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PHOTO OF TODAY: CATASTROPHE IN THE CARIBBEAN



Haiti's capital shattered by powerful earthquake

The 7.0-magnitude quake struck at 4:53 p.m. (Tuesday, January 12, 2010), centered 10 miles (15 km) west of Port-au-Prince, capital of Haiti, at a depth of 5 miles (8 km), the U.S. Geological Survey said. It's said to be the strongest earthquake since 1770 in what is now Haiti. Members are advised to stay tuned, and should offer some help when asked. One will never get poor from 'giving', especially to needy ones! (Photos from www.yahoo.com, with thanks)

Editor's Note 1: Some economics examples that you too can do in your country

(a) People donated 450 kg of gold bars to the national coffer



On January 9, 2010, Luangta Maha Bua, a revered monk of Wat Pa Ban Tad of Udon Thani Province in the northeastern part of Thailand presented 450 kg of gold bars (12.5 kg each, all with a total value of close to 509 million Thai Baht) to HRH Princess Chulabhorn Walailak at a ceremony in his temple. The monk had started his campaign to invite/urge people to give their gold (and other materials of value, including cash in various currencies) to the national coffer since the widespread economic slump in 1997. Until January 8, the amount of gold collected and given to the national government has accumulated to 12,087.50 kg, valued at 14 billion Thai Baht (US\$1 = 33 Thai Baht). From www.manager.com website, with thanks.

(b) Finance Minister of the Year, Global and Asia-Pacific: Korn Chatikavanij of Thailand

It is a big surprise to us in Thailand that our humble Minister of Finance has recently got the Global Finance Minister of the Year 2010 Award and the Asian Finance Minister of the Year 2010 Award despite the fact that he has been working for only one year in a country that is plagued with many problems in politics and the difficulty from the widespread global economic downturn. From The Banker magazine of the Financial Times Group who sponsored the awards, Mr Korn presented his viewpoint at the award ceremony, part of it being excerpted and presented here:



“I need to say that, in my own opinion, the award given to me today is somewhat premature. I say this because, in truth, there remain many critical challenges facing Thailand, all of which need to be overcome before I or the government can claim that our work is complete - or as complete as work for any government can be.

Frankly, you can neither judge a finance minister or his economic policies over a one-year period. This is particularly true in a country where there remain so many who are still deprived of the economic opportunities that they deserve. And this is particularly true in a country where there remain so many inefficiencies that need to be overcome.

That is not to say that getting this award is not great! And I will use it as encouragement for the many tasks that lie ahead for me, for the government and particularly for the people of Thailand.

The challenges that face us in 2010 are three-pronged:

- Ensuring equal opportunities for the people;
- Enhancing efficiency for business and;
- Improving accountability of the public sector.

The government should, and will be, judged on progress made on these issues:

1. Can we push through the Property and Asset Tax to make taxation not only more transparent but also more fair?
2. Can we initiate the creation of the National Savings Fund in order to stimulate the informal sector to save - and thus ensure that they have security of a pension once retired?
3. Can we succeed in creating a genuine micro-finance option that would allow low-income so-called grassroots to access needed financing without having to depend on loan sharks?
4. On business efficiency - can we reduce funding costs of firms through the successful implementation of the Capital Markets and the Financial Sector master-plans that were initiated by our government last year?
5. Indeed, can we succeed in bringing down the logistics costs for firms through our investment plans?
6. On government accountability, how efficient will we be in disbursing the Stimulus Package equivalent to about 4% of GDP this year?

7. And how successful will the government be in making sure that all the above happens with transparency and with as little leakage to corruption as possible?

These are examples of the challenges we face - and how the government will be judged in a year's time.

Ed.: This is quite similar to the case when President Barack Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2009 last December after being in the office for less than one year. The seven points that Mr Korn mentioned are of much interest, as they are common in most developing countries. We are presenting this news here to benefit members whose countries have similar problems like Thailand. From www.bangkokpost.com, with thanks.

Editor's Note 2: Progress of LANDCON e-LIBRARY

Today that we sent out invitation-cum-request to our Councilors for materials to put in the LANDCON e-LIBRARY as follows:

“As you may be aware that our association is going to produce a LANDCON e-LIBRARY (a set of 4 DVDs), which is A PROJECT OF WASWAC TO FACILITATE **RESEARCH** AND **IMPLEMENTATION** OF LAND, SOIL & WATER DEGRADATION, MANAGEMENT, CARE, RESTORATION, CONSERVATION, IMPROVEMENT AND **PRESERVATION** OF AVAILABLE WORKS AT THIS PERIOD FOR POSTERITY, to be ready in April 2010.

We have got good comments and support from almost 100 members in doing this project. One prominent member, ESSC President Prof José L. Rubio of Valencia University in Spain, when asked if he liked the e-LIBRARY project, said:

“My reaction is YES. It looks like a very interesting and worthwhile initiative. More and more we will be using electronic formats, which is also a way to avoid losing useful information. Thanks for your efforts.” - **José Luis Rubio**, Spain jose.l.rubio@uv.es

At this time, after celebrating New Year we are starting to collect materials for this LANDCON e-LIBRARY.

As a councilor of WASWAC we request you to please consider seriously what materials you have in hand and send to us for including in the e-LIBRARY. You may send anytime, from now until March. We intend to burn the DVDs when April comes.”

