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## HOT MOVIE



**An Inconvenient Truth**, the nonfiction film that Al Gore produced with Davis Guggenheim, to campaign to warn the world about global warming, won the Oscar for the 'best documentary' in Hollywood on Sunday, February 25. The song, "I need to wake up," by Melissa Etheridge that accompanies the movie, also won an Oscar for the best original song. Melissa said, "Mostly, I have to thank Al Gore for inspiring me, showing me that *caring about the earth* is not Republican or Democrat, it's not red or blue. It's all green." ▲ **Read more about the Oscar event in**



**Annex pages and find a chance to watch it yourself. British government announced early February it would distribute this film to ALL secondary schools in U.K.**

## HOT BOOKs

### **Selected Natural Resource Conservation Approaches and Technologies in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh**

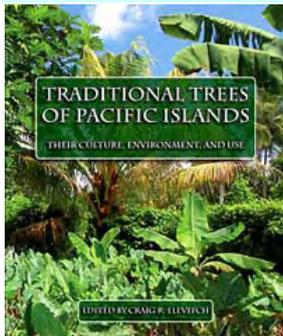
**By BANCAT (Bangladesh Conservation Approaches and Technologies) Team**

**With 30 SWC technologies and 9 approaches described**

**US\$10/ copy + postage**

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### ***Traditional Trees of Pacific Islands: Their Culture, Environment, and Use*** edited by Craig R. Elevation, Permanent Agriculture Resources, Hawai'i, USA



Price: \$90 (plus shipping)  
Hardcover - 816 pages  
Full color - over 800 photographs  
Format - 9" X 11" (22.8 x 27.9 cm)

**Weight: 7 lb (3.2 kg)**

Release date: July 2006  
Publisher: Permanent Agriculture Resources  
ISBN: 0970254458

**For other inquiries or to purchase the book directly from us:** Permanent Agriculture Resources, P.O. Box 428, Holualoa, HI 96725 USA, Tel: 808-324-4427; Fax: 808-324-4129, [par@agroforestry.net](mailto:par@agroforestry.net)

## AWARDS/PRIZES/FUNDS

**Fund from the Global Environment Facility (GEF, [www.thegef.org](http://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](mailto:aduda@thegef.org). Refer to him where you have seen this news. **There is NO deadline.**

**Young Women Conservation Biologists Award for professional African women: for the advancement of conservation biology in Africa**

Deadline for Receiving Materials: **March 10, 2007**

## ANNOUNCING OPENING OF AWARDS NOMINATIONS

A number of African women Conservation Biologists have received world-wide recognition for their outstanding contributions; Wangari Maathai, Yaa Ntaimoa-Baidu, Isabelle Niang-Diop, Jane Goodall and Dian Fossey to name a few.

Overall, however, **few African women are represented in the field of conservation science.**

The YWCB has introduced a **non-monetary award** on a nomination basis, aimed at recognising the contributions of **early to mid-career African women in conservation.** The nominee should have demonstrated:

1. **Evidence of leadership**, creativity, self-motivation and enthusiasm
2. **Evidence of service** (educational, managerial, research etc.) to conservation.
3. Ability to **work with others** across gender, social class and ethnicity.

The Young Women Conservation Biologists' Group invites members of the conservation community who have interest in African conservation to nominate colleagues that meet the criteria for this award. Self nominations are welcome. The nomination form is attached.

To find out more about the YWCB and our objectives, see our website: [www.conbio.org/sections/africa/ywcb/](http://www.conbio.org/sections/africa/ywcb/)

**Submit Nominations to: Alice Hurlbatt, Program Manager**  
Young Women Conservation Biologists, [alice.hurlbatt@wafic.org.au](mailto:alice.hurlbatt@wafic.org.au)



## A BIG PRIZE: \$25 million for removing CO<sub>2</sub> from atmosphere



On Friday, February 9, 2007, at the "Virgin Challenge", when [Richard Branson](#) offered a \$25 million prize to anyone who figures out how to remove a billion tons of carbon dioxide per year from the atmosphere, [Al Gore](#) sat by his side and called it an "important and welcome" initiative. For once, Mr. Gore couldn't be accused of hype.

Former Vice President Al Gore lent his support to the challenge, which came a week after a landmark report by the world's leading climate scientists and government officials warned at the IPCC meeting in Paris that global warming will continue, creating a far different planet in 100 years.

Vacuuming up our carbon-dioxide mess sounds improbable now, but so did the idea of precisely determining a ship's longitude in 1714, when the British government offered a prize that led to a revolutionary tool for navigators, the chronometer. Private spaceships seemed impractical a decade ago, but the \$10 million Ansari X Prize spurred competitors to spend more than \$100 million, and the winning design will soon be taking tourists into space.

Organizers of the "Virgin Challenge" said the winner would receive \$5 million once judges ruled a carbon-dioxide removal process succeeded. The rest of the money would be paid out over a 10-year period if the judges decided the goal of removing significant amounts of greenhouse gases had been met over the long term. (No deadline for submitting the proposal has been indicated.)





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.

#### Spread the Word

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.

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

For more information about the types of projects we are looking for, and to complete a nomination form, visit [World Challenge 2007](#).

Nominations close on **6 May 2007**.

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

In association with



**Regards, The World Challenge Team.**



## Conservation Innovation Grants

The New Hampshire State office of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) requests applications for Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies. Applications will be accepted from any eligible entity for projects within the state of New Hampshire. Funds will be awarded through a statewide competitive grants process. Applications are requested from eligible government or non-government organizations or individuals within the State of New Hampshire for competitive consideration of grant awards for projects between one and three years in duration. This notice identifies the objectives for CIG projects, the eligibility criteria for projects and associated instructions needed to apply to CIG. There are two CIG components available in FY 2007: Natural Resource Concerns Component and the Technology Component. This notice announces the availability of up to \$190,000 of funds during fiscal year 2007 for the New Hampshire CIG program competition. Grants to eligible entities and individuals may not exceed a maximum of \$75,000 each. The State Conservationist reserves the right to not fund any or all proposals. These funds are in addition to up to \$20 million of funds available through application from the national CIG Program. For information about the national program, visit:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig/>. Deadline **March 23, 2007**. Noreen McDonald, Grants & Agreements Specialist, Phone 603.868.7581. <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=12278>



## **New Partners Initiative - PEPFAR**

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 03/22/2006. 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.

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### Description of Modification

The deadline for the third review has been extended from February 15, 2007 to **March 30, 2007**. Any questions can be addressed to **Benjamin Duodu** at (202) 712-5345.

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Category Explanation:

Expected Number of Awards:

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$200,000,000

Award Ceiling:

Award Floor: \$250,000

CFDA Number: 98.001 -- USAID Foreign Assistance for Programs Overseas

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Eligible Applicants

Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

Agency Name

US Agency for International Development

Description

Annual Program StatementM-OAA-GH-HSR-06-937New Partner Initiatives

Link to Full Announcement

If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact: **Benjamin Duodu**

Phone 202-712-5345, [npi@usaid.gov](mailto:npi@usaid.gov)

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8637>



## **Alcan Prize for Sustainability 2007**

We invite you to enter the Alcan Prize for Sustainability 2007 and take the opportunity to win one of the most significant, privately funded awards of its kind.

Now in its fourth year, the US\$1 million Prize is awarded to any not-for-profit, civil society and non-governmental organization, based anywhere in the world, for contributions to economic, environmental and / or social sustainability. In addition, the remaining nine shortlisted organizations are awarded a US\$15,000 Alcan Grant to invest in certifiable training and capacity building.

The closing date is **March 31, 2007** (Midnight GMT).

For more details about entering the Alcan Prize for Sustainability, visit [www.alcanprizeforsustainability.com](http://www.alcanprizeforsustainability.com). Once registered, you may download and print the guidelines for completing an entry. Details of previous year's winners and finalists can be viewed on the website.

Should you know other organizations that may be eligible for the Prize, please nominate them online to receive details by following the How to Enter links from the main menu.

The Prince of Wales International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF) based in the UK is managing the program on behalf of Alcan Inc. An international panel of distinguished judges chaired by David Runnalls, President and CEO of the International Institute for Sustainable Development, will review entrants and select the winner.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Alcan Prize team at IBLF on +44 (0) 7901 510 701 or by email at [manager@alcanprizeforsustainability.com](mailto:manager@alcanprizeforsustainability.com).

Good luck with your entry.

Leesa Muirhead, Manager, Alcan Prize for Sustainability

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## **The Cartier Women's Initiative Award: fostering the spirit of enterprise** Application deadline **April 15, 2007**

Inventive, determined and bold, an entrepreneur needs to be all three. An entrepreneur is someone who takes risks, but whose success benefits all: a prospering business is one that creates jobs, stimulates innovation and fuels growth. Because of the risks involved, entrepreneurship has traditionally been a male dominated field. This waste of resources seems however to be declining as more and more women, worldwide, are drawn to the challenge of starting their own companies.

To nurture this encouraging trend and foster the passion for initiative, **Cartier** and the **Women's Forum for the Economy and Society** have joined forces to launch the Cartier Women's Initiative Awards with the support of **McKinsey & Company** and the **INSEAD**.

An international business plan competition, the awards will recognize, each year, five innovative projects led by women. In addition to the US\$ 20 000 prize money, winners will also receive coaching support for a full year and gain access to various resources needed to set up a successful venture. A unique opportunity to connect with entrepreneurs from around the world, this competition will also enable participants to benefit from quality media exposure.

**Open to all industries. Your project must be led by a woman and must be in its initial phase.**

**The Cartier Women's Initiative Awards are open for applications until April 15th, 2007** and will be given for the first time at the third edition of the Women's Forum for the Economy and Society (October 11-13, 2007).

Register on [www.cartierwomensinitiative](http://www.cartierwomensinitiative)



## **MDGs Awards**

The International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS) and the UN NGO IRENE propose the establishment of the “MDGs Awards” to pay tribute to civil society organizations and public institutions that have undertaken noteworthy initiatives for the achievement of one of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

In 2007 the MDGs Award will be granted to the organization which demonstrates the most outstanding impact on the second MDG: “Achieve universal primary education” . During the Award Ceremony in Brasilia in October 2007, the recipient organization will be awarded a MDGs Trophy and donor recognition from the private sector. Please find attached a brochure of the MDG Awards and the Form to be filled out and returned via fax, post or e-mail to [ngonews@un.org](mailto:ngonews@un.org) no later than **April 30, 2007** (please note – brochure and form also available in French)



## Application for the MDGs Awards

- The form for submission is available online. It can be filled in online or send by email, fax or post:
  - **Email :** [ngonews@un.org](mailto:ngonews@un.org)
  - **Fax :** (212) 963 8652
  - **Post:** NGO Section/DESA -1 UN Plaza, Room DC1-1480 - New York, NY 10017
- The form and all necessary all information must be submit by **April 30, 2007**. Any submission received after this date will not be taken into consideration.
- Submissions can be made in all 6 languages recognized by the UN (English, Spanish, French, Russian, Chinese and Arabic), but an English translation has to be accompanied in case of a non English application.
- Please enclose a recommendation letter when sending your application.
- Applicants are encouraged to include the following supporting materials.
  - a) Articles appearing in newspapers, professional journals, newsletters or other publications.
  - b) Digital standard format videos less than 10 minutes in length.
  - c) Photographs and/or other graphic material.
  - d) Brochures or other promotional material
  - e) All submissions received will be acknowledged and assigned a catalogue number by the UN NGO IRENE for documentation purposes.
- Applicants may contact UN NGO IRENE to get assistance to fill their submission form in compliance with the criteria and the regulations of the Award.
  - 1. Name and acronym of the organization**
  - 2. Contact Information**

- Permanent Headquarter Address:
- Telephone:
- Fax:
- Name and position of the contact person:
- E-mail address :
- Address of the Website :

**3. When your organization has been granted consultative status with ECOSOC?**

**4. Summarize the aims, purposes and activities of your organization:**

**5. What are the roots of your project? (Initiative, motivation...)**

**6. For which MDGs does your organization take action?**

**7. Which means have been carried out to reach your goals? (human, financial, technical means)**

**8. Please explain the projects your organization has implemented to act toward the achievement of the second MDG “ Achieve universal primary education”**

**9. Please detail the campaigns your organization carried to support the MDG “Achieve universal primary education”**

**10. a) In your opinion, what are the progresses and results accomplished by your organization to “achieve universal primary education”?**

**b) What are the progresses planned by your organization in order to reach the MDG “Achieve universal primary education” by 2015?**

**11. Why should the *MDG Award* be presented to your organization?**

I assert the information above is exact

Date and signature

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## **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.

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 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:

Hans Posey

PROGRAM SPECIALIST

Phone (202)203-7466 [PoseyHE@state.gov](mailto:PoseyHE@state.gov)

Synopsis Modification History

There are currently no modifications for this opportunity.



