDS

The European Commission has committed EUR 80 million to the Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund ("GEEREF" or "the Fund"). Triodos Investment Management in conjunction with E Co, are appointed to structure and financially close the fund and build an investment pipeline.

Triodos and E Co are now looking to receive proposals from fund management companies, financial institutions, project developers or individuals that intend to develop a clean energy investment fund or intend to expand an existing fund into the clean energy sector. Developers of clean energy projects in one or more countries are also invited to propose their plans as a basis for a clean energy investment fund. Proposals are expected to meet the following indicative criteria:

- Financially sustainable business plan generating a fair return for investors
- Specified environmental and socio-economic impacts
- Focus on small and medium sized clean energy projects (< 30MW) and companies
- Requiring long term patient investment capital
- Locally grounded, professional fund management team, preferable with a track record in the clean energy sector, or at least the capacity to become qualified or to liaise with other parties for that purpose
- Realistic pipeline that gives evidence of the viability of the business plan.

GEEREF expects to make its first commitment by **July 2007**. Prior to the financial closing, the Fund may provide technical and financial support to potential fund managers to develop regional funds.

Please contact: Triodos Investment Management, Bas Rekveld, bas.rekveld@triodos.nl, www.triodos.nl or E Co (Europe), Paul van Aalst, paul.van-aalst@EandCo.net, www.EandCo.net



Patagonia Announces Guidelines for Environmental Grants Program

Patagonia, an outdoor clothing and gear company, provides support for environmental work through grants to nonprofit organizations. The company supports small, grassroots organizations with provocative direct-action agendas and multi-pronged campaigns designed to preserve and protect the environment.

Patagonia funds environmental work that is action-oriented, builds public involvement and support, is strategic, focuses on root causes, accomplishes specific goals and objectives, and takes place in countries in which Patagonia does business (i.e. the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Poland, Ireland, Austria, Spain, Scandinavia, Belgium, Korea, Japan, Chile, and Argentina). Please note: Organizations based in a community that has a Patagonia retail store or an international office should submit their request to the store or office. Each store administers its own grants program.

Applicants must have nonprofit 501(c)(3) status or a tax-exempt fiscal sponsor.

Most grants range between \$3,000 and \$8,000 each.

The company accepts proposals during the months of April or August. Proposals must be postmarked no later than **April 30** or **August 31**.

Visit the Patagonia Web site www.patagonia.com for complete program information and application procedures.



FORESTRY FUNDING NEWS ALERT # 10: June 2006, Welcome to the June issue of our forestry funding news alert. This electronic newsletter is compiled by the FAO Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) team. It is a compilation of news related to forestry funding for fund seekers worldwide. All back issues of the newsletter can be found on the CPF Sourcebook’s discussion platform at <http://www.fao.org/forestry/foris/community/main/listthreads?forum=1>.



US Agency for International Development (USAID) (Closing date, Sept 14, 2007)

Tanzania USAID-Dar es Salaam

Economic Growth Objective of the Strategic Framework

Grant

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=13051>



Fund from the Global Environment Facility (GEF, www.thegef.org) is open for you to send proposal for small grants of US\$15,000 each (at least). See some more information in the WASWC Newsletter 22(4) on our website by the end of February. You may contact 'Al' (Alfred Duda) at aduda@thegef.org. Refer to him where you have seen this news. **There is NO deadline.**



Echoing Green (a funding resource), www.echoinggreen.org/

Launched in 1987, Echoing Green's mission is to spark social change by identifying, investing and supporting the world's most exceptional emerging leaders and the organizations they launch. Through a two-year fellowship program, we help our network of visionaries develop new solutions to society's most difficult problems. These social entrepreneurs and their organizations work to close deeply-rooted social, economic and political inequities to ensure equal access and to help all individuals reach his/her potential. To date, Echoing Green has invested nearly \$25 million in seed and start up grants to over 400 social entrepreneurs and their innovative organizations.



Announcing the Finalists for the Equator Prize 2006!

It is with great pleasure that we announce the finalists for the Equator Prize 2006! After an extensive process of evaluation, the Equator Initiative's Technical Advisory Committee has selected an exceptional subset of 25 finalist initiatives, from a total pool of 310 nominations from 70 nations. http://www.undp.org/equatorinitiative/documents/pdf/BetweenTheLines_Issue11_English.pdf

Anunciando los finalistas del Premio Ecuatorial 2006!

Los finalistas del Premio Ecuatorial 2006 ya están designados y estamos llenos de entusiasmo. Los 25 finalistas, seleccionados entre más de 310 nominaciones, se destacan como iniciativas ejemplares para la reducción de la pobreza y la conservación y el uso sostenible de la diversidad biológica. http://www.undp.org/equatorinitiative/documents/pdf/BetweenTheLines_Issue11_Spanish.pdf

Présentation des finalistes du Prix Équateur 2006!

C'est avec beaucoup d'enthousiasme que nous vous présentons les finalistes du Prix Équateur 2006! Sélectionnés parmi plus de 310 candidatures, ces 25 finalistes représentent des initiatives exemplaires dans leur action contre la pauvreté et pour la conservation et l'utilisation durable de la biodiversité. http://www.undp.org/equatorinitiative/documents/pdf/BetweenTheLines_Issue11_French.pdf

Also see Between the Lines Newsletter for the special Award Ceremony in Berlin at www.undp.org/equatorinitiative/documents/pdf/BetweenTheLines_Issue12.pdf

FELLOWSHIPS



Research In Afghanistan

Dear all,

I am attaching an outline* for a possible student research project - probably most appropriate for an MSc. There are more in the pipeline. I realize I am probably too late for this summers cohort but can you

circulate this information to anyone who you think may be interested. It MAY be possible to get an air fare out of Mercy Corps.

Once there is someone interested we can refine the research methodology. I am attaching a draft research outline, some background on the area, background to the Kunduz River Basin Programme and a project summary.

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(* Ed.: Documents mentioned in this note can be sent to interested persons upon request. Tell Paul or me.)

COURSES

July 9-20, 2007

Participatory GIS for Effective Land Management under Transitional Conditions

Short Course - 2 weeks 9-20 July 2007, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa Course organised by ITC, Netherlands, and CEAD at UKZN. Course for NFP alumni from Southern Africa. External URL:

www.itc.nl/education/courses/refresher_courses/2007/pietermaritzburg_southafrica_2.asp

July 23-August 3, 2007

International Course on Demand Side Management of Groundwater, India,

This course is being organized by FAO building upon the experiences of APFAMGS Project which had shown remarkable results in approaching the groundwater management issue from a completely different angle with enormous participation of the farming community. More details can be found at www.apfamgs.org

The course is mainly intended for participants from the developing countries. Limited sponsorships would be available based on the profile and responsibilities of the participants. I request you to widely circulate this announcement, place it on your website and also help us in securing the right participants for the course.

With regards, Rao PS - FAO India

July 25-27, 2007

Training in Erosion and Degradation of Agricultural Soils of Spain (in Spanish – foreigners are welcome)



Universitat de València

Departament de Geografia

Valencia, 19 de marzo de 2007

Estimado compañero,

El próximo mes de julio tendrá lugar el curso sobre “**Erosión y Degradación del Suelos Agrícola en España**”, (25, 26 y 27 de julio de 2007) que está dirigido a estudiantes universitarios. El curso tiene una

duración de tres días por lo que hemos buscado fondos para conseguir que la inscripción, manutención, documentación y alojamiento tenga un coste asequible (70 €) para aquellos estudiantes que deban desplazarse de otras provincias.

El curso está concebido para que el alumno asista a clases teóricas y prácticas como puedes ver en el tríptico. Si algún estudiante requiere más información puede ponerse en contacto conmigo (artemio.cerda@uv.es) o bien con la secretaria del CEMACAM Font Roja (fontroja@obs.cam.es).

Ruego deis la máxima divulgación del curso. Atentamente,

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August 2007

ANNOUNCEMENT ON IWRM e-Learning PROGRAM

The Regional UN-Water Virtual Learning Centre (WVLC) at Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand, established in collaboration with UNU-INWEH, Canada and with support from UN-DESA, is now inviting applications from prospective water professionals. This distance based e-Learning program consists of 10 courses (25h per course) and leads to an award of a diploma in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) on successful completion. The special feature of our program lies in its uniqueness in delivery mode which consists of both Face-to-Face and distance-based learning. Courses 1 and 10 will be conducted Face-to-Face at AIT for 2 weeks each and Courses 2 to 9 will be conducted online for about 7-8 weeks each.

The program curriculum covers hydrology, water quality, terrestrial ecosystem, land use changes, aquatic ecosystem, water uses and wastewater, governance and community-based approaches and organizational infrastructure and management aspects.

The next batch of program is scheduled for August 2007. For more information on admission requirements and procedure, program structure, course contents, cost, etc., please visit <http://www.set.ait.ac.th/courses/wvlc/> or call us at +66 2 5245793 (Monday through Friday). Further inquiries can also be made to wvlc@ait.ac.th.

Deadline for Application has been extended to **July 5, 2007**.

We Accept Properly Scanned Copies of Filled in Application Form.

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October 29-November 11, 2007

Course on Landscape Functions and People: Bangkok, Thailand

This course, sponsored by Wageningen International and Recoft, familiarizes participants with the current practices for landscape-level planning approaches and provides opportunities to develop practical skills and experiences in the use of tools applicable for landscape level planning, monitoring, and implementation. The course will equip participants to:

- Understand the context, principles and relevance of landscape-level approaches for natural resources governance in today's world
- Understand how landscape-level planning processes can be developed and how they can be facilitated
- Become familiar with a variety of "tools" for landscape-level approaches and gain experience in applying and adapting these in real-life situations
- Understand how landscape-level approaches can contribute to improved decision-making, sustainable management, and monitoring of natural resources

The course costs US\$280, and the **application deadline is September 15, 2007**. Applicants for the NFP fellowships must have their material in by the **June 1**.

For more information, see [course
www.wi.wur.nl/UK/newsagenda/agenda/Landscape_functions_and_people_applying_strategic_planning_approaches_for_good_natural_resource_gove.htm](http://www.wi.wur.nl/UK/newsagenda/agenda/Landscape_functions_and_people_applying_strategic_planning_approaches_for_good_natural_resource_gove.htm)

JOBS

Soil science jobs in Australia

Soil Scientist - Pedometrics

We are seeking an outstanding young scientist with a primary interest in developing new methods of rapid soil measurement that are essential to provide basic information on soil condition and trend. The research may pursue several lines of enquiry, ranging from basic soil spectroscopy through to error propagation and implementation in digital soil mapping for land planning and management. The individual must have a working knowledge of contemporary pedometrics, a good understanding of Australian soils and landscapes, and a strong commitment to interdisciplinary research that provides clear benefit to Australia. More info [here](#)

Geochemist Postdoctoral Scientist

We are seeking a highly motivated postdoctoral scientist with a growing record of research achievement in geochemistry to join the CSIRO Land and Water group in Townsville. The person appointed will play a key role in helping improve understanding of the geochemistry of groundwater systems, and the impact on the transport and fate of solutes (nutrients, agrochemicals & salts) via groundwater systems to downstream ecosystems and receiving waters (including the marine environment). More info [here](#)



IN GERMANY

The **Faculty of Forest, Geo and Hydro Sciences** in the **Institute of International Forestry and Forest Products** invites applications for the position of a

Juniorprofessor (W1) for Land-use Management in the Tropics and Subtropics

the **earliest**.

We are looking for a personality well-versed in research and teaching, profound knowledge and international experiences in the following areas:

**Land-use planning focussing on forests/woody plants in the tropics and subtropics,
Analysis and development of forestry and agroforestry systems,**

Integrated management of land-use at local and superior spatial levels.

The applicant's background should be in forest sciences or related disciplines. Jointly with the Professor of Tropical Forestry the candidate is responsible for the guidance of the Master Course "Tropical Forestry and Management" as well as for the coordination of the Erasmus Mundus Course "SUTROFOR (Sustainable Tropical Forestry)". Teaching language in both programmes is English.

The Faculty sets a high value on an excellent teaching ability, verified by evaluation results. International experience focusing on the tropics/subtropics is to be proved on the basis of successful research co-operations. The acquisition and supervision of research projects in tropical countries is expected.

The preconditions for employment are based on the Sächsisches Hochschulgesetz i.d.j.g.F (§46 SächsHG).

Accordingly, graduation from a university, teaching aptitude as well as a particular capability for scientific work (normally an outstanding doctoral thesis) are to be exhibited.

A Juniorprofessor is employed first for a period of up to 4 years, and upon positive evaluation this time span is to be extended to a total of 6 years (§45 Sächsisches Hochschulgesetz i.d.j.g.F.).

Applications from women are particularly welcome. The same applies to the disabled.

Please send your application including CV, description of academic career, list of publications, copies of five major publications, abstract of your teaching activities, and certified copies of diplomas and documents as well as a supplemental letter explaining your motivation for application to: **Technische Universität Dresden, Dekan der Fakultät Forst-, Geo- and Hydrowissenschaften, Prof. Dr. Peter Werner, 01062 Dresden (Germany) by July 06, 2007.** Contact Heidrun Wende, heiwen@forst.tu-dresden.de; more info in <http://www.forst.tu-dresden.de/Inter/>

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Tebtebba Foundation - a well known indigenous peoples-run research and policy organization based in the Philippines (for more information see: www.tebtebba.org) - is launching an initiative that intends to use positive developments within the global system and other opportunities available to operationalise the human rights based approach in order to strengthen the protection and enhancement of biological and cultural diversity of indigenous peoples.

Amongst the various activities to be carried out under this initiative, it is envisaged to commission review papers on indigenous ecological management practices, including the adaptive ones in the face of globalisation and similar global trends, such as climate change, economic integration, instantaneous communication, urbanisation and others.

In this regard, Tebtebba Foundation is looking for a couple of young people, preferably doc and post doc students, preferably but not necessarily indigenous, who have worked on the topic, both in the South and the North, and are very knowledgeable about the existing literature, willing to prepare review papers on the topic. Could you suggest a few names as well as their contacts?

If you have any suggestions, please send them to Vanda Altarelli - v_altarelli@yahoo.co.uk - who is assisting Tebtebba in her personal capacity.

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Desirable qualifications:

- Ability to work and live in tropical, developing-country environments
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- Conversational ability in Bahasa Indonesia or ability to learn

For further information, or to apply, please send full c.v. to Professor Paul S. Teng, Chief Technical Adviser, c/o Ms. Veronica Gan, COO, at veronicag@pdccorp.com.sg. Initial enquiries may also be made to Professor Teng at psteng2244@hotmail.com. Position is available as soon as successful applicant is identified.

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From: Steven Swan

Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2007 8:27 AM

To: CMWG@indaba.iucn.org

Subject: [TGER List] FW: FFI HOANG LIEN SON PROJECT seeking resource person: PAR on forest resource use for participatory PA management planning process

The project 'Community-based-conservation of the Hoang Lien Mountain Ecosystem, Vietnam' (Hoang Lien Son Project - HLSP), implemented by Fauna & Flora International in partnership with the Forest Protection Departments of Lao Cai, Son La & Yen Bai, is seeking a qualified national consultant to deliver **PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH** on current patterns of local forest resource use to inform an operational management planning process for Mu Cang Chai Species/Habitat Conservation Area.

