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NEW items in this issue are highlighted with light blue shading to assist in quick identification.

May 1, 2007 – International Labor Day



Dear WASWC members, friends, and colleagues,

Since we said good bye to about 3,000 guest members last week, we have been able to register a number of paying members and hope more will do so in the coming weeks. As we informed you earlier that the password would change, it has already changed from **291785** to **83261** for both Bangkok and Tokyo sites, <http://waswc.ait.ac.th> and www.waswc.org.

Today is the National Labor Day in Thailand as well as for a number of other countries too. All laborers in Thailand have had a day off – but the exception is true for the one who is composing this note. The time now is almost midnight, but it would not take long to finish this HOT NEWS, so I can send out to all members right away.

Having produced the WASWC Newsletter and related publications for more than 5 years I have a feeling that a number of people, both paying- and guest members, have made use of these products and services, so that some kind words have come to us every now and then. If the production/ running of the association can go on like this there would not be any problem, as we have had a set of established keywords that our association can stand and survive because of these factors: **volunteerism, internet, quality, innovation, institutional support and affordable for all.**

However, I would like to say, that from this point onward we need to have a relatively strong engine to drive this WASWC vehicle. For past several years we have had a lot of help and cooperation from dozens of friends – mostly in doing the work in a job-by-job style. For example, we have the Translators' Club with more than 20 members, to translate our Newsletter and abstracts to nine other languages. But for the sake of sustainability, I believe we need to find out helpers/ cooperators who are willing to do the coordination with a group of works rather than single jobs. I am determined to strive for finding such persons. Friends, if you are the ones willing to help in such manner, please step forward, show yourself, and we'll work together to a good success.

At this time more than 1,000 climate scientists have come to gather in Bangkok, Thailand to attend the IPCC's 9th Session of Working Group III (WGIII, Mitigation of Climate Change – April 30-May 3, 2007) and 26th Session of IPCC (May 4, 2007). WASWC Members are encouraged to follow the meeting through its website www.ipcc.ch. The report from this WG will be available on May 4, 2007 – so please stay tuned.

Friends, many of you have shown to be brave in doing useful works and without any compensation that others get. Pls go on with that spirit to reflect what a Swedish lady had mentioned to my friend Sidney Clouston: *"You cannot do all the good the world needs but the world needs all the good you can do."*

Today I had a cyber-chat with Dr Mohamed Sabir, WASWC Councilor for Africa. Upon knowing that I had completed my 66th year of my life today, he mentioned that, *"You are still young and can do good and useful things for many people."* True, I can go on and do good and useful things as long as I can, but I do not want to pretend that one will live forever. So folks, those who can and are willing to help, please show yourself and do what you can, so there will be a continuation of our association to the future generations without obstacles and our natural resources will be well taken care of.

With my best wishes to all WASWC members, friends and colleagues,

Samran Sombatpanit, Editor, Past President and Membership Coordinator (sombatpanit@yahoo.com)

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HOT BOOK (updated from the last issue)

We invite WASWC members to co-publish Special Publication No. 3

“No-Till Farming Systems”



In August 2004 I was invited to go to attend a conference organized by AAPRESID in Rosario, Argentina, had a good time listening to many presentations on no-tillage by professionals from South America and North America. After that I had a chance to go over to Brazil as a guest of John Landers, where he showed me no-till farming in Brasilia F.D. and Mato Grosso State. Having been amazed by the fantastic fact that farming involving no tillage could produce satisfactory crop yields and keep the amount of soil loss to be at the minimum, I searched for cooperation from several front-line writers to write a number of articles about no-tillage; got them and had Rolf Derpsch (Paraguay), the Norman Hudson Memorial Awardee for 2005, to lead, and to be accompanied by Don Reicosky (USA), Jose Benites (Argentina), John Landers (Brazil) and Carlos Crovetto (Chile) who were asked to write the various aspects of 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 even wanted to contribute articles. At this time the whole book, about 200-220 pages of A5 size in total, will have the following articles:

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. **Review of no-tillage in ECAF countries**, by ECAF (European Conservation Agriculture Federation – Belgium)

10. **NEW BOOK: No-Tillage Seeding in Conservation Agriculture**, by John Baker (New Zealand)



Now the writing and editing is almost complete and we are going to publish this as the Special Publication No. 3 of WASWC, which would appear around the middle of this year. It is going to have several photos, most of them in color, with the intention to reflect what WASWC has been doing since the early volumes: to publish it as information to assist members to understand certain matters of importance but there has not been any publication ever published before.

The continued shortage of fossil fuels and the present threat from global warming have prompted many of the ‘earthly’ activities to proceed with less and less amount of such energy source to be used, and we are sufficiently convinced that we have to follow the same trend for crop cultivation - and no one can deny about the role of no-till farming in exactly balancing both effects.



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. 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



Members are welcome to join us in publishing this book, the deadline to inform us is the end of May. If you have something to discuss concerning this issue, please do not hesitate to contact us right away. We work for members, so we will help solve the problems as much as we can. The book will be sent to you from July or August onward.

AWARDS/PRIZES/FUNDS

FY 2008 FULBRIGHT STUDENT PROGRAM

The synopsis for this grant opportunity is detailed below, following this paragraph. This synopsis contains all of the updates to this document that have been posted as of 02/08/2007. If updates have been made to the opportunity synopsis, update information is provided below the synopsis.

If you would like to receive notifications of changes to the grant opportunity click send me change notification emails. The only thing you need to provide for this service is your email address. No other information is requested.

Any inconsistency between the original printed document and the disk or electronic document shall be resolved by giving precedence to the printed document.

Document Type: Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number: ECA-A-E-08-01

Opportunity Category: Discretionary
Posted Date: Feb 08, 2007
Creation Date: Feb 08, 2007
Original Closing Date for Applications: May 03, 2007
Current Closing Date for Applications: **May 03, 2007**
Archive Date: May 04, 2007
Funding Instrument Type: Other

Category of Funding Activity: Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)

Category Explanation: Please see full announcement.
Expected Number of Awards: 1
Estimated Total Program Funding: \$10,000,000
Award Ceiling: \$10,000,000
Award Floor:
CFDA Number: 19.400 -- Educational Exchange_Graduate Students
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Eligible Applicants
Private institutions of higher education
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility:
Please see full announcement

Agency Name
Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs
Description

The Office of Academic Exchange Programs (ECA/A/E) of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State announces an open competition for one or more assistance awards to provide administrative services for the Fulbright Student Program in Fiscal Year 2008. Public and private non-profit organizations or consortia of eligible organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to cooperate with the Bureau in the administration and implementation of one or more of the following program components: -- For U.S. students: the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. -- For foreign students administered by world geographic region: the Fulbright Foreign Student Program. -- For foreign students administered globally: the International Fulbright Science and Technology Award, the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program, pre-academic training, orientation programs, and enrichment activities.