This request is also extended to all other members. As this is the first time there is such a kind of collecting works to put together (since digital technology and internet have become available only recently) some of us may feel uncomfortable. Some may think, “It is mine, I spent years to get it done; why give it to others, and what do I get in return?” Yes, you will get a lot. *First*, your work will be shown to thousands of people everywhere in the world – a good publicity of yourself without having to pay much effort (**exposure**). *Second*, you may be contacted by people who read your work and may cooperate with you to make something more progressive and useful than to have your work done alone (**synergy**). *Third*, you will have a good feeling for having given something (back) to the public; isn't it just the right season (of New Year) for giving something to each other (**merit of giving**) that will eventually lead to **satisfaction**? You may remember the phrase, *the joy of giving*, which has been cited every now and then. It is true: you give more, you are happier. Just think of yesterday when earthquake struck Haiti; those that got killed in the rubbles will not be able to bring anything with them at all. So let's be generous today!



Therefore, we request all members to start thinking seriously what materials you have that deserve being included in the e-LIBRARY and send to us from now until March. We will burn the 4-DVD set in April and distribute widely as demanded. We thank you all in advance.

Details about the LANDCON e-LIBRARY are shown in pp. 53-55 of this HOT NEWS. The price structure has been improved to better suit the overall situation.

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LAST FEW GREETING CARDS FROM FRIENDS ... LET'S HEAR WHAT THEY SAY ...



The Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels wishes you a wonderful Year 2010!

The past year has been a year of tremendous accomplishment for the Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels. Looking back, the RSB owes much to the innumerable supporters and stakeholders throughout the globe who made possible this global initiative.

For many reasons, 2010 promises to be an exciting time for better biofuels. Thank you for your continued support of our work. The RSB team hopes that the New Year will bring you success and peace and wishes you all the best!

The RSB team

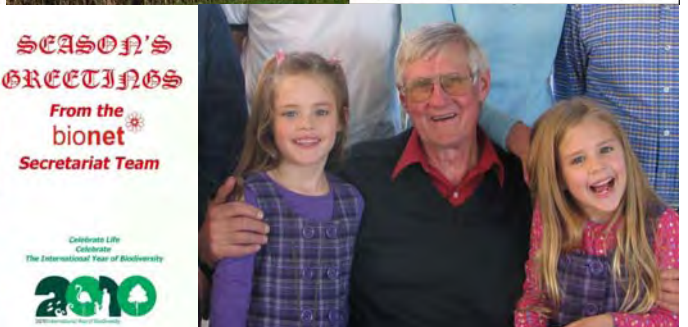
<http://www.rsb.org>
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2010: Meilleurs vœux – Season's greetings
 De/from Marinus/René & Anne-Marie



2010

Meilleurs Vœux
Season's Greetings
 M. Brouwers
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 Agronome - pédologue
 Agronomist - soil scientist
 Expert indépendant – Free lance expert



Click <http://www.123greetings.com/send/view/12530509808714721066> to see the card of Romy Labios & family [rlabios@cgiar.org] that was sent to me and my wife. It's an ecard from 123Greetings.com

HOT MEETINGS

1004a	Interpraevent Conference in the Pacific Rim http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/ , scchen@nchu.edu.tw	Taipei, Taiwan	Apr 26-30, 2010
1004b	6th National Seminar on Watershed Management and 4th National Seminar on Soil Erosion and Sediment. wmconf6@gmail.com , seconf4@gmail.com	Noor, Iran	Apr 28-29, 2010
1005a	Conference on "Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity", organized by Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), roose@mpl.ird.fr , www.chercheurs.auf.org (not sure 'cause of earthquake on Jan 12, '10)	Port au Prince, Haiti	May 5-10, 2010,
1005	First Conference on Soil and Roots Engineering Relationship habibibalani@gmail.com	Ardebil Province, Iran	May 24-26, 2010

Organizers of technical meetings are welcome to discuss with us if your events are suitable to join our LANDCON series of meetings and get support in certain products and services. If your event can fit at least seven of the ten points in the Guidelines for Successful Meetings, <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>, it is possible to do so. The LANDCON e-LIBRARY is among the promotional materials that participants who attend your LANDCON event will receive at a very affordable cost. Pls contact sombatpanit@yahoo.com to apply for it and receive a LANDCON title, plus all other supports.

Members in **U.S.A.** can buy **NO-TILL FARMING SYSTEMS** book online at


<http://www.conservaioninformation.org/index.asp?site=1&action=products&deptID=1&dept=All+Products>.

Members in all other countries may contact their country representatives or write to sombatpanit@yahoo.com.

SWAT book + DVD can be purchased by contacting representatives in some countries (see the last page of this HOT NEWS) or may order directly from sombatpanit@yahoo.com. For **U.S.A.**, copies are available from Prof. Manuel R. Reyes of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, mannyreyes@nc.rr.com, reyes@ncat.edu.

Newsletter issue 25(3) for July-September 2009 is now posted on our website <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn>. Versions in various languages made by volunteer translators will be soon available.

JOBS

	FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
Professional Vacancy Announcement No: 2290-SEC	
Deadline For Application:	24 February 2010
Position Title	Plant Production and Protection Officer
Duty Station	Ankara, Turkey
Grade Level	P-4
Duration	Fixed Term: 3 years
CCOG Code:	1H01
Organizational Unit	Subregional Office for Central Asia, SEC MultiDisciplinary Team
Applications from qualified women and nationals of non- and under-represented member countries are encouraged.	
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES	
Under the supervision of the Subregional Coordinator (SEC) and the technical guidance of the Director, Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP), the incumbent will provide support on matters related to the field of sustainable plant production and protection to the Subregional Multidisciplinary Team, which will lead FAO's response to the needs of the Subregion. Specifically to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise FAO Members in the identification, formulation and implementation of plant production (including plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA), seed policy, seed systems, biosafety, crop biotechnology ,conservation 	