Interested persons can send their CVs to the following HLSP address: Steven Swan, HLSP Team Leader, 340 Nghi Tam, Ha Noi, Viet Nam, E-mail: hlsp_steven@hn.vnn.vn

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NEW INFORMATION SOURCES

(This is a new column; every item is new every time)

Many or most of these sources can be had for free. WASWC members are encouraged to read through the following list and make your requests or purchases, whatever the case would be; this will help accelerate more exchanges of information among all players in natural resources management.

BOOKS

The FP7 Coach: vehicle to success

FP7 is short for the **Seventh Framework Programme**, the R&D funding of the European Commission with over EUR 50 Bn until end of 2013. It's interesting for researchers, not only for the monies. The procedures are complex and overwhelming. The FP7 Coach (e-Book), which will be updated regularly, helps applicants to prepare better proposals, find the right partners and avoid admin problems with practical examples etc. The book is currently 405 pp. Periodically, subscribers will receive 250-300 additional and/or updated pages per year, which makes the e-book innovative in its own right.

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The Geospatial Web - How Geobrowsers, Social Software and the Web 2.0 are Shaping the Network Society, by Arno Scharl and Klaus Tochtermann (eds), www.geospatialweb.com/

REPORTS

Global soil maps and reports on-line

ISRIC - World Soil Information has built up a collection of more than 20,000 reports, books and maps, as well as digital databases on soil and land resources. The [ISRIC - World Soil Information Database](#) include: on-line access to over 3,500 soil maps; over 110 full-text reports (PDF); country-specific searches based on Google maps; and a pull-down menu with soil science links. Click [here](#) for further information.

United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity

The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity is the sponsor of International Biodiversity Day. Read all about the history of the Convention and the rationale of this year's Biodiversity Day theme: Biodiversity and Climate Change: www.biodiv.org/programmes/outreach/awareness/biodiv-day-2007.shtml.

Countdown 2010 - Global partners working together to reduce the rate of biodiversity loss Countdown 2010 is a network of active partners working together to significantly reduce the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010. The secretariat – hosted by the World Conservation Union (IUCN) – facilitates and encourages action, promotes the importance of the 2010 biodiversity target and assesses progress towards 2010. Their website has lots of information about the major steps that need to be taken to save biodiversity and about what countries around the globe are doing to slow the rate of biodiversity loss: <http://www.countdown2010.net/>.

International Panel on Climate Change 2007 Report

Worried about biodiversity loss? The International Panel on Climate Change just gave us a lot more to worry about. In a seminal report on the impacts on climate change, the scientists outline how climate change affects ecosystems and species. In short, the report concludes that 30% of species face an increased risk of extinction if temperatures rise by 2°C. Half of all species are already altering their behavior or shifting their ranges in response to global warming, and a quarter of the world's coral reefs has died as a result of warming water. The impacts of climate change will not be evenly distributed: A rising sea level mainly threatens low islands and the crowded river deltas of southern Asia. Shifting rain patterns would halve crop yields in Africa and expose up to 250 million people to water shortages. All over, extreme weather events will become more frequent. The Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) summarizes the current knowledge on and the expected future impacts of climate change, and examines various methods of response to this phenomenon. Read the full report at: www.ipcc.ch.

World Business Council for Sustainable Development – Biodiversity is good for business!

The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) is a CEO-led, global association of some 190 companies dealing exclusively with business and sustainable development. The Council provides a platform for companies to explore sustainable development, share knowledge, experiences and best practices, and to advocate business positions on these issues in a variety of forums, working with governments, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations. In 1997, IUCN and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development published *Business and Biodiversity - A Guide for the Private Sector*, and IUCN and WBCSD have joined forces with Earthwatch Institute (Europe) to develop a new Handbook for Corporate Action. The handbook provides information on the business case for biodiversity, as well as current biodiversity issues for business, corporate biodiversity strategies and key biodiversity resources. Read more about the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and download the Handbook for Corporate Action here: <http://www.wbcd.ch/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&ObjectId=Mzc2>.

UNDP Equator Initiative – Bringing communities together to innovate and share experiences

The Equator Initiative is a partnership that brings together the United Nations, civil society, business, governments and communities to help build the capacity and raise the profile of grassroots efforts to reduce poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. A simple fact lies at the heart of the Equator Initiative's work: the world's greatest concentrations of biological wealth are found in the tropics, in countries that also have some of the highest levels of poverty. The good news is that communities are charting a path toward sustainability, creatively using biological resources for food, medicine, shelter and improved livelihoods in ways that raise incomes and protect the environment. The Equator Initiative champions and supports community efforts to link economic development and income generation with the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. Read more about the Equator Initiative here: <http://www.undp.org/equatorinitiative/>.

Other reports:

- **International Symposium on on Biodiversity and Climate Change: Links with Poverty and Sustainable Development – Hanoi, Vietnam, May 22 and 23, 2007.** www.biodiversity-day.info/bday07_symposium.html

- **European Centre for Nature Conservation Produces Report on Climate Change and Biodiversity – The Role of European Regions.** www.ecnc.nl/jump/page/649/Climate%20change%20and%20biodiversity.html

- **UK National Biodiversity Network Encourages Action on Biodiversity Day.** www.nbn.org.uk/default.asp

NEWSLETTERS

New IUSS Bulletin 110 now on-line

IUSS Bulletin 110 is now online. It contains a detailed report on the 18th World Congress of Soil Science, information on the next congress, minutes from IUSS meetings, IUSS Divisional reports and an extended report on activities in different countries of the UN Proclaimed International Year of Planet Earth. Furthermore, the “Five Questions to a Soil Scientist”, the favourite soil science books of colleagues in Egypt, S. Korea and Canada, and reports of meetings and reviews of recent soil science books and publications. Click [here](#) for the PDF or go to www.iuss.org (IUSS BULLETINS) and browse through the Bulletin contents. Also on the web (under IUSS NEWSLETTERS) the newsletter of Commission 1.1 Soil Morphology and Micromorphology. It is published twice per year with news, announcements, awards, upcoming meetings, and reports concerning soil morphology or micromorphology.

BETWEEN THE LINES

We are also pleased to report on a week-long series of special events celebrating World Environment Day, 5 June 2007 in Berlin. The Prizes were presented at a special Award Ceremony hosted by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Equator Initiative joined UNDP, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Countdown 2010 to deliver a statement on climate change and biodiversity loss. Also inside, find the message from the Equator Initiative and Countdown 2010 urging the Group of Eight (G8) to take a leadership role in addressing these interconnected challenges.

The newsletter is available at: http://www.undp.org/equatorinitiative/documents/pdf/BetweenTheLines_Issue12.pdf

Sean Southey, Manager, Equator Initiative, UNDP
sean.southey@undp.org, www.equatorinitiative.org

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (abstract books, brochures, leaflets, etc.)

Core Historical Literature of Agriculture

The [Core Historical Literature of Agriculture](#) (CHLA) is a core electronic collection of agricultural texts published between the early nineteenth century and the middle to late twentieth century. Full-text materials cover agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, animal science, crops and their protection, food science, forestry, human nutrition, rural sociology, and soil science. Scholars have selected the titles in this collection for their historical importance. Current online holdings: Pages: 850,264 Books: 1,849, Journals: 6 (288 Volumes). More info [here](#)

WEBSITES (Mixed subjects)

TSUNAMI

We have been working on a paper looking at the effectiveness of trees and forests in protecting against tsunamis. The paper is in draft form at present but will be finished in the next months.

We also organised a conference last year on the protective functions of trees and forests against coastal hazards. The proceedings are about to be published and will soon be available on the web at ftp://ext-ftp.fao.org/fo/data/Upload/Coastal_Protection_WorkshopAug06/. The name of the file is '00-KhaoLak proceedings 090507-Full.pdf'

- *Jeremy Broadhead* (FAO RAP) Jeremy.Broadhead@fao.org

AN EARTH WITHOUT PEOPLE

A new way to examine humanity's impact on the environment is to consider how the world would fare if all the people disappeared [An Earth Without People](#)

It's a common fantasy to imagine that you're the last person left alive on earth. But what if all human beings were suddenly whisked off the planet? That premise is the starting point for *The World without Us*, a new book by science writer Alan Weisman, an associate professor of journalism at the University of Arizona. In this extended thought experiment, Weisman does not specify exactly what finishes off *Homo sapiens*; instead he simply assumes the abrupt disappearance of our species and projects the sequence of events that would most likely occur in the years, decades and centuries afterward.

- Steve Mirsky, *Scientific American*

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[Experience Offers Students and Graduates Exclusive Experience for Life Environmental Expedition with Earthwatch](#)

Recent Experience survey results conclude, today's college students believe making a difference in the world is more important than achieving professional success, with nearly one in five students naming "environment" and "climate control" as the most pressing issues our world faces today. Experience has partnered with Earthwatch to offer students and alumni the chance to do both by applying to participate in an expedition with Earthwatch, the world's leading environmental volunteer organization. Entrants must submit an original photo and caption that best represents to them why it's crucial to save the environment. Entries must be received September 7, 2007 on Experience.com. - *Experience, Inc.*

EPA LAUNCHES NEW CHINESE WEBSITE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has launched a new consolidated Chinese-language Web site as part of its ongoing effort to provide environmental information in English, Spanish and Chinese. The new site compiles EPA Chinese-language materials on a wide variety of issues from lead poisoning prevention, energy efficiency, and clean water to proper management of pesticides. The site also serves as a valuable tool in delivering important health and environmental information to the Chinese-speaking community, both here in the U.S. and worldwide, to help protect local communities as well as the global environment. Chinese is the third most widely-spoken language in the U.S., after English and Spanish.

The new portal should also enhance environmental cooperation between the United States and China. EPA has a robust program of cooperation with several Chinese governmental bodies to address threats to human health and the environment, including initiatives on air pollution, water pollution, and management of hazardous waste and toxic substances. EPA also collaborates with China on research, policy development, and buildup of environmental enforcement capability.

To view EPA's Chinese site, visit: www.epa.gov/chinese

To view EPA's Spanish portal, visit: www.epa.gov/espanol

EPA's English website: www.epa.gov

Contact: Lina Younes 202-564-9924 / younes.lina@epa.gov

NSF WEBSITE

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has programs for advanced research in various topics. www.nsf.gov

DESERTIFICATION



Willem Van Cotthem has vast knowledge in community gardens and testing the soil amendment product. There is ample evidence of its benefit for water efficiency uses. We discussed this first for India and Nepal. Now our limited time and energy is focused in Nigeria for the demonstrations. Nigeria has water limited areas and efficient use of water is important. Efficient use becomes more important when there is the higher interest in Biomass growing. Groundwater tables and stream health issues may become greater in the public's eye beyond what exists today.

www.desertification.wordpress.com. - Sidney Clouston

EARTH PORTAL www.EarthPortal.org

Earth Portal is a comprehensive, free and dynamic resource for timely, objective, science-based information about the environment built by a global community of environmental experts: educators, physical, life, and social scientists, scholars, and professionals who have joined together to communicate to the world.

In contrast to information from anonymous sources with no quality control, the Earth Portal is created and governed by individuals and organizations who put their names behind their words and where attribution and expert-review for accuracy are fundamental.

The Earth Portal includes:

§ [Encyclopedia of Earth \(www.eoearth.org\)](http://www.eoearth.org) has an initial 2,300 articles from over 700 experts from 46 countries, as well as such content partners as the World Wildlife Fund and the United Nations Environment Programme. The Encyclopedia is a means for the global scientific community to come together to produce the first free, comprehensive expert-driven information resource on the environment. The Encyclopedia includes articles, e-books and reports, interactive maps, and biographies, and will eventually be published in other major languages. Environmental scholars and experts are invited to become contributors to the Encyclopedia. [Click here.](#)

§ [Earth News \(www.earthportal.org/news\)](http://www.earthportal.org/news) includes breaking news updates from many sources, with links from key words to Encyclopedia articles, enabling readers to learn about the science behind the headlines.

§ [Earth Forum \(www.earthportal.org/forum\)](http://www.earthportal.org/forum) allows the public to engage in discussions with experts, ask questions and get answers, and to participate in community debates about issues that matter to them.

§ [Environment in Focus \(www.earthportal.org/?page_id=70\)](http://www.earthportal.org/?page_id=70) provides an exploration of a major issue each week – energy, climate change, environmental economics and other topics – led by a prominent expert in the subject and involving articles, news, places, discussions, Q&A, interesting facts, and more.

BRAINTRACK

is a worldwide University-Index on the Internet. It contains information about Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges and other higher educational institutions from all over the world. BRAINTRACK is the largest University-Index on the Internet. It is produced and maintained by AAA Science Network. www.braintrack.com

New Agriculturalist online for January 2006, www.new-agri.co.uk/06-1/develop/dev01.html,

Rainforest Foundation, at www.rainforestfoundationuk.org/

INSTITUTION

International Soil Tillage Research Organization (ISTRO)

The International Soil Tillage Research Organization (ISTRO) was founded on 27 September 1973 and is organized as a nonprofit, scientific, and education corporation. It is registered in The Netherlands according to Dutch law.

The goals of ISTRO are (1) to promote contacts among scientists undertaking research in soil tillage and field traffic and their relationship with the soil environment, land use and crop production, (2) to stimulate scientific research in the domain of soil tillage and related fields, and (3) to further the application of the results of such research into agricultural practice.

Activities

Activities of ISTRO include (1) sponsoring an international conference every three years on soil tillage and related subjects, (2) sponsoring relevant workshops, excursions and demonstrations, (3) sponsoring meetings of national and regional branches of ISTRO, (4) promoting cooperation with national and international organizations in other fields of science with similar general purposes such as the International Society of Soil Science (ISSS) and the World Ploughing Organization (WPO), and (5) providing scientific support for the international journal *Soil & Tillage Research* in which the regular bulletin of news and information, ISTRO-INFO, is published.

The very first international soil tillage conference in 1955, at Uppsala, Sweden was organized by Prof. Gunner Torstensson. Subsequent conferences were held in 1958 (Stuttgart Hohenheim, Germany), 1962 (Doorwerth, The Netherlands), 1965 (Aas, Norway), 1970 (Silsoe, UK) and 1973 (Wageningen, The Netherlands).

At the 1973 conference, to ensure continued interaction among tillage workers, ISTRO was founded. To provide historical perspective to past tillage-related conferences, the conference in Wageningen in 1973 was designated the 6th International Conference.