Link to Full Announcement
FY 08 Fulbright Student Program
If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:
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PROGRAM SPECIALIST
Phone (202)203-7466 PoseyHE@state.gov
Synopsis Modification History
There are currently no modifications for this opportunity.



THE CANON NATIONAL PARKS SCIENCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Training the Next Generation of Conservation Scientists

The 2007 Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program

Overview

The Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program is pleased to announce its 2007 competition. The program is a collaboration among Canon, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the US National Park Service. Thanks to a generous commitment by Canon, the program will be awarding eight US\$80,000 scholarships to Ph.D. students throughout the Americas to conduct research critical to conserving the national parks of the region.

Research projects in the biological, physical, social and cultural sciences are eligible, as well as projects in technology innovation in support of conservation science. Applications must be received by **3 May 2007**. <http://www.nature.nps.gov/canonscholarships/>

El Programa Canon 2007 para Investigadores Científicos de Parques Nacionales

Anuncio

El Programa Canon para Investigadores Científicos de Parques Nacionales se complace en anunciar su convocatoria para el año 2007. El programa es fruto de la colaboración entre Canon, la Asociación Americana para el Avance de la Ciencia y el Servicio de Parques Nacionales de los Estados Unidos. Gracias a la generosa contribución de Canon, el programa concederá ocho becas de 80.000 dólares cada una a estudiantes de doctorado de las Américas que realicen investigaciones críticas para la conservación de los parques nacionales de la región.

Pueden optar a las becas proyectos en ciencias biológicas, físicas, sociales y culturales, al igual que proyectos de innovación tecnológica aplicada a la ciencia de la conservación. La fecha límite para recibir las solicitudes es el **3 de mayo de 2007**. <http://www.nature.nps.gov/canonscholarships/>



Dear World Challenge User

Now in its third year, World Challenge is back and looking for nominations for projects that make a real difference to local communities. The mission of World Challenge 2007 is simple: to seek and reward innovators and entrepreneurs who are implementing grassroots solutions to some of the toughest problems of our age, from poverty to pollution. It could be you or someone you know.

The lucky winner of World Challenge 2007 will receive a grant of US\$20,000 to invest and help develop their project even further, and two runners up will each receive US\$10,000.

For more information about the types of projects we are looking for, and to complete a nomination

If you would like to send information about World Challenge 2007 to friends/colleagues please use the 'Spread The Word' button.

Nominations close on **6 May 2007**.

form, visit [World Challenge 2007](#) .

We will be in touch with you shortly with a nominations update.

Regards, **The World Challenge Team.**

In association with



WWF's J. Paul Getty Award for Conservation Leadership

www.worldwildlife.org/about/gettyaward/

WWF would like to invite you to submit nominations for the 2007 J. Paul Getty Award for Conservation Leadership. Each year the J. Paul Getty Award recognizes a leader in conservation in one of three annually rotating themes: political leadership, scientific leadership, and community leadership. This year's category is scientific leadership in biodiversity conservation.

In addition to recognizing today's top conservationists, the Award also helps build conservation leadership for tomorrow. The award prize of \$200,000 will be used to establish graduate fellowships named in honor of the winner and J. Paul Getty to support students in conservation-related fields at a university of the winner's choice in his/her home country. WWF will work with both the winner and the designated university to design an appropriate fellowship program for graduate students.

The winner, working with WWF, will establish eligibility criteria based on his/her own specific interests or the needs of his/her country. Fellowships will in general contribute to graduate students' educational costs for a period of two years. Costs per fellow, and possibly the number of fellows, will vary each year depending on actual costs at the fellows' universities, currency exchange rates, etc.

Please find attached the nomination form for the 2007 J. Paul Getty Award for Conservation Leadership. We welcome nominations for scientists who have made recent and significant contributions to biodiversity conservation through their research and other efforts. Nominees may be from any part of the world. However, preference will be given to scientists from developing countries, particularly those working in one of WWF-US's priority places. A map of our priority places is included with the nomination guidelines.

An independent, external panel will review all eligible candidates to select five finalists. From the pool of finalists, a second panel of impartial jurors will select the winner of the award. **The deadline for nominations is May 15, 2007.**

Please feel free to share this form with others at your organization. If you have any questions or comments, please contact WWF at gettyaward@wwfus.org .

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The National Geographic Society Conservation Trust is responsible for recommending and evaluating potential recipients of a \$25,000 award for achievement in **African conservation**, made possible through an annual gift from Mr. Howard Buffett.

Please CONTACT and submit the nomination form and appropriate documentation to John

Francis, Vice President Research, Conservation, and Exploration, National Geographic Society, at jfrancis@ngs.org, by **May 31, 2007**.



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>



The WPRP Seed Funding Facility provides funds to support conservation and development organisations to work together with local/regional actors in the development of project proposals that address wetlands-poverty issues. The Facility only funds the development of project proposals. The proposals should address the link between wetlands, water and poverty. The maximum amount that can be requested under the Seed Funding Facility is €25.000. The 2007 submission deadline: **June 15, 2007**.

For further information on which countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America are eligible to apply, see attached document of visit: <http://www.wetlands.org/articlemenu.aspx?id=1bf9e09a-e82b-4073-90c1-e3b0fd2d381c>

Applicants wishing to submit a project concept should submit their completed documents by e-mail to: Maria Stolk

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We are looking for the best video on water conservation, with a prize of \$250

Don't you hate it when people take 20 minute showers, leave the water running while they brush their teeth, and run the dishwasher when it's only half full? Well, so do we. That's why we're rewarding those water conservers out there. Send us a short (less than 4 minute) video showing us how YOU conserve

water in your day-to-day activities. We'll reward the best video with \$250. Deadline: **June 15, 2007**. Find out more at: www.thepeoplespeak.org/peoplespeak/Contests



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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In the USA: Paul Thomson, Telephone: 202-939-3321, Email: pthomson@awf.org, Web site: www.awf.org



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.



Google Grants Program Provides In-Kind Advertising Services to Nonprofits

Deadline: **Open**

The Google Grants program supports organizations that share the company's philosophy of community service worldwide in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts.

Designed for 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, Google Grants is a unique in-kind advertising program that harnesses the power of Google's flagship advertising product, Google AdWords, to nonprofits seeking to inform and engage their constituents online.