Agriculture for sustainable production intensification and diversification) and protection development programmes and projects (including implementation of IPPC and the use of international standards, Enhanced technical capacity for pesticide management including implementation of Rotterdam Convention; and ensure that plant production and protection are adequately integrated into the work of the Multidisciplinary Team;

- Act as focal point for information exchange and support for national and subregional capacity building required for the support and the implementation of relevant international conventions and agreements, in particular the IT-PGRFA, and the Global Plan of Action on PGRFA, the International Rice Commission, the International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides, the IPPC, and the Rotterdam Convention;
- Conduct periodic reviews and appraisals of the current plant production and protection situation in the Subregion, through studies and surveys;
- Provide technical backstopping to projects dealing with the strengthening of plant production (including sustainable intensification and diversification of cropping systems, breeding, use and conservation of PGRFA,, seed production and policy and plant protection in the Subregion;
- Act as focal point for Subregional plant production and protection programmes, including provision of Subregional perspectives on thematic crosscutting initiatives such as: biodiversity, biotechnology, bio-security, good agriculture practices and organic agriculture and conservation agriculture;
- Prepare technical documentation, papers and training material;
- Contribute to and participate in the planning and execution of FAO regular programme activities on plant production and protection in the subregion and support FAO global and regional plant production and protection programmes;
- Liaise with technical matters with relevant officers at Headquarters, other Subregional offices and the Regional Office;
- Liaise with academic/research institutions and “centres of excellence” in the Subregion and with national, regional and subregional institutions, organizations and bilateral assistance agencies in order to promote subregional cooperation in plant production and protection;
- Plan, organize and participate in subregional meetings, conferences, seminars dealing with plant production and protection;
- Collaborate closely with Sub-Regional office staff to integrate plant production and protection activities into on-going work of the Multidisciplinary Team;
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in one of the following: Agriculture, Agronomy, Plant Breeding, Crop Physiology, Crop Protection or a closely related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in crop production/ agronomy and/ or integrated crop production or protection, including the main crops of Central Asia
- Working knowledge of English.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance of working experience and extent of knowledge related to crop production and protection
- Extent of experience in developing and coordinating technical programmes and projects concerning crop production and protection and in providing associated policy advice at local, national and subregional levels
- Extent of experience and knowledge of the relevant international conventions and agreements and understanding of the work of international organizations and national governments
- Demonstrated ability to prioritize tasks, work independently and deal promptly with urgent issues
- Demonstrated ability to organize and deliver technical meetings, conferences, workshops and networks at community, national or subregional levels
- Demonstrated negotiating and advisory skills and excellent oral and written communications skills in English; knowledge of Russian would be an asset

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

*** The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments.**

REMUNERATION

Level P-4 carries a net salary per year (inclusive of a variable element for post adjustment) from US\$ 97,749 US\$ 119,770 (without dependants) and from US\$ 104,970 to US\$ 129,358 (with dependants)

TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

Send your application to:	V.A 2290-SEC Nadia Laouini, Plant Production and Protection Division FAO Via delle Terme di Caracalla 00100 Rome ITALY Fax No: +39 06 57056347 E-mail: VA-2290-SEC@fao.org
Please note that FAO staff members are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Director-General and may be assigned to any activities or office of the organization.	
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AWARDS/PRIZES/FUNDS/FELLOWSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS

Please rush!!!

▲ Guest Scholarship Program for master's level studies in Sweden

The objective of the scholarship program is to promote democratic, economic and social development through supporting know-how and transfer of knowledge to advanced students within areas in which Sweden is at the forefront of academic research.

Countries

The program is only available to citizens of the following countries: Albania, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Kenya, Kosovo, Mali, Moçambique, Moldova, Rwanda, Serbia, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. About 40 scholarships will be offered for the academic year 2010/2011.

Important dates

Prior to applying for a scholarship, application to the master's degree program must be made via the online application service for master's programs in Sweden at www.studera.nu. The service opens on December 1, 2009. **The deadline for applications is January 15, 2010.**

The application procedure for the actual scholarships will open in **February 2010.**

The list of applicants who will receive a scholarship will be announced at the Swedish Institute's website, www.si.se and here at Studyinsweden.se in the beginning of June 2010.

Scholarship benefits and period

The scholarship amount is [SEK 8,000](#) per month and the scholarship is only awarded for programs starting in fall semester 2010. The scholarships are usually granted for one academic year, i.e. for two semesters at a time, but will be extended for programs longer than two semesters provided that study results are satisfactory.

How to apply

Prior to applying for a scholarship, application to the master's degree program must be made via the online application service for master's programs in Sweden at www.studera.nu.

After you have applied to a master's degree program, the application procedure for scholarships will then open in February 2010.

Only a limited number of Swedish master programs will be eligible for scholarships next year. The selection of master programs will take place in January 2010 and the list will be published together with the call for applications in February 2010.

The eligible master programs will be within the following study areas: agriculture and forestry, environmental studies, natural sciences (biotechnology, energy), democracy/human rights/gender issues, peace and development studies, economics and entrepreneurship, education, engineering, health science/medicine, information and communication technology, international relations, media and journalism, law/ international law, social issues, spatial/urban planning and real estate management.

The list of applicants who will receive a scholarship will be announced at the SI website, www.si.se and at www.studyinsweden.se in the beginning of June 2010.

Who is eligible?

The scholarships are intended for guest students belonging to the above mentioned target group for full time temporary studies in Sweden starting in fall semester 2010. There is no age limit for scholarship holders.

You are not eligible for this scholarship if any of the following is true:

- You have already lived in Sweden for two years or more when the scholarship period is due to begin.
- You have a Swedish permanent residence permit or a work permit.
- You have previously been awarded a Swedish Institute scholarship for studies at the master's level or research at a Swedish university.