Subsequently, ISTRO has held international conferences every three years. Beginning in 1976, the ISTRO conferences were held at 3-year intervals in Uppsala (Sweden), Stuttgart-Hohenheim (Germany), Osijek (Croatia), Guelph (Canada), Edinburgh (Scotland), Ibadan (Nigeria), Aalborg (Denmark), Pulawy (Poland), Fort Worth, Texas (USA), and Brisbane (Australia). The most recent ISTRO conference was held in 2006 at Kiel (Germany). The proceedings of the last three conferences can be downloaded from www.ISTRO.org

New Approaches

Soil tillage is one of the major factors of agricultural production. The diversity of soil and climatic conditions throughout the world has led to the development of various farming systems to match husbandry requirements of crops grown in a given area. Economic considerations and, in more recent years, environmental concerns, have made it imperative that we reassess the technologies employed in tillage. Questions should be formulated about the level of energy inputs to tillage in terms of the relationship between mechanical tillage and the amount of chemicals used to raise crops in different soil types and climatic zones. Because of the impact of agriculture on the environment, scientists and engineers should seek new approaches to tillage and plant cultivation that take into account the protection of the environment and the economic aspects of farming. We should be addressing the balance between tillage inputs versus chemical inputs for crop production.

Membership

ISTRO welcomes as members all persons and institutions interested in the study or application of soil tillage and related subjects. ISTRO has approximately 600 members in more than 70 countries. There are five categories of membership: individual, student, corporate, honorary, and retired members. Individual membership fees are (in US dollars) \$21/year (base membership fee) or \$106/year (base membership fee plus subscription to *Soil & Tillage Research* journal). Membership fee is reduced to US\$ 7 for members from Low-Income, Lower-Middle-Income and Upper-Middle Income Economies as defined on the World Bank website www.worldbank.org/data/countryclass/countryclass.html. Corporate members pay \$84/year (base fee which includes one voting and three nonvoting members). Retired members pay \$7/year and students pay \$7/year. A membership form can be found on the ISTRO website www.ISTRO.org. The membership Payment should be made to the treasurer. You can find exact paying instructions under "Membership". To reduce bank and mailing costs, it is advisable to remit fees for three or more years and/or jointly with other members. When payment is made in advance, a discount of 10% (for 6 years) or 20% (9 years) is granted.

ISTRO Interest Areas

ISTRO has identified eight specific areas, called ISTRO Interest Areas, in which members may identify themselves. These include: Soil Physics, Soil and Water Management, Soil Chemistry, Environmental Quality, Soil Biology and Biochemistry, Tillage Implements, Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition, and Crop Protection.

Publications

ISTRO supports three different publications: (1) ISTRO-INFO is published 2-4 times per year and provides a means of rapid communication of new developments in tillage, upcoming meetings, and relevant research and technology results that have application to soil tillage. ISTRO-INFO acts also as a bulletin of news and information about progress in soil tillage research in its broadest sense and of other matters of interest to the membership of ISTRO. (2) The research journal *Soil & Tillage Research* is published by Elsevier in collaboration with ISTRO. (3) The proceedings of the last three conferences can be down loaded from: www.ISTRO.org

Soil & Tillage Research

This journal is concerned with changes in the physical, chemical, and biological parameters of the soil brought about by tillage and field traffic, their effects on crop establishment, root development and plant growth, environmental quality and their interactions. *Soil & Tillage Research* is abstracted/ indexed in Agricultural Engineering Abstracts, Biological Abstracts, Chemical Abstracts, Current Contents, The Science Citation Index, Environmental Periodicals Bibliography, and Soils & Fertilizers.

Titles of recent issues of the journal can be scanned and searched on the journal's Home Page:

www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/503318/description#description

ISTRO members are eligible to subscribe to *Soil & Tillage Research* at a special rate. In 2007, the annual member subscription rate is US\$85/year, including postage. One does not need to be a member of ISTRO to publish in *Soil & Tillage Research*. For guidelines please consult the Guide on the journal's Home Page. The journal *Soil & Tillage Research* is published Elsevier in collaboration with ISTRO.

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September 12-16, 2007

Vatavaran Environment Film Festival 2007

The CMS Vatavaran 2007 - 4th Competitive Environment and Wildlife Film Festival will be held at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. Entries for the festival can be sent till April 30, 2007.

Contact: Alka Tomar, Festival Director, Centre for Media Studies (CMS), CMS Research House, Saket Community Centre, New Delhi 110 017. Tel: 011-24992597 / 26522244/55. Fax: 26968282. Email: vatavaran@cmsindia.org; info@cmsvatavaran.org, www.cmsvatavaran.org

EXPOSITIONS

ECO Expo – China Exhibition Center, Beijing, China

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[United Nations Development Programme](http://www.un.org/development/dp)

[WELCOME to the Virtual Knowledge Fair on Water](http://www.waterfair.org)

The Fair is now open! Please proceed to www.waterfair.org, where you will find access to the various exhibits (videos, experience write-ups, pictures and materials), background information on countries and water-related topics, a Who's-Who about water-practitioners in the regions, photo gallery, a quiz and much more!

Water Management 2008, Exhibition and Conference

Scheduled to be held at **Mumbai, India** during **14th -16th January 2008**.

In the current scenario, the coordination of water resources, upgrade of utility networks, water management reform and conservation have become important goals for the economic well-being and growth in developing and developed economies.

Water Management 2008, Exhibition and Conference will act as the platform for the industries in the field of water to get a competitive edge on their competitors. With the event's focus on new Technologies, equipment and innovative ideas, many Companies and Governmental officials hope to find solutions to major water issues facing today. With that in mind, the primary effort at this exhibition and conference will be technologies whose methods and practices operate in efficient and environmentally-friendly ways.

Water Management 2008 – Exhibitor Profile

Water treatment	Water and Sewage Refinery
Water supply and services	Surface Water and Sewage Gathering
Water conservation	Water and Sewage Pipes and Joints
Filtration equipment	Water preparation for drinking purposes
Water pollution monitoring	Power engineering utilities
Sewage and sludge treatment	Water quality control equipment
Packaged drinking water	Hydroelectric Power Generation
Water treatment chemicals	Macro Water Management
Rainwater harvesting	Water shed Management
Wastewater management & recycling	Trade Publications
Water management systems	Consultants & Research
Effluent treatment systems	Technical Institutes
Water purification	Water quality software Vendors
Pipes, fittings and valves	Irrigation Network
Instrumentation and process control	Tunnel projects
Boilers and cooling towers	Dam projects
Pumps and motor	Water analysis devices
Water reclamation	Water distribution networks
Desalination plants	Information technology
Water Jetting accessories	Water storage reservoirs

Water Management 2008 – Visitor Profile

Professionals from the water industry	Government & Ministry Officials
Local Government heads	Local Water Resource Management Officials

Hydroelectricity Project Officials
Ministry of Rural development
Drinking Water Mission
Irrigation authorities
Ground water authorities
Jal boards
Professionals from Metallurgy
Professionals from Construction and building industry
Professionals from textile industry
Professionals from mining industry
Professionals from pulp and paper industry
Investment & Financing Organizations

Public Water Utility Project Officials
Construction & Engineering Agents
Professionals from heavy instruments and equipments industry
Ministry of Environment
Pollution control boards
Professionals from petroleum and oil industry
Public health & works department
Professionals from Iron industry
Professionals from Glass industry
Co-operative and housing societies
National officials from Ministry of Water Resources

The Conference

The [Water Management 2008 Conference](#) is an event to which anyone & everyone associated with the Water Management Industry will look forward to. The Conference will have a series of business and technical sessions with useful as well as interesting lectures and topical discussions on the state of the industry. The Conference offers a platform for meeting and interacting with various delegates from India and Abroad.

Product Showcase Theatre

Product Showcase Theatre offers the exhibitors to demo their products give presentation and interact with clients personally. It will help the exhibitors to generate high quality leads through new and existing customers, increase brand awareness and source requests for new proposals.

[Water Management 2008](#) recognizes this challenge and understands that water is an indispensable source for further modernization and development within the country.

[For bookings and details, contact the undersigned or simply reply back](#)

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A FRIEND NEEDS YOUR HELP!

From Morocco

I'm a Moroccan student. I studied at the Mohammed V University, Faculty of Science in RABAT. After I got my MSc degree I have been working at National institute of Agricultural Research (INRA) at the Department of Environment and Conservation of Natural Resources.

I am now preparing a PhD thesis on the modeling of the transfer of nitrogen and water in agricultural catchment by using a model APEX. I require your support. I would like to have some papers about this subject and, if possible, those that concern this particular model.

Thanks very much for your help.

Dakak Houri, dakak_h@yahoo.fr

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June 1, 2007

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SonTek/YSI People in the News

(San Diego, California): [SonTek/YSI](#), the international leader in the manufacturing of acoustic Doppler instrumentation for water velocity measurement in oceans, rivers, lakes, harbors, estuaries, and laboratories, announces one new hire and three key employee promotions, to support the company's rapid growth.

Hakan Erdem has joined SonTek as Director of Operations. Hakan was most recently the head of operations for Teledyne RD Instruments. He has hit the ground running, making an immediate impact in helping SonTek streamline operational efficiencies. Hakan's level of expertise in acoustic Doppler industry operations is extensive - starting his career as a Material Control Supervisor, and working his way up in various operational leadership capacities. Hakan has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering.

The previous SonTek Director of Operations, **Daryl Slocum**, has accepted a promotion to Director of Business Development and Strategic Projects for YSI. Daryl brings many years of technical and business experience that YSI will leverage as the company explores strategic partnerships, acquisitions, and new growth opportunities for the entire company. Daryl has been at SonTek since 1997, and has a B.S. in Ocean Engineering

John Romeo, who joined SonTek mid-2006, has quickly demonstrated his skills and leadership in the R&D process, has been promoted to Director of Research and Development. John also came to SonTek from Teledyne RD Instruments. He has 19 years experience with all aspects of the acoustic Doppler business including engineering, marketing and manufacturing. John attended the University of San Diego and has authored numerous publications and papers on acoustic Doppler design and application.

With the promotion of John, former R&D Director (and Founder of SonTek) **Ramon Cabrera** assumes the role of Technical Advisor for YSI reporting to CEO/President, Rick Omlor. He has a B.S./M.S. in Physics, M.S. in Ocean Engineering, and an M.S. in Computer Science.

Additional information and other product news can be found at www.sontek.com.

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SonTek/YSI, founded in 1992 and advancing environmental science in over 100 countries, manufactures affordable, reliable acoustic Doppler instrumentation for water velocity measurement in oceans, rivers, lakes, harbors, estuaries, and laboratories. SonTek/YSI is headquartered in San Diego, California, and is part of YSI Inc., an employee owned company that provides monitoring and data collection instrumentation to global water quality, water quantity, and aquaculture markets.

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MEETINGS 2007

June 25-27, 2007

Southern Conservation Agricultural Systems Conference: The Next Step after Conservation Tillage, North Florida Research & Education Center, Quincy, Florida, U.S.A.

The focus of this year's conference is on the use of perennial grasses in rotation with row crops. Many of the best soils in the U.S. were in native grasses that built up soil organic matter before being turned under and planted to annual crops. Long term studies show that these soils have lost organic matter and soil nitrogen and other quality factors over the last 100 years as they continue to be cropped with annual crops.

The primary mission of the SCASC is to provide a medium for exchanging information about conservation tillage and related technology between and among researchers, extension personnel, NRCS personnel, crop consultants, agrochemical companies and farmers. The primary goal of most conservation tillage research is to develop improved technology to increase yields and/or profitability of agricultural crops and livestock while maintaining or improving the quality of soil and water resources available for agricultural, domestic and recreational uses. The overall objective of the SCASC is to expand conservation tillage systems in the southern United States for the purpose of controlling erosion and reducing environmental degradation.

Please follow the links below for more information:

[Agenda](#)

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June 25-30, 2007

5th International Congress of ESSC of the EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR SOIL CONSERVATION

Changing Soils in a Changing World: the Soils of Tomorrow

June, 25 -30 2007 Palermo, Italy

For registration and abstract submission, please refer to website:

www.esscpalermocongress.it

or contact the organizers at congressi@bibatour.it, www.bibatour.it

The Organizing Committee will take into account the possibility of publishing the congress proceeding in a volume printed by CATENA VERLAG. All participants are kindly requested to submit their papers/presentation, in compliance with the instructions indicate on web site.

June-July 2007

*El texto en español se encuentra después del texto en inglés * Le texte en français suit le texte en espagnol*

The CBD Alliance supports Southern (from 'developing' countries and countries with economies in transition) participation in Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and CBD-related meetings. There are approximately 10-12 funded spaces (airfare, per diem, hotel – subject to funding) to support participation in the upcoming 3 meetings:

(1) Advancing and Implementing Global Biodiversity Policies: a conference for civil society representatives

June 29 – July 1, 2007 - Paris, France

This conference, designed by and for civil society representatives, will be an opportunity for face-to-face discussions, dialogue, learning and strategizing around biodiversity issues, particularly those on the agenda for the 9th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-9 in Bonn, Germany – May 2008). Attending this conference is a requirement for receiving travel funds to SBSTTA

12 or the WGRI 2. Agenda details will be completed by the end of April, 2007 (watch www.cbdalliance.org), but issues to be discussed include:

- climate change, biodiversity and biofuels
- market based mechanisms
- agricultural biodiversity and biosafety
- trade and incentives
- forest biological diversity
- national implementation of the CBD
- democratizing the CBD

(2) 12th meeting of the SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE (SBSTTA 12)

July 2-6, 2007 - Paris, France

Please see <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=SBSTTA-12> for more information on the meeting and documents.

Issues to be discussed include:

- ecosystem approach
- global strategy for plant conservation
- Millennium Ecosystem Assessment
- Biodiversity and climate change, including biofuels
- sustainable use
- biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands

(3) Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI 2)

July 9-13, 2007 - Paris, France

Please see <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=WGRI-02> for more information on the meeting and documents.

Issues to be discussed include:

- national biodiversity strategic action plans
- Convention resources
- strategic plan
- global environment facility
- 3rd Global Biodiversity Outlook

For more information and to apply see attached form.

**** Un llamado a participar **** Por favor, circular ampliamente

LA FECHA LÍMITE PARA APLICAR ES EL 16 DE ABRIL, 2007

La Alianza del Convenio sobre la Diversidad Biológica (CBD Alliance, en inglés) apoya la participación de representantes de países en desarrollo y de países de economías en transición a las reuniones relacionadas con el Convenio. Pueden apoyar la participación de aproximadamente de 10 a 12 personas (billete de avión, per diem, hotel - dependiendo del financiamiento) para asistir a las próximas 3 reuniones:

(1) Avanzando e implementando las políticas globales de la Biodiversidad: una conferencia de representantes de la sociedad civil Junio 29 – Julio 1, 2007 - Paris, Francia

Esta conferencia, diseñada por y para los representantes de la sociedad civil será una oportunidad para tener discusiones cara a cara, dialogar, aprender y establecer estrategias en torno a los asuntos ligados con la biodiversidad, en particular aquellos relacionados con la agenda de la novena Conferencia de la Partes del Convenio sobre la Diversidad Biológica (COP- 9).