## 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](mailto:bas.rekveld@triodos.nl), [www.triodos.nl](http://www.triodos.nl) or E Co (Europe), Paul van Aalst, [paul.van-aalst@EandCo.net](mailto:paul.van-aalst@EandCo.net), [www.EandCo.net](http://www.EandCo.net)



## 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>



## 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 non-profits 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>



**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) (Kenya USAID-Nairobi)  
**Teacher Education and Professional Development Program Modification 1**  
[www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=11663](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=11663)

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**USAID (US Agency for International Development)**  
Promoting Transformation: Linking Natural Resources, Economic Growth, and Governance Grant,  
[www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=10083](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=10083)

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**Department of State (DOS)**  
Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration  
Overseas Processing Entity Kathmandu Grant  
<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=12572>

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**Echoing Green** (a funding resource), <http://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.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Call for short PAPERs (To publish in Anthropology News)

**From:** Laura Ogden [mailto:[ogdenl@FIU.EDU](mailto:ogdenl@FIU.EDU)]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 01, 2007 8:01 PM

**To:** [EANTH-L@LISTSERV.UGA.EDU](mailto:EANTH-L@LISTSERV.UGA.EDU)

**Subject:** contributions A&E section, Anthropology News

Dear Anthropology & Environment Community,

If you are interested in contributing a column for the Anthropology & Environment section of *Anthropology News*, please contact me at [ogdenl@fiu.edu](mailto:ogdenl@fiu.edu). Anthropology News is received by 11,500 readers, and is available to thousands of other interested readers (students, media, other professionals).

In particular, the column is a good place to highlight new research and other news relevant to the A&E community, publish interviews with practitioners and other scholars, and review recent conferences and other events.

Submissions are limited to 750 words (which is about 2 double-spaced pages).  
The next available column is for May 07 edition, with the copy due **March 15**.  
I'm looking for someone to fill the space, so please let me know if you are interested.

Laura

Laura Ogden

Assistant Professor

Department of Sociology/Anthropology

Florida International University

Lead, Human Dimensions of the Everglades

Florida Coastal Everglades, Long-Term Ecological Research Program, 305.348.6663

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

### **Research In Afghanistan**

Dear all,

I am attaching an outline for a possible student research project - probably most appropriate for an MSc. There are more in the pipeline. I realize I am probably too late for this summer's 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.

Regards

Paul

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Paul D. Smith, Manager

Catchment Development Programme

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

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## **BP Conservation Programme: Conservation Leaders Scholarship**

### **Call for Nominations - Deadline March 12, 2007**

The BP Conservation Programme is awarding two scholarships to promising young conservation leaders who show potential for individual leadership capacity to influence biodiversity conservation. The scholarships will give these young leaders an opportunity to gain advanced skills and training at a postgraduate level and the formal qualifications they need to progress their careers.

The learning experience will also expose young conservationists to current thinking and debate in conservation science. Upon completion of their program, scholars will possess the knowledge and skills to inform the development of effective policies and practices in conservation as a fundamental contribution to capacity building in their home country. Scholarship recipients will be awarded one year's membership in the Society for Conservation Biology and will become part of the BPCP alumni network with access to contacts, further development and funding opportunities.

## Eligibility Requirements:

- 1.) Candidates must be nationals of one of the following countries: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Egypt, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Libya, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Russia, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey or Venezuela.
- 2.) Candidates must be nominated by one of the conservation partner organisations (CI, WCS, Birdlife, FFI).
- 3.) Candidates must have successfully completed an appropriate undergraduate degree and be eligible for graduate study. Candidates already holding Master's qualifications are not eligible.
- 4.) Candidates should have basic skills in English or a willingness to learn.
- 5.) Candidates must be looking for - or have already secured - a place in an appropriate MSc program, at an accredited university preferably outside their home country.
- 6.) The course of study must contribute to an MSc course in a natural or social science discipline related to biodiversity conservation.
- 7.) Employees of BP, BirdLife International, Conservation International, Fauna & Flora International and the Wildlife Conservation Society are not eligible.

**Application Process:** A maximum of \$45,000 can be requested for a single scholarship, and can be used to cover visas, travel, tuition, living expenses, books, insurance, expenses related to application fees, GRE, TOEFL tests and English language training . ***Each organisation within the BP Conservation Programme partnership may nominate a maximum of 3 individuals for a scholarship award.***

Each candidate must: Submit a letter of endorsement from the nominating organisation

- 1 Submit the basic application form (contact Robyn Dalzen for this form -- [r.dalzen@conservation.org](mailto:r.dalzen@conservation.org))
- 2 Submit any evidence of current provisional admission to a conservation related university master's degree program if available at this stage
- 3 Submit a one-page CV
- 4 Arrange for university transcripts to be forwarded
- 5 Arrange for two confidential reference letters, at least one academic, to be forwarded in support of their application

**Judging Criteria:** Applicants will be selected based on the following criteria presented in the application materials:

- Academic ability and merit as evidenced by their educational history (evidenced from transcripts, academic reference)
- Commitment to conservation in their home country shown by their achievements, employment and volunteer activities (evidenced from commitment to conservation section)
- Motivation and need for further formal training at MSc level (evidenced from motivation section, transcripts)
- Leadership potential (evidenced from support letters, commitment to conservation section)

Please contact Robyn Dalzen with questions, recommendations and to request an application form: [r.dalzen@conservation.org](mailto:r.dalzen@conservation.org); ext. 2683.

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Robyn Dalzen  
Manager, BP Conservation Programme  
Conservation International



### **Young soil scientists wanted**

ICSU is celebrating its 75 years and organizes a conference: “Global Scientific Challenges: Perspectives from Young Scientists”, that will be held in April 2007 in Germany. This conference will bring together approximately two hundred young scientists from across the world, and from different disciplines, to discuss and debate some of the key challenges for science in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Participants should ideally be under 35 years old (with an absolute age limit of 40 years). Participants should have a PhD or MSc or have completed at least 2 years of post-graduate research studies. For more information click [here](#)  
Please contact the Secretary General, [Stephen Nortcliff](#), for further information. [s.nortcliff@reading.ac.uk](mailto:s.nortcliff@reading.ac.uk)

## **COURSES**

**March 22-23, 2007**

New ALI-ABA Course of Study

### **Global Warming: Climate Change and the Law**

Washington, D.C. (Marriott at Metro Center)

*Cosponsored by the Environmental Law Institute, [www.eli.org](http://www.eli.org)*

#### **WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND**

Climate change has graduated from an uncertain scientific theory to a global threat being addressed through a variety of regulatory, market, and voluntary initiatives. Internationally, the Kyoto Protocol creates many issues for American companies operating abroad while domestically, several U.S., state, and regional climate initiatives promise to introduce a mix of regulatory and market mechanisms to limit carbon emissions.

At the same time, a carbon trading market is taking form in the United States without regulations in place. This makes it vital that those who may be affected by these various regimes understand how the decisions and agreements they make today will survive what is likely to be significantly changed circumstances tomorrow.

Understanding the emerging markets and regulations surrounding climate and carbon is a critical skill for practitioners of environmental, regulatory, administrative, corporate, and securities law. A carbon-constrained world presents both risks and opportunities, and practitioners are expected to explain the new landscape to clients trying to chart a course in this new territory. This new course is intended to provide both the practical understanding and skills necessary to accomplish this task.

#### **SCOPE AND PURPOSE**

This new course of study, comprising more than 13 hours of instruction, has been designed to provide both a primer on climate change and detailed discussions of how existing regulatory regimes and carbon trading markets function.

Top federal and state officials and practitioners provide the scientific basics necessary to understand carbon control, equivalency, and sequestration and the policy and factual background to understand the Kyoto Protocol's design and enforcement. Practitioners explain carbon measurement, allocation, reduction, offsets, and trading both under the Kyoto Protocol

and emerging U.S. systems. The legal implications of being subject to or exempt from a carbon control regime are fully explained, and the emerging world of state climate plans, renewable portfolio standards, and carbon inventories is explored. The course describes the implications of voluntary federal programs and voluntary reduction commitments, while educating registrants as to the corporate disclosure, fiduciary duties, and insurance issues that this area of law raises. The course concludes with consideration of likely future developments and implications for clients. The course includes a full hour of ethics instruction. A diverse faculty drawn from the ranks of practicing attorneys in the private bar and attorneys and related professionals in government, the public interest community, academia, and corporate settings ensures full coverage of the topic and of the legal and policy considerations that underlie it. Time is reserved throughout the program to address registrants' questions.

## PROGRAM

Thursday, March 22, 2007

7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Introductory Remarks and Course Overview – *Messrs. Gerrard and Schang*

9:15 a.m. Technical Tutorial: Sources, Reduction and Sequestration of Carbon Emissions – *Mr. Aldy and Ms. Arroyo*

10:15 a.m. Networking Break

10:30 a.m. Kyoto Protocol: Background and Enforcement – *Mr. Danish*

11:30 a.m. Workshop on Cap and Trade Legal Issues: Buying/Selling Credits and the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) – *Mr. Saines and Mss. Sierra-Escalante and Tan*

12:30 p.m. Lunch Break

1:45 p.m. Regional and State Programs: Measuring, Allocating, Trading, and Complying – *Ms. Bryk and Messrs. Manning, Snyder\*, and Wyman*

3:15 p.m. Networking Break

3:30 p.m. Voluntary Reduction Commitments and the World of Offsets – *Messrs. Busterud, Hayes, Palmisano, Vanderbergh, and Walsh*

5:30 p.m. Questions and Answers

5:45 p.m. Adjournment for the Day; Networking Reception for Registrants and Faculty, at and hosted by [Arnold & Porter](#), 555 12th St. (between E and F Sts.), a short walk from the hotel

Friday, March 23, 2007

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

**video webcast segment A**

8:30 a.m. Federal Approaches to Climate Change – *Messrs. Connaughton\* and Wehrum*

9:45 a.m. Networking Break

10:00 a.m. Climate Change Litigation: CAA, NEPA, ESA, and the Common Law – *Ms. Engel and Messrs. Healy and Martel*

11:00 a.m. Ethics – *Ms. Barnett*

12:00 noon Lunch Break

**video webcast segment B**

1:15 p.m. Corporate Issues: Disclosure, Fiduciary Duties, Insurance, and Strategy – *Mss. Kelly and Kim and Messrs. Guzy and Smith*

2:30 p.m. Navigating Uncharted Waters: Preparing for Tomorrow – *Messrs. Goo, Simon,\* and Trexler*

3:30 p.m. Questions and Answers

3:45 p.m. Adjournment

Total 60-minute hours of instruction: 13.25, including one hour of ethics

*\*invited*

Suggested Prerequisite: Limited experience in legal practice in subject matter or completion of Basic CLE Course in subject matter

Educational Objectives: Development of initial level of competency as a practitioner; acquisition of knowledge and skills to develop proficiency as a practitioner; provision of information on recent legal developments

Free ALI-ABA online content @ [www.ali-aba.org/free](http://www.ali-aba.org/free)

REGISTRATION—800-CLE-NEWS—[www.ali-aba.org](http://www.ali-aba.org)

**Tuition for this course is US\$995.** Tuition entitles registrants to admission to all sessions, a set of study materials, and Continental breakfasts and refreshment breaks daily, plus FREE access to the online archived program later. To register, simply return the form provided, with payment; or register with a credit card by:

- Phone: 800-CLE-NEWS (800-253-6397)
- FAX: 215-243-1664
- [www.ali-aba.org](http://www.ali-aba.org)

Registrations will be accepted at the door if space is available, but please call in advance to avoid disappointment. All course accounts must be settled by the first session of the course to ensure admittance to the classroom.

Recent law school graduates (within the past two years) and retired senior lawyers (65 and over) are eligible for a 50% tuition discount and should include a note explaining their eligibility. Discounts may not be combined.

*(Ed: This is an interesting, though expensive, course that is quite up-to-date. It could be arranged in other areas of the world with a very low charge or even gratis. It is important that the organizers have to prepare for a number of qualified lecturers in such subject. The organizers of this course will prepare the course material to sell at about \$150 in April. If interested, you may find out how to buy at [www.ali-aba.org](http://www.ali-aba.org).)*

**April 2-20, 2007**

**Participatory Mapping and PGIS  
for Community-Level Spatial Planning & Management**

**Short Course (3 weeks)**

**ITC, Enschede, The Netherlands**

**Course Organisers:** Dr. Michael K. McCall; Drs. Jeroen Verplanke

**Brief Description:** Participatory spatial planning & management (PSP) in land & land resources (both rural and urban) has a dynamic of empowerment and good governance imperatives.

- issues in geo-information for participatory spatial planning & management.
- concepts of local & indigenous spatial knowledge.
- analysis of PSP & community-based management, including problem & conflict analysis, stakeholder interests, good governance, PGIS information management.
- tools & techniques in local-level spatial information acquisition, analysis & application. .

Following tools & techniques are used in this course:

- participatory spatial data acquisition, participatory mapping, PRA, PGIS.
- GPS, mobile GIS (PDA such as iPaq), ArcPad, field data recording and data preparation.
- visualization of spatial relationships, interactive mapping.

- participatory spatial planning & management processes, and policy instruments.
- Applications of participatory mapping & PGIS to e.g. conflict mapping, customary entitlements to land, NRM; community environmental mapping.

**Pre-requisites:**

Basic GIS skills (ArcView–ArcGIS) are expected, and useful to have some experience in local-level community surveys.

**Costs of the Course**

***NB. This course unfortunately does not have its own Fellowships. Participants need to find their own funds.***

- Tuition fees for the course: €1000.00
- ITC will provide accommodation; including expected living cost this is estimated to a *minimum* of: € 750.00
- Additional costs regarding, insurances, registration fees, residence permit and visa are estimated to: € 250.00

**Further Information:**

The Schedule of the Course and further information are available from Jeroen Verplanke [Verplanke@itc.nl](mailto:Verplanke@itc.nl), or Mike McCall [mccall@itc.nl](mailto:mccall@itc.nl)

Please check ITC website <http://www.itc.nl/education> for additional information about ITC and Enschede; or contact [education@itc.nl](mailto:education@itc.nl)

To register directly, download the registration form:  
[http://www.itc.nl/education/ data/ITCAppFormSC.pdf](http://www.itc.nl/education/data/ITCAppFormSC.pdf).