However, students who have attended a Swedish Institute summer course in Swedish language or the Swedish Institute Summer University may apply.

Travel grants

Scholarship holders from ODA countries will receive travel support in connection with the scholarship. The travel grant is a lump sum, given only once. Citizens from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia (FYROM), Kosovo, Moldova and Serbia, will receive [SEK 5,000](#). Citizens from the remaining countries receive [SEK 10,000](#).

Insurance

Scholarship holders are insured by the Swedish State Group Insurance against illness and accident during the scholarship period.

Scholarship limitations

The scholarship is designed to cover living costs for the scholarship holder. There are no grants for family members.

Scholarship holders following a two year master's degree program are permitted to spend a maximum of one semester abroad in connection with their studies while retaining the scholarship.

The granted scholarship period cannot be altered or extended.

<http://www.studyinsweden.se/Scholarships/SI-scholarships/Guest-Scholarship-Program/Masters-level/>

▲ **Scholarship for PhD and post-doctoral studies in Sweden**

The program provides PhD students and researchers with an excellent opportunity to conduct a study or research visit to a Swedish university within all fields of study. As a Guest Scholarship Program candidate you can choose to apply for a study/research visit to Sweden according to the following models:

1. Post-doctoral research: a long-term postdoctoral research visit of 6 or 12 months.
2. PhD studies: a long-term PhD research visit of 6 or 12 months.
3. PhD-studies: PhD research visit according to a sandwich setup, i.e. several shorter research visits.

Readmore: <http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/01/scholarship-for-phd-and-post-doctoral.html>

▲ **Fellowship at UNFPA Special Youth Programme**

The Special Youth Programme fellowship consists of an initial 4.5 months fellowship at UNFPA Headquarters, New York, followed by a continued fellowship of another 4.5 months in the UNFPA Office in the country of the fellow. UNFPA will recruit six young people to be Special Youth Fellows from 1 April – 31 December.

Objective

This programme is designed to give young people from developing countries opportunities to engage in policy development and programming; to help build the capacity of young people; and to sensitize both young people and UNFPA staff on partnering to address adolescent and youth issues.

During the course of the programme, fellows will:

- Attend and participate in UNFPA and UN events and meetings as appropriate
- Undertake research and writing assignments
- Contribute to ongoing projects and programmes
- Organize a final presentation to UNFPA HQ staff on their projects and fellowships in Headquarters
- Interact with the New York local youth community on at least one occasion
- Develop a relationship with the Regional and Country Office and provide updates on their activities during the HQ fellowship and provide updates to HQ during fellowship at Regional or Country Office

All selected candidates will be provided:

- Cost of return travel from country of origin
- Assistance with travel documents and visa requirements
- Health insurance - Housing arrangements
- Subsistence allowance (for meals and other basic needs)
- A workstation and internet access
- Opportunities to be mentored by UNFPA staff on issues of interest
- Administrative assistance as required

Qualifications and Experience

Criteria: Candidates must have some programme experience in areas of UNFPA's mandate. These areas include: young people's sexual and reproductive health, reproductive rights, humanitarian response, population, gender, culture, human rights, HIV prevention, poverty reduction, and sustainable livelihoods.

Eligibility

- Aged between 20-24 years old. Applicants born before 1 January 1987 will not be considered. No exceptions.
- Residence and nationality of a developing country. Applicants from developed countries will not be considered for this programme, but are invited to apply for UNFPA's regular internship programme.
- Established interest and dedication to development issues through previous experiences or affiliation with a youth network or NGO working on development issues
- Basic leadership and advocacy skills
- Basic understanding of issues of importance to UNFPA and what the organization stands for - English language skills (written and oral)
- Commitment to return to home country to undertake follow up work with young people

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply for this programme go to <http://www.unfpa.org/employment/vacancy.htm> and click on "Apply Online". Please click on the vacancy for your region. Feel free to contact youth@unfpa.org for more information. Applications will open 10 January 2010. The deadline for applications is **25 January 2010 at 6:00 p.m.** New York time. Only those candidates that are shortlisted will be contacted. Interviews will take place tentatively in mid-February.

▲ Equator Prize 2010: Call for Nominations Opens

The Call for Nominations for the Equator Prize 2010 officially opened on 11 January 2010. The Equator Prize is awarded biennially by the UNDP Equator Initiative for outstanding local, indigenous and community efforts to reduce poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. Now in its fifth award cycle, the Equator Prize has special significance this year: the International Year of Biodiversity, 2010.

The Equator Prize 2010 will be awarded to twenty-five local and indigenous communities from across the tropics. "Special recognition" will be awarded to five communities; one from each region of prize eligibility (Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean), one for indigenous peoples and applied traditional knowledge, and one for ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change. Equator Prize winners receive international recognition for their work, an opportunity to shape international policy and practice in the field, and a monetary award.

Equator Prize winners are selected on the principal criteria of impact, partnerships, sustainability, innovation and

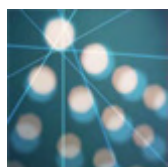
transferability, leadership and community empowerment, as well as gender equality and social inclusion. Past Equator Prize winners have spanned fields of work ranging from agro-forestry to seed banks, agriculture to enterprise, indigenous and community-conserved areas to locally-managed marine areas, adaptation to climate change to organic farming, and more. Equator Prize winners share the common feature of reconciling viable livelihoods with the maintenance of biological diversity and ecological balance.

Nominations for the Equator Prize 2010 must be received by 28 February 2010. Further information on the Equator Prize, selection criteria and nomination instructions is available at www.equatorinitiative.org.