Participar en esta conferencia es un

requisito para recibir fondos para las reuniones de SBSTTA 12 y la del WGRI 2. Los detalles de la agenda serán completados hacia finales de abril 2007 (www.cbdalliance.org), pero los asuntos que se discutirán incluyen:

- cambio climático, biodiversidad y biocombustibles (o agro-combustibles)
- mecanismos basados en el mercado
- biodiversidad agrícola y bioseguridad
- comercio e incentivos
- diversidad biológica de los bosques
- implementación nacional de la CBD
- democratizando la CBD

(2) Doceava reunión del ÓRGANO SUBSIDIARIO DE ASESORAMIENTO CIENTÍFICO, TÉCNICO Y TECNOLÓGICO (SBSTTA 12)

Julio 2 – 6, 2007 - Paris, Francia Por favor

visitar: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=SBSTTA-12> para obtener más información sobre la reunión y los documentos. Los asuntos que serán discutidos incluyen:

- enfoque ecosistémico
- estrategia global para la conservación de plantas
- Evaluación de los ecosistemas del milenio
- Biodiversidad y cambio climático, incluyendo biocombustibles (o agro- combustibles)
- Uso sostenible
- Biodiversidad de las tierras áridas y sub-húmedas

(3) Segunda reunión del Grupo de trabajo especial de composición abierta sobre la revisión de la aplicación del Convenio (WGRI 2)

Julio 9 - 13, 2007 - Paris, Francia Por favor

visitar: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=WGRI-02> para obtener más información sobre la reunión y los documentos. Los asuntos que serán discutidos incluyen:

- Estrategias y planes de acción nacionales sobre la biodiversidad
- Los recursos del Convenio
- Plan estratégico
- El Fondo Mundial del Medio Ambiente
- Tercera edición de la Perspectiva Mundial sobre la Diversidad Biológica

Para más información y para someter su candidatura, ver el documento anexo.

**** Appel à participer **** S'il vous plaît, faire circuler largement
LA DATE D'ÉCHÉANCE POUR APPLIQUER EST LE 16 AVRIL 2007

L'Alliance de la Convention sur la Diversité Biologique (CBD Alliance, en anglais) appuie la participation des représentants de pays en voie de développement et de pays d'économies émergentes, aux réunions liées à la Convention. Ils peuvent soutenir la participation d'à peu près 10 à 12 personnes (billets d'avion, per –diem, hôtel – selon le financement disponible) pour les trois réunions suivantes :

(1) Mettre de l'avant et mettre en œuvre les politiques globales sur la biodiversité: Conférence des représentants de la société civile 29 juin au 1 juillet - Paris, France

Cette conférence, conçue par et pour les représentants de la société civile, sera une opportunité pour avoir des discussions face à face, dialoguer, apprendre et établir des stratégies autour de sujets liés à la biodiversité; plus particulièrement, ceux liés à l'agenda de la neuvième Conférence des Parties de la Convention sur la Diversité Biologique (COP-9). Participer à cette conférence est une opportunité pour recevoir du financement pour les réunions de SBSTTA 12 et de la WGRI 2. Les détails de l'agenda seront complétés vers la fin d'avril 2007 ([voirwww.cbdalliance.org](http://www.cbdalliance.org)) mais les sujets qui y seront discutés comprendront:

- changements climatiques, biodiversité et biocarburants (agro-carburants);
- mécanismes basés sur le marché;
- diversité biologique agricole et biosécurité;
- commerce et incitations;
- diversité biologique des forêts;
- mise en œuvre nationale de la CDB;
- démocratisation de la CDB.

(2) Douzième réunion de L'ORGANE SUBSIDIAIRE CHARGÉ DE FOURNIR DES AVIS SCIENTIFIQUES, TECHNIQUES ET TECHNOLOGIQUES (SBSTTA 12)

2 au 6 juillet 2007 - Paris, France Vous pouvez

visiter: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=SBSTTA-12> pour obtenir plus d'informations sur la réunion et sur les documents. Les sujets qui seront discutés incluent:

- Approche éco-systémique;
- Stratégie globale pour la conservation des plantes;
- Évaluation des écosystèmes pour le Millénaire;
- Biodiversité et changements climatiques incluant les biocarburants (ou agro-carburants);
- Utilisation durable;
- Biodiversité en terres arides et subhumides;

(3) Deuxième réunion du GROUPE DE TRAVAIL SPÉCIAL, À COMPOSITION NON LIMITÉE, SUR L'EXAMEN DE L'APPLICATION DE LA CONVENTION (WGRI 2)

9 au 13 juillet 2007 - Paris, France Vous pouvez

visiter: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=WGRI-02> pour obtenir plus d'informations sur la réunion et sur les documents. Les sujets qui seront discutés incluent:

- Stratégies et plans d'action nationaux sur la biodiversité;
- Les ressources de la Convention;
- Plan stratégique;
- Le Fonds Mondial sur l'Environnement;
- Troisième édition des Perspectives Mondiales de la diversité biologique.

Pour plus d'informations et pour soumettre votre candidature, voir le document ci-joint.

July 2-5, 2007

EFITA/WCCA 2007 Environmental and Rural Sustainability through ICT, Glasgow, Scotland

This conference brings together over a hundred research papers from across the world in a full and exciting programme - full details of which can be found on <http://efitaglasgow.org>.

If this is not enough to tempt you, the conference is located in the heart of Glasgow, rated in the top 10 of Frommers travel guide ³Must see² cities destinations and within easy reach of some of Europe's most spectacular scenery.

The very reasonable conference fee includes civic reception, a whisky tasting event and a superb banquet in the Great Hall at Stirling Castle, a 15th Century castle perched on top of rocks overlooking the Forth valley. The evening, which will definitely be one to remember, will include drinks in the castle courtyard, a highland dancing exhibition, a piper to escort you to your four course dinner in the Great Hall and an after dinner falconry display.

Don't miss the best conference of the summer, book now on http://efitaglasgow.org/registration_fees.php.

July 2-6, 2007 (Click the graphic below to see details)



July 2-13, 2007

The IAHS Workshop on Impact of Environmental Change on Sediment Sources and Sediment Delivery, Perugia, Italy

Deadline for receiving abstracts is January 31, 2007. All abstracts should be submitted electronically through the General Assembly Website <http://www.iugg2007perugia.it/>.

Convenor: Des Walling, University of Exeter, School of Geography and Archaeology, Amory Building, Rennes Drive, Exeter EX4 4RJ, UK. Tel: +44 1392 263345; Fax: +44 1392 263342, d.e.walling@exeter.ac.uk

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July 12-15, 2007

3rd International Conference on Social and Organizational Informatics and Cybernetics: SOIC 2007

Orlando, Florida, USA. SOIC 2007 Secretariat, Torre Profesional La California, Av. Francisco de Miranda, Caracas, Venezuela soic2007@cyber-inf.org

July 16-19, 2007

I invite you to participate in the **International Symposium on Organic Matter Dynamics in Agro-Ecosystem** which will be organized on July 16-19 2007 in Poitiers, France. Acquiring knowledge about soil organic matter is essential for sustainable use and conservation of resources, for which climate change and increasing demands for bio-energy become crucial global challenges. As you will see, the symposium programme will feature a variety of panel discussions and keynote addresses touching on a range of issues concerning soil organic matter research in this system.

Detailed information regarding the symposium (sessions, invited speakers preliminary schedules) and other practical information can be found on the symposium website: [www.inra.fr/Symposium OMD 2007](http://www.inra.fr/Symposium_OMD_2007)

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July 16-21, 2007

Community Forest Management and Enterprises: Global Issues and Opportunities, Rio Branco, Brazil

In the last decade, the Amazonian community of Mamirauá has begun a participatory, low-impact forest management regime that is both increasing the benefits of forestry to local people and reducing its environmental

impact.

In Papua New Guinea's Madang province, a group of customary land owners have created their own forestry operation designed to maximize local employment and income and manage the forest sustainably.

Around the world, thousands of indigenous and other local communities are taking control of their forest resources and putting them to use. And, as they do, the evidence grows that community forestry can help alleviate rural poverty and improve forest conservation.

Yet many hurdles still stand in its way – unclear tenure rights, adverse policy and regulatory environments, and a lack of support to build the necessary managerial, technical and financial capacity.

This must change if community forest management and the enterprises based on it are to flourish.

Community forest management and enterprises: global issues and opportunities is an international conference that will bring together about 250 leaders of forest communities, public forest agencies, industry and conservation groups to share experiences in community forest management and enterprises from around the world. It will explore case-studies from Mimirauá, Madang and more than a dozen other community forests and debate the best ways of assisting the sustainable development of community-based operations.

It will also:

- raise global awareness about the contributions of and challenges faced by community forest management and associated community enterprises;
- generate proposals to strengthen the role of communities in forest management and forest-based enterprises; and
- identify priority steps for governments, industry and international organizations to promote community forest management and associated community enterprises.

The conference is organized by the International Tropical Timber Organization and the Rights and Resources Initiative in cooperation with IUCN – the World Conservation Union and the Global Alliance of Forest Communities. It is hosted by the Government of Acre and the Government of Brazil through the newly created Brazilian Forest Agency. It is open to all people interested in community-based approaches to forest management and forest enterprises.

A program and attendance information will be posted to this website in due course.

Venue: Rio Branco, Acre State, Brazil

Dates: Tentatively July 16-21, 2007

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July 18-20, 2007

SOCIETY FOR CONSERVATION- GIS KENYA CONFERENCE

GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGY FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

Nairobi, Kenya

The Society for Conservation GIS (SCGIS), Kenya chapter invites you to the 1st Conservation-GIS Conference to be held in **Nairobi**. The conference is open to all conservationists, environmentalists and GIS practitioners in East Africa who would want to enhance their conservation efforts through use of geospatial technologies.

The theme for this inaugural conference is **Geospatial technology for Biodiversity conservation and management**. The Conference will concurrently offer technical training sessions focusing on the latest GIS/GPS/RS technologies.

[Register Now](#)

Registration is open through a registration form available on the SCGIS website

www.scgiskenya.org. Registration deadline is **June 22, 2007**.

Conference Charges: SCGIS-Members **Kshs. 1,500**; Non-Members **Kshs. 2,000**; Students: **Kshs. 500**

Payment (cash and cheques) should be sent to: African Conservation Centre, P.O. Box 62844-00200, Nairobi. Primary contact is **Lucy Waruingi**

Technical training sessions: Pre-registration is required.

Optional field trip on July 21: details to be updated later.

[Submit an Abstract](#)

Participants wishing to present papers or posters at the conference should submit an abstract under the above theme and within any of the following sub-themes: **Approaches to Biodiversity conservation, Spatial Technologies for supporting Biodiversity Conservation, Enabling Environment for Biodiversity Conservation, Grass-roots Initiatives, Open-source technologies, Data access/spatial infrastructure.**

Abstracts Due May 31, 2007

Early submission is recommended, as limited number of presentation slots are available. Guidelines for abstracts are as follows:

- Include title, author and co-authors, organization, day telephone and e-mail contact.
- Limit abstract to 200 words summarizing, problem addressed, methodology, results and highlighting the benefits/challenges of the geospatial technologies applied - include up to 5 key words
- Upload your abstract with your conference registration by **May 31, 2007**. You may upload your abstract later if it is not ready at the time you are registering.

The abstracts will be reviewed and notification of acceptance will be sent by **June 11, 2007**. The full paper is due by **June 30, 2007**.

Map Gallery

The Map Gallery enables you to display your GIS accomplishments in conservation. If you plan to submit a map or poster submission **deadline is June 30**. Poster dimensions should not be larger than 46*33 inches (A0).

Exhibition

Exhibition space will be available at the conference. Details of the exhibition will be posted on the SCGIS-Kenya website later. If you are interested in exhibiting, email conference@scgiskenya.org.

More Information

Details on the schedule, training and other important information will be updated on the website www.scgiskenya.org as the conference approaches. If you have any questions please contact the secretariat on email: conference@scgiskenya.org Tel/Fa

Julius Muchemi
Executive Director

July 20-21, 2007

PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference

Pennsylvania's premier conference on abandoned mine reclamation and acid mine drainage cleanup will be held in State College. This year's conference focuses on the following topics: highlights of the federal Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund reauthorization, draft regulations and roundtable discussions; operation, maintenance and replacement for AMD treatment systems specifics; permitting considerations for AML/AMD projects; and presentations from the makers of new and proven treatment technologies. <http://2007.treatminewater.com/>

July 21-25, 2007



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

Professional Development, Oral and Poster Presentations, Symposia, Technical Workshops, Educational Tours & Networking Opportunities

The 2007 SWCS Annual Conference Program Committee and the Florida Chapter SWCS are proud to bring you "Conservation Challenges in a Changing Landscape" July 21-25, 2007, at Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, Florida.

This year's conference offers 141 oral presentations, 78 posters, 16 symposia, seven tours, nine workshops and dozens of opportunities (from the Busch Gardens Networking/Social Night to the Regional Networking Roundtable Breakfasts and the Exhibitor/Poster Reception) to learn and make connections with attendees, exhibitors and speakers in a variety of traditional and non-traditional settings and sessions.

Online registration is up and running. The early registration deadline is June 14. The complete 16-page preliminary program is available for download at www.swcs.org

Contact Saddlebrook at 1-800-729-8383 to make hotel reservations. Be sure to reference the Soil and Water Conservation Society conference to receive the group rate.

Sponsor opportunities and exhibit space still available. Contact SueAnn at SWCS for more information.

Register now by clicking on the YES button below.

WHEN	Saturday, July 21, 2007 8:00 AM - Wednesday, July 25, 2007 5:00 PM Eastern Time Zone
WHERE	Saddlebrook Resort 5700 Saddlebrook Way Wesley Chapel, FL 33543 USA

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July 23, 2007

'Sino-US Cooperative Efforts in Soil and Water Conservation'

2007 SWCS International Activities Committee - Special Symposium

Describing investigations of basic erosion processes at field and watershed scales and the development of proper farming and land management practices that minimize soil erosion and its adverse environmental impacts.

The China Symposium is a result of leadership by Chi-hua Huang, USDA-ARS National Soil Erosion Research Lab at Purdue, and colleagues who have arranged two 1.5 hour sessions for our up-coming annual conference in July. The two 90-minute consecutive sessions will take place Monday, July 23 beginning at 1:30 p.m. (running until 5:00 p.m.).

If Dr. Huang's dedication to success is an indicator, the symposium sessions will run with ease. Dr. Huang has commitments of 5 scientists coming from China to present their research in conjunction with

USDA-ARS colleagues. The Chinese scientists represent The Institute of Soil and Water Conservation of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Beijing Normal University. Please join me in thanking Dr. Huang for the time he has dedicated to making this opportunity a reality. Thanks is due also to ARS leadership for facilitating both the cooperation efforts and helping make the research results available to us all.

Chi-hua writes that among the five coming from China, three are senior professors who have spent time in ARS laboratories. The most exciting thing is that the Chinese are working on gully erosion research that we are somewhat lagging behind here in the US and they are also developing a Chinese USLE based on the technology developed here.

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The **2007 Annual Conference** will be held from July 21-25 in Tampa, Florida. The conference theme is “Conservation Challenges in a Changing Landscape.”

**Online registration is now available. [Register.](#) [Read the Preliminary Program.](#)
Register by June 14 Get early registration rates!**

July 22-26, 2007

Conference on Coastal Zone 2007, Portland, Oregon, www.csc.noaa.gov/cz/

The biennial Coastal Zone conference, now in its fifteenth edition, is the largest international gathering of ocean and coastal management professionals in the world. Nearly 1,000 people attend, representing federal, state, and local governments, academia, nonprofit organizations, and private industry. The conference gives these attendees a platform to discuss the issues facing our world’s coasts and oceans and a forum for discovering new strategies and solutions.