You are kindly requested to then submit this form by e-mail to: [education@itc.nl](mailto:education@itc.nl) with cc. to [verplanke@itc.nl](mailto:verplanke@itc.nl)

For further registration instructions check ITC website:  
<http://www.itc.nl/education/register/>

In order to process your registration in time we prefer you to submit before **March 1, 2007**.

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**April 2-24, 2007**

**Regional training course on Low Cost Soil and Water Conservation Techniques and Watershed Management Activities**

**Rationale:** Mountain watersheds serve many ecological and hydrological functions vital to existence. They provide critical habitat for many plant and animal species, transport paths for sediment, nutrients, minerals, and water to human communities for drinking, cleaning, recreation, hydroelectric power, and industry.

Experience in the Himalayan region demonstrates how the application of simple, low cost soil and water conservation measures and techniques can address the problem of biophysical vulnerability in the resource constrained environment of mountain watersheds and arrest land degradation. Building the capacity of field-level technicians in participatory implementation of low cost, simple soil and water conservation techniques and watershed management activities has thus become essential in better managing soil and water resources in mountain watersheds.

This training package is based on experiences from this mountain region and elsewhere and includes tried and tested measures and techniques specifically attuned to middle mountain conditions.

## Course Objectives

The training course aims to enhance the knowledge and skills of participants on low cost soil and water conservation techniques and watershed management activities.

Specifically, the course aims to familiarise the participants with different low cost soil and water conservation techniques and watershed management activities, both theory and practice. In addition, the course aims to enable the participants to identify conditions of land degradation and appropriate soil and water conservation techniques and watershed management activities applicable to the participants' contexts; and to analyse and design conservation measures within their work or area contexts.

### By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- understand different low cost soil and water conservation techniques and options and their importance
- carry out basic land degradation assessment and identify, design, and implement appropriate soil and water conservation measures to address them
- identify ways to improve the participants' current soil conservation practices

## Content Areas

- Introduction to Integrated Watershed Management and Low Cost Soil Conservation
- Low Cost Soil Conservation Techniques
- Watershed Management Activities
- Strategies to Promote and Up-scale Low Cost Soil Conservation Techniques

## Training Methodologies

The participatory training approach will be applied throughout the course. Classroom lectures will be complemented by field and practical exercises, a field visit and demonstration, and action planning based on the participant's areas or field of work.

## Who should attend the training

Field-level technicians and extension workers working with the government, or with international and local non-government organisations (INGOs and NGOs), in the areas of natural resource management, especially soil conservation and watershed management

## Course Pre-requisites

- Participants must preferably come from a technical background (Agriculture, Forestry, Civil Engineering, others) related to soil conservation and watershed management (Minimum education attained: two years of College or an Intermediate or Certificate level course or its equivalent)
- Can understand and speak English, which is the medium of instruction of the course
- Minimum of 2-3 years working experience preferred. Experience in conducting engineering surveys is an advantage. Women participants are highly encouraged.

**To be more effective, we target to have 15-20 participants only. Please apply as soon as possible!**

**Where:** Training will be conducted in Godavari, Kathmandu, Nepal; **When:** 2-24 April 2007

## Cost

The training fee is US\$1,800 per person. This cost includes tuition fee, food, lodging (shared double occupancy), and course materials. Single room accommodation may be provided for an additional fee of US\$10 per day. The cost excludes travel costs from place of origin, DSA (daily subsistence allowance), laundry and other personal expenses (we suggest a minimum pocket allowance of \$20 per day for incidental and personal expenses). Applicants are encouraged to secure financial support from their organisations or from donor agencies.

## **Trainers/ Institute Profile**

Experienced professionals from ICIMOD and partners engaged in soil and water conservation, and watershed and disaster management

Training is coordinated by the Natural Resource Management Programme of ICIMOD ([www.icimod.org](http://www.icimod.org)), which is an international, independent mountain learning and knowledge centre committed to improving the sustainable livelihoods of mountain peoples in the extended Himalayan region.

**Remarks:** This training course involves intensive field and practical exercises and participants may have to devote time apart from the mentioned sessions

For more information and to request for an application form please contact:

Keshar Man Sthapit - Training Coordinator

Please email: [wsmtraining@icimod.org](mailto:wsmtraining@icimod.org), **Deadline for application: 1 March 2007**

## **IIIIIIIIII**

**25-30 June 2007**

**GDF - SSWG Short Course on Ethnoecology & Community-based Conservation Course in Port Elizabeth, South Africa (partial scholarships available),**

In the week leading up to the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) 2007 annual meeting, the Global Diversity Foundation (GDF) and the SCB's Social Science Working Group (SSWG) will co-sponsor a course on 'Ethnoecology and Community-based Conservation' from 25 - 30 June 2007 in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

With financial support from the Christensen Fund (TCF), we will award a limited number of bursaries to cover course fees, bibliography, software, accommodation and meals during the course. Please note the following requirements before applying for a bursary:

(1) a university degree in social or natural sciences;

(2) fluency in English

Preference will be given to candidates who are engaged in teaching and research on biocultural diversity. Members of indigenous groups are especially encouraged to apply. Candidates from TCF and GDF focal regions (outlined below) will be given priority.

The deadline for application is **15 March 2007**.

An online application will be available in mid-January. In the meantime, enquiries may be directed to Gary J. Martin ([gary@globaldiversity.org.uk](mailto:gary@globaldiversity.org.uk)) or Rick Stepp ([stepp@ufl.edu](mailto:stepp@ufl.edu)).

For a description of the activities of SCB's Social Science Working Group see:

[www.conbio.org/WorkingGroups/SSWG/](http://www.conbio.org/WorkingGroups/SSWG/). More information on the Global Diversity Foundation and its focal regions (Mesoamerica, North Africa, Southeast Asia and Southern Africa) is available on [www.globaldiversity.org.uk](http://www.globaldiversity.org.uk). Consult [www.christensenfund.org](http://www.christensenfund.org) for an overview of the Christensen Fund, including its priority areas: Turkey, Iran and Central Asia; Northern Australia and Melanesia; Greater American Southwest and the African Rift Valley.

The course will precede the 21st SCB annual meeting, One World, One Conservation, One Partnership, held from 1 - 5 July 2007 at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

The Local Organising Committee is now accepting abstracts for oral and poster presentations until 8 January 2007. More information is available at: [www.nmmu.ac.za/scb/callpapo.htm](http://www.nmmu.ac.za/scb/callpapo.htm).

We encourage potential applicants to submit an abstract for the SCB meeting, and to arrange independently funds for their travel to Port Elizabeth, conference registration and accommodation and meals during the meetings. We do not have funds for these expenses at this time.

**July 30-August 3, 2007**

## **Short Course on Research Methods in Ethnoecology**

The Global Diversity Foundation (GDF), with funding from the Christensen Fund (TCF), will sponsor the participation of 3 developing country colleagues in the National Science Foundation supported Short Course on Research Methods in Ethnoecology from 30 July-3 August 2007. Information on the course is

available on [www.qualquant.net/training/scrm.htm#ethno](http://www.qualquant.net/training/scrm.htm#ethno). The travel grants will cover roundtrip travel to Beaufort, North Carolina, accommodation, meals, local transportation, course fees and a book and software allowance.

Colleagues who hold a Ph.D. in social or natural sciences and can demonstrate fluency in English may apply. Preference will be given to faculty members at colleges and universities who are engaged in teaching and research on biocultural diversity. Members of indigenous groups are especially encouraged to apply. Candidates from TCF and GDF focal regions (see below) will be given priority.

Interested candidates are requested to follow the instructions on [www.qualquant.net/training/scrm.htm#app](http://www.qualquant.net/training/scrm.htm#app). The deadline for application is **15 February 2007**.

More information on the Global Diversity Foundation and its focal regions (Mesoamerica, North Africa, Southeast Asia and Southern Africa) is available on [www.globaldiversity.org.uk](http://www.globaldiversity.org.uk). Consult [www.christensenfund.org](http://www.christensenfund.org) for an overview of the Christensen Fund, including its priority areas: Turkey, Iran and Central Asia; Northern Australia and Melanesia; Greater American Southwest and the African Rift Valley. Enquiries may be directed to Gary J. Martin ([gary@globaldiversity.org.uk](mailto:gary@globaldiversity.org.uk)) or Rick Stepp ([stepp@ufl.edu](mailto:stepp@ufl.edu)).

## JOBS

**Nina Kantcheva** <[nina.kantcheva@undp.org](mailto:nina.kantcheva@undp.org)> wrote:

*Please see this call for applications for consultancies related to in-depth regional studies of Community Conserved Areas from TILCEPA and partners.*

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Dear colleagues,

As you know, **Community Conserved Areas (CCAs)** are natural sites, resources and species' habitats conserved in a voluntary and self-directed way by indigenous peoples and local communities throughout the world. This conservation practice, profoundly intertwined with local strategies for livelihoods and with the spiritual and material values of local cultures, is the oldest on earth. Paradoxically, it is also the least understood and recognised, and it is in extreme jeopardy today. Through the last couple of centuries, conservation has come to be considered the nearly exclusive domain of professional experts, state agencies and dedicated non-governmental organisations and companies. Indigenous peoples and local communities have been asked (in the best of cases) to participate in activities conceived and directed by others. Rarely, if ever, they have been assisted to strengthen their own unique knowledge, skills and institutions and to apply them to natural resource management and conservation. On the contrary, their local knowledge, skills and institutions have been systematically neglected when not actively undermined.

The World Parks Congress of 2003, the Programme of Work on Protected Areas of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) of 2004 and First Congress on Marine Protected Areas of 2005 marked a broad reassessment of the situation described above. Community Conserved Areas have been re-discovered as one of the few remaining avenues to strengthen the edifice of sustainable natural resource use and conservation, crumbling under the imperatives of market-based development. These undoubtedly important advances in international conservation policy are rarely fully reflected, however, in national policies or practices, and much basic knowledge on CCAs is still to be gathered and analysed.

Having played a substantive role in promoting the broad conservation policy reassessment mentioned above, TILCEPA [http://www.iucn.org/themes/ceesp/Wkg\\_grp/TILCEPA/TILCEPA.htm](http://www.iucn.org/themes/ceesp/Wkg_grp/TILCEPA/TILCEPA.htm), TGER <http://www.iucn.org/themes/ceesp/TGER.html> and TSL [http://www.iucn.org/themes/ceesp/Wkg\\_grp/SL/SL.htm](http://www.iucn.org/themes/ceesp/Wkg_grp/SL/SL.htm) have joined forces with SwedBio <http://www.swedbio.com/about.htm> and SSNC <http://www.snf.se/english.cfm> to develop and support a **new CCA initiative**. The initiative **seeks to deepen the understanding of the CCA phenomenon with respect to varying historical/ regional contexts; to identify field-based crucial initiatives where CCAs can be safeguarded, enabled, strengthened and/or promoted in practice; and to support consequent national, regional and international policy**, in particular through the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas and the Millennium Development Goal follow up mechanisms.

I am writing now to announce that **five consultancies are available** as part of this new initiative, and to encourage interested colleagues to **consult the annexed Terms of Reference and conditions** and, if interested, to send us a formal application as soon as possible. The candidates should send us a note explaining **which region they would like to investigate** [by region we mean a group of countries possessing some socio-ecological coherence such as the Congo Basin, the Horn of Africa, Central America, the Caspian region, Melanesia, etc.] and **why they believe they possess the necessary requisites**.

We are seeking applicants for these consultancies who possess:

- Solid experience with conservation, development, public health and/or human rights issues, best if somehow related to community conservation phenomena
- Broad connections with relevant people and organizations within the specific region of reference (please let us know about your networks and collaborating institutions, and whether you are a member of TILCEPA, TGER and/or TSL)
- Excellent writing skills in **English and/or Spanish and/or French** (the products of the consultancies could be submitted in English, Spanish or French; please mention your published work and include samples or internet links, if available)

**Send your application and a copy of your updated CV to Barbara Lassen ([barbara@cenesta.org](mailto:barbara@cenesta.org)) who is the Focal Point of the CCA initiative. We will be taking decisions very early in March 2007.**

Warm regards, looking forward to hearing from you,

Dr. Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend

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**Vacancies: ITC in the Netherlands** currently has 2 Professor positions available in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning and Geoinformation Management. Details are attached for you information and circulation to potentially qualified and interested candidates. [http://www.itc.nl/about\\_itc/organisation/science\\_departments/pgm.asp](http://www.itc.nl/about_itc/organisation/science_departments/pgm.asp)

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## PHOTO CONTEST

**World Heritage Photo Contest: *Travelers' photos from their last trip could be the ticket to their next***

The United Nations Foundation (UN Foundation) is calling on travel lovers to enter the first World Heritage photo contest created by Friends of World Heritage ([www.friendsofworldheritage.org](http://www.friendsofworldheritage.org)), a grassroots initiative of the UN Foundation with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and Expedia, Inc. to promote World Heritage conservation and responsible tourism. Hundreds of photos of incredible World Heritage sites around the globe have already been submitted, but there's still time for travelers to enter. The deadline is less than five weeks away.