Google Grants has awarded AdWords advertising to hundreds of nonprofit groups whose

missions range from animal welfare to literacy, from supporting homeless children to promoting HIV education.

Google Grant recipients use their award of free AdWords advertising on Google.com to raise awareness and increase traffic. Each organization awarded a Google Grant receives at least three months of in-kind advertising.

In the United States, applicant organizations must have current 501(c)(3) status as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service to be considered for a Google Grant. Outside the United States, Google is currently accepting applications from eligible charitable organizations based in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

Google Grants recipients are selected every quarter. Visit the program's Web site for complete program information, application procedures, and an FAQ.

RFP Link: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10003588/google>

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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>.

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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>

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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.**

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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.

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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 Equateur 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

FELLOWSHIPS

PhD Studentships at University of Sussex Linked to ESRC STEPS Centre

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) is a new interdisciplinary, global initiative aimed to link environmental sustainability with better livelihoods and health, and to make science and technology work to reduce poverty and increase social justice. Three PhD studentships linked to the Centre are available to start in October 2007. Applicants should be EU citizens, resident in the UK for at least three years, with a Masters Degree or equivalent. Applicants will develop their own research topic, preferably addressing one of more of the Centre's themes (dynamics, governance, designs) or domains (food and agriculture, health and disease, water and sanitation). The three-year studentship includes payment of fees, a living allowance and fieldwork expenses. Closing date: **31 May 2007**. For more information see www.steps-centre.org.

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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 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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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

JOB

From: Steven Swan [mailto:hlsp_steven@hn.vnn.vn]

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)

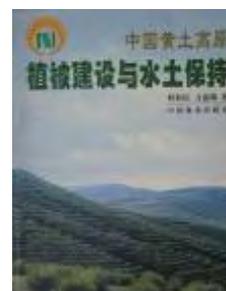
Many or most of these sources can be had for free. WASWC members are encouraged to read through the following list and make your requests or purchases, whatever the case would be; this will help accelerate more exchanges of information among all players in natural resources management.

BOOKS



▲ **Strategies of Combating Desertification in China**, by Zhang Kebin, Beijing Forestry University, Beijing, 100 019 China. 2006, 252 pp., ISBN 7-5038-4465-5. 88 Yuan. In Chinese, with 12-page English summary. Contact the publisher at cfphz@public.bta.net.cn.

▲ **Plants and Their Management on the Loess Plateau**, by Cheng Jimin (gyzcyj@ms.iswc.ac.cn), a book that introduces resource types, distribution features, succession law, protection and utilization of forest, shrubbery and grassland mainly based on the research achievements of vegetation restoration and



SWC. Combining with the project of changing farming into forsts, vegetation restoration, soil moisture characteristics and impacts of SWC are discussed, and the layout, construction theories and technical approaches are emphasized. All these provide an important scientific foundations and theoretical basis for vegetation restoration and ecotype construction in the Loess Plateau and other similar regions. 2002. 426 pp., Softcover, ISBN 7-5038-3012-3, 56 Yuan. More info in www.naturalbook.com. In Chinese.

▲ Soil History

The 14th Newsletter of the Commission on the History, Philosophy and Sociology of Soil Science of the IUSS and the SSSA Council is the first produced by the new Commission chair ED Landa and the Vice Chair Christian Feller. The newsletter starts with an introduction by the new officers who are in charge since the 18th World Congress of Soil Science (WCSS). In this newsletter you find articles on the

soil history website by Eric Brevik, CD with historical USA publications, full report on the 18th WCSS by Benno Warkentin including an overview of the presentations of soil history in different countries and parts of the world, an article by Rattan Lal on history of agriculture and the plough, an article by Benno

Warkentin on the former British West Indies. The newsletter ends with a book review and the addresses of IUSS Officers (always useful). Click [here](#) for the PDF.

▲ Soil Microbiology, Ecology, and Biochemistry, 3rd Edition

Now in its third edition, Eldor Paul and a team of experts in soil microbiology and agronomy include six new chapters, full-color throughout, the latest techniques for studying soil organisms and their processes, and more! New chapters in this edition include: Bio-remediation; Soil Molecular Biology; Biodiversity; Global Climate Change; Basic Physiology; and Ecological Interpretations. Also discussed is new information on exciting emerging methodology, tracers, molecular analysis, and computer applications. This classic revised text now provides a companion website with figures for classroom presentation use. IUSS members, receive a 10% discount today! More details [here](#).

Bibliographic & ordering Information:

Hardbound, 552 pages, publication date: January 2007, ISBN-13: 9780125468077, ISBN-10: 0125468075, Imprint: Academic Press, Price: GBP 41.99, US\$72.95, EUR 60.95

▲ Free books on the web

Most scientific information is exchanged through our journals, but some of it takes places through books and reports. These are great times for those of us that like to chase information and be up to date with what is available. With Google Scholar you can pick up grey literature whereas with Google Books you can view parts of many soil science books, and sometimes the whole book. Now a collection of historic soil science and agricultural books (including those of von Liebig, Jenny, Albrecht, Howard, King) can be freely downloaded from the holistic agricultural library, click [here](#).

Dr Budiman Minasny from the University of Sydney scanned V.V. Dokuchaev's Russian Chernozem. It is a PDF of 48 Mb and if you like a copy send him an [e-mail](#).

Something else: if you like the books of Ernest Hemingway and what he said about the soil (book by H.R. Mount: Hemingway's tribute to soil) click [here](#). Keep reading folks!

▲ Cities of the Future: Towards Integrated Sustainable Water and Landscape Management

Editors: Vladimir Novotny, Paul Brown <http://www.iwapublishing.com/template.cfm?name=isbn1843391368>

Contact Ian Morgan, Marketing Manager, IWA Publishing Ltd, Alliance House, 12 Caxton Street, London, SW1H 0QS, UK. Tel: +44 (0)20 7654 5519, Fax: +44 (0)20 7654 5555, imorgan@iwap.co.uk, www.iwapublishing.com

REPORTS

▲ [Climate report charts "highway to extinction"](#):

A new international report on global warming makes dire predictions. www.world-science.net/othernews/070331_climate.htm

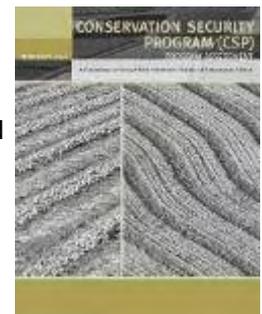
▲ **SWCS announces the release of CSP!**

I am pleased to announce the availability of an assessment of the Conservation Security Program (CSP) that we have produced in partnership with Environmental Defense. This assessment of CSP is one of a set of four assessments of the major USDA conservation programs. The other three assessments review the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and the programs designed to provide technical assistance to producers participating in USDA conservation programs. The intent of these assessments is to better understand how these programs are working today and how they might be made to work better. The remaining assessments will be released shortly. The program assessments will be among our primary contributions to the 2007 farm bill process.