For more information on the Equator Prize 2010 or the Equator Initiative, please contact Joseph Corcoran at joseph.corcoran@undp.org - From PCLG PCLG@iied.org



▲ [FUIW university research prize 2010](#) The Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) announced the opening of nominations for the University Research Prize 2010, with as topic scientific research and technology localization in the Islamic world.



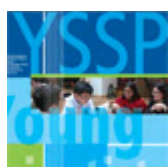
▲ [Developing Countries Scholarships in Germany: South – North Sandwich Scholarships](#) Sandwich Scholarships for visiting PhD students from developing countries to conduct research at the University of Hohenheim, Germany



▲ [International Research Scholarships at Leeds University](#) The University of Leeds is pleased to offer at least nine Fully-Funded International Research Scholarships (FIRS), which are available for high quality international students who will be commencing PhD research study from Session 2010/11 for study in any Faculty at the University.



▲ [Niigata International Food Award](#) Sano Touzaburo Memorial Niigata International established Food Award to honor those whose achievements greatly contribute in increasing food production or security of the food supply base in developing countries as well as achievements in creating & developing sustainable, self reliant agricultural models.



▲ [The Young Scientists Summer Programme \(YSSP\)](#) YSSP at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis near Vienna, Austria, offers advanced graduate students from around the world the opportunity to spend a summer working with distinguished scientists on projects related to their own doctoral research in the natural and social sciences.

▲ [The Islamic Development Bank \(DB\) Prizes For Science and Technology for Year 1431H \(2010G\)](#)

The IDB Science and Technology Prizes consists of three (3) prizes. Each prize will consist of a cash award of **one hundred thousand (100,000) US dollars**, a trophy and a certificate mentioning the name of the winner and its accomplishments. The Prizes are awarded only to institutions (not to individuals) in IDB member countries in the following categories:

Category 1: Outstanding scientific or technological contribution to the socio-economic development of a member country.

Category 2: Outstanding contribution to any of the following scientific disciplines: Engineering Sciences; Agriculture; Medicine; Biotechnology; Information Technology; Optoelectronics; Material Sciences; Pharmaceutical Sciences; Industrial Microelectronics; alternative Energy Sources and Nanotechnology.

Category 3: Noted scientific research institutions in the IDB Least Developed Member Countries (LDMCs).

Interested institutions may complete the Following Documents:

[Application form](#) Using [the general guidelines](#)

The completed forms along with any attachments should be received by Science & Technology and Technical Cooperation Division in IDB before **23 Safar 1431H corresponding to 7 February 2010G**, on the following address: STPrize1431@isdb.org

The Division Manager

Science & Technology and Technical Cooperation
Islamic Development Bank
P.O. Box 5925 Jeddah 21432 - Saudi Arabia
Tel: +966-2 – 6466730, Fax: +966-2- 6467828

The announcement of winning institutions will be made during the 35th Board of IDB Governors Meeting scheduled during the period 23-24 June 2010G (11-12 Rajab 1431H) in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan.

The names of the Prize Winners will also be announced through the following channels: Members of the IDB Board of Governors; Members of the IDB Board of Executive Directors; Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), Major S&T and Financial Partners of the IDB, and International and IDB member countries media.

More details about the IDB Prizes for Science and Technology can be read in www.isdb.org

TRAINING COURSES

March 15-April 6, 2010

ICIMOD's Fourth International Training Course on Low-cost Soil and Water Conservation Techniques and Watershed Management Activities

The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) is pleased to announce its fourth International Training Course on **Low-cost Soil and Water Conservation Techniques and Watershed Management Activities**, which will be held from 15 March - 6 April 2010 at Godavari, Kathmandu, Nepal

Background

Mountain watersheds provide the adjacent lowlands with water: more than half of the world's population depends directly on mountain watersheds for water to grow food, generate energy, and for industrial and domestic use. But mountain areas are vulnerable. Infrastructure development and use of steep slopes without proper consideration of conservation needs, deforestation, and population pressure can lead to unmanaged runoff, land degradation, and landslides, and affect the provision of water and nutrients to downstream areas. Across the Himalayas, and in many other parts of the world, farmers and communities are paying increasing attention to finding ways of managing watersheds to ensure that soil, water, and other resources are conserved.

Experience in the Himalayan region and elsewhere has shown how simple, low-cost soil and water conservation measures, easily implemented and sustained by field-level technicians and land users, can address problems in mountain watersheds and arrest land degradation. The training package builds on this experience to provide an intensive course for field-level technicians and extension workers which will provide them with a solid knowledge of tried and tested low-cost soil and water conservation measures and watershed management activities specifically attuned to middle mountain conditions.

Course objectives

The course will enhance the theoretical and practical knowledge and skills of participants in low-cost soil and water conservation techniques and watershed management activities. In addition, participants will learn how to identify conditions of land degradation and the appropriate soil and water conservation techniques to address them, and will learn to analyse and design conservation measures within their own work context.

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 it; and
- identify ways to improve their own current soil conservation practices.

Course duration and contents

The course runs for 23 days and is structured around the following modules.

Module 1: Introduction to integrated watershed management and low-cost soil conservation. Analyses the role and importance of watershed management and low-cost soil and water conservation techniques and allows participants to share experiences on conservation techniques in their work.

Module 2: Low-cost soil conservation techniques. Discusses and demonstrates dozens of low-cost but effective conservation techniques.

Module 3: Watershed management activities. A practice survey and design of major watershed management activities.

Module 4: Strategies to promote and scale up low-cost soil conservation techniques. Provides an overview of some strategies for promoting soil and water conservation techniques and documenting good practices using World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT) tools and methods.