Coastal Zone 07 will be held in Portland, Oregon, July 22 to 26, 2007. The overall conference theme, “Brewing Local Solutions to Your Coastal Issues,” will be highlighted in oral and poster presentations that use case studies, lessons learned, and success stories.

July 24-25, 2007

International Conference on Rabbit Production, Bogor, Indonesia

With post-conference tours overland to Yogyakarta and Bail. Interesting!

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July 26-29, 2007

Third Annual Lao Ecotourism Forum, Don Chan Palace Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Organized by the Lao National Tourism Administration. This exciting event will bring together and display the highest quality and most innovative ecotourism products and services available in the Mekong Region. Under the theme *Bridging the Mekong Region* tour operators, travel agents, accommodation providers, development agencies, National Tourism Organizations and indigenous people from throughout the Mekong Region will gather under the same roof to network and promote business opportunities in their respective countries. This event is a must for anyone interested in shaping the course of ecotourism development in the Mekong Region.

In addition to the *Mekong Ecotourism Mart* where buyers meet sellers on the first and second day of the Forum, an ecotourism conference, gala dinner, food festival, 5km fun-run, concert, handicraft exhibit and trade show are planned. For international buyers and the media, special pre and post familiarization tours will be offered.

Registration for the Forum opens on 1 March 2007, with online registration and a complete overview of events planned available at www.ecotourismlaos.com/forum2007

July 30-August 4, 2007



Asia Oceania Geosciences Society (AOGS), <http://www.asiaoceania.org/aogs2007/portal/login.asp>

August 8-9, 2007

2007 Northeast Water Science Forum

The New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) is sponsoring the 2007 Northeast Water Science Forum - Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products: State of the Science in Portland, ME. The primary goal of this conference is to bring together scientists, regulators, water and wastewater professionals, and other technical experts to disseminate and evaluate the latest research findings and technical data on pharmaceuticals and personal care products in the water environment. <http://www.neiwpcc.org/ppcpconference>

August 12-18, 2007

2007 World Water Week Takes Place in Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — With close to 70 seminars and nine workshops scheduled, this year's World Water Week aims to top expectations once again. A record number of participants - 2400 from some 130 countries - are expected to explore a wide variety of exciting themes and topics at the Stockholm City Conference Centre August 12-18, 2007.

The theme of this year's conference is "Progress and Prospects on Water: Striving for Sustainability in a Changing World." Plenary sessions, panel debates, social events, technical tours and prize-giving ceremonies will combine to provide the week's varied programme. Leading professionals from business, government, water management, science, inter-governmental organisations, NGOs, training institutes, United Nations agencies will participate.

Climate change: With the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's report having been released during the 1st half of 2007, and media coverage of severe floods and droughts, the issue of climate change has never been such a "hot" topic. To cover all aspects of the challenges associated with water and climate change, World Water Week is devoting an entire day to the topic, as well as additional activities during the week. Seminars will consider specific issues such as adaptation strategies that are being prepared in developed and developing countries, vulnerability mapping and opportunities for innovation.

Measuring progress: Several important reports on the state of water resources and water supply and sanitation services have been published since 2005. Similarly, reviews have been conducted of progress towards achieving, by 2015, the Millennium Development Goal targets for water and sanitation. The same is true of the efforts to implement the Johannesburg Plan of Action for Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Water Efficiency Plans (WEP). However, this work has raised as many questions as it has answered. A number of seminars at World Water Week will focus on this topic.

Unsolved sanitation challenges: Some 2.6 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation, and diarrheal diseases triggered by inadequate sanitation facilities and unsafe hygiene behaviour kill millions of people annually, mostly children. Improved sanitation and hygiene helps eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, promotes universal primary education, builds gender equality, reduces child mortality, improves maternal health and ensures environmental sustainability. This year's World Water Week will explore sanitation and hygiene - the "orphan child" of the water sector - in depth.

Water for food and ecosystems: By 2020, world cereal demand will have increased by 40 percent since the late 1990s. This should be good news, except that the world only has a limited supply of water. Current production methods are unsustainable, since they involve large-scale groundwater overexploitation and widespread river depletion, which threatens biodiversity and aquatic ecosystems. The key is to find ways to produce more food using less water, and to ensure that biodiversity losses do not threaten ecosystems. Such keys will be explored in Stockholm.

Investing in water: Investment in improved water resources management and water supply and sanitation is often perceived merely as a cost. This perception holds sway even when there are signs that such actions could bring

considerable economic gains - gains which are required for poverty alleviation. In Stockholm, the macroeconomic perspective will be assayed.

Better governance: Recognition has been growing of the vital role that good governance plays within the water sector. Indeed, it is now widely accepted by politicians around the world that governance is a critical issue which must be addressed if unsustainable development and poverty are to be tackled successfully. Focus in Stockholm will be directed towards the governance-related issues of corruption, local urban levels, the capacity for adaptation to better good governance.

For more information, visit www.worldwaterweek.org.

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August 26-28, 2007

1st IFOAM International Conference on Marketing of Organic and Regional Values, Schwäbisch Hall, Germany

During this two-day conference, experts from all over the world are expected to discuss successful strategies and practical marketing examples, including relevant legal requirements and concepts. The conference will address ways to foster identity and uniqueness of agricultural products and food through marketing strategies, and how to best communicate this information to the consumer. The conference is organized by Organic Services and Ecoland in cooperation with IFOAM and is supported by the Bäuerliche Erzeugergemeinschaft Schwäbisch Hall (BESH) and BioFach. The Conference will be held in English.

Today, organic products are becoming increasingly interchangeable, disconnecting the linkage between producer and consumer and diluting their identity. Organic production is obviously being organized successfully, but in light of continuous growth and the entrance of organic in mainstream markets, it is important to develop new and specific marketing strategies that protect organic product identity, traditional knowledge, and biodiversity, and thus organic farmers and rural communities.

The aim of this conference is to initiate discussion and foster knowledge about the marketing of organic and regional values through the creation of specific marketing strategies that give value to products based upon their uniqueness, and to translate these values into successful marketing strategies for organic products. The conference will consider various concepts and marketing strategies, including regulatory approaches, to protect regional values and traditional knowledge.

A reception on the evening of August 26th will be the social opening of the conference, followed by the conference dinner on August 27th, which will take participants on a culinary journey with a theme of “pepper meets salt”.

Call for papers

Papers are invited for a list of topics that can be found on the website. Case studies and practical marketing experiences are strongly encouraged; it is hoped to receive a full range of papers spanning from those of a grassroots and political nature, to scientific and professional articles. Complete details can be found on the website. The deadline for submissions is **May 10th 2007**.

For more information, visit: www.ifoam.org/events/ifoam_conferences/regional_values_2007.html

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August 28-30, 2007

Wetlands 2007

The Wetlands 2007 National Symposium, "Watershed-Wide Strategies to Maximize Wetland Ecological and Social Services: Conserving Wetlands to Reduce Natural Hazards, Improve Water Quality, Protect Critical Headwaters, Maintain Biodiversity, and Protect and Restore Coastal Resources," will be held at the Colonial Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center, Williamsburg, Virginia. This national symposium will examine scientific, legal and management tools available to assess, sustain and improve the ecological and social services provided by wetlands and related water resources. <http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2007/wetlands2007.htm>

August 28-31, 2007

Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference 2007: 'Sustainability and Quality of Life', 28th to 31st August 2007, London, UK. Paper session sponsored by the Political Geography Research Group. Convenors: Daniel Hammett (University of Edinburgh), Libby Porter (University of Sheffield), D.Hammett@ed.ac.uk and E.J.Porter@sheffield.ac.uk

September 1-5, 2007

Global Forum on Soils, Society & Global Change

Celebrating the Centenary of Soil Conservation and Land Restoration in Iceland, Selfoss, Iceland

The Icelandic Soil Conservation Service is organizing a Global Forum to highlight the crucial role of soil conservation and land restoration in addressing key environmental and socio-economic challenges for a sustainable future. Most particularly, it marks the celebration by Iceland of a century of organized soil conservation and land restoration operation in 2007 - one of the longest standing in the



world. The Forum is organized in partnership with several universities and international agencies, including the United Nations University (UNU) and Ohio State University (OSU), and Icelandic bodies. It is to be hosted by the Icelandic Government under the patronage of the President of Iceland, His Excellency Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson.

Land degradation, manifesting in the form of soil erosion and desertification is a global problem of major proportions. The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment ranks land degradation as among the world's greatest environmental challenges, affecting climate and biological diversity, reducing environmental security, destabilizing societies, worsening food security, and increasing poverty. The Forum highlights innovative thinking to collectively tackle the inter-related facets of these problems through sustainable land management.

The Forum will emphasize the synergistic role of sustainable soil management in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. In this context, it will also explore interlinkages in successful implementation of the UN conventions focusing on climate change, combating desertification and biological diversity.

The Forum will bring together a group of key stakeholders from around the world, representing a broad spectrum of disciplines. The aim is to use the meeting as a venue for cross-fertilization of ideas in order to fashion a new global consensus on the above-mentioned crucial linkages and develop a common strategy as well as action plans to help achieve sustainable land management during the 21st century.

The main emphasis of the Forum will be on discussions and dialogue; this will be supported through selected seminar presentations. Field excursions will demonstrate the century-long Icelandic expertise and experience, which potentially has a great value to other nations facing similar challenges. The Forum will conclude with a special centennial commemoration event hosted by the President of Iceland.

For more information please contact the forum organizers at globalforum@land.is.

September 3, 2007

[The Third International Conference on Climate and Water](#) Helsinki Finland

September 3-6, 2007

International River Symposium and Conference on Environmental Flows, Brisbane, Australia

The Environmental Flows conference will run alongside the International Riversymposium providing an opportunity for delegates to 'mix and match' sessions that will best suit them. It will feature presentations on innovative practices and case studies. Additionally, there are workshops and trainings before and after the conference.

Keynote speakers include Gerald Galloway, Angela Arthington, Kevin Rogers and Patrick McCully.

Some featured sessions include: Providing environmental flow needs in the light of climate change, Capacity building panel discussion, River cultures-ecological futures, The Mekong River, Managing SE Queensland Waterways.

Registration is now open! Enquiries: dpaterno-pai@tnc.org, Web address: <http://riversymposium.com>
Sponsored by: RiverSymposium and The Nature Conservancy

September 4-7, 2007

We would like to bring to your attention the forthcoming International Conference on 'Poverty Reduction and Forests: Tenure, Market and Policy Reforms'. The conference is organized by RECOFTC in collaboration with the Rights and Resources Initiative and will be held in Bangkok from 4 to 7 September 2007 (with pre-conference sessions on 3 September).

If you are interested to participate and contribute to the conference, you are invited to submit an abstract of your proposed contribution (poster and short paper) at your earliest convenience. A limited number of fellowships for participation in the conference will be awarded by the program committee based on the relevance of the submitted abstracts for the conference theme.

For more information about this event please visit: <http://conference.recoftc.org>

Best wishes, PCLG Secretariat, pclg@iied.org

September 5, 2007

[10th International COnference on Environmental Science and Technology](#) Cos island, Greece Greece

September 10-14, 2007

The Fourth International Conference on Debris-Flow Hazards Mitigation: Mechanics, Prediction, and Assessment, International Convention Center, Chengdu, Sichuan, China
Organized by the Institute of Mountain Hazards and Environment, CAS, China
Full information, including online contact and registration, is available in <http://4thdfhm.imde.ac.cn>.
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September 10-17, 2007

International Workshop on **Environmental Changes and Sustainable Development in Arid and Semi-arid Regions**, Alashan Left Banner - Long Xin Hotel - Inner Mongolia, China

Registration fee: US\$600; see more details in <http://www.iggcas.ac.cn/iw07/index.htm>

Deadlines: Early bird payment (US\$500) up to April 1, 2007

Final payment for regular registration: August 10, 2007

Receipt of abstracts: June 1, 2007

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September 11-22, 2007

Workshop 07, the 11th Praxis Commune on Participatory Development, Hyderabad, India

For the last ten years, Praxis has been holding an annual International Workshop to promote participatory practices in development. The objective of this workshop is to acquaint the participants with the principles, approaches and tools of participatory methodologies and keep them abreast of the latest innovations in the field. This Workshop also provides invaluable hands-on learning opportunities through field work in villages and urban slums.

Over the last decade we have found a diverse population benefit from this workshop. Development workers, policy makers, students, white-collars from corporates and even interested individuals have enlisted for this annual event and gained from it.

Every year we vary the modules to keep them relevant. This year we are offering:

1. *Community Led Monitoring and Evaluation.*
2. *Community Led Local Level Planning.*
3. *Participatory Methods and Approaches.*
4. *Facilitating Participation-Training of Trainers.*
5. *Community Participation in Corporate Social Responsibility.*
6. *Community Led Disaster Preparedness and Management.*
7. *Participatory Research.*
8. *Community Led Broadcasting.*

The details of this event are available at www.theworkshop.in
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September 17-19, 2007

IV International Symposium on Gully Erosion, Pamplona, Spain

The Department of Projects and Rural Engineering of the Public University of Navarre (Spain) is pleased to invite you to participate in the IV International Symposium on Gully Erosion, to be held at Pamplona (Spain). This symposium aims to review current understanding and information, and to report progress in the following topics on gully erosion:

Importance: e.g. on/off-site gullying impact on soil properties, landforms, and landscape at different times and space scales.

Characterization: e.g. experimental investigation on different kinds of gullies, monitoring techniques of gully erosion, historical reconstruction of processes.

Controlling factors: e.g. effect of anthropogenic activities on gullying, interaction between gully erosion and other land degradation processes, role of vegetation.

Control measures: e.g. prevention of gullying, gully restoration methods.

Processes and modelling: last but not least, we shall greatly appreciate receiving contributions on this important topic: e.g. gully headcut mechanics, channel network evolution, gully erosion thresholds, and so on.

The following people have confirmed their participations as keynote speakers at the symposium:

- **Carlos V. Alonso**, USDA-ARS - National Sedimentation Laboratory, Oxford (MS), U.S.A.
- **Rafael Bras**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge (MA), U.S.A.
- **Mike Kirkby**, University of Leeds, U.K.
- **Jean Poesen**, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.

For more details, please visit the webpage of the symposium: <http://www.unavarra.es/erosion/index.htm>, which will be periodically updated. Kindly tell your colleagues about this symposium.

Abstract deadline: **April 15, 2007**

Dr. Javier Casalf

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Program Committee Chairs Members

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September 23-26, 2007

3rd International Conference on Mechanisms of Organic Matter Stabilisation and Destabilisation in Soils and Sediments, Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

Themes include: Formation, characterisation and fate of NOM including Black Carbon

Movement of NOM within and between terrestrial/aquatic ecosystems

Application of isotopic techniques in NOM studies

Stabilisation/destabilisation mechanisms for NOM

Biological significance of NOM pools at various time scales

Modelling NOM dynamics.

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September 25-26, 2007

Dear PCLG members, we would like to solicit your views on the theme for the forthcoming PCLG annual meeting, UK.