Assessing CSP is particularly important because its unique features create both opportunities and challenges for ensuring the program meets its twin goals: rewarding producers for what they are already doing to produce environmental benefits for the public and encouraging all producers to do more. CSP is still in the early stages of development, and a great deal of learning is taking place as experience is gained each year the program operates. This report is intended to contribute to that learning process.

You can find the new report on the SWCS website at http://www.swcs.org/documents/CSP_assessment.pdf

Craig Cox, Executive Director, Soil and Water Conservation Society



▲ SWCS Announces Release of EQIP

I am pleased to send you an assessment of the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) that the Soil and Water Conservation Society has produced in partnership with Environmental Defense. This assessment of EQIP is one of a set of four assessments of the major USDA conservation programs. You should have received our assessment of the Conservation Security Program (CSP) last week. We will follow up with assessments of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and the programs designed to provide technical assistance to producers participating in USDA conservation programs in the near future. The intent of these assessments is to better understand how these programs are working today and how they might be improved. The remaining assessments will be released shortly.



Assessing EQIP is particularly relevant because it has emerged as the most important conservation incentive program for working farms and ranches. Our assessment is designed to help make a good program better.

You can find the new report on the SWCS website at: http://www.swcs.org/documents/EQIP_assessment.pdf

The file may take a few minutes to download. If you have trouble downloading, please let me know.

Craig Cox, Executive Director, Soil and Water Conservation Society

▲ Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry

To download PDF files and software (IPCC tool), click [here](#). Other language versions are [here](#).

This report on *Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (GPG-LULUCF)* is the response to the invitation by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to develop *good practice guidance* for land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF). *GPG-LULUCF* provides supplementary methods and good practice guidance for estimating, measuring, monitoring and reporting on carbon stock changes and greenhouse gas emissions from LULUCF activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, and Articles 6 and 12 of the Kyoto Protocol.



The *GPG-LULUCF* assists countries in producing inventories for the land use, land-use change and forestry sector that are neither over- nor underestimates so far as can be judged, and in which uncertainties are reduced as far as practicable. It supports the development of inventories that are transparent, documented, consistent over time, complete, comparable, assessed for uncertainties, subject to quality control and quality assurance, and efficient in the use of resources.

The *GPG-LULUCF* is consistent with the existing [good practice guidance for the other sector](#) and addresses:

- Choice of estimation method within the context of the [IPCC Guidelines](#);
- Quality assurance and quality control procedures to provide cross-checks during the inventory compilation;
- Data and information to be documented, archived and reported to facilitate review and assessment of inventory estimates;
- Quantification of uncertainties at the source or sink category level and for the inventory as a whole, so that resources available can be directed toward reducing uncertainties over time, and the improvement can be tracked.

In addition, *GPG-LULUCF* provides guidance related to the specific features of the LULUCF sector on consistent representation of land areas, sampling for area estimates and for estimating emissions and removals, verification, and guidance on how to complement the Convention reporting for the LULUCF sector to meet the supplementary requirements under the Kyoto Protocol.

The development of *good practice guidance* for LULUCF sector is a step in the IPCCs on-going programme of inventory development and will also support future revisions of the *IPCC Guidelines* themselves. This report was adopted/ accepted by the IPCC Plenary at its 21st session held in Vienna, 3-7 November, 2003. To download PDF files and software (IPCC tool), click [here](#). Other language versions are [here](#)

▲ **The new generation of watershed management programmes and projects**, published by FAO as its Forestry Paper No. 150. 2006, 128 pp., ISBN 92-5-105551-3. This is a resource book for practitioners and local decision-makers based on the findings and recommendations of an FAO review obtained from four regional workshops in Kenya, Nepal, Peru and France. This will be the basis for developing new programs and projects on different continents in order to test, validate and implement the new approaches to watershed management over the next few years. This is an indispensable document for all WASWC members. You may contact Thomas Hofer at Thomas.Hofer@fao.org to rush you a copy at no cost. It is also available online at www.fao.org/docrep/009/a0644e/a0644e00.htm.



JOURNAL

Dear colleagues:

I'm Pablo Alarcón-Chaires of Laboratory of Ethnoecology, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. I'm sending you an abstract about the study case of Cocopah Indians and Colorado River Crisis in Baja California, México. This research was supported by UNESCO and recently presented in an international meeting on poverty and human rights (Lisbon, Portugal)

Our topic is indigenous peoples and nature, and sustainable development; you can get free our **Journal Etnoecologica** in www.etnoecologica.org.mx.

Best regards from Mexico!

Pablo Alarcón-Chaires

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NEWSLETTERS

New IUSS Newsletters: **Pedometron**

This 21st Pedometron newsletter (first one was published in 1991) is the biggest so far and compiled by the Commission chair Murray Lark and Vice chair Budiman Minasny. In this new Pedometron issue there is an article on plans and activities of the IUSS Working Group Digital Soil Mapping, on early pedometric problems and early pedometricians, on nominations for the best paper awards in pedometrics (a good tradition), on soil bibliometrics and the h index, on variability of SOC, fractals and mutlifractals (not of your bones), on the Pedometrics conference in August 2007 (Germany), reports of conferences and courses, vacancies, and a short profile of a pedometrician and non-pedometrician. Click [here](#) for the PDF.



▲ **Bhumiwarin**, a quarterly 40-page newsletter in Thai language that showcases the use of vetiver grass for soil and water conservation, ISSN 0859-8886. Subscribe for free with Pongpiya Piyasirananda, Bureau of Research and Development in Land Management, Land Development Department, Bangkok 10900, Thailand. ddgt@idd.go.th

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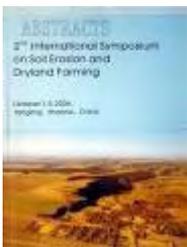
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▲ **WPRP Newsletter** - May 2007, www.wetlands.org/wprp

In this issue:

- * Women and cockles in Ecuador
- * Wetlands in national policy of Mali
- * Profile demonstration project Zambia / Malawi
- * Second Call for concept proposals
- * Bio-rights passed on
- * Download previous issue

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



▲ **SEDF2006, Abstracts book for the 2nd International Symposium on Soil Erosion and Dryland Farming**, Yangling, Shaanxi, China, October 1-5, 2006, with ca 150 abstracts. Contact the SEDF2006 Secretariat at lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn.