Training approach and trainers

The course uses a participatory training approach throughout. Classroom lectures are complemented by intensive field work and practical desk planning exercises, field visits and demonstration, and action planning based on the participants' areas or field of work. Participants are expected to devote time to preparing for and consolidating learning outside the formally structured training time. The trainers are experienced professionals from ICIMOD and partner organisations engaged in soil and water conservation and watershed and disaster management.

Who should participate?

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

Course prerequisites

- Participants should have a technical background related to soil conservation and watershed management (agriculture, forestry, civil engineering, and others; minimum education level is two years of college, or an Intermediate or Certificate level course or its equivalent)
- Participants must be able to understand and speak English, which is the medium of instruction.
- A minimum of 2-3 years working experience is preferred, experience in conducting engineering surveys is an advantage.
- Women participants are encouraged. Child care will be organised for women/men with children for an additional cost of US\$ 200 (not including food).

Where and when

Training will be conducted at various sites close to ICIMOD's Demonstration and Training Centre at Godavari, on the southern slopes of the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal, from 15 March - 6 April 2010.

Course fee

The fee is US\$ 2,500 per person. This includes tuition fee, course materials, food, lodging (shared double occupancy), course-related local travel, and pick-up and drop from Kathmandu airport. Single room accommodation is available at an additional cost of US\$10 per day. The cost excludes international travel from place of origin to Kathmandu, medical/travel insurance, and other personal expenses.

We suggest that participants budget for an additional \$20 per day to cover incidental expenses.

Applicants are encouraged to secure financial support from their organisations or donor agencies.

Registration

Interested persons can register as individual participants although preference will be given to those sponsored by their employer or by a donor organisation. Applicants sponsored by an organisation should provide a letter of endorsement/sponsorship from the organisation

Registration fee is US\$50 per person (non refundable)

Deadline For registration: **15 February 2010**

The number of participants will be limited to 20. Please apply as soon as possible.

About ICIMOD

ICIMOD is an international, independent mountain learning and knowledge centre based in Kathmandu, Nepal, committed to improving the sustainable livelihoods of mountain people in the extended Himalayan region (www.icimod.org). Training is coordinated by the Integrated Watershed Management Action Area of ICIMOD's Environmental Change and Ecosystem Services Programme.

What they say about the training course

Low-cost Soil and Water Conservation Techniques training courses have been conducted successfully for the last three years. Here is what some of the training participants have to say about the course.

"After having seen the training methodology, experience of the resource persons, the demonstration site at Godavari, field visits, and so on, we strongly feel that there could be no better place and institution to conduct this training than ICIMOD."

– A participant from Ethiopia

"Many technologies have been implemented before but we were unable to sustain them due to high costs and some were not relevant to our local context. But this training has given us hope that there are low-cost technologies that can be utilised for conservation of soil and water using local resources and under local conditions. This training course in particular has given hope to the people back in my country as well as planners and managers with regard to soil and water conservation."

– A participant from India

"The training course is very relevant and important for a mountain country like Bhutan. ... Now we will be able to observe the problems in the watershed area and be able to apply mitigation measures effectively."

– A participant from Bhutan

"I therefore have no doubt that most of the techniques and measures of soil conservation I learnt in this training could ideally be used and adopted to improve on the current approaches used in my department."

– A participant from Lesotho

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

Keshar Man Sthapit

Training Coordinator email: wsmtraining@icimod.org Or visit www.icimod.org and apply on-line

Deadline for application: 1 February 2010

Deadline for payment of registration fee: 15 February 2010

Deadline for payment of course fee: 28 February 2010

One can fill application form through the web. Please go to link: <http://www.icimod.org/?page=639> for detail information.

**INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT Application Form
for ICIMOD Training Course**

Course: _____ Date: _____

Contact Details

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Gender: M ___ F ___ Job Title: _____

Project/Office: _____

Organisation: _____

Tel No: _____ Fax No: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please answer the following questions briefly.

1. What are your current work activities and responsibilities?
2. What are your expectations from the training course?
3. How is the training course relevant to your work?
4. How will you apply the results after you return to work?
5. Educational background (Degree/Institution/Year):
6. Other related training courses you have participated in:
7. How did you hear about the course?
8. Have you secured financial support from your organisation or from a donor agency? From whom? Please provide details of how you intend to make payment.

Please return the completed form to: wsmtraining@icimod.org

or post to Keshar Man Sthapit, Training Coordinator, **on or before 1 February 2010**

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August 30-September 10, 2010

COLLEGE ON SOIL PHYSICS 2010

The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Trieste, Italy, will organize its 13th College on Soil Physics from 30 August to 10 September 2010.

Directors: Donald Gabriels (UGent, Belgium); Ed Skidmore (USDA, Manhattan, Kansas, USA); Don Nielsen (UCDavis); Ildefonso Pla Sentis (Univ. Lleida, Spain), GianCarlo Ghirardi (Univ. Trieste)

During this two week College on Soil Physics, the following main topics will be covered:

- Soil physical properties and processes
- Soil degradation and desertification processes
- Changes in mass and energy transport at different soil landscape scales
- Evidence from paleopedology to past climate
- Climate and soil-water-plant-atmosphere continuum

Grants are available; participants will be selected after receiving CV and application form.

For more information, poster and application form: <http://cdsagenda5.ictp.it/smr.php?2163>

EDUCATION



- ▲ [Free video lectures](#) It contains free video lectures in several scientific fields including biotechnology, computer sciences, medicines, mathematics and physics.



▲ [World Lecture Hall](#) Your entry point to free online course materials from around the world



▲ [The reform of higher agricultural education institutions in China](#) It outlines the problems of higher agricultural education and ways to deal with them.