**WHAT:** World Heritage Photo Contest

**PRIZES:** grand prize: An all-inclusive trip for two, including airfare, to Mexico's spectacular Yucatán Peninsula. The winner will spend 8 days/7 nights exploring three World Heritage sites -- Uxmal, Chichen Itza, and Campeche City.

Second prize: Two free round-trip air tickets to Merida, Mexico from many U.S. destinations.

Third prize: One flight to Merida, Mexico from many U.S. destinations.

Prizes are sponsored by the Mexico Tourism Board and the Mayaland Resorts Group.

**HOW:** Visit [www.FriendsofWorldHeritage.org](http://www.FriendsofWorldHeritage.org) to submit photos and to share unforgettable experiences. Only digital images will be accepted.

**DEADLINE:** Submissions will be accepted through **March 1, 2007**; winners will be announced by mid-April 2007.

**CONTACT:** Press inquires should be directed to Amy DiElsi at 202-419-3230 or [adielsi@unfoundation.org](mailto:adielsi@unfoundation.org).

## TOURS

### TOUR IN ARGENTINA (March 14-23, 2007 - **deadline to book: March 1, 2007**)

Dear all,

The FAO Representation in Argentina is pleased to inform that the Argentine agribusiness consultant company Agro Austral is organizing a tailored-designed field tour for foreign farmers, entrepreneurs and agro businesses people to visit, to understand and to broaden your view on the agricultural and cultural perspective of Argentina, one of the world's fastest growing countries and a leading food and commodity producer. The tailored-designed itinerary will give you an overview of **conservation agriculture**, farming, cattle & biofuel industries of the country. You will be able also to assess the existing investment and business opportunities in those sectors.

The tour includes visits to the mega agricultural show EXPOAGRO, well established farming and cattle operation, meetings with key informants and a Seminar on Investment Opportunities in Agribusiness

Agro Austral have hundreds of contacts throughout Argentina on a wide range of farm types, as well as in agricultural processing, service, extension and research; so we're well placed to combine our expertise with knowledge of the country to provide a unique and meaningful tour for our clients.

In addition to this professional field tour it is envisaged to combine work with leisure attractions in the glamorous Buenos Aires, and in picturesque Argentine "Estancias" (Spanish for ranch).

#### Highlights:

- Expoagro, the largest agricultural exposition of Argentina and one of the most important of the world.
- Rosario, Argentina's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city and main commodity export port and largest grain processing facilities.
- Visit to Rosario's Board of Trade and grain processing facilities.
- Visits to well established farms practicing conservation agriculture, dairy and cattle operations, agricultural research and development.
- Seminar: "Agribusiness Investment Opportunities in Argentina"
- Key meetings and presentations (agribusiness & biofuel consultants, bankers, local farmers and business leaders, high rank Governments officials, FAO Representation, etc.)
- Two days in Buenos Aires, the Paris of South America. Spectacular Tango evening, city tour and shopping opportunities
- One day in a traditional Argentine "Estancia"

Ask for cost and further information and day by day itinerary to:

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## EXPOSITIONS

We at Services International are pleased to announce **Water Management-2008 Exhibition and Conference** Scheduled to be held at Mumbai, India during 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

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

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

As India's population continues to expand, the region currently has only a quarter of water resources it needs to support this growth. Rapid Industrialization and urbanization throughout world have necessitated limitations on water usage in order to control pollution. The resulting water shortages have placed significant limitations on economic growth within the region.

**Water Management 2008 will also feature the latest products and technologies in several categories:**

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

## A FRIEND NEEDS YOUR HELP

*Ed. – Members are asked to kindly consider if s/he can help the following request.*

### **Mangrove Soil Conservation protecting River Bank Erosion – a CCEC initiative Bangladesh**

The CCEC is a local environmental NGO based at Khulna, Bangladesh working towards environmental sustainability of the coastal ecosystems Bangladesh particularly at the southwest coastal Sundarban region with local people participation. Environmental Education Training (EET) among the Primary School teachers of Khulna, Bagerhat Satkhira districts and Biodiversity Conservation Awareness among Sundarban stakeholders are the two major thrust areas of CCEC. However, CCEC is more active on mangrove conservation campaign after the Tsunami devastation on 26 December 2004 at the Indian Ocean causes thousands of deaths in Indonesia, Srilanka, Thailand and other countries. *Recent leaflet and poster with messages on mangroves protection and conservation needs will be sent to anyone upon request.*

You will be glad to hear that the CCEC has formed a 51 member Mangrove Protection Society (MPS) and observed the International Mangrove Action Day, the 26th July with the participation of BDWB towards conserve the mangrove thickets along the river sides of southeast coastal belt of Bangladesh especially at polder 30 in Batiaghata Upazilla under Khulna District.

CCEC plans to extend the activity in polder 32 of Dacope upazilla adjacent to Sundarban, the UNESCO declared World Heritage site. We want your cooperation in raising funds for the conservation movement and allow natural regeneration, restore mangrove species at the outside polder in order to sustenance of the coastal ecosystems besides long term planning for making Green Coastal Belt with mangrove thickets.

**May I therefore request you to support CCEC initiative by raising funds to help us join conserve the mangrove thickets, the corporeal symbol of security and the defender of the southwest coastal Sundarban region?**

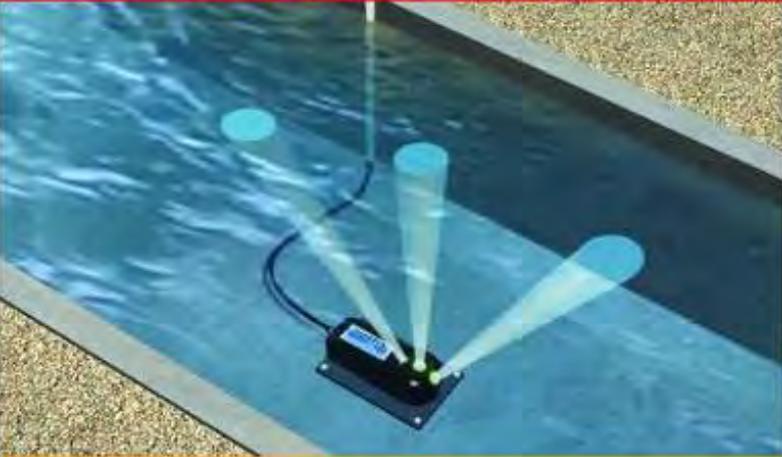
Your cooperation and suggestions can reduce the vulnerability and save millions of Bangladesh coastal communities from sea level rise and global climate change.

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## MEETINGS 2007

**March 2, 2007**

**Global Conference on "Organic agriculture" – Rejuvenated Health and Environment!**

I am happy to inform you that, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) is organizing a Global conference on Organic Agriculture on 2nd March'07 in Mumbai.

The enormous benefits in terms of health, environment and commercial potentials of Organic is yet to be realized in India. Our aim at FICCI in organizing the conference - "**Organic Agriculture**" – **Rejuvenated Health and Environment!!** is to bring together technological experts, policy makers, regulatory officials, industry leaders, growers/farmers, research institutions, equipment suppliers, organic fertilizer manufacturers, suppliers, transporters, cold storage companies, traders, entrepreneurs, promotional and marketing agencies and financial institutions, NGOs to tap the high potential of organic production, improve the health quality by enhancing the food quality consumed, develop proper technology/ strategies for steady supply of organic production for better health and environment, efficient supply chain for organic produce, financial support for entrepreneurs/ farmers.

It would be our great pleasure to have your presence in the conference. The details of the same are enclosed with this letter.

If you are interested for any kind of advertisements/ sponsorships pl. contact the address below.

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**March 2-3, 2007**

**FINANCING OF FOREST CONSERVATION: Payments for Environmental Services in the Tropics**, International Society of Tropical Foresters, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

What mechanisms are currently available for forest conservation in the tropics? Conservation has always been approached by a number of sectors including biology, political science, economics, and social science. But these perspectives and their associated agencies have historically worked in separate spheres, with little collaboration. Today it is essential that a holistic approach be taken and that the different fields are incorporated together into conservation schemes, and economists comprise an important part of this holistic view.

It is imperative to include economics in conservation planning in order to demonstrate the potential benefits of sustainable forest management. Payment for environmental services is one of the tools environmental economists use to support forest conservation and has great potential for the conservation of tropical forests. This term encompasses a wide scope of activities including carbon credits, bio-prospecting, watershed protection, soil conservation, tax credits and ecotourism.

The Yale Chapter of the International Society for Tropical Foresters expect that this conference will serve as a forum to discuss the various types of payment for environmental services, the issues associated with each type, and the successes and failures to date. The discussion will be driven by questions such as: Can payment for environmental services mechanisms lead to conservation? Can such mechanisms be as economically viable as other uses? How can these methods be better integrated into

conservation and management plans? What are the potential negative consequences from the standpoints of conservation, local livelihoods, and economic optimization? How can active trading markets for ecosystem services be developed? Are payments for avoided deforestation and reduced carbon emissions feasible? Will tax credit programs be viable in the long term?

We encourage abstracts based on primary research, or personal or institutional experience. Selected participants will present full papers at the conference. Abstracts should be a maximum of 500 words, and all correspondence will be addressed to the principal author.

**Please send abstracts by December 15, 2006** , electronically or by mail:

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### **March 3-4, 2007**

#### **2007 Schuylkill Watershed Congress**

The 2007 Schuylkill Watershed Congress will be held on **March 3-4, 2007** at the Montgomery County Community College West Campus in Pottstown, PA. The Schuylkill Watershed Congress features a diverse program covering a broad range of watershed topics. The Congress is organized for citizens seeking new information on watershed protection. <http://www.schuylkillriver.org/Detail.aspx?id=730>

### **March 6, 2007**

#### **International Symposium - Tech for Food, The International Exhibition of Agriculture, Paris, France**

Description: "Support to land and natural resources management, to the prevention of natural hazards, to training, information and trade: new technologies offer a wide range of opportunities for agricultural development and food security, providing we manage to control their assets and their inadequacies. Therein lies the ambition of Tech For Food: to analyze the initiatives carried out worldwide, to save up knowledge, to explore possibilities, to highlight the pitfalls and obstacles in order to devise ways of overcoming them." (quote from the flyer) The symposium will include presentations and debates on PGIS/P3DM and (conventional) remote sensing. [www.techforfood.com](http://www.techforfood.com)

The Symposium is free on registration but the places are limited. The registration will close on **15 February**, so please register now.

### **March 15, 2007**

#### **PA Green Building Conference**

The Green Building Alliance is sponsoring the GreenSense 2007: Smart Way to Build Profits conference on **March 15, 2007** in Pittsburgh. Keynote speaker Susan Eastridge, developer for the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's riverfront project, will describe how the biggest downtown housing initiative in city history and its commitment to green building is a smart way to build profits. Breakout sessions will be geared to those new to green building and seasoned professionals. Afternoon tours of Pittsburgh-area green buildings will show green development in action. <http://www.gbapgh.org/GreenSense2007.asp>

### **March 19-21, 2007**

#### **First International Soil Moisture Sensing Technology Conference; Current and future research directions in soil moisture sensing, Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.**

This conference will focus on current and future research directions in soil moisture in-situ sensing technology with special emphasis on sensor reliability and measurement scale dependency.

Details in <http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/faresa/Conference/>. Abstracts deadline: **January 15, 2007**

NEW DEADLINE: **February 18, 2007**

Participants can come either early or stay late to enjoy the Paradise in MARCH with a cost of room as little as \$69. Space is limited; book your rooms now.

We would appreciate if you could spread the word around about this conference. Also please feel free to contact any of the organizing committee members if you have any question or suggestion or you want to help.

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*"A Nation that destroys its soil, destroys itself", President F.D. Roosevelt (1933-1945)*

**March 21-23, 2007**

**Humic Science & Technology Conference X**, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, USA, March 21-23, 2007. Contact Geoffrey Davies and Elham Ghabbour, [www.hagroup.neu.edu](http://www.hagroup.neu.edu).

**April 5-6, 2007**

**PA Stormwater Conference**

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) is planning a 2007 Stormwater Conference on **April 5-6** at the Penn Stater, State College, PA. The conference, rescheduled from February, will build upon DEP's Stormwater BMP Manual Trainings being held throughout Pennsylvania by providing attendees with tools and strategies for implementing the manual's progressive stormwater management concepts into site design and land use planning. <http://www.cbf.org/Confluence2007>

**April 15-20, 2007**

**EGU Vienna 2007, European Geosciences Union's General Assembly 2007, Vienna,**

**▲ Session on, SOIL EROSION ON AGRICULTURAL LAND,**

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Agriculture lands are worldwide affected by non-sustainable soil and water losses. Intense ploughing, excessive use of herbicides, heavy machinery, climate change, soil organic matter exhaustion and salinization induce the degradation of agriculture land, and result in high erosion rates. Agricultural soils are the most fundamental resource we have due to that (i) adequate food supply, (ii) water and soil resources, (ii) carbon sequestration, (iv) natural vegetation and fauna depend on productive land. Soil erosion by wind and water are threatening the agricultural soils.

The special session on Soil Erosion on Agriculture Land (SEAL) will discuss topics on soil degradation, past and present erosion processes, experimental and laboratory studies, processes and factors, field measurement and quantification, modelling and mapping erosion risk assessment, prediction and soil conservation policies of agricultural land. Papers on soil erosion research on agricultural land are welcome. Pls contact any convener.