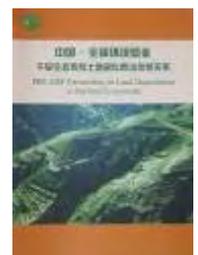
▲ **Institute of Soil and Water Conservation – CAS and Ministry of Water Resources**, a 36-page book describing this highly learned institution in SWC of China on the occasion of its 50th anniversary celebration (October 2006). The book, in Chinese and English, illustrates the history and present activities of the Institute. Ask Prof. Li Rui (lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn) - our Vice President for China - for your free copy.



▲ **Ansai Research Station of Soil and Water Conservation – CAS**, an 8-p brochure on the experimental station of the Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Chinese Academy of Sciences, located at Ansai, Shaanxi Province. It shows the facilities of this station for studying how to manage the soil resources in the Loess Plateau successfully. You may write to Prof. Yinli Liang, Director of the Station, and ask for a copy of it at liangyl@ms.iswc.ac.cn, liangyinli@263.net. Prof. Liang said she welcomes

all visitors and researchers who would like to come to do their works at the station.

▲ **PRC-GEF Partnership on Land Degradation in Dryland Ecosystems**, a 6-page Chinese and English brochure describing the partnership sponsored partly by the GEF (Global Environment Facility), which concentrates its implementation on Loess Plateau, Inner Mongolia and Xinjiang. Ask a copy from Zhang Weidong, its project director, at zhangweidong@gefop12.cn.



WEBSITES (Mixed subjects)

▲ Another Earth Day link

Dear Fellows and Friends: About Earth Day: In the past I had booths for display of technology for Water Quality Monitoring. One time I was also to give a talk on one of the stages at five o'clock at Pioneer Square in Portland Oregon. At the time I went to Stage A and began to talk. Only one person was there listening. That was because the Main Stage had 12 Belly Dancers - it was impossible to compete with 12 Belly Dancers. Trust me. An Earth Day link is <http://sierraclub.org/earthday/>

Sidney Clouston, cloustonenergy@verizon.net

▲ See Vespucci Initiative's Summer Institute details at www.vespucci.org

▲ Pls visit www.vetiverlazio.it, with a big hug. Bruno

▲ [Ethanol vehicles pose health risks, study claims](#): Ethanol is widely touted as a clean, eco-friendly fuel. But new research challenges that view: www.world-science.net/othernews/070418_ethanol.htm

▲ The CoastalZone Network is interesting: www.coastalzone.net

▲ We have been working in Dubai for a salinity monitoring project with The International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA). You can see the information about the instrumentation and the project on our salinity web page www.ictinternational.com.au/salinity.htm. We would be more than happy to assist you in the future with some designs or advice in regard to soil moisture instrumentation or design of specific projects. Then please feel free to contact me when you have a need for such information. We can dialogue by email and I can also telephone. We can also arrange some consulting or training according to your requirements.

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FILM FESTIVALS

August 27-30, 2007

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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: yatavaran@cmsindia.org; info@cmsvatavaran.org, www.cmsvatavaran.org

EXPOSITIONS



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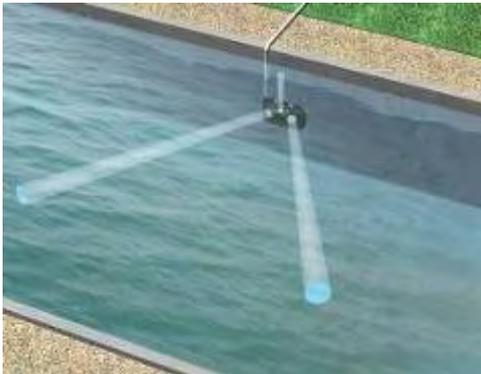
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Designed for side mounting on bridges, canal walls, riverbanks, or other vertical structures, the SL's low profile housing simplifies installation and can now be used in channels as small as you can jump across, to rivers as wide as the Amazon! A summary of what is new:

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MEETINGS 2007



People and the Environment: (Mis)conceptions and Changing Perceptions

Environment and the Media

Wednesday, May 2, 2007
6:00 - 8:00pm

Is the focus on climate change redefining environmental reporting? Has the 1970s "Save the Earth" battle cry gone mainstream? Who benefits and who loses in this surge of environmental reporting? How is the internet helping define new environmental constituencies?

In light of recent shortcomings in the reporting of major national and international issues, American media is under increased pressure to make sure they get the environmental story "right." Is this happening?

These are just some of the questions distinguished panelists will explore in this last installment of the series, People and the Environment: (Mis)Conceptions and Changing Perspectives.

Panelists:

Graham Hill , Founder, Treehugger.com, Peter Bull , Producer/Director/Writer, [Hot Politics](http://HotPolitics.com) ,

Moderator: Kim Chaix , Director of Communications, [The Nature Conservancy](http://TheNatureConservancy.org) , New York

Location: Fordham University's Lincoln Center Campus
113 West 60th Street, 12th Floor Lounge

This series is an initiative of Fordham University, The Nature Conservancy, and the Equator Initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

May 3-4, 5-8, 2007

International Geographical Union Commission on Biogeography and Biodiversity Seminar on Biogeography and Biodiversity, Srinagar, Uttaranchal, India

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May 14-16, 2007

Global Ecotourism Conference, Oslo, Norway

The conference is organized by The International Ecotourism Society (TIES), Ecotourism Norway and The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

This is the inaugural Global Ecotourism Conference, which TIES, in partnership with a national or regional ecotourism association, will be organizing every five years starting in 2007, in the co-organizer's country. As the first major global conference on ecotourism since the UN's International Year of Ecotourism in 2002, the Global Ecotourism Conference 2007 will review and celebrate the achievements in the ecotourism field, as well as assessing challenges facing the industry. This conference brings together national and regional ecotourism associations and networks from around the world, along with other interested organizations and individuals, to discuss common issues and to help strengthen the collective voice of the ecotourism community.