The annual symposium of the PCLG is currently planned for 25-26 September 2007, and will be held in the UK (venue to be confirmed). On the first day of the meeting the PCLG Secretariat will report on the activities undertaken during the previous year, while PCLG members will be encouraged to inform on relevant work recently carried out by their organisation. The second day of the meeting will be devoted to the discussion of a key issue in the field of poverty-conservation linkages.

The PCLG Secretariat would like to suggest one of the following as a topic for the thematic day of the meeting:

1) Protected Areas and Poverty - Assessing the state of knowledge on impacts and impact assessment methodology.

Note: This topic was debated during a workshop held in February 2007 at UNEP-WCMC and sponsored by the PCLG. This workshop confirmed, on one hand, the high level of interest currently present at the international level in the linkages between poverty and protected areas, and, on the other, the need for more coordination among people working on this issue worldwide. In the closing session of this meeting, TILCEPA and TGER members agreed to take a lead in developing a toolkit of methodologies and indicators to assess the socio-economic impact of PAs in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC, the PCLG and others. The September meeting could therefore be an opportunity to further the discussion on an activity in which the PCLG is already involved.

2) Payments for Environmental Services (PES) - The role of PES in linking biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction objectives.

3) Climate, Conservation and Poverty - What are the implications of climate mitigation and adaptation for conservation-poverty linkages.

4) Methodologies and Tools - The discussion of this topic could support the launch on the PCLG website of a database on methodologies and tools for linking poverty reduction and biodiversity conservation objectives, which is currently being developed by the PCLG Secretariat.

5) Rights-based Approaches to Conservation - What are rights-based approaches to conservation and how to implement them.

Please note that there is some overlap between these themes (e.g. payments for environmental services may also be considered as a strategy to link poverty and conservation), which we are aware of. However, at this stage we are interested to survey the overall level of interest of PCLG members in the different topics. Once chosen, the theme of the meeting will be better articulated, also thanks to your suggestions.

In conclusion, we would really appreciate if you could reply to this email ASAP, giving us an indication of:

1) Your interest in attending the PCLG annual meeting on 25th - 26th September 2007, and of your availability for these dates. If these dates are not suitable for the majority of PCLG members the meeting will be moved to late October (23-24).

2) Which topic, between the 5 outlined above, would you be more interested in discussing during this event.

PCLG Secretariat, pclg@iied.org

September 25-27, 2007

Web2ForDev International Conference

Participatory Web for Development:

Networking, collaborating and exchanging knowledge in agriculture, rural development and natural resource management

Rome, Italy, 25-27 September 2007

Call for proposals

Deadlines

Submission of proposals: **30 April 2007**

Notification of acceptance: 15 May 2007

Submission of draft presentations, scripts and materials: 15 June 2007

Submission of final scripts: 31 July 2007

Submission of final presentations (slideshow, multimedia or other): 31 August 2007

Call for proposals

Web2ForDev^[1] 2007 is the first conference devoted to exploring the ways in which international development stakeholders can take advantage of the technical and organizational opportunities provided by Web 2.0 methods, approaches and applications.

The conference will promote the adoption and dissemination of appropriate, low-cost and replicable Internet-based applications by actors in agriculture, rural development, and natural resource management. It aims to inspire participants to use and develop their own information management and communication systems based on these applications.

The conference targets agriculture, rural development, and natural resource management stakeholders, particularly those from developing countries, experienced with or interested in the potential of Web 2.0, including technology intermediaries, policy makers, information and communication specialists, software developers, application and system providers and information service providers. Participants are expected to have experience and understanding of information and communication technologies (ICTs) and to be in a position to understand, adopt and disseminate the showcased applications and approaches.

In particular we encourage proposals that are:

- **Thematic case studies:** 15/20-minute presentations on examples of projects and processes that are adopting Web 2.0 tools and methodologies, and that evaluate their impacts, benefits and challenges;
- **Thematic showcases:** 15/20-minute presentations on Web 2.0 tools and methodologies developed for knowledge exchange, collaboration, learning and networking;
- **Panel discussions:** 30-minute exchanges that provide an overview of one or more crosscutting issue (see the list below); these will be debated by a group of panellists and facilitated by a chairperson. The sessions should offer practical examples of Web 2.0 concepts and applications in knowledge exchange, collaboration, learning and networking in the sectors of agriculture, rural development, and natural resource management.

Experiences and case studies from sectors other than development (e.g. education, private sector) that show potential for adoption can be presented. The focus is on innovation in common practices, opportunities, needs, and issues that participants may address more effectively with the adoption of Web 2.0 tools, methodologies and approaches.

Theme, topics and cross-cutting issues

The **theme** of the Conference is “Participatory Web for Development: Networking, collaborating and exchanging knowledge in agriculture, rural development and natural resources management”.

There are three conference tracks dealing with the following main **topics**:

- Shared virtual spaces, remote collaboration, and knowledge sharing
- Appropriate technologies for on-line publishing
- On-line information retrieval and access

Cross-cutting issues speakers may want to address in their presentations, and particularly in panel discussions, are:

- Institutional capacity (IT infrastructure, human resources)
- Management
- Low-bandwidth access
- Intellectual property issues
- Disabling and enabling environments (infrastructural, connectivity, legal, cultural, human)
- Direct and indirect cost
- Security
- Visibility and promotion

Sponsorships

Accepted presenters or panellists from developing countries may apply for sponsorship to attend the Conference. Sponsorships will be granted at the discretion of the sponsoring agencies and will be subject to availability of funds.

Additional Information

To get updates on the event you may join one of the following DGroups:

- English: <http://www.dgroups.org/groups/web2fordev/index.cfm>
- Français: <http://www.dgroups.org/groups/web2pourdev/index.cfm>

September 25-28, 2007



The poster features a header with three landscape images: a field, a river, and a forest. The main text is centered and reads: "First Announcement and Call for papers INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 'EROSION AND TORRENT CONTROL AS A FACTOR IN SUSTAINABLE RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT' 25-28 September 2007 Belgrade – Serbia". Below this, it states "Initiated by: Faculty of Forestry, Belgrade University - marking 100 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE EROSION AND TORRENT CONTROL IN SERBIA". It also mentions "Organised jointly with: World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC) World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research (WASER)". Further down, it notes "Convened in line with the objectives of the: International Sediment Initiative ISI of UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme" and "Sponsored by: Public Water Management Company SRBIJAVODE, Ministry of Science and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Serbia, Directorate of Water". Logos for the Faculty of Forestry, WASWC, WASER, and the Serbian government are also present.

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September 28-October 1, 2007

2007 Theis Conference – Conjunctive Management of Ground Water and Surface Water: Application of Science to Policy, Park City, Utah, USA. www.ngwa.org/e/conf/0709285100.cfm

October 1-5, 2007

The Fourth International Nitrogen Conference: N-2007

Registration and abstract submission are now open for the Fourth International Nitrogen Conference (N2007): Agriculture, Development, and Nitrogen, A problem of too little or too much, in Costa do Sauipe, Bahia, Brazil. See the web site www.nitrogen2007.com/index.htm for details. The abstract submission deadline is July 31, 2007, and early registration closes August 31, 2007. The last 40 years have seen an extraordinary change in the global nitrogen cycle. As recently as the 1960s, nitrogen availability on Earth was controlled by natural processes, but the human creation of synthetic nitrogen fertilizer and the release of nitrogen from fossil-fuel combustion now match the natural rate of formation of reactive nitrogen on the planet's landscape. The use of nitrogen is imbalanced, with industrialized countries suffering pollution problems from too much nitrogen and low-income countries having a shortage of nitrogen that constrains food production. The goal of the N2007 Symposium is to address these two challenges in an integrated manner. The meeting will bring together some of the world's best nitrogen scientists with development experts to build a new agenda towards a sustainable use of nitrogen in our planet.

October 4-6, 2007

MICROBIAL DIVERSITY IN THE BIOSPHERE: TRENDS AND NEW PERSPECTIVES

Baeza, Spain 4-6 October 2007

Organized by:

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October 8-10, 2007

COAST GIS 07: GIS TECHNOLOGIES AND SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURES FOR THE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL ZONES AND THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, www.coastgis07.com

The organizing committee invites you to attend CoastGIS 07, the 8th International Symposium on GIS and Computer Mapping for Coastal Zone Management. The conference will take place in Santander, Spain, between the 8th and the 10th of October, 2007.

This is the 8th of a series of conferences with an important international scope (up to 30 countries from all continents). The CoastGIS conferences began in 1995, and the last host was the city of Wollongong, Australia, during which over 80 papers were presented. Other important venues have been Cork in Ireland, Aberdeen in Scotland, Brest in France, Halifax in Canada and Genoa in Italy.

Over 200 professionals from the GIS and/or coastal management fields are expected to attend, representing a wide range of academic, governmental and commercial interests. The main objective of this conference is to create a meeting place in which the most relevant issues and the newest breakthroughs in GIS applications for littoral and marine environments will be tackled by internationally renowned experts.

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October 17-18, 2007

Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Symposium, Villanova University, Philadelphia, USA

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October 17-19, 2007

Bottlenecks, Solutions, and Priorities in the Context of Functions of Forest Resources, Faculty of Forestry, Istanbul University, Istanbul, TURKEY

An international symposium will be held by Istanbul University, Faculty of Forestry in Istanbul between October 17-19, 2007 to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Forestry Education in Turkey with support of Rectorate of Istanbul University, Ministry of Environment and Forestry and International Union of Forest Research Organizations.

Symposium Sessions: Bottlenecks in the context of functions of forest resources and analyses relating to them; biological, ecological, economical, organizational, political etc. solutions concerning these bottlenecks (<http://www.orman.istanbul.edu.tr/fored150>, <http://orman.istanbul.edu.tr/fored150>, <http://194.27.134.4/fored150>).

Presentation: Oral and poster; Deadlines: Abstract (800-1,000 words): December 20, 2006

Full Paper: June 1, 2007; Accommodation and Registration details: Will be announced later.

Symposium Secretariat: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ferhat GÖKBULAK, Istanbul University, Faculty of Forestry, 34473 Bahçeköy, Istanbul TURKEY. Phone: +90 212 226 11 11, Fax: +90 212 226 11 13, symposium150@istanbul.edu.tr.



October 15-17, 2007

International Conference - First Announcement - Call for Papers

MANAGING ALPINE FUTURE - Strategies for sustainability in times of change

15 - 17 October 2007, Congress Innsbruck, Austria

FOCUS

Due to climate change and effects of globalisation, increased dynamics in the natural as well as human environment are to be expected in mountain regions within the next years and decades.

On the one hand, global change can no longer be ignored and denied, on the other hand, it cannot be reversed anymore on a short-term basis. It is, however, possible, to reduce its impacts by future-oriented political, institutional and personal actions. Representatives from science, industry and public authorities are to analyse the present state and especially the expected future developments by means of six core topics. Approaches, strategies and solutions in dealing with these dynamic processes are going to be identified and discussed on both a transnational and transdisciplinary level. Furthermore, it is intended that all the participants agree on a statement concerning future active cooperation.

PROGRAMME

Monday, 15 October 2007 (starting at 1 p.m.):

Afternoon: Introduction and impulse presentations

Evening: Public lecture, Tyrolean night

Tuesday, 16 October 2007 (parallel sessions):

Morning: Session 1: ecology; session 2: tourism

Afternoon: Session 3: natural hazards;
Session 4: traffic

Evening: Panel discussion with politicians from Alpine countries
Conference dinner

Wednesday, 17 October 2007 (parallel sessions):

Morning: Session 5: energy;

Session 6: spatial planning

Afternoon: Plenary session, final discussion

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to the six core topics (ecology, tourism, natural hazards, traffic, energy and spatial planning) are welcomed.

- If you are interested to give a 15-minute talk or present a poster, please give the title, the authors including their institutions and postal addresses as well as the e-mail address of the corresponding author when submitting a contribution, and state your preferred mode of presentation (oral or poster presentation).
- The length of the abstracts (English or German) is limited to one page (max. 500 words). The objectives, results and conclusions should be clearly described.
- A scientific committee will select the contributions and review the full papers. A proceedings volume with both abstracts and long versions will be published.

IMPORTANT DATES

31 May 2007: Deadline for abstract submissions

30 June 2007: Notification of acceptance of abstracts

15 Aug 2007: Deadline for submission of full papers

15 Sept 2007: Deadline for submission of corrected versions of full papers

Please submit your abstracts to: alpinefuture@alps-gmbh.com

For further information, abstract submission and registration, please contact:

alpS -Centre for Natural Hazard Management

Grabenweg 3, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Phone +43-(0)512-392929; Fax +43-(0)512-39292939

alpinefuture@alps-gmbh.com, www.alps-gmbh.com/alpinefuture

October 17, 2007

[Tenth Inter-regional Conference on Water and Environment ENVIROWAT2007](#) New Delhi
India

October 18-22, 2007

NATO Advanced Research Workshop: Natural Disasters and Water Security: Risk Assessment, Emergency Response, and Environmental Management, Yerevan, Armenia

For all questions regarding participation, program, deadlines, etc. please contact ARW Co-Directors:

NATO-Country Co-Director, Professor Anthony Jones, UK, jaj@aber.ac.uk

or

Partner-Country Co-Director, Dr. Trahel Vardanian, Armenia, tvardanian@ysu.am

October 18-23, 2007

4th International Conference on Soils of Urban, Industrial, Traffic, Mining and Military Areas (SUITMA4), Nanjing, China, www.issas.ac.cn/suitma4.htm/

The 4th International Conference on Soils in Urban, Industrial, Traffic, Mining and Military Areas (SUITMA) is scheduled to be held at October, 2007 in Nanjing. The conference will discuss soil changes, problems, remediation, utilization, planning, in relation to urban ecological, environmental and biological health issues. The previous events were in Essen (Germany), Nancy (France) and Cairo (Egypt), respectively. We appreciate your continuous interest in SUITMA and welcome scientists, planners, policymakers, to join the forthcoming event.

The scientific committee of SUITMA4 sets the following major areas as its themes and opens to more topics and interests.

A) Methodologies

1. Soil survey, description, terminology standardization and sampling in urban areas
2. Laboratory methods for urban soils
3. Soil classification and mapping in urban areas

B) Impacts of urbanization on soil resources

4. Land use change under urbanization
5. Pedogenesis and quality changes of urban soils
6. Physical aspects of urban soil changes
7. Chemical aspects of urban soil changes
8. Biological aspects of urban soil changes
9. Historical aspects of urban soil formation and characterization

C) Urban soils in relation to urban ecosystem

10. Ecological impact of urbanization in regional and global scales
11. Urban soils and greenery plants
12. Urban soils in relation to water environment
13. Biogeochemical cycling of life-dependent materials in urban ecosystem
14. Pollution status and control of urban soils
15. Remediation of contaminated SUITMA
16. Ecological assessment of urban soil quality
17. Ecology-based urban land use planning

D) Socio-economic aspects of soil management in urban areas

18. Urban soil management and legislation

E) Other related topics

Registration for Conference

Regular participants: **250USD/200 EUR** (before August 31, 2007)

Students/Young participants (age below 30): 125 USD/100EUR (with valid certificate)

Accompany person: **100 USD/80EUR**.