**▲ Session on ANTS IN THE SOIL SYSTEM: A HYDROLOGICAL, CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL APPROACH**

**Convener:** Anita Risch, Head of the Research Group Animal Ecology, Unit Community Ecology, Swiss Federal Research Institute, Department Landscape, Vegetation Dynamics, Zürcherstrasse 111, CH-8903 Birmensdorf, Switzerland, [anita.risch@wsl.ch](mailto:anita.risch@wsl.ch)

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Ants are important components of most soil invertebrate communities. Besides their large contribution to biodiversity, they are considered ecosystem engineers that alter the flow of water, energy and nutrients through terrestrial ecosystems. However, despite the importance of these insects for terrestrial ecosystems, relatively little is known on how they influence soil hydrological, chemical and biological processes. In this session, we will review the status of soil/ant relationships and present case-studies on the impact of both mineral and organic mound-building ants on soil processes. We invite contributions on any of these soil-ant topics. If enough interest is shown, we would like to have selected papers published as a special issue in a soil, ecology, or an entomological journal. Pls contact any convener.

**April 15-20, 2007**

**Analysis and Characterization of Black Carbon in the Environment**

(Co-listed in Biogeosciences, Atmospheric Sciences, Hydrological Sciences, Ocean Science & Soil Science Systems), EGU General Assembly in Vienna. Call for papers will be open October 2006 until January 15, 2007, deadline for support applications: December 8, 2006.

<http://meetings.copernicus.org/egu2007/>

Conveners: Michael W. I. Schmidt, [mschmidt@geo.unizh.ch](mailto:mschmidt@geo.unizh.ch) and Orjan Gustafsson, [orjan.gustafsson@itm.su.se](mailto:orjan.gustafsson@itm.su.se). (Co-sponsored by Biogeosciences, Atmospheric, Hydrological and Ocean Science, and Soil Science Systems)' which can be found under the Biogeosciences Programme

Black carbon (BC) has received increasing attention due to its importance in a wide range of biogeochemical processes. For example, BC storage in ocean sediments represents a long-term sink in the global carbon cycle, and BC aerosols in the atmosphere affect Earth's radiative heat balance. BC can be a useful tracer for Earth's fire history; it is a significant fraction of the carbon buried in soils and sediments; and it is an important carrier of organic pollutants. EGU meetings are very cross-disciplinary and thus attractive for scientists from diverse backgrounds, including those studying BC. One focus of the BC-meeting is to bring together the broad scientific community studying black carbon in the environment to discuss the latest research. This is the third meeting of this kind after Goldschmidt 1999 and EGU 2005.

A second focus of the meeting is to discuss methodological aspects. Variations in BC chemistry, along a combustion continuum, create serious methodological problems, as every BC measurement method detects a unique window of the BC spectrum. For example, methods which rely on optical microscopes to detect charcoal particles fail to detect sub-micron soot particles, while chemical or thermal methods which rely on the refractory nature of BC fail to detect the partially charred material which can be

easily degraded. Effective atmospheric methods, which measure the absorptivity of a sample, cannot be used when BC occurs within an absorptive matrix, like soils or sediments. To address these methodological problems a ring trial was held (2004-6) on 12 BC-containing samples and materials potentially creating artifacts analyzed by 17 labs worldwide from soil, atmospheric, marine and water sciences (<http://www.geo.unizh.ch/phys/bc>). Results, implications and potential spin-off projects stemming from this ring trial will be presented and discussed during the meeting.

**April 15-20, 2007**

**Scales and scaling in surface and subsurface hydrology, Vienna, Austria**

Dear Colleague,

May I bring to your attention the session NP3.08 - Scales and scaling in surface and subsurface hydrology (EGU General Assembly 2007), in Vienna, Austria, 15-20 April 2007.

A short-cut link to this session is:

[http://www.cosis.net/members/meetings/sessions/information.php?p\\_id=248&s\\_id=4244](http://www.cosis.net/members/meetings/sessions/information.php?p_id=248&s_id=4244)

Please note that the deadline for receipt of abstracts is **15 January 2007**.

João de Lima

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Meeting/Conference: EGU General Assembly 2007

Session Title: Scales and scaling in surface and subsurface hydrology

Session: NP3.08

Conveners: João de Lima; [plima@dec.uc.pt](mailto:plima@dec.uc.pt); Allen Hunt; [allen.hunt@wright.edu](mailto:allen.hunt@wright.edu); Witold Krajewski; [witold-krajewski@uiowa.edu](mailto:witold-krajewski@uiowa.edu)

Event Description: The issue of scales and nonlinear physical, chemical and biological processes is of fundamental importance in hydrology. The questions of how such processes are organized in space and time across a range of scales, how different processes interact at different scales, and how observations at one scale are related to those at another have profound implications for our ability to predict hydrologic cycle components. Answering these questions, in view of the undergoing environmental changes at all scales, requires concerted theoretical, modeling, and experimental efforts. Such efforts are undertaken by research groups around the world. This session is devoted to reporting research results on all aspects of scales and scaling in both groundwater and surface hydrology, including hydrometeorology and ecohydrology. Scaling research topics on hydrologic processes on scales ranging from laboratory to hillslope to small (e.g. urban) basins to regions and continents to entire Earth are all appropriate. Contributions of both scientific and engineering aspects of scaling research and applications are welcome. It is Conveners' intention to approach this complex issue in a broad way in order to encompass different scales both in time and space including interactions between nonlinear hydrologic processes at different scales. Posters focusing on a specific scale, either for surface or groundwater processes and their modeling and observations, are also welcome.

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Join the International AgriChar Initiative for a conference on AgriChar Science, Production and Utilization, being held in coastal New South Wales, Australia. The International AgriChar Initiative, a program of Renew the Earth, is a new consortium of research and development interests devoted to the sustainability of the world's soils, and to sustainable bioenergy production.

#### **What is the International AgriChar Initiative?**

The International AgriChar Initiative is an informal, newly-formed coalition of research, commercial and policy-oriented people and organizations devoted to the sustainability of the world's soils, and to sustainable bio-energy production. AgriChar production and utilization can renew the world's soils through the addition of organic carbon, which can help solve the pressing problem of global climate change. The AgriChar production process also converts agricultural waste into valuable bio-fuels.

#### **History of the AgriChar Initiative**

During the 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Soil Science (WCSS) in July 2006 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a group of scientists, business interests, policy experts and others met to discuss the research priorities and challenges of this important area. The result is the International AgriChar Initiative, a movement to pursue a more organized research, development and commercialization effort to further the promise of AgriChar. For information on the July 2006 meeting in Philadelphia and some current AgriChar-related projects and activities, [click here](#).

#### **What is the 'AgriChar process'?**

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For additional information on the 2007 Conference of the International AgriChar Initiative, contact one of the following:

- **Contact in the U.S.:** Debbie Reed, International AgriChar Initiative, [dcdebbiereed@yahoo.com](mailto:dcdebbiereed@yahoo.com) Tel: 571-431-6626
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**May 2007(?)**

**COMLAND Meeting in Tanzania**

Tanzania, May—2007 (Postponed). Organized by Fidelis Kaihura; Contact Paul F. Hudson, [pfhudson@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:pfhudson@mail.utexas.edu).

**May 3-4, 5-8, 2007**

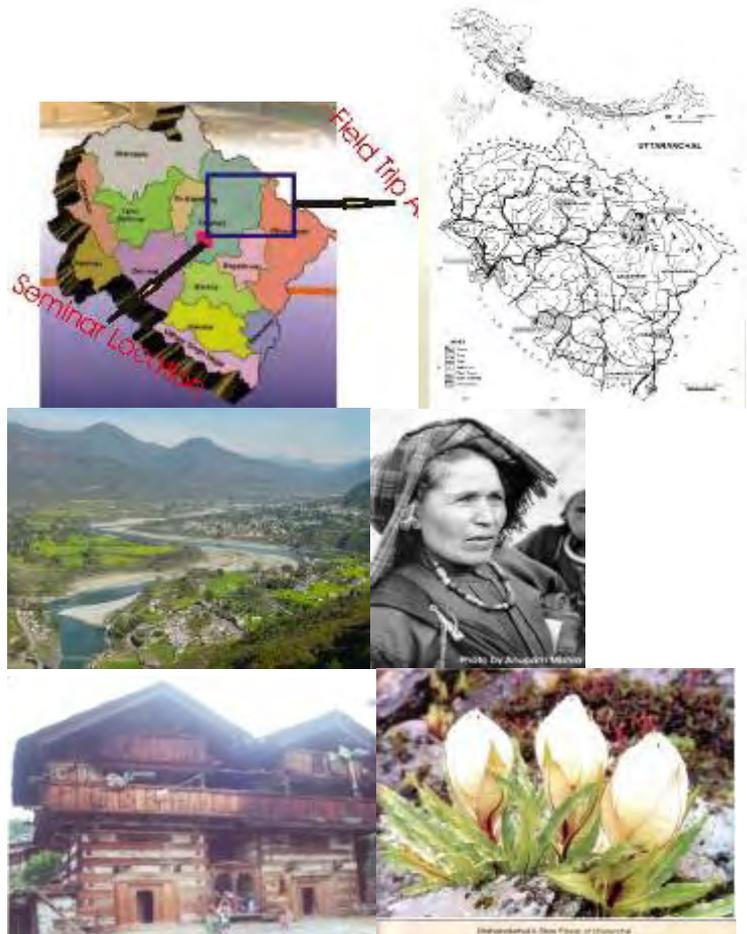
**International Geographical Union Commission on Biogeography and Biodiversity Seminar on Biogeography and Biodiversity, Srinagar, Uttaranchal, India**

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**About the Seminar:**

The IGU Commission on Biogeography and Biodiversity organizes fora for presentation and discussion (i) within the IGU structures (Regional Meetings, General Assemblies), (ii) by group meetings

with national geographical bodies, and (iii) to promote biogeographical research and scholarship by geographers within other ICSU organizations, the International Association for Vegetation Science and the International Biogeography Association. Joint meetings with national biogeography groups take place regularly with help of commission's full members. One of the prime objectives of the commission's work is to promote biogeographical teaching, research and scholarship and to contribute to the development of biogeography as an important sub-discipline. Commission meetings address various aspects of spatial, ecological and historical biogeography, and emphasize the societal relevance of biogeography.

In India, biogeography is a thriving sub-discipline. Recently, numerous studies on patterns of biodiversity, implications of global climate change, Yantra' was established on a slab here and Goddess killed the demon at a nearby place Kaliyasaur. Long ago hundreds of tantric adepts especially those belonging to the tradition of Sri Vidya did their practices here. Tantrik practices including human sacrifice prevailed until 8th Century when Adi Shankaracharya displaced this slab and hurled it into the Alaknanda river. This slab remains the most significant shrine in this area lying in the riverbed on the

town outskirts. It is regarded as a living Sri Yantra, the most complex of all yantras. Here tantrics propitiated the Divine Mother in the form of Sri Vidya.

The old Srinagar city was destroyed later in the Gohna Lake dam-burst which destroyed all the old relics of the town. Today this town is an important cultural and educational centre in Uttranchal. Baba Gorakhnath Cave, Shankar Math, Jain Mandir, Gurudwara, Kamleshwar Temple, Devalgarh, Khirsu Hill Station and Chauras, Dhari Devi are worth visiting in and around Srinagar (Garhwal). The seminar themes are:

- ⇒ Status of biogeography and biodiversity in developing and developed countries
- ⇒ Biodiversity hot-spots in the Himalaya
- ⇒ Medicinal plants and their potential for livelihood enhancement in the Himalaya
- ⇒ Land use and land cover change impacts on biogeography and biodiversity
- ⇒ Impacts of climate change and natural hazards on biodiversity
- ⇒ Biodiversity conservation, indigenous knowledge and community participation in the Himalaya
- ⇒ Political ecology of resource use conflicts in the Himalaya
- ⇒ Culture and civilization for environmental conservation and human development

**Location:** Srinagar (Garhwal) is situated in Garhwal Himalaya, approximately 110 km NE of Rishikesh, at the bank of Alaknanda River. During the summer months, temperatures range between 16° and 38° C. In May (pre-monsoon season), weather is usually pleasant. Srinagar was once the capital of Garhwal Kings. Home to H N Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar was the capital of Garhwal before the arrival of British rule. Srinagar received its name from Sri Yantra.

**Invitation:** Community people, practitioners, technicians, academicians, NGOs, research and other institutions are invited to attend this seminar. The seminar will be a forum for national and international experts on the above subjects. The programme includes talks and discussions followed by deliberations for recommendations. Moreover, poster sessions will be organized during the seminar.

Registration fee for foreigners: Seminar only: US\$150; Field trip (with accommodation & all meals: US\$500.

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**May 14-25, 2007**

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

## **Sixth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

### **Special theme: Territories, Lands and Natural Resources**

#### **Provisional agenda and documentation for the sixth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Special theme: territories, lands and natural resources.
4. Implementation of recommendations on the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum and on the Millennium Development Goals:

- (a) Economic and social development;
- (b) Environment;
- (c) Health;
- (d) Education;
- (e) Culture;
- (f) Human rights;
- (g) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

5. Human rights: dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people.

6. Half-day discussion on Asia.

7. Half-day discussion on urban indigenous peoples and migration.

8. Ongoing priorities and themes, and follow-up: Data collection and disaggregation (2004).

9. Future work of the Permanent Forum including emerging issues.

10. Draft agenda for the seventh session of the Permanent Forum.

11. Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its sixth session.