EXHIBITIONS

DIGTEF- 2010

Dhaka International Green Trade, Environment and Eco-Tourism Fair 2010

Environment is our threat, Green Trade and Eco-Tourism is our opportunity

Venue : Bangabandhu International Conference Center
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka , Bangladesh
Date : June 10–12, 2010
Organized by : SAVE THE EARTH INTERNATIONAL - **DREAMS**

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Colleagues,

With great pride and pleasure we are pleased to announce the **Dhaka International Green Trade, Environment & Eco-Tourism Fair–2010** in association with Government, National, Regional and International Organizations.

Currently we all are concerned that living beings of this universe are at great risk due to global warming, environmental degradation and from being habituated in use of synthetic materials in everything from cloths, food to utensils. Desertification in many countries is occurring very quickly, hundreds of flora and fauna have already become extinct and are critically endangered. Rivers are polluted and many aquatic creatures are lost for ever. Arsenic poisoning is also a threat. Sea level is rising very quickly and major parts of some countries will sink by 2030. Diseases from pollutants are spreading beyond our imagination. There are many other elements which are affecting environment and our eco-systems are drastically becoming endangered.

We also know that Travel can be much more than simply visiting places, taking pictures and buying Souvenirs. When executed mindfully and with the minimum impact, travel can inspire cultural awareness, tolerance and commitment to environmental responsibility.

Though our problems are huge yet there is a hope. Green Trade and Eco-Tourism has a great potential and this is the time to protect our environment, promote our Green Trade and Eco-Tourism globally and establish these industries in a sustainable way. Green trading is increasing every year, which is a great hope for us to keep our economy sustainable without degrading our environment and ecology.

Dear Colleagues, considering the environmental risk and opportunity of Green Trade and Eco-Tourism, we are organizing the **Dhaka International Green Trade, Environment & Eco-Tourism Fair DIGTEF 2010**

We therefore request you to express your interest for booking booth for exhibiting your products or confirm your participation in the conference by December 31st 2009.

Md. Mahbubur Rahman

Coordinator **DIGTEF 2010**

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E-Newsletter - 2009: A Year in Review

Copenhagen Climate Summit

World leaders struck a new political accord at the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen that provides for explicit emission pledges by all the major economies - including, for the first time, China and other major developing countries. But the deal did not chart a clear path toward a treaty with binding commitments. The basic terms of the Copenhagen Accord were brokered directly by President Obama and a handful of key developing country leaders on the final day of the two-week conference.

Find more about key elements of the Copenhagen Accord and other conference highlights in our [summary](#).

International

International Negotiations

In preparation for the climate summit in December, the Pew Center prepared its [vision](#) for a climate agreement and created an [online hub](#) for resources related to COP 15.

Competitiveness

In May, the Pew Center released [The Competitiveness Impacts of Climate Change Mitigation Policies](#), a report showing only modest competitiveness impacts to energy-intensive industries under a U.S. greenhouse gas cap-and-trade program.

[More 2009 International News & Analysis](#)

U.S. Federal

EPA Action

In the past year, the EPA has taken steps toward the regulation of greenhouse gas emissions, including releasing the endangerment finding, tailoring rule, and greenhouse gas reporting rule. For more on these actions, visit our recently updated [U.S. Executive Branch page](#).



Economic Recovery

Following the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Pew Center released a [summary](#) of energy-related provisions in the bill.

[More 2009 Federal News and Analysis](#)

Science & Impacts



Analyzing the Hacked Emails

Visit the Pew Center's [detailed analysis](#) of the emails hacked from the University of East Anglia's Climatic Research Unit to learn why this controversy doesn't change the scientific consensus on climate change.

Scientific Developments

In June, the Pew Center released a [brief](#) summarizing the key scientific developments since the IPCC's Fourth Assessment Report was released in 2007.

[More 2009 Science & Impacts News](#)

Markets & Business

Corporate Energy Efficiency

Last year, the Pew Center launched the [Corporate Energy Efficiency Project](#), a multi-year research and communications effort to identify and highlight effective methods for companies to reduce energy consumption and lower greenhouse gas emissions. In 2010, the Pew Center will publish these findings in a report, to be released during a [major conference](#) in Chicago.



New BELC Members

[Daimler](#), [Alstom](#), and [CME Group](#) joined the Business Environmental Leadership Council in 2009.

[More 2009 Markets & Business News](#)

Congressional

Energy and Climate Legislation

From the the [Waxman-Markey House climate bill](#) in June to the [Kerry-Graham-Lieberman proposal](#) released in December, the Pew Center has tracked, summarized, and analyzed key elements of these major pieces of climate and energy legislation. [Click here](#) for more information.



Congressional Briefings

Over the past year, the Pew Center has briefed congressional staff and the media on a variety of issues regarding federal climate policy, including carbon market oversight, the role of state governments, and implications for the agricultural sector. Check out our [video archive](#) of these events.

USCAP



Recommendations

In January 2009, USCAP issued a [Blueprint for Legislative Action](#), which includes a detailed framework for legislation to address climate change. Many elements of the *Blueprint* were later incorporated into H.R. 2454, the House-passed climate bill.

Economic Modeling

In December, USCAP released the [results](#) of extensive economic modeling of the economic impacts of climate legislation. The models indicate that a well designed climate policy is compatible with robust economic growth of about 2.7 percent per year.

[See more on USCAP](#)

Technology

Climate TechBook

In June, the Pew Center launched [Climate TechBook](#), a guide to existing and emerging low-carbon technologies. The online resource features overviews of the key economic sectors that produce greenhouse gases and factsheets on technologies that can address them.