For more information, see: www.ecotourismglobalconference.org/

May 14-25, 2007

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All Academics who have NOT ATTENDED THE UNPFII IN THE PAST and are registering for the 6th Session of the UNPFII for the FIRST TIME

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May 16-18, 2007

PA Environmental Professionals Conference

The theme of the 2007 Annual Conference of the PA Association of Environmental Professionals will be "The Legacy of Rachel Carson and the State of the Environment in Pennsylvania." The conference will be held in State College. Participants will explore current ecological, regulatory and pollution prevention issues in Pennsylvania from a variety of perspectives. To mark the 100th anniversary of Rachel Carson's birth in Springdale, PA, the Association will feature events that examine her role in challenging others to think differently about environmental issues. <http://www.paep.org/>

May 20-23, 2007

National Watershed Conference-WI

The National Watershed Coalition (NWC) will host the tenth National Watershed Conference in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The theme of the conference is "Total Watershed Awareness-Extending the Legacy." <http://watershedcoalition.org:80/index.html>

May 21-23, 2007

Annual NEIWPC Nonpoint Source Conference

The 18th Annual New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPC) Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference - "Seeking New Solutions to Old Problems: The Nonpoint Source Program at 20 Years," will be held on in Newport, RI. www.neiwpc.org/npsconference

~~May 22-25, 2007 (Postponed)~~

1st International Biodiversity Congress: Working Together for Livelihood Security, Food Security and Ecological Security for Life on Earth, Bangkok, Thailand. Contact: Ram Bhandari, hirinepal@mail.com.np, ibc2007@yahoo.com

May 22-27, 2007



www.ecosummit2007.elsevier.com

May 24, 2007

Dear forum members,

Also on behalf of Professor Henk Scholten, I am proud to invite you to the PSPE Final Conference on Thursday May 24th in Barreiro and Lisbon, Portugal. This conference would be a great opportunity to discuss further about the future of PPGIS. Please download our invitation for more information on www.pspe.net.

During the conference, we will celebrate the results of the European Interreg IIIC co-financed project '**Participatory Spatial Planning in Europe (PSPE)**' in which 11 partners from 5 EU countries participated. The conference presents in an interactive way the geo-visualisation tools and techniques and lessons learned during the project. Central subjects in the conference are new media, web 2.0, spatial planning and participatory approaches for citizen involvement. Five European case studies will be presented and commented upon by an interdisciplinary expert panel consisting of social scientists, politicians, new media experts and experts on innovations in public organisations. Furthermore, keynote speeches are given and an interactive geo-tools exhibition is part of the conference.

The conference is meant for those professionally involved or interested in either spatial planning, citizen involvement in public policy or the use of Geo-ICT. Participation is free of charge and includes lunch and dinner. Registration can be done at www.pspe.net until **April 16**.

We hope to see you in Lisbon!

Arda Riedijk, Member of the PSPE Final Conference Team on behalf of Spatial Information Laboratory (SPINlab) VU Amsterdam

May 24-26, 2007

International Conference on Zinc Crops 2007: Improving Crop Production and Human Health, Istanbul, Turkey.

Co-organized by the International Zinc Association (IZA) and International Fertilizer Industry Association (IFA), in cooperation with the Sabanci University and HarvestPlus (the Challenge Program on Food Fortification of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research). Contact: Prof.

Ismail Cakmak, Sabanci University (Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences), 349 56 Tuzla, Turkey. Phone: 90-216-4839524, Fax: 90-216-4839550, cakmak@sabanciuniv.edu. Regular updates on **Zinc Crops 2007** will be posted on: www.zncrops2007.info.

May 28-30, 2007

PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS IN THE ENVIRONMENT: GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION, TRANSPORT AND EFFECTS

Baeza, Spain 28-30 May 2007

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May 28-30, 2007

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May 28-31, 2007

5th International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology, Padua, Italy, May 28-31, 2007.
<http://www.cirgeo.unipd.it/cirgeo/convegna/mmt2007/>

June 6-7, 2007

Citigroup, Sun Microsystems, American Electric Power, Timberland and Others to Discuss Climate Change at June Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

BOSTON, Mass. — Top corporations gather in Boston on June 6-7 to discuss the climate change challenge and the best ways to respond to it at this cutting edge conference.

Against the backdrop of growing consumer and investor awareness of climate change, risk and opportunity Ethical Corporation, global CSR magazine and conference organizer, is launching its first Climate Change Strategies and Environmental Communication business conference.

Topics to be covered at this in-depth conference include:

- Climate change strategies: Why be concerned and how to respond
- Corporate reputation and climate change: Are you at risk?
- Emissions reduction and disclosure: How to save money and manage financial risks
- Consumer reaction to climate change: Will your consumers care?
- Why investors want to know your stance on climate change and how to tell them.

Featuring high-level speakers from industry-leading corporations including American Insurance Group, Toyota, Hewlett Packard, Sun Microsystems, Staples, Stonyfield Farm, American Electric Power, IKEA, Citigroup, Timberland and Intel.

The conference has already received the backing of the industry leaders in environmental communications with Bruce Shlein, Vice President of Environmental Affairs, Citigroup commenting: "Citigroup, in addition to taking actions to reduce our own GHG emissions, works with clients and other stakeholders to develop products and services in support of their efforts to manage climate change. Communications is a key element to understanding and responding to this complex issue. This conference addresses the key concerns of business community in the face of global climate change"

To find out more about speakers, topics, exhibition and sponsorship opportunities, or to register for this event [click here](#).

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June 10-13, 2007

10th Annual Agroforestry Conference, Quebec City, Canada

The Université Laval in Quebec City will host the 10th North American Agroforestry Conference from the 10th to the 13th of June 2007. Titled "When Trees and Crops Get Together: Economic Opportunities and Environmental Benefits from Agroforestry," the conference aims to stimulate the development of more sustainable rural land management practices based on the integration of trees into the landscape. It welcomes researchers from the entire continent, but gives special attention to advisors working with producers, development officers, teachers, and students of agroforestry in North America. To register and for more information, visit www.agrofor2007.ca.

June 11-14, 2007

International Symposium on Integrated Coastal Zone Management

The main objective of the Symposium "Integrated Coastal Zone Management" is to present current knowledge and to address issues on advice and management related to the coastal zone

This international multi-disciplinary conference is intended to promote science and integration of knowledge for the sustainable management of coastal resources. It will provide a venue for scientists, engineers, managers and policy-makers to discuss recent advances and innovative ideas, share experiences and develop networks.