### Online Pre-Registration for the Sixth Session of UNPFII

Non-Government Organizations who have ECOSOC status ONLY

Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPOs) and Academics who DO NOT HAVE ECOSOC STATUS and who HAVE ATTENDED UNPFII SESSIONS IN THE PAST

All Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPOs) who have NOT ATTENDED THE UNPFII IN THE PAST and are registering for the 6th Session of the UNPFII for the FIRST TIME

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

[http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/session\\_sixth.html](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/session_sixth.html)

[http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/fr/session\\_sixth.html](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/fr/session_sixth.html)

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### May 22-25, 2007

**1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:hirinepal@mail.com.np), [ibc2007@yahoo.com](mailto:ibc2007@yahoo.com)

### May 22-27, 2007



Ecological Complexity and Sustainability: Challenges and Opportunities for 21st-Century's Ecology

Beijing International Convention Center, Beijing, PR China. May 22 - 27, 2007

The world is experiencing rapid urbanization, industrialization and globalization. The pace, depth, and magnitude of these changes, have exerted severe ecological stresses on humankind living conditions and life

support ecosystems across all scales - from local to regional, and global scales. Water shortages, desertification, soil degradation, greenhouse gas emissions, elevated sediment and nutrient fluxes to the coastal seas and other environmental problems are increasingly becoming the common side effects of those human activities. Sustainability can only be assured with an ecological understanding of the complex interactions between environmental, economic, political, and social/cultural factors and with careful planning and management grounded in ecological principles. Ecological complexity and sustainability are becoming a core concept and instrument for improving our common future.



This Eco Summit will focus on integrative aspects of all ecological science and its application under the general theme of "Ecological Complexity and Sustainability: Challenges and Opportunities for 21st-Century's Ecology". The aim of this Eco Summit is to encourage a greater integration of both the natural and social sciences with the policy and decision-making community to develop a better understanding of the complex nature of ecological systems. This understanding will provide the basis for sustainable solutions to environmental problems.

We expect this meeting to attract the broadest representations of ecological organizations, ecologists and practitioners on ecological sustainability issues from all over the world. We intend to show the unification and determination of our ecological community as a whole to maximize our commitment to use ecological knowledge and understanding to meet the challenges raised from the Earth Summit (1992), the World Summit on Sustainable Development (2002), and the United Nations 2005 Millennium Review Summit.



Our scientific program will feature: plenary sessions, symposia, contributed oral and poster sessions, and special evening sessions. A variety of scientific field trips will also be planned.

We will have 14 world known plenary speakers and more than 10 Elsevier ecology journals plan to publish special issues from this conference. The language of the conference is English.

Visit the Eco Summit website at [www.ecosummit2007.elsevier.com](http://www.ecosummit2007.elsevier.com) to learn more about the conference, find out about the key deadlines on submitting symposium and session proposals as well as abstracts for oral and poster presentations and sign up for Eco Summit Alerts. Abstract deadline: **January 15, 2007.**

### **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](mailto:cakmak@sabanciuniv.edu). Regular updates on **Zinc Crops 2007** will be posted on: [www.zncrops2007.info](http://www.zncrops2007.info).

### **June 11-15, 2007**

**Second Conference: Sharing Indigenous Wisdom: An International Dialogue on Sustainable Development.** [www.sharingindigenouswisdom.org](http://www.sharingindigenouswisdom.org)

Abstract/Proposal Deadline: **12/1/2006**

Venue: Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Green Bay, WI, U.S.A.

The second conference is being hosted by College of Menominee Nation's Sustainable Development Institute to foster dialogue on traditional indigenous knowledge being utilized and incorporated as models and methods of sustainable practices. Traditional or Indigenous Knowledge refers to the wisdom, embodied in indigenous communities or groups, being utilized to preserve and protect resources vital to the continuity of indigenous communities or groups. This year the conference will focus on Natural Environment foundational element of the Menominee model of sustainable development.

In collaboration with the USDA Forest Service and the International Union of Forest Research Organization's Task Force on traditional forest knowledge, papers or presentations are invited for the following topics, consistent with the focus on Natural Environment:

- History of the relationship of formal forest science and traditional knowledge in forest management
- Application of traditional knowledge in forest ecosystem assessments and management
- Indigenous community priorities for forest research and collaborative forest management
- Case studies on joint initiatives and utilization of traditional and formal scientific knowledge in forest management activities
- Development of good practices for including both traditional knowledge and formal science in forestry education, research and forest management activities

If you wish to present a paper, give a poster presentation, or organize a workshop session, send your proposal, abstract or description, maximum 500 words single spaced, no later than December 1, 2006 to: Dale Kakkak, Sustainable Development Institute, College of Menominee Nation, P.O. Box 1179, Keshena, WI 54135, U.S.A. Or send by e-mail to [dkakkak@menominee.edu](mailto:dkakkak@menominee.edu)

Acceptance letters will be mailed no later than January 31, 2007. Priority will be given to papers or presentations done jointly between indigenous community members or practitioners and researchers. For more information about the call for papers visit our website: [www.sharingindigenouwisdom.org](http://www.sharingindigenouwisdom.org)

\*\* Deadline for submissions of abstracts or proposals - December 1, 2006

\*\* Notification of acceptance - January 31, 2007

\*\* Final Papers/Presentations Due - April 30, 2007

Registration fee: US\$300; Student rate: US\$150; early registration through April 1, 2007. After that time, the registration fee will be US\$375. Conference registration includes scheduled meals/breaks and materials. Individuals are responsible for their own travel and lodging reservations and expenses.

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Phone: +1-(920) 494-7300; Fax: (920) 494-9599; [www.radisson.com/greenbaywi](http://www.radisson.com/greenbaywi)

For more information contact: Dale Kakkak, [dkakkak@menominee.edu](mailto:dkakkak@menominee.edu) and/ or Nathan Fregien, [nfregien@menominee.edu](mailto:nfregien@menominee.edu). [www.SustainableDevelopmentInstitute.org](http://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](mailto:YKalra@NRCan.gc.ca)

### **June 13-17, 2007**

**5th International Water History Association Conference, "Past and Futures of Water"**, Tampere, Finland

The International Water History Association (IWHA) will hold its fifth biennial conference in Tampere, Finland, in June 2007. The conference program addresses diverse topics related to water history and futures, and will provide an excellent opportunity for scholars and practitioners from a variety of disciplines and different parts of the world to meet and discuss the many fascinating aspects of water history. Major themes are: Water and the city; Water, health and sanitation; Water, food and economy; Water history research methodologies; and Water history and its relevance. Other relevant session topics are welcome. The first Call for Sessions and papers by 15 Oct is now out. For more information please visit: [5th IWHA Conference Web site](#), or download: [First Call for Sessions and Papers](#). You may also contact: [iwha2007@tavicon.fi](mailto:iwha2007@tavicon.fi).

## 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.

Proposals for papers will be accepted and reviewed for consideration until **March 1**. Papers related to any conservation system practice or technology are invited. Please, no simultaneous submissions. A review committee will select papers for participation and notify authors by April 1.

For more information about the SCTSC and details for paper submission, visit [http://www.conservationinformation.org/?action=events\\_sctscconf](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



5<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Third Announcement**

## **BACKGROUND**

Soil is the thin layer of the Earth that fulfils fundamental functions in terms of life in general and particularly in terms of need and well being of human societies. More and more demands are being imposed upon the soil by different human activities. These activities are growing and competing with each other, without taking account of the diversity of soils, of their function and of their potentials. As a consequence soils are degraded in different ways depending on their vulnerability.

The second half of the twentieth century was particularly disastrous: erosion, urbanisation, landslide and flooding, local and diffuse contamination, salinization, entisolization, were the main problems linked to an unbalanced ratio Man/Soil. In both the western and the eastern countries of Europe, the headlong rush into agricultural, industrial and urban development wreaked destruction upon soils and their functions. Little has been done in reality to mitigate soil degradation and to improve the condition of soil already

heavily degraded. This is largely due to ignorance, in all spheres of society, of what the soil really is and of why it is necessary to preserve its functions. Such ignorance has its roots in the absence of any soil awareness.

## OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the 5<sup>th</sup> ESSC International Congress is to promote exchange and discussion about the problems that affect the soils due to the pressure of Man on Soils and Landscape that year after year is becoming more and more evident and to stimulate the soil awareness in the civil society. The Congress is open for soil scientists, educators, policymakers. It will consist of invited lectures, scientific sessions with oral and poster presentations and scientific and cultural excursions.

## DEADLINES

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| January, 31 2007  | Deadline for abstract submission         |
| February, 28 2007   | Deadline for registration at reduced fee |
| March 31 2007   | Notice of acceptance of abstracts        |
| April, 30 2007  | Last announcement and final program      |
| <p>For registration and abstract submission, please refer to website:<br/> <a href="http://www.esscpalermocongress.it">www.esscpalermocongress.it</a></p> <p>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.</p> |  |

## TOPICS AND INVITED SPEAKERS

|   |                  |              |                |
|---|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Lectio Magistralis  | Ahmet MERMUT     | Saskatchewan | Canada         |
| Topic 1:<br>Soils and Society   | Victor TARGULIAN | Moscow       | Russia         |
| Topic 2:<br>Soil Erosion  | Eric ROOSE       | Montpellier  | France         |
| Topic 3:<br>Soil Organic Matter   | Nicola SENESI    | Bari         | Italy          |
| Topic 4:<br>Soil Degradation and Desertification                        | Marcello PAGLIAI | Florence     | Italy          |
| Topic 5:<br>Soil Pollution and Contamination                            | Steve McGRATH    | Rothamsted   | United Kingdom |
| Topic 6:<br>Soil Conservation and Soil Quality                          | Lars BERGSTRÖM,  | Uppsala      | Sweden         |
| Topic 7:<br>Policies for Environmental Conservation in a Global Society | Winfried BLUM    | Wien         | Austria        |

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| Topic 8:<br>New Approaches and Technologies<br>for Soil Assessment | Paolo SEQUI | Rome | Italy |
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## **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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| Carmelo Dazzi, Vito Ferro, Vincenzo Bagarello, Salvatore Monteleone,<br>Ignazio Poma, Edoardo Costantini, Lucio Gristina, Giuseppe Lo Papa |
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## **PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**

### **25<sup>th</sup> June, Monday**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Morning:    | Arrival of participants and registration |
| 16:00–18:00 | ESSC Council Meeting                     |
| 18:00–19:00 | Opening ceremony                         |
| 19:00–20:00 | Lectio Magistralis                       |
| 20:00       | Welcome party                            |

### **26<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday (Topic 1 & 2)**

|               |                               |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 08:30 – 13:00 | Registration                  |
| 09:00 – 09:45 | Opening lecture               |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | Coffee-break                  |
| 10:00 – 12:30 | Thematic session (Topic 1)    |
| 12:30 – 14:30 | Lunch                         |
| 14:30 – 15:15 | Opening lecture               |
| 15:15 – 17:45 | Thematic session (Topic 2)    |
| 17:45 – 18:00 | Coffee-break                  |
| 18:00 – 19:00 | Poster sessions (Topic 1 & 2) |

### **27<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday (Topic 3 & 4)**

|               |                               |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 09:00 – 09:45 | Opening lecture               |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | Coffee-break                  |
| 10:00 – 12:30 | Thematic session (Topic 3)    |
| 12:30 – 14:30 | Lunch                         |
| 14:30 – 15:15 | Opening lecture               |
| 15:15 – 17:45 | Thematic session (Topic 4)    |
| 17:45 – 18:00 | Coffee-break                  |
| 18:00 – 19:00 | Poster sessions (Topic 3 & 4) |
| 19:00 – 20:00 | ESSC General Assembly         |

### **28<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday (Topic 5 & 6)**

|               |                            |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| 09:00 – 09:45 | Opening lecture            |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | Coffee-break               |
| 10:00 – 12:30 | Thematic session (Topic 5) |

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| 12:30 – 14:30 | Lunch                         |
| 14:30 – 15:15 | Opening lecture               |
| 15:15 – 17:45 | Thematic session (Topic 6)    |
| 17:45 – 18:00 | Coffee-break                  |
| 18:00 – 19:00 | Poster sessions (Topic 5 & 6) |
| 21:00         | Congress dinner               |

### **29<sup>th</sup> June, Friday (Topic 7 & 8)**

|               |                                   |
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| 09:00 – 09:45 | Opening lecture (invited speaker) |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | Coffee-break                      |
| 10:00 – 12:30 | Thematic session (Topic 7)        |
| 12:30 – 14:30 | Lunch                             |
| 14:30 – 15:15 | Opening lecture (invited speaker) |
| 15:15 – 17:45 | Thematic session (Topic 8)        |
| 17:45 – 18:00 | Coffee-break                      |
| 18:00 – 19:00 | Poster sessions (Topic 7 & 8)     |
| 19:00 – 19:30 | Conclusions of the Congress       |

### **30<sup>th</sup> June, Saturday**

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| 07:30 – 19:45 | One day scientific and cultural excursion<br>(2 choices) |
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1<sup>st</sup> choice                      scientific and cultural excursion to Sparacia farm and Temple valley of Agrigento;

2<sup>nd</sup> choice                      scientific and cultural excursion to Belice area and Selinunte archaeological area;

## **SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL EXCURSION**

1<sup>st</sup> option

### **SPARACIA FARM AND TEMPLE VALLEY IN AGRIGENTO**

Cultural and pedo-agronomical aspects of the Mediterranean environment. Vertic soils of the Mediterranean environment. Experimental installations for measuring soil water erosion at microplot, plot and basin scale in a hilly Sicilian area.