Registration fee covers conference abstract book, reception party, lunches during conference, tea/coffee, closing banquet. Registration payment after August 31st, 2007 will incur **100USD/80EUR** surcharge.

Accommodation: Hanting Hotel (room charge for participants: **\$25** and **\$27**), 10-min walk from the venue

Scientific contact: Prof. Dr. Gan-Lin Zhang, Chair, SUITMA4

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Administration contact: Dr. Yu-Guo Zhao (same address, will provide 2nd Announcement upon request)

Tel.: +86-25-86881299; Fax: +86-25-86881000; suitma4@issas.ac.cn

October 22-23, 2007

8th Euro-Mediterranean Meeting for Sustainable Development, Naples, Italy

Category: Environment

The Italian Innovation Relay Centre IRIDE is organising a Brokerage Event focusing on:

- Ports security and maritime safety (passengers, goods, military activities, maintenance activities).
- Environment risks management for ports and coasts.
- Sustainable maritime transport and logistic systems.
- Naval engineering.

The Brokerage Event will take place during the 8th Euro-Mediterranean Meetings on Economic and Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean Sea. Presentations on above-mentioned topics from many European experts are foreseen. The Event program is still in progress.

The Euro-Mediterranean Meetings have run since 1999 and yearly gather many actors from Euro-Mediterranean countries on technology and innovation topics for Sustainable Economical Development within the Mediterranean Sea area. Previous sessions :

- Genoa 2004 on Marine Technologies (IRC ALPS)
- Izmir 2005 on Fish Technologies (IRC EGE)
- Marseille 2006 on Wastes Management (IRC MedIN)

Costs: Participation with accommodation (2 nights): 150?

Participation without accommodation : 80?

Fees include the participation in the Gala dinner.

Deadlines: 1 October 2007: Profile submission.

10 October 2007: Meeting requests.

Further information and registration: <http://irc.cordis.lu/bemt/home.cfm?eventid=1608&layout=3>

October 24-26, 2007

International Agroforestry Education Conference on Integrating Conservation in Upland Agriculture in Southeast Asia

CALL FOR PAPERS, POSTERS, and PARTICIPANTS

24-26 October 2007

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Organizers: Chiang Mai University (CMU), Thailand
The Uplands Program, Thailand
Southeast Asian Network for Agroforestry Education Network (SEANAFE)

Sponsors: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)
German Research Foundation (DFG)
World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)

Objectives

This international conference will examine how landscapes in Southeast Asia's uplands are changing and how higher education institutions are responding to that change. It will provide a venue to explore and discuss the theme "Integrating conservation in the upland agriculture in Southeast Asia", and how to improve agroforestry and natural resources education in the region. It will bring together practitioners, researchers, teachers, development workers, and students for the following specific objectives:

- Share evidences and experiences that strengthen the convergence of food security and environmental conservation goals for the uplands of Southeast Asia;
- Examine and extract lessons from policies and programs related to agroforestry and natural resources management in Southeast Asia uplands;
- Capture and develop shared understanding of the challenges, trends and best practices in agroforestry and natural resources education toward sustainable agriculture in Southeast Asian uplands

Participants will be invited to formulate a common framework to advance reforms in agroforestry and natural resources education in Southeast Asia as major output of the conference.

Program

The 3-day conference will be divided into the following sessions and activities:

October 24: Session on "*Striking a balance between food security and environmental conservation in the Southeast Asian agricultural uplands*"

October 25: Sessions on "*Making more sense of past and present agroforestry and natural resources management policies and programs*" and "*Redefining the niche of tertiary learning institutions in agroforestry and natural resources education*"

October 26: Plenary workshop to formulate recommendations to advance reforms in AF and NRM education in SEA and synthesis of Conference discussions and resolutions

Presentations

Keynote Addresses: Invited experts will give 30-minute talks to present overview on current trends and issues and stir discussion on their assigned session topics.

Papers: Four papers per session will be selected for a 15-minute presentation each. Interested parties must submit a 350-word abstract to Conference organizer on or before 30 June 2007

Posters: Display areas shall be provided in the Conference venue for exhibiting posters related to any of the session topics. Interested parties must submit a 350-word abstract to Conference organizer on or before 30 July 2007

Information Market: This activity will provide opportunities for individuals and organizations to exhibit publications, audiovisual materials, or products, and present brief research proposals for possible collaboration in relation to the Conference topics.

Interested parties must inform the Conference organizers on or before 30 September 2007.

Registration and Subsidies

The Conference registration fees shall be as follows:

A. Professionals

Early-bird-registration before 3 August 2007

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| 1.1. From SEANAFE member countries (Indonesia, Laos, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam) | US\$100 |
| 1.2. From Non-SEANAFE member countries | US\$150 |

Regular registration after 3 August 2007

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| 2.1 From SEANAFE member countries | US\$150 |
| 2.2. From Non-SEANAFE member countries | US\$175 |

B. Students from both SEANAFE and non-SEANAFE member countries US\$80

The fee for professionals includes conference material, refreshments, lunch and 2 breaks daily, welcome and farewell dinners. For students, the welcome and farewell dinners are excluded. Accommodation and travel expenses shall be borne by individual participants.

Paper presenters shall be provided with the following subsidies: a) roundtrip air ticket using the most economical route and b) food and accommodation during the conference. However, they shall be responsible to take care of other expenses outside the Conference date proper (e.g. local transport to and from their workstations, airport taxes in all departure points, meals and accommodations during travel, if any, etc.)

For more conference details, please visit:

www.worldagroforestrycentre.org/sea/networks/Seanafe/Index.asp

For further inquiries, please contact the following:

- Dr. Monton Jamroenprucksa, SEANAFE Chair (fformtj@ku.ac.th or Monton.j@ku.ac.th)
- Dr. Jesus C. Fernandez, SEANAFE Technical Adviser (j.c.fernandez@cgiar.org)
- Dr. Boonserm Cheva-Isarakul, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture of Chiang Mai University and Chair of Conference Local Organizing Committee (agani009@chiangmai.ac.th)

**International Agroforestry Education Conference on
“Integrating Conservation in the Upland Agriculture in Southeast Asia”
24-26 October 2007, Chiang Mai, Thailand**

Registration Form

Participant detail	
Title & first name	
Middle Name	
Last Name	
Organization	
Postal Address	
Country	
Email	
Telephone/Fax	

Presenting a Paper/ Poster?	Paper: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Poster: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Accompanying Person(s), if any		
Name		
Name		

Payment:

Please arrange bank transfer of your conference fee to the following bank account:

A/C no.: 667-2-56264-6
A/C name: SEANAFE-CMU
Bank: Siam Commercial Bank (Chiang Mai University branch)
Address: c/o CMU, Huay Kaew Road, Chiang Mai 50200, Thailand
Swift code: SICOTHBK

Please fax or email your registration form with the scanned copy of the payment transfer slip to the Conference Secretariat. The secretary will confirm your registration within 7 days upon receipt of your fax or email.

Conference Secretariat: Fax no. +6653 3579 08, or Email: icraf@icraf-cm.org

Website: <http://www.worldagroforestrycentre.org/sea/networks/Seanafe/Index.asp>

Cancellations/Refunds

Participants who cancel their registrations due to special circumstances before 31st August 2007 will receive a complete refund minus 25% of the total fee for administration charge. 50% of the fee will be deducted when a cancellation is made before 30 September 2007. Cancellations after 30 September 2007 and persons who do not show up at the conference will not be refunded.

October 30-November 1, 2007

Soil Environmental and Criminal Forensics Conference

An international conference focusing on soil environmental and criminal forensics is to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland. The conference will explore novel approaches in soil forensics. Topics being covered include; Environmental Soil Forensics, Criminal Soil Forensics, Geoforensics, Geographic Information Systems and Soil Analytical Diagnostics. It will provide an international arena for discussion of research and development in forensic soil science for the benefit of both environmental protection and criminal investigation, relevant to the high priority areas of environmental health and international terrorism.

Confirmed speakers include Dr Rob Fitzpatrick, Director of the Centre for Forensic Soil Science, Australia; Professor Ken Killham, University of Aberdeen, UK; Patricia Wiltshire, University of Aberdeen, and Dr James Robertson, Forensic Laboratories of the Australian Federal Police, Australia. Along with others, the British Society of Soil Science (BSSS) are sponsoring the conference. The Call for Papers is open until 20th April 2007. The web site of the conference is www.soilforensicsinternational.org

October 31, 2007

[SSEE 2007 International Conference on Engineering Sustainability](#) Perth Australia

November 6-10, 2007

International Conference on Integrated Watershed Management for “Bharat Nirman”, New Delhi, India

Major Themes

1. Land Resource Management
2. Water Resource Management
3. Plant Resource Management
4. Animal Resource Management
5. Human Resource Management

- Gender, Equity and Rural Institutions.
- 6. Integrated Watershed Management for Biomass Processing,
 - Agri-business, Rural Employment and Livelihoods.
- 7. Rural Investments through Public-Private Partnership.
- 8. Science and Technology
 - Research, Extension and Capacity Building.

Venue: NASC Complex, New Delhi

Duration: (i) The Conference: November, 6-9, 2007
 (ii) Field Visits for Delegates: November 10-11, 2007

Important Dates:

Submission of Abstract: 31-11-2006

Receipt of full-length paper: 31-05-2007 with electronic copy

Registration Fee

Foreign Delegates: US\$500 (With late fee: US\$600)

- Students/Research Scholars: US\$250 (With late fee: US\$300)
- Accompanying members: US\$100

Indian Delegates: Rs. 4,000.00 (With late fee Rs. 5,000)

- * Students/Research Scholars: Rs. 2,000 (With late fee Rs. 2,500)
- Accompanying member: Rs. 1,000 (Indian)

- * Students/Research Scholars have to provide a certificate from their Head of the Institution/Department for availing of this special rate.

Contact: Dr Suraj Bhan, President, Soil Conservation Society of India, soilcsi@yahoo.com.in, bhan_suraj@yahoo.com, www.soilcsi.org

November 21-23, 2007



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November 22-28, 2007

**3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GROSS NATIONAL HAPPINESS
TOWARDS GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION - WORLD VIEWS MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Thailand**

Rationale: The launching of the concept of Gross National Happiness in the global arena has induced a growing movement calling for transformation of conventional development policies and practices at all levels. By placing 'happiness' at the center of development the current obsession by economic growth, measured by Gross National (or Domestic) Product, has been fundamentally challenged. In a great diversity of world views happiness is the essence of life. Efforts are made to better understand and to monitor happiness. Well-being indexes serve public policy development, in order to counter wealth-dominated, unsustainable, globalization. Bhutan, considered to be a poor country from a conventional view point, but rich in culture and 'natural capital', is inspiring towards global transformation. Whether we can measure happiness or not, the diversity of our world views make a difference on the ground.

Co-organizers: Sathirakoses Nagapradipa Foundation and the Center for Bhutan Studies.

In partnership with a network of Thai NGO's and Youth groups, NGO's from the Mekong region; Social Venture Network Asia and independent business leaders; Ministry of Social Development & Human Security, and 'Well-being Index Network', Government of Thailand.

Objectives: To provide a creative platform for inspirational exchanges on revitalization of ancient cultures and sufficiency life styles in the face of globalization; and cross-cultural communication on transformative world views through story-telling and folk arts.

To facilitate exchanges, interaction, scientific debate on research related to Gross National Happiness and public policy development; to further shape ongoing research frameworks.

To strengthen and innovate social movements and supporting networks that improve people's happiness on the ground, genuine well-being and Human Security involving the diversity of stakeholders (civil society; governments at all levels; corporate sector).

Format of the conference: The organizers support engagement of local, national and international as well as issue-based partnerships based on autonomy; the conference serves as a creative momentum when participants of related activities over the year, and in various parts of the world, can meet and converge.

Previous conferences: The first International Conference 'Operationalizing Gross National Happiness' was convened in Thimphu, Bhutan, February 2004 by the Center for Bhutan Studies [www.bhutanstudies.org.bt]. It coincided with the colourful celebration of Bhutanese New Year.

The second International Conference on Gross National Happiness 'Re-thinking Development. Local Pathways to Global Well-being' was organized in Nova Scotia, Canada by GPI Atlantic [www.gpiatlantic.org] in mid June 2005. Smaller gatherings took place in Thailand at the Asian Institute of Technology in September 2004; and with partners from the Mekong region at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, and Wongsanit Ashram in August 2006. In Japan a conference was organized at Osaka University.

Partnership and sponsoring: GPI Atlantic and Osaka University support the 3rd International Conference in Thailand to secure continuity and accumulation of experiences. All participating international organizations, networks and independent individuals are invited to join the conference-partnership. Development agencies and foundations are welcome to support the conference process and the emerging global process of long term local operationalization.

Organizing Committee and Speakers: The Organizing Committee is Co-chaired by Ajarn Sulak Sivaraksa, President Sathirakoses Nagapradipa Foundation and H.E. Paiboon Wattanasiritham, Minister of Social Development and Human Security, Thailand. Speakers that confirmed are Vandana Shiva, John Ralston Saul and Lyonpo Jigmi Thinley while many more speakers and resource persons will be approached. Your suggestions and help are most welcome.

Please contact us: Initial organizing team: Somboon, Wallapa and Hans at hans@suan-spirit.com
Suan Nguen Mee Ma Co., Ltd., 113-115 Fuang Nakorn Road, Bangkok 10200, Thailand
Tel (+66) 2 622 0955 fax (+66) 2 22 3228, www.suan-spirit.com, A conference website is in the making.

December 3-7, 2007



International Symposium on Tropical soils submitted to direct sowing under vegetal cover, Madagascar, 3-7 December 2007, Organized by IRD Madagascar, CIRAD, GSDM, FOFIFA

The objective of this symposium is to exchange between different countries various experiences about direct sowing under vegetal cover considered as durable management technology for tropical soils

The deadline for abstract is: **15 May 2007**

For more information, please contact Dr Christian FELLER, IRD Madagascar (christian.feller@ird.fr)

December 3-14, 2007

United Nations Climate Change Conference

The Bureau decided to accept the offer by the Government of Indonesia to host the Conference of the Parties (COP 13) and the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 3) in Nusa Dua, Bali. More info: www.unfccc.org.

December 10-12, 2007



Can Water Resources Be Sustained in Drylands? *Challenges: Present and Future*

CONFERENCE

**Amman, Jordan
December 10-12, 2007**

Contact: Mohamed Sabir at sabirenfi@wanadoo.net.ma

MEETINGS 2008 ++

January 3-7, 2008

95th Indian Science Congress, Vishakhapattanam, Andhra Pradesh, East Coast of India. This is the highest scientific Assembly of the country. Apart from Indian scientists, many foreign scientists participate in the congress every year. The programme of this year's Environmental Science Section includes:

1. Special Invited Lectures related to Environmental Science themes,
2. Panel Discussion on Climate Change and
3. Symposium on Environmental Remediation.