During the Symposium, a total of 148 presentations (8 key-note, 57 oral and 83 posters) will address issues (see preliminary programme) within the following four Themes:

- **Coastal habitats**
- **Impacts on coastal systems**
- **Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)**
- **Coastal governance**

More info in: www.imr.no/iczm/, Contact: Bente Lundin, iczm2007@imr.no or call +47 37 05 90 10

[Venue: Arendal Kultur- og Rådhus, Arendal, Norway \(Download map\)](#)

June 11-15, 2007

Second Conference: Sharing Indigenous Wisdom: An International Dialogue on Sustainable Development. www.sharingindigenouswisdom.org

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Green Bay 2040, Airport Drive Green Bay, WI 54313, U.S.A. Phone: +1-(920) 494-7300; Fax: (920) 494-9599; www.radisson.com/greenbaywi

For more information contact: Dale Kakkak, dkakkak@menominee.edu and/ or Nathan Fregien, nfregien@menominee.edu. www.SustainableDevelopmentInstitute.org

June 11-15, 2007

The 10th International Symposium on Soil and Plant Analysis will be held in Budapest, Hungary,. For further information, please visit: <http://www.spcouncil.com/symposium.htm>. Contact Yash Kalra at YKalra@NRCan.gc.ca

June 13, 2007

**North Dakota Soil and Water Science Summit Meeting
Carrington, North Dakota, USA**

The North Dakota Soil & Water Conservation Society, Professional Soil Classifiers of North Dakota, and NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center welcome you to the second North Dakota Soil and Water Science Summit on June 13, 2007.

The goals of this summit are to: (1) better understand the objectives and research direction of organizations and scientists working in the area of soil and water science in North Dakota, and (2) provide a forum for soil and water scientists to network on current research, develop collaborations, and reduce duplication in fundamental research. We hope this effort will be successful.

In preparation for this summit, an informal survey was conducted requesting input on the most pressing needs for soil and water research in North Dakota. Survey responses highlighted two major issues: soil salinity and sodicity, and management strategies for sustainable long-term biofuel production. Given this context, this program has been developed to (1) create a base-line of understanding among researchers, conservationists, and educators, and (2) initiate cross-organizational dialogue on how to best meet the current soil and water research needs of North Dakota.

If possible, please bring a poster for display to share your expertise and efforts-todate. Time will not allow all the excellent research in the region to be presented at this summit, but we hope you will avail yourself of the opportunity to share your contributions with this group through posters and handouts. If you have thoughts, questions, or concerns for this summit, please contact any member of the planning committee. We hope to see you in Carrington! More info in: www.ndswcs.org

June 13-17, 2007

5th International Water History Association Conference, "Past and Futures of Water", Tampere, Finland. Please visit [5th IWHA Conference Web site](http://www.iwha2007.org). You may also contact iwha2007@tavicon.fi.

June 17-21, 2007

International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM), Park City, Utah. USA

ISSRM will sponsor a symposium on "Landscape Continuity and Change - Social Science Perspectives and Interdisciplinary Conversations" in Park City, Utah, from the 17 to the 21st of June, 2007. There will also be a special pre-symposium Graduate Student Forum held on the Utah State University campus in Logan, Utah, the weekend before the main conference. This event will provide graduate students with a chance to network with peers, discuss strategies for successful graduate research and training, and get advice on professional and career opportunities. Themes for the main symposium include: the contributions of social science to environmental and natural resource management; planning from community to regional scales; landscape implications of social and economic change; and social and economic implications of landscape change. The early registration deadline is March 15th. For more information see, www.issrm2007.org.

June 25-27, 2007

The Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) is pleased to announce that it is coordinating the 29th annual Southern Conservation Tillage Systems Conference in Quincy, Fla., on June 25-27.

The theme of this year's conference, "The Next Step after Conservation Tillage," focuses 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.

For more information about the SCTSC and details for paper submission, visit http://www.conservationinformation.org/?action=events_sctscconf or call CTIC at (765) 494-9555. To visit past conferences' web sites and proceedings, visit <http://www.ag.auburn.edu/aux/nsdl/sctcsa/>.

CTIC, a not-for-profit organization located in West Lafayette, Ind., is THE reliable source of information and technology for environmentally responsible and economically viable agricultural conservation. To learn more, visit <http://www.conservationinformation.org>.

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 ([verwww.cbdalliance.org](http://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 ([voir www.cbdalliance.org](http://www.cbdalliance.org)) mais les sujets qui y seront discutés comprendront:

- changements climatiques, biodiversité et biocombustibles (agro-combustibles);
- 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 biocombustibles (ou agro-combustibles);
- 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 Fond 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

European Federation of IT in Agriculture 2007 Conference, EFITA/WCCA 2007, „Environmental and rural sustainability through ICT“, Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland, UK, www.efitaglasgow.org

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:

http://www.inra.fr/Symposium_OMD_2007

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July 16-21, 2007

Community Forest Management and Enterprises: Global Issues and Opportunities

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 Mamirauá, 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

Contact: Augusta Molnar, Director, Community and Markets Program, Rights and Resources Group, Tel 1–202 470-3892 (office), 1–202 341-7319 (mobile); Fax 1–703 276-8524, Email amolnar@rightsandresources.org

Or Contact: Tania Kaimowitz, Tel: +(506)253-1108 (office), or E-mail facilitador.red@gmail.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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Please respond by clicking one of the buttons below



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.

Contact information for: Chi-hua Huang, 275 S. Russell St, Purdue University; West Lafayette, IN 47907-2077; Ph: 765-494-6143 Fax: 765-494-5948, chihua@purdue.edu

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 to 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 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

I am organizing a session: HS01- Climate Change Dynamics and Hydrology: Vulnerability and Adaptation, together with Prof. Charles Vorosmarty (Univ. of New Hampshire, USA) during **Asia-Oceania Geoscience Society 2007 4th Annual Conference** at Bangkok, Please do participate and submit paper. Deadline is **February 15, 2007**.

Please see enclosed file for full details. As AOGS is a newly established society, they do not have fund to support participants. They have registration fee waiver programme. Please also circulate among your known colleagues. More info in: www.asiaoceania.org/aogs2007/index.html

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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 28-31, 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 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>.

Or contact: Dr. Peng Cui, Institute of Mountain Hazards and Environment, Chinese Academy of Sciences, P.O. Box 417, Chengdu, Sichuan 610041, China. Phone: +86-28-85214421; Fax: +86-28-85222258, dfhm@imde.ac.cn

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

Contact persons: - **Xiaoping YANG**, Steering Committee member, COMLAND and local organiser of the Workshop (E-mail: xpyang@263.net.cn; xpyang@mail.iggcas.ac.cn). Phone: +86 (0)10 62008389. Fax: +86 (0)10 62032495. Postal address: Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of

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- **Arthur Conacher**, Steering Committee member, COMLAND (Arthur.Conacher@uwa.edu.au). School of Earth and Geographical Sciences, University of Western Australia, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley, WA 6009, Australia)

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

Dr. Rafael Giménez

Program Committee Chairs Members

Contact: Symposium Gully erosion2007symposium.gullyerosion2007@unavarra.es

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.