The trip goes on to Agrigento with the visit of the TEMPLES VALLEY, where there is one of the best preserved Greek archaeological zones in the world. An English speaking guide will show the Concordia, Venus, Zeus and Hercules temples. At the end of the visit return to Palermo

2<sup>nd</sup> option

### **BELICE AREA AND SELINUNTE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK**

Cultural and pedo-agronomical aspects of the Mediterranean environment. Problems of land management due to land managers wrong decisions. Environmental problems due to soil consumption.

The trip goes on with the visit of the important ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK OF SELINUNTE. It consists of various temples, set in a semi-deserted zone, since the old town is not inhabited nowadays. There are the remains of the old city, destroyed by an earthquake in the antiquity. At the end of the visit return to Palermo

WEBSITE: [www.esscpalermocongress.it](http://www.esscpalermocongress.it)

**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](http://www.efitaglasgow.org)

**July 2-6, 2007**



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| Committees & Congress Organiser |
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| Theme & Sessions                |
| Papers/Authors/Proceedings      |
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| Exhibition & Floorplan          |
| Social Functions                |
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#### Invitation From Chair



On behalf of the WEEC 2007 Committee and the Environmental Education Association of Southern Africa, I invite you to join us in Durban, South Africa, for an exciting and innovative congress.

This is the first time that the World Environmental Education Congress comes to Africa, and it comes at a time when there are calls for revisiting our teaching and learning beyond the classroom. As researchers, practitioners and policy makers we need to ensure that we contribute to the values and goals of sustainability as found in the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, the UN Development Millennium Goals; Education for All and many other international directives.

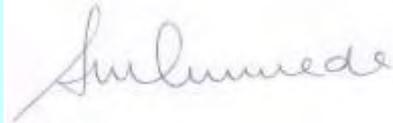
In this world of dynamic social, economic and environmental influences, the challenge that faces all practitioners in all spheres of development and governance is not only what to teach but also how to effect learning. We trust that the Congress theme LEARNING IN A CHANGING WORLD, opens the opportunity for critical reflection on the role of education - practice and theory - in effecting these

international goals for a better future for all! The World Environmental Education Congress Secretariat aims to launch the World Environmental Education Association during the Congress.

An exciting 2007 Congress programme includes not only the daily keynote papers, research-based papers, poster presentations, workshops and round tables, social marketing of programmes in a market place (exhibitions and soap boxes), but also a number of exciting cultural events and scientific tours. The Congress also opens opportunity for optional pre and post tours for delegates and accompanying persons to explore the rich natural and cultural heritage of Southern Africa.

We are determined to create rich opportunities for LEARNING from each other, and to enable CULTURAL EXCHANGE to strengthen education for sustainability, theory, practice and new ways of living together.

I invite you to Shosholozza all the way to Msawawa (Southern Africa) to experience it for yourself.



Ms Mumsie Gumede  
Chairperson WEEC 2007

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### **July 2-13, 2007**

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

There is increasing concern for the potential impact of environmental change, including both climate change and land use change, on sediment fluxes in catchments and river basins. Increased sediment loads and concentrations can result in significant environmental problems associated with sedimentation in river channels, reservoirs, canals and related hydraulic structures, increased water treatment costs and degradation of water quality and aquatic habitats. Such impacts relate to both the physical presence of the sediment and its biogeochemical impact. Any attempt to develop an improved understanding of the potential impact of climate and land use change on sediment fluxes must consider their interaction with both sediment sources and sediment delivery mechanisms. Sediment source exerts a key influence on the sensitivity of mobilization and delivery processes to environmental change and on the biogeochemical properties of sediment (e.g. nutrient and contaminant content). Similarly, small changes in catchment hydrology could generate important changes in sediment delivery dynamics, which increase slope-channel connectivity and greatly increase the proportion of the sediment mobilized from the catchment surface that reaches the channel network. The workshop will review the existing understanding of sediment sources and sediment delivery in catchments and river basins and their likely sensitivity to the impacts of environmental change.

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

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### **July 12-15, 2007**

#### **3rd International Conference on Social and Organizational Informatics and Cybernetics: SOIC 2007 Orlando, Florida, USA**

As a response to the many requests we have received, the Organizing Committee of The 3rd International Conference on Social and Organizational Informatics and Cybernetics: SOIC 2007 has decided to extend the deadline for papers/abstracts submissions, as well as for Invited Sessions proposals.

Deadlines: Abstract/paper draft submissions and Invited Session Proposals: February 22, 2007

Authors Notification: March 29, 2007; Camera ready, full papers: April 19, 2007

The registration fee of effective invited sessions organizers will be waived and they will receive at the registration desk, for free, a package of 4 DVDs and one CD containing the 6-hour tutorial "Fundamentals and History of Cybernetics: Development of the Theory of Complex Adaptive Systems". The market price of this package is US \$ 295. Twelve more benefits for invited session organizers are listed at SOIC 2007 web page.

For submissions or Invited Sessions Proposals, please go to the web site: <http://www.cyber-inf.org/soic2007>

Authors of the best 10%-20% of the papers presented at the conference will be invited to adapt their papers for their publication in the Journal of Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics.

SOIC 2007 Secretariat, Torre Profesional La California, Av. Francisco de Miranda, Caracas, Venezuela  
[soic2007@cyber-inf.org](mailto: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](http://www.inra.fr/Symposium_OMD_2007)

I kindly invite you to register and submit your extended abstract right now.

See you in Poitiers in July 2007.

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### **July 21-25, 2007**

#### **International Conference of SWCS for 2007**

Don't miss next year's conference, already in the works, at the Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, Florida.

See details in [http://www.swcs.org/en/swcs\\_international\\_conferences/2006\\_annual\\_conference/](http://www.swcs.org/en/swcs_international_conferences/2006_annual_conference/)

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### **July 22 to 26, 2007**

**Conference on Coastal Zone 2007**, Portland, Oregon, [www.csc.noaa.gov/cz/](http://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 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.

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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)

**Abstract:** The International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples, seeking the protection and promotion of indigenous peoples' rights, ended in 2004.

Yet, overt and covert abuses of these rights continue. Indigenous peoples often find themselves marginalised in the political and social structures of states, dispossessed of land and access to resources. Globalisation and the spread of transnational corporations bring capital and industry into conflict with Indigenous groups. In many states, such as Botswana, Namibia, Australia and Brazil, conflicts persist over access to land, mineral wealth, natural resource management, as well as broader rights questions. Yet Indigenous people continue to struggle for their rights, and those stories of struggle (and the gains won) are equally crucial to our understanding of contemporary expressions and conflicts concerning Indigenous rights. Identity, politics, space and place are vital to the assertion, and denial, of Indigenous rights.

We invite papers concerning such themes, from all continents, to engage in a dialogue about the contemporary Indigenous rights issues.

Papers are particularly welcome on the following themes:

- Indigenous peoples and land-rights,
- Resource access and conflict - mineral extraction, access to water, land management
- Political rights and social justice,
- The exploitation of knowledge and natural resources.
- Policy and governance in the Indigenous domain

Please send abstracts of no more than 200 words to [D.Hammett@ed.ac.uk](mailto:D.Hammett@ed.ac.uk) and [E.J.Porter@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:E.J.Porter@sheffield.ac.uk) by **31st January 2007**.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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

The first three International Conferences on Debris-Flow Hazards Mitigation were held in 1997 at San Francisco, in 2000 at Taipei, and in 2003 at Davos. Chengdu, China was selected as the venue of the Fourth International Conference on the same themes. China has suffered heavily from debris-flow hazards in about 1,000 counties and cities. Among the most serious recent debris-flow disasters is one that killed 57 people and was triggered by a torrential storm in Yunnan Province in July 2004. In China, efforts have been increasingly made to describe and understand debris-flow processes, thus enabling development of methodologies for debris-flow hazards prediction and assessment. For example, the pre-conference field trip will examine engineering structures that have been installed to counter debris-flow hazards behind one of the World Natural Heritage sites in Jiuzhaigou Valley. The post-conference field trip will visit the Dongchuan Debris Flow Observation and Research Station (DDFORS) in Jiangjiagou Valley (Yunnan Province), which was established by the Institute of Mountain Hazards and

Environment, the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), to enhance the understanding of debris-flow mechanics and foster the development of cost-effective countermeasures. The DDFORS has observed, measured, and monitored debris flows for more than 40 years. On the post-conference field trip, visitors will gain an insight into every stage of the debris-flow process. The likelihood to witness a debris flow during the post-conference field trip is high, for more than 10 debris flows occur annually in Jiangjiagou Valley during the rainy season.

Pre- and Post-Conference excursions will be organized.

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](mailto: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

#### **Co-organizers and Co-sponsors:**

- COMLAND (Commission on land degradation and desertification, International Geographical Union)
- IAG (International Association of Geomorphologists, Working group on interactions between aeolian, fluvial and lacustrine processes)
- IGCP 500
- INQUA (Project number: INQUA 0503)
- GSC (Geographical Society of China)
- National Natural Sciences Foundation of China
- PAGES

**Local Organizer:** Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing

**Language of the workshop:** English

**Introduction:** The workshop will start on September 10 (registration and a reception in the evening). Paper sessions (normal oral presentation for 15 to 20 minutes, keynote 30 to 40 minutes and posters) are planned for the following three full days including a half day field trip to see rural places around the conference venue. Participants will see irrigation fields facing land degradation, the life of rural people, rehabilitated vegetation against desertification and a field with small sand dunes. The paper sessions will include oral and poster presentations, and there will be evening lectures.

An optional pre-conference field trip (maximum participants 35): Highlights of the trip will be the reactivation of the stable dunes and rehabilitation measurements (mainly by vegetation) north of Beijing. Meeting point in Beijing and we shall travel northwards to Hunshandake Sandy Land by bus for three days, starting in the morning of September 7 and returning via the hilly landscape around the Great Wall to Beijing in the afternoon of September 9. This is also the area where considerable effort has been made to reduce soil erosion and deflation as well as to reduce the threat of dust storms in northern China. Xiaoping Yang, having done a little research here, will look forward to leading this trip.

An optional post-conference field trip (maximum participants 30): Highlights of the trip will be the megadunes and lakes in the Badain Jaran Desert. The field trip will start on September 14 by bus from Left Banner and then by jeep in the sandy areas. Participants will see high sand dunes (often ca 300 m, maximum 460 m in this sand sea) and permanent lakes in the inter-dune basins. Palaeo-shorelines are distributed around the lakes, illustrating late Quaternary climatic changes. The forms of the dunes are quite diversified and were probably created due to a) different formations related to climatic changes and b) basement rocks. In the last two years the sand sea has been visited by an increased number of tourists. Therefore, the jeep drivers are well experienced to drive in the dune areas (it is really exciting and quite

safe). We shall stay two nights in tents in the field and stay in a nice hotel in the Right Banner (Ekenhuduge) when returning from the dune fields. We shall travel back to the Left Banner on September 17 (ca 500 km, good road). Along the road between left and right banners we shall visit places where a lot of effort has been practised to plant grasses and trees in the arid environment. Xiaoping Yang, having worked in this area since 1988, will look forward to leading this trip.

Alternative trips: It is possible to participate in normally comfortable (and sometimes less expensive) sightseeing tours offered by various domestic and overseas tourist agencies. Tourist agencies organize trips ranging one day to more than two weeks around China, also from Yinchuan. The conference city is relatively close to Xi'an, one of the most famous places for tourists, largely because of the terracotta soldiers buried ca 2000 years ago.

## THEMES

- Case studies and theories relating to land degradation and sustainable development in arid and semi-arid as well as sub-humid regions of various continents;
- Comparisons of regional-scale reconstruction of Late Quaternary changes in the deserts of various climate zones (monsoon regions, subtropics and westerlies);
- Natural and human impacts on the landscape in various climate zones;
- Interactions amongst aeolian, fluvial and lacustrine processes in desert margins.

**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

Receipt of full papers for consideration in the special issues of the international journals (see conference publications below): at the workshop.

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**Conference publications:** A special theme issue on land degradation and desertification in *Geographical Research* (Journal of the Institute of Australian Geographers, [www.blackwellpublishing.com/journals/ages](http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journals/ages)) and a special theme issue on geomorphology and palaeoclimatic changes in *Quaternary Research* (<http://ees.elsevier.com/yqres/>) will be the official venues to publish papers from the workshop. Both oral and poster presenters are welcome to submit their papers to these special issues and the deadline for submission will be September 10, 2007. The guidelines for writing the papers for each journal can be found in the abovementioned websites. Of course, all papers will be subject to the normal reviewing process.

**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.

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.

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Program Committee Chairs Members

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**September 23-26, 2007**

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

As with the two previous conferences, the main goal is to bring together scientists from a range of backgrounds to share ideas and present recent research results. We welcome participation by researchers working in organic geochemistry, soil science, ecology and other disciplines related to the conference themes.

With this conference, the themes have been expanded to include natural organic matter (NOM) in aquatic systems and processes that link stabilisation and destabilisation mechanisms in terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. The aims of the conference are to facilitate the exchange of ideas pertaining to NOM stability in soils and sediments, and encourage the development of integrative and multi-disciplinary collaborative projects.

**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/](http://www.clw.csiro.au/conferences/organic/)

**September 25-28, 2007**



The poster features a header with three landscape images: a river, a forest, and a dam. The main text is centered on a light yellow background. It includes the title, dates, location, and logos of the organizing institutions and sponsors.