Contact: Dr. R.B. Singh, Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi-110007, India. rbsgeo@hotmail.com

February 4-6, 2008

Under the Patronage of His Highness **Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa** Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain

POWER-GEN Middle East 2008

4-6 February 2008, Bahrain International Exhibition Centre, Manama

The future is about meeting the power and water demands of the Middle East.

NEW CONFERENCE TRACK FOR 2008 - see below for details...

Call for Papers

Abstract submission deadline: **18th May 2007**

[Click here to submit your Paper Abstract](#)

The Advisory Committee of POWER-GEN Middle East – the leading conference & exhibition for the Middle East Power, T&D and Water industries – is now accepting paper abstracts for the POWER-GEN Middle East 2008 Conference.

We invite you to submit an abstract for POWER-GEN Middle East 2008 and share your knowledge, experience and ideas with technical and strategic decision-makers and strategists.

This leading conference is a great opportunity to network with leading organisations and high level influencers and for you to represent your company at the most prestigious event in the power generation industry.

Abstract submission deadline: **18th May 2007**

You can submit your paper abstract online at www.power-gen-middleeast.com.

Before preparing and submitting your abstract please refer to the Abstract Submittal and Content Requirements and Guidelines at www.power-gen-middleeast.com/guidelines.



<p>STRATEGIC POWER TRACK - Power market structure and regulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic planning - Emerging market trends - Industry investment - Project issues <p>Click here for full agenda</p>	<p><i>New Conference Track for 2008!</i></p> <p>WATER TRACK - Water sector structure, regulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic planning & management - Water treatment - Wastewater treatment - Supply network - Desalination Click here for full agenda
<p>TECHNICAL POWER TRACK - Power generation technologies - Operation and maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Power augmentation - Transmission and distribution <p>Click here for full agenda</p>	

Abstract Submittal Requirements & Guidelines For full details of how to submit your paper abstract visit www.power-gen-middleeast.com/guidelines or [click here](#).

Further Information

For further information about participating at the conference as a speaker or as a delegate, please contact: **Mathilde Sueur**, Conference Manager T: +44 (0) 1992 656 634 F: +44 (0) 1992 656 735, paperspgme@pennwell.com

February 12-16, 2008

International Conference on Conservation Farming Systems and Watershed Management in Rainfed Areas for Rural Employment and Poverty Eradication (ICON-FARM)

Theme of the Conference (see more details in a previous issue of HOT NEWS)

At NASC Complex, New Delhi (INDIA)

Organized by: Soil Conservation Society of India, New Delhi

Submission of Abstract : 30-04-2007

Acceptance of Papers : 31-05-2007

Receipt of full-length paper : 30-09-2007

REGISTRATION FEE (to be submitted by October 31, 2007)

FOREIGN DELEGATES

Delegates :US\$ 400
(Late Submission) :US\$ 450

*Students/Research Scholars :US\$ 200
(Late Submission) :US\$ 225
For each accompanying member: US\$ 100

INDIAN DELEGATES

Members of SCSi : Rs. 3000.00
(Late Submission) : Rs. 3500.00

Non Members : Rs. 3500.00
(Late Submission) : Rs. 4000.00
*For Students/Research scholars:Rs 1,500
(Late Submission) : Rs. 1750.00

For each accompanying member: Rs. 1000.00 (Indian)

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



Banana and plantain in Africa: Harnessing international partnerships to increase research impact



MOMBASA, KENYA, APRIL 7-10, 2008

PURPOSE

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) is organizing an Africa-based conference that will focus on banana and plantain research across Africa: lessons learnt and the way forward. Fostering international partnerships is a major objective of the conference, with particular emphasis to establish the role of research in promoting future commercial activities and trade in banana, plantain and ensete. There is an urgent need to target basic and applied research that connects to existing and emerging markets. This unique conference will be the first pan-African meeting to link research to markets in an African context. Key priorities:

- Develop an African strategy for the next decade to exploit banana and plantain research
- Strengthen research partnerships to overcome production bottlenecks
- Harmonize research with production trends, emerging markets and trade networks

This conference is urgently needed as banana and plantain are key staple crops in rural households in Africa. They are also being increasingly targeted for income generation through improved linkages with the private sector. The conference also intends to foster research and trade experiences from other commodities. The result of this meeting will be to fully realize the potential of this crucial crop for poverty alleviation and wealth generation.

This conference is being organized in partnership with the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI), Bioversity International, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) and International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS). We invite you to join us towards a successful and fruitful conference.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The conference aims to attract an audience with varied but complementary experiences in order to optimize its impact in Africa. This conference will harness experiences from scientists and stakeholders from within and outside Africa. The Advisory Committee will be composed of internationally recognized experts to ensure the highest quality of speakers, presentations and papers. Open forum discussions and plenary presentations will be led by prominent keynote speakers and supported by presentations covering both scientific and commercial issues. Further interaction will be stimulated by a comprehensive poster session, field visits and demonstrations.

The conference will be hosted by Leisure Lodge Resort on a beautiful stretch of the Kenyan coast near Mombasa. The Resort is of the highest standard with state-of-the-art conference and recreational facilities. A superb package of pre- and post-conference tours is available for delegates and their families.

MORE DETAILS

The aim is to maintain an affordable rate of approximately 250 USD for registration and 100 USD per night for full-board accommodation. In addition, support is being sought to provide scholarships to assist attendance of participants. A forthcoming announcement, including a call for abstracts and papers, is scheduled for June, which will include more specific details of costs and conference agenda.

www.banana2008.com

April 21-22, 2008

'First International Conference on Flood Recovery, Innovation and Response', London, England. Contact Carly Rose at C.Rose@wlv.ac.uk.

May 18-23, 2008

15th Conference of the International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO) Soil and Water Conservation, Climate Change and Environmental Sensitivity

WASWC members who will attend ISCO 15 and wish to present papers in Topic 10 on any aspect of soil conservation legislation and policy please contact Dr Ian Hannam at ian.hannam@ozemail.com.au.

The Organizing Committee is pleased to invite you to participate in the 15th Conference of the International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO) to be held in Budapest, Hungary, May 18-23, 2008. Attendees will include scientists, university lecturers, policy makers, and stakeholders from public and private institutions and non-governmental organization throughout the world. Four days of oral and poster presentations and a mid conference excursion will make the conference an event to be remembered.

Conference topics include: Soil Conservation, Climate change, Land degradation, Land use change, Water management, Soil erosion, Salinization, Desertification, Soil rehabilitation and management, Socio-economic aspects of land degradation, and Legislative and Institutional aspects of soil and water conservation All interested persons are invited to give oral or poster presentations. Submission of papers require that one of the authors is registered at the Congress.

Venue: Budapest Congress & World Trade Center, H-1123 Budapest, Jagelló út 1-3.

Conference languages: English, French

Excursions: Mid-week technical excursion to Lake Balaton catchment (included in the registration fee)

Soil erosion problems of the Lake Balaton Catchment, the National Soil Monitoring System, and a visit to the terraced vineyards of Badacsony

- **The Great Hungarian Plain – Pre-conference excursion (2 days)**

- **The Vineyard Regions of Northern Hungary - Post-conference excursion (2 days)**

Preliminary programme

18th May – Sunday: Arrival & Registrations
Welcome Reception (in the evening)

19th May – Monday:
Official opening and participant presentations

20th May – Tuesday:
Participant presentations

21st May – Wednesday:
Mid-conference excursion

22nd May – Thursday:

Participant presentations
Conference dinner (in the evening)

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23 May – Friday:
Participant presentations and closing ceremony

Registration fee

Through 30 Nov., '07 **390 €**

After 1 December '07 **490 €**

Registration includes:

- . • Conference program, Book of Abstracts & Conference Proceedings (on CD)
- . • Reception cocktail
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- . • Lunches
- . • Mid-conference excursion

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For registration go to: www.isco2008.com/

Accommodations

A list of hotels of various price categories will be provided on the website. www.isco2008.com/
It is recommended to book accommodation in one of the suggested hotels because bus transfer to conference site will be ensured from these hotels.

Deadline for **June 30, 2007**
receipt of abstracts

Notice of Sept. 30, 2007
acceptance of
abstracts

Deadline for Nov. 30, 2007
registration at
reduced fee

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We are looking forward to welcoming you in Budapest in May 2008 at the 15th ISCO conference!

June 29-July 5, 2008

International Grassland and Rangeland Congress

The International Grassland and Rangeland Congress will be take place in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, June 29-July 5, 2008. Information on the Trade Show/Exhibits, Tours (Pre-congress, Post-congress and Mid-congress), Workshops and Delegate Sponsorship can be found at www.IGC-IRC2008.org. This forum will be the first time that these two important International Congresses have met together to allow international exchange and discussion on the multi-function of grasslands and rangelands in a changing world. The Congress will focus on discussing scientific and technological aspects of Grassland/ Rangeland management, and on the challenges involved to overcome major limitations for implementing sustainable development. Any person from the research, university, government and industry sectors from around the world will find the 2008 IGC/IRC most stimulating and worthwhile. The first joint Congress will be a significant milestone in the history of IGC and IRC, and in research and development of grasslands and rangelands in the world. China has breathtaking scenery and outstanding hospitality. It is an ideal country to host the Congress with 392.8 million hectares of grasslands and rangelands in which more than 6,000 plant species grow. Diversity is most characteristic of China's grasslands, with alpine meadow, steppe, desert, tropical and sub-tropical ecosystems, and people of 56 nationalities who use the grasslands in many different ways depending on their culture. Agricultural and pastoral systems are being developed and modernized, with attention to landscape management, amenity values, plant and livestock production, and product processing and marketing.

July 14-18, 2008

Second International Conference on Ground Bio- and Eco-engineering: The Use of Vegetation to Improve Slope Stability, Beijing, China.

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August 25-29, 2008

EUROSOIL Congress 2008, Vienna, Austria

EUROSOIL 2008 is organized by the European Confederation of Soil Science Societies (ECSSS) in cooperation with the IUSS and the national Societies of Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Switzerland. There will be 30 symposia, 9 workshops, several meetings and numerous pre - and post-congress excursions in Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Switzerland. All information is now available, including deadlines and registration form, under www.ecsss.net

Call for papers: The call for papers for the EUROSOIL Congress is open. Detailed information about abstract submission can be obtained from the EUROSOIL 2008 Website: www.ecsss.net

You can submit abstracts for 30 symposia, which are listed on the Website, together with the exact instructions for submission. The deadline for abstract submission is 31 January 2008, which is also the deadline for early registration.

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September 18-22, 2008

5th International Conference on Land Degradation, Bari, Italy

Dr. Pandi Zdruli, Project Manager, MEDCOASTLAND Thematic Network sent to us info for the 5th International Conference on Land Degradation to take place at Valenzano, Bari, Italy, at <http://www.iamb.it/5ICLD/>. Contact Dr Zdruli at CIHEAM-Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari, Via Ceglie 9, 70010 Valenzano (BA), ITALY. Tel: +39 080 4606 253, Fax: +39 080 4606 274, pandi@iamb.it, <http://medcoastland.iamb.it>.

September/ October 2008

IV World Congress on Conservation Agriculture will take place in India. More detailed news will be available in this page later this year.

October 5-14, 2008

We are happy to invite you to contribute to the World Conservation Congress, the premier environmental event of 2008, that will take place in Barcelona, Spain from 5-14 October 2008. The first half of the Congress will be the World Conservation Forum, from 6-9 October. This will be the place to debate pressing environmental issues and solutions for sustainable development. The Forum seeks to reach agreements, share solutions and create new partnerships for a diverse and sustainable world.

Building on IUCN's long history of bringing together diverse stakeholders and providing scientific leadership, the Forum will bring different sectors together from all over the world to share knowledge and experiences, develop innovative and inspiring solutions and make commitments to help us to move forward together on the path to sustainability.

If you would like to be part of this exciting event and organize one or more event(s) at the Forum, please visit www.iucn.org/congress to find out more. You will be able to submit proposals under this website as of June 1. If you have further questions, please send them to: congressforum@iucn.org

Enrique Lahmann, Congress Manager

Estimado/a Señor/a,

Me complace invitarles a contribuir al Congreso Mundial de la Naturaleza, el mayor evento ambiental del 2008, que se celebrará en Barcelona, España, del 5 al 14 de Octubre de 2008. La primera parte del Congreso, el Foro Mundial de la Naturaleza, tendrá lugar del 6 al 9 de Octubre y será el lugar para debatir asuntos decisivos y soluciones para el desarrollo sostenible. El Foro pretende lograr acuerdos, compartir soluciones y crear nuevas alianzas para un mundo diverso y sostenible.

Aprovechando la vasta experiencia de la UICN para conjuntar diferentes actores y brindar liderazgo científico, el Foro reunirá diferentes sectores, de todo el mundo, para intercambiar conocimientos y experiencias, desarrollar soluciones innovadoras e inspiradoras y lograr acuerdos para ayudarnos a avanzar juntos en el camino de la sostenibilidad.

Si desea formar parte de este gran acontecimiento y organizar uno o más eventos durante el Foro, favor visitar www.iucn.org/congress para obtener mayor información. Será posible enviar sus propuestas electrónicamente en este sitio a partir del 1 de Junio. Si tiene preguntas adicionales por favor contáctenos en congressforum@iucn.org

A la espera de sus contribuciones.

Enrique Lahmann, Gerente del Congreso

Madame, Monsieur,

J'ai le plaisir de vous inviter à participer au Congrès Mondial de la Nature, le principal évènement environnemental de 2008, qui aura lieu en Barcelone, Espagne du 5 au 14 octobre 2008. La première partie du Congrès, le Forum Mondial de la Nature, aura lieu du 6 au 9 octobre et sera l'endroit où débattre les sujets décisifs et les solutions pour une forme de développement durable. Le Forum veut favoriser les accords, le partage de solutions et la création de nouvelles alliances pour un monde divers et durable.

Fort de la grande expérience de l'UICN à réunir les différents acteurs environnementaux et à mettre à leur disposition les dernières avancées des connaissances scientifiques, la Forum réunira différents secteurs, du monde entier, afin d'échanger connaissances et expériences, développer des solutions innovantes et arriver à de nouveaux accords pour avancer, ensemble, sur le chemin du développement durable.

Si vous souhaitez faire partie de cet évènement et organiser une ou plusieurs activités durant le Forum, vous pouvez visiter www.iucn.org/congress pour en savoir plus. Vous pourrez soumettre votre proposition sur ce site web à partir du 1er juin. Si vous avez des questions, n'hésitez pas à les envoyer à : congressforum@iucn.org

Enrique Lahmann, Responsable du Congrès

Late 2008

6th International Hani-Akha Culture Conference, Luchun County, Yunnan Province, China, near the border area with Northern Vietnam and Lao P.D.R. Mr Bai Bibo welcomes you to the conference organized in his hometown. Trust our members will be interested in presenting academic papers regarding Alkha-Hani Land and Water Conservation in the Mekong River Basin. Contact Bai Bibo, baibibo@hotmail.com

August 1-6, 2010

The **19th World Congress of Soil Science** will be held in Brisbane, Australia, 1-6 August 2010. Contact Philippa Tolmie at philippa.tolmie@nrw.qld.gov.au

The **20th WCSS Congress** will be held in Seoul, Korea in 2014.

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