Contact information: Jan Skjemstad, www.clw.csiro.au/conferences/organic/

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

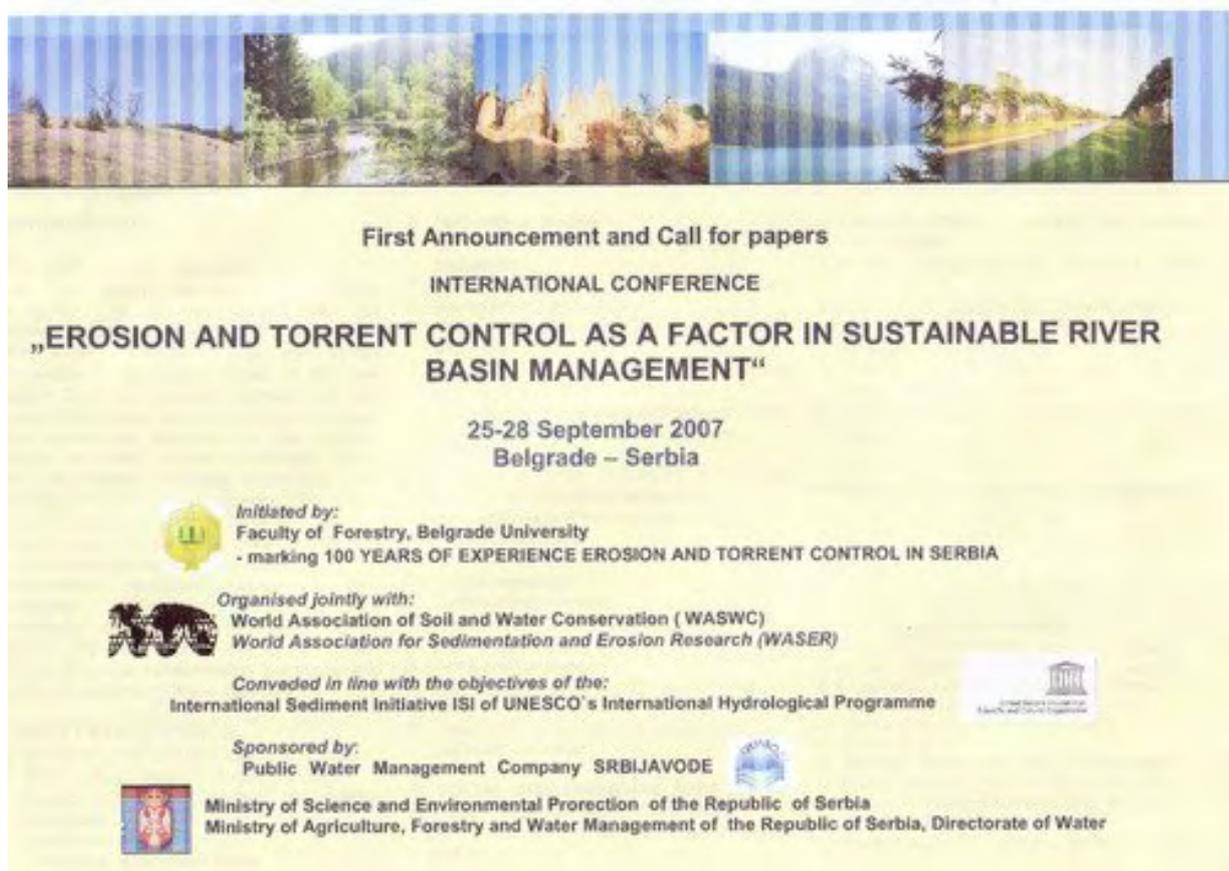
Accepted presenters or panellists from developing countries may apply for sponsorship to attend the Conference. Sponsorships will be granted at the discretion of the sponsoring agencies and will be subject to availability of funds.

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 image with three panels: a dry, eroded landscape, a river flowing through a forested area, and a river flowing through a mountainous landscape. Below the image, the text 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

Initiated by:
Faculty of Forestry, Belgrade University
- marking 100 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE EROSION AND TORRENT CONTROL IN SERBIA

Organised jointly with:
World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)
World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research (WASER)

Convened in line with the objectives of the:
International Sediment Initiative ISI of UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme

Sponsored by:
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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

Contact: Prof. Stanimir Kostadinov, kost@eunet.yu, kost@yubc.net

October 4-6, 2007

MICROBIAL DIVERSITY IN THE BIOSPHERE: TRENDS AND NEW PERSPECTIVES

Baeza, Spain 4-6 October 2007

Organized by:

Dr. Silvia MARQUÉS MARTÍN, EEZ, CSIC, Granada (Spain)

Prof. Rudolf AMANN, MAX PLANCK INSTITUT, Bremen. (Germany)

Dr. Ramón ROSSELLÓ -MORA, IMEDEA, CSIC, Esporles, Mallorca. (Spain)

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DEADLINE: 20 July 2007

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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.

Or contact the organizers at: Tel: +34 942 202055; Fax: +34 942 201860; garrigamc@unican.es

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.

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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:

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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

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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: Hanjing Hotel (room charge for participants: **\$25** and **\$27**), 10-min walk from the venue
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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,
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Novembre 21-23, 2007



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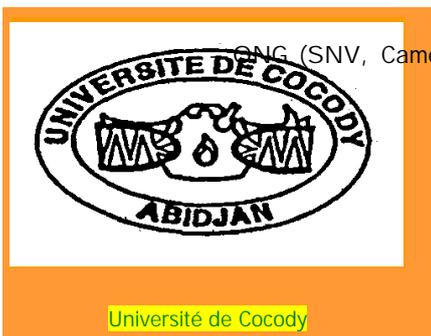
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PARTENAIRES

- Sociétés savantes (Gsaf, ASSS, European Union Geosciences, AFES, GRES-Cameroun)

- Communes (CUD, CUE, CRE)

- ONG (SNV, Cameroon Ecology)



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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.

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Please contact us: Initial organizing team: Somboon, Wallapa and Hans at hans@suan-spirit.com
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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*

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December 10-12, 2007**

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

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Theme of the Conference

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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)

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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 International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO) Conference, Soil and Water Conservation, Climate Change and Environmental Sensitivity

Budapest, Hungary. May 18-23, 2008. www.isco2008.com

Contact: Professor Ádám Kertész, ISCO President, Head of Department, Sustainable development, global change and ecosystems, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Geographical Research Institute, Budapest 1112, Budaorsi ut 45, Hungary. Phone: +36-1-309-2686; Fax: +36-1-309-2686, kertesza@helka.iif.hu More general info about ISCO at www.isco.org.

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.

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

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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 or contact Prof.Dr.Dr.h.c.mult. Winfried E.H. Blum
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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.

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

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