First Announcement and Call for papers  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
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BASIN MANAGEMENT“  
25-28 September 2007  
Belgrade – Serbia

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World Association of Soil and Water Conservation ( WASWC)  
World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research (WASER)

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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**

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 eighth 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.

For more information: [www.coastgis07.com](http://www.coastgis07.com), Or contact the organizers at: Tel: +34 942 202055; Fax: +34 942 201860; [garrigamc@unican.es](mailto: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. The symposium aims to provide an international scientific atmosphere with participation of experts from universities, research institutes, public and private sectors and non-governmental organizations in areas relating to the functions of forest resources. Forest resources have a lot of functions such as protecting biological diversity, climate regulation, water production, soil and water conservation, providing natural food, supporting urban life, rural development, creating recreational opportunities, developing game and wildlife, protecting visual and cultural values, strengthening social stability, supporting society's health, producing wood and non-wood forest products, creating employment and income, providing possibilities for export etc., which have effects on the ecological environmental, social-cultural and economical-financial fields. Subjects of the presentations for the symposium should be thought in the context of the above-mentioned functions of forest resources. It is recommended that authors explain causes of bottlenecks and failures taking place during providing of these functions of forest resources; deal with analyses and solutions toward overcoming them from point of view of one or multidimensional perspective, that is, biological, ecological, economical, organizational, political etc. sides rather than contenting with only inventorial aspects.

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 18-23, 2007**

**4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Soils of Urban, Industrial, Traffic, Mining and Military Areas (SUITMA4)**, Nanjing, China, [www.issas.ac.cn/suitma4.htm/](http://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 world is becoming more and more urbanized, and by which serious problems related to land resource use and ecosystem protection are emerged. Like the rest many parts of the world, China is also experiencing rapid urbanization and industrialization. We are honored to organize such a meeting in Nanjing, a beautiful, friendly ancient city, and believe that SUITMA4 in Nanjing may generate new knowledge and enrich our future collaboration possibilities. Therefore, on behalf of the organizing committee, I sincerely invite you to take part in the important event. See all details on the website.

Modern human activities have ever-increasing impacts on soil resources while soils of urban, industrial, traffic, mining and military sites are the very cases showing these impacts. How these soils are formed and how they will affect our ecosystem are big concerns of soil scientists worldwide.

Globally, more and more attention is being paid to soils under urbanization and industrialization, with regard to their changes and interactions with urban ecosystem. SUITMA WG (Working Group), IUSS, has taken a leading role in coordinating international efforts to advancing our understanding about the special soil system, by providing a forum for international scientific community of the related fields, since its setup in 1998. The establishment of SUITMA also symbolizes the increasing importance of urban soil study within modern soil science in general.

With its previous highly successful academic events in Essen, Nancy and Cairo, SUITMA has clearly defined its scopes and is exploring its new horizons. 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 31st, 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**

Bharat Nirman (Building up India) has to be based upon a firm foundation. The most firm foundation for the purpose would be the scientific Care, Conservation, Development and Management of the Land — the Mother of the Natural Resources. The productive base of Land is the Soil. World Soil Charter, issued by the FAO in 1981 emphasized the importance of Soil in these words: “Recognizing the paramount importance of land resources for the survival and welfare of people, economic independence

of the country and also rapidly increasing needs for more food production, it is imperative to give high priority to promoting optimum land use, maintaining and improving soil productivity and conserving soil resources”.

Increasing globalization, liberalization and privatization regimes have not benefited all sections of society in the developing countries. Poverty is still associated with agriculture and rural living. The concerns of the small and marginal farmers, the landless and weaker and disadvantaged sections of the society have to be addressed.

Population is rising and per capita availability of land and other natural resources is shrinking. How to produce the diverse needs of humanity today, how to add value to the produce land to benefit the small and marginal farmers, and how to accomplish all these without adversely importing the environment and the productive base of the soil and other natural resources, is today’s challenge.

This challenge can be met by converging all the programmes of conservation and ecology, sustainable production, processing of the bio-produce and marketing, infrastructure and a policy umbrella within the natural boundaries of a watershed.

Many countries of the world have gathered valuable knowledge and experience in watershed management. All will benefit from an exchange of this pool of knowledge, which should facilitate formulating sound policies and programmes for the new millennium.

To delegate and discuss the various aspects related to the issues mentioned, the Soil Conservation Society of India is holding the International Conference on Integrated Watershed Management for Bharat Nirman, from November 6 to 10, 2007 at New Delhi, India with the following objectives:

### **Objectives**

- Conservation and Management of Land, Water and Forest Resources for the People; and sustainable production.
- Promotion of Horticulture to the separates Freedom from Hidden Hunger (of Nutrition).
- Care of the Livestock and the Common Property Resources - Mainstay of the Rural Landless and “Antodaya” - the Poorest of the Poor.
- Biomass Processing and Marketing for Rural Employment and Livelihoods.
- Achieving India’s “Bharat Nirman” Programme.
- Achieving United Nations Millennium Development Goals.
- Evolving Integrated Watershed Management Systems for Ecology, Economics, Employment and Equity.

### **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.

**Call for Abstracts:** Abstracts of unpublished research related to one of the Symposium Themes are invited for presentation as the poster papers. Abstracts are to be submitted as an electronic copy in MS WORD, preferably accompanied by a set of hard copy (complete in all respects) on A4 size paper, typed single space and should not exceed one page (about 300 words) with 25 mm margins all around. The title should be followed by the names of author/authors (with the name of the person presenting underlined) and their affiliation. Please include the e-mail address of the corresponding author for expediting communication.

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**December 3-14, 2007**

**United Nations Climate Change Conference**

14 February 2007, Bonn - 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](http://www.unfccc.org).

## **MEETINGS 2008 ++**

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

**February 4-8, 2008 (Monday to Friday)**

Worldwide, conservation farming systems play a major role in sustainable agricultural production. Even after realizing the full potential of irrigation, a major part of the farming areas of most countries will remain rainfed. Land holdings of the poor, small and marginal farmers are mostly dependent upon rainfall. Common property resources like grazing land, tree lots and village tanks--- which are the mainstay of the livelihood of the rural landless people---are again entirely dependent upon the rainfall of the area. Rainfed areas have, therefore, assumed great importance for adequate and equitable food and livelihood security of the increasing population of the developing countries.

Research in conservation of resources has shown that properly designed systems of conservation farming are more productive and protective of resources in the long run than mono-cropping, to meet the requirements of the people and their animals for water, food, fodder and fuelwood in a sustainable manner.

The strategy of watershed management is now well-validated for synergic convergence of all rural area programmes for creating the maximum impact on employment and poverty eradication. It is in this context that the Soil Conservation Society of India decided to hold this **International Conference on February 4 to 8, 2008, at New Delhi**, on the theme: *Conservation Farming Systems and Watershed Management in Rainfed Areas for Rural Employment and Poverty Eradication*.

The major thrust of the Conference would be on key issues of the scientific care, conservation, development and management of the *land resource — the mother of the Natural Resources* — and ensuring employment and livelihood security of the poor in all the countries. The productive base and foundation of the land resources is the soil. World Soil Charter, issued by the FAO in 1981 emphasized the importance of soil in these words:

*Recognizing the paramount importance of land resources for the survival and welfare of people, economic independence of the country and also rapidly increasing needs for more food production, it is imperative to give high priority to promoting optimum land use, maintaining and improving soil productivity and conserving soil resources.*

Increasing, globalization, liberalization and privatization regimes have not benefited all sections of society in the developing, countries, equally. Poverty continues to be associated with agriculture, especially rainfed agriculture, and rural living. *The concerns of the small and marginal farmers, the landless and weaker sections of the society need to be addressed in proper perspective.*

**Population is rising and per capita base of land and other natural resources is progressively shrinking. How to produce the diverse needs of humanity today, how to add value to the produce from the land to benefit the small and marginal farmers--- whose holdings are becoming smaller and smaller from year to year--- and how to accomplish all these without damaging, the environment and the productive base of the soil and other natural resources, are today's challenge and opportunity.**

This challenge can be met by converging all the programmes of conservation and ecology, sustainable production, processing and marketing of the bio-produce, infrastructure and a favourable policy umbrella within the natural boundaries of a watershed. *Call it bioindustrial watershed.*

Many countries of the world have gathered valuable knowledge and experience in watershed management. All will benefit from an exchange of this pool of knowledge and experience, which should facilitate formulating sound policies and programmes for the 21st century and the new millenium.

### **Theme of the Conference**

## **Conservation Farming Systems and Watershed Management in Rainfed Areas for Rural Employment and Poverty Eradication**

### **Sub-Themes:**

1. (a). Soil resources mapping for land use optimization, Soil Health, Agro-ecological Zoning and Conservation Planning.  
(b). Advances in techniques of RS, GIS, GPS and Decision Support Systems for use in Resource Mapping, Conservation Farming Systems and Watershed Management.
2. In-situ Moisture Conservation, Rainfall Management, Rainwater Harvesting, Water Resource Development & Water Management, Renovation and Restoration of derelict Tanks; and Aqua –culture.
3. Conservation Farming Systems, Organic Farming and Other Field Practices for Enhancing Agricultural Growth Rate, Conservation Capacity, Productivity and Profitability of Rainfed Agriculture and other Land Uses.
4. Fodder & Grassland Development, Animal Husbandry and Village Common Property Resources Management—the Mainstay of the Small and Marginal Farmers.
5. Alternate Land Uses in Rainfed Areas—Conservation Horticulture, Forestry, Agro-forestry and Biofuel Plantations.
6. Reclamation and Development of Wastelands, including Arid Lands, Control of Desertification, Shifting Cultivation, Ravines, saline, alkaline and waterlogged lands, and bare or sparsely vegetated Forestland.
7. Value Addition, Employment, Incomes and Profitability in Rainfed Areas through Processing, Storage and Direct Marketing (eliminating middlemen) and Integrated Watershed Management Models , including *Bioindustrial Watersheds*.
8. Supporting Services : Research & Development; Capacity Building; Extension; Organisation; Legislation; Evaluation; Non-Conventional Energy Sources for Rural Areas ; Credit & Subsidies Regime for Farmers; Infrastructure; Population & Natural Resources; WTO and Farmers; Policy Umbrella and Other issues of *Ecology, Economics, Employment and Equity* in the Rainfed Areas of the developing countries.

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### Important Dates

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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### Registration Form

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### **May 18-23, 2008.**

#### **15<sup>th</sup> International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO) Conference, Soil and Water Conservation, Climate Change and Environmental Sensitivity**

Budapest, Hungary. May 18-23, 2008.

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### **July 14-18, 2008**

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

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### **August 25-29, 2008**

#### **Eurosoil 2008: Soil - Society - Environment**

Vienna, Austria, Venue: Vienna University of Technology, Vienna, AUSTRIA

Organizers: The national soil science societies of Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia and Switzerland, supported by the Vienna Medical Academy

Excursions: Pre- and post-congress excursions in Austria, Hungary, Croatia and Slovenia, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic and in Switzerland (together with Austria)

Further information can be obtained from the website of the European Confederation of Soil Science Societies (ECSSS) [www.ecsss.net](http://www.ecsss.net). The first complete set of information including the scientific programme, technical excursions and the registration form will be put into the website and/or sent to interested participants in December 2006. Contact: Winfried Blum, [herma.exner@boku.ac.at](mailto:herma.exner@boku.ac.at)

### September 18-22, 2008

Dr. Pandi Zdruli, Project Manager, MEDCOASTLAND Thematic Network sent to us info for the 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 in April or May issue 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](mailto:baibibo@hotmail.com)

### August 1-6, 2010

The 19<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Soil Science will be held in Brisbane, Australia, 1-6 August 2010. Contact Neil McKenzie at [neil.mckenzie@csiro.au](mailto:neil.mckenzie@csiro.au). The 20<sup>th</sup> Congress will be held in Seoul, Korea in 2014.

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The publication will be available in 2007.

# ANNEX

LOS ANGELES - "An Inconvenient Truth," the documentary that turned former vice president Al Gore's power-point presentation on global warming into an engaging and entertaining film, won the Oscar Sunday night.

The best-documentary win was a triumph for Gore, who has kept a sense of humor about his loss in the 2000 election that was decided in George W. Bush's favor by a U.S. Supreme Court decision.

"I am Al Gore. I used to be the next president of the United States of America," Gore says in the film, repeating a line he has used often.

Sunday, Gore used the Oscar win not to further his political career but to boost his campaign to find solutions for global warming and other environmental problems.

"My fellow Americans," Gore said to laughter from the crowd. "People all over the world, we need to solve the climate crisis. It's not a political issue, it's a moral issue. We have everything we need to get started with the possible will to act. That's a renewable resource. Let's renew it."

Earlier in the evening, Gore and Leonardo DiCaprio took the stage to unveil a series of efforts the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences took to make this year's awards more environmentally friendly.

Pressed by DiCaprio about any other major announcement he might like to make, the former vice president pulled out a statement.

"My fellow Americans, I'm going to take this opportunity right here and now, to formally announce my intentions to ..." Gore said before the orchestra broke in and he walked off, arm-in-arm and laughing, with DiCaprio.

Backstage, Gore put speculation to rest, saying "I do not have plans to become a candidate for office again."

Instead, Gore said he was dedicating all his efforts to pressuring governments to act on climate-crisis issues.

"It is the overriding world challenge of our time," Gore said. "I really hope the decision by the academy to honor the work by director Davis Guggenheim and these producers will convince people who did not go see it before to see the movie and learn about the climate crisis and become a part of the solution."