Wind and Solar

A report, entitled [Wind and Solar Electricity, Challenges and Opportunities](#), examines three primary obstacles to deployment of wind and solar power: cost, variability of generation, and lack of transmission. The report was released in June.

Make an Impact

Energy joined Make an Impact in June, conducting workshops throughout the south and linking employees and communities to energy efficiency tips and tools through its [website](#).



Make an Impact founder, [Alcoa](#), capped the first program year with its largest Make an Impact event ever, drawing more than 1,500 people to its South Carolina facility.

Pew Perspectives

Climate Compass



In September, the Pew Center launched [Climate Compass](#), a blog that features timely viewpoints and insights from the Center's expert staff.

Read Popular Recent Posts:

- [Copenhagen Reflections](#)
- [What the Hacked Emails Really Reveal](#)
- [Clean Energy: Tracking the Stimulus](#)

[See more of Pew in the media](#)

Adaptation

Updated State Plans

Last summer, the Pew Center updated its [white paper](#) on actions taken at the state and regional levels to address climate change adaptation.



Congressional Testimony

In October, Pew's Steve Seidel [testified before Congress](#) about what the federal government should be doing to prepare for the inevitable impacts of climate change.

[See more on Adaptation](#)

Pew Center Reports

To order a FREE copy of a Pew Center report, please email reportorder@pewclimate.org with your name, mailing address, and requested report title(s). You may email to the same address and ask for a list of reports.



SOIL Action Newsletter - European Soil Portal:
<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu> Volume 12, December 2009

European Soil Data Center MapViewer

Important Development: ESDAC MapViewer integrates the European Soil Database layers and some other soil layers in one single web-based application. The public user may navigate and select each of the:

- 70 layers of the European Soil Database;
- Important data layers described in the proposal for a framework Directive (COM (2006) 232);
- Data related to general Administrative issues (Ancillary Data) The public user may interact through map operations and navigate in the proposed layers: Zoom In, Zoom Out, Pan, Identify, Select, Query, Download and Print.

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/wrb/>



Calendar 2010 - "African Soil"

Happy New Year with the 2010 Soil Calendar: This calendar and the related Soil Atlas of Africa is an initiative of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission. The calendar aims to bring African soil to the attention of everyone who deals with this natural, nonrenewable resource that is vital for food and fibre production and sustainable development of the environment.

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/Awareness/calendar2010.html>



UN climate change conference (Two Side Events at COP 15)

Interesting soil-related side events in COP 15:

- Biochar Application to Soils, Carbon sequestration and soil improvement potential.
- The Digital Soil Map of the World: Its Relevance to UNFCCC The presentations of both events are listed in the portal. <http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/events/Conferences/COP15.html>



DIGISOIL Workpackages - Deliverables

Important Progress: The deliverables of DIGISOIL Project are available for the public users. The output of "WP1: Development of new sensing technologies" and "WP2: Geophysical data integration and soil properties collection" is listed. Also the dissemination of the results to various conferences is available with some presentations and posters.

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/Digisoil/wp.html>

Newsletter Spotlight

Interesting Figures for DIGISOIL Survey

The DIGISOIL Survey took place from May till October 2009 and 164 People have replied to the Survey. The results are presented with some interesting Graphs. Once Again, we would like to thank all the participants for their input. The Second Part of the Survey has been launched for the participants who have replied that are interested in Soil properties map and Soil Properties & Interpretation.

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/Digisoil/Survey.html>



More Details

Download the Newsletter: [PDF Format](#) or [HTML Format](#). **Questions or Comments?**

E-mail us at panos.panagos@jrc.ec.europa.eu, marc.vanliedekerke@jrc.ec.europa.eu or call us 0039-0332-785574, 0039-0332-785179

▲ IECA News

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EC10 brings together:

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- Residential and Commercial Builders
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- Biologists
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- Environmental Scientists

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Peer-reviewed education remains the cornerstone of Environmental Connection. This year, IECA's focus is on bringing fresh content to the full-day training courses and shorter technical sessions. See a full list of courses at <http://www.ieca.org/Conference/Annual/courses.asp?conid=16>

Plan to attend:

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Dates & Location:

February 16-20, 2010

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Hilton Anatole, Dallas, TX, USA

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JOURNALS

▲ WIREs: A New Approach to Understanding Climate Change

Climate change is a phenomenon that extends far beyond science, with fundamental implications for economics, politics, sociology and environmental ethics. It is a phenomenon that changes how people understand the world around them and their own futures. This understanding epitomises the multi-disciplinary approach of [WIREs Climate Change](#), the latest interdisciplinary review project from Wiley-Blackwell.

Published in association with the Royal Meteorological Society and the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), [WIREs Climate Change](#) brings together experts from across the climate change spectrum, including the social sciences as well as the physical and environmental sciences, to offer authoritative reviews, discussions and debates on every facet of climate change research.

"Climate change has to be understood both as physical change and increasingly as an idea that is changing society and the way people think of the future," said Editor-In-Chief Professor Mike Hulme. "Researchers have to understand and illuminate the ways different facets of the phenomenon are shaping each other."

Recent events in Copenhagen attest to the lack of global consensus on many issues surrounding mitigation and adaptation to climate change. In the inaugural issue of [WIREs Climate Change](#), debates over the ethics of climate change can be found alongside reviews of the political effectiveness of the Kyoto Protocol.

"Interdisciplinary research is a widely lauded aspiration and a frequently claimed necessity in advancing human understanding of troubling or important phenomena, and climate change is without doubt one of these," adds Hulme. "We believe that WIREs Climate Change is a project that can play an active role in the construction of new knowledge about climate change by stimulating research reviews that demand new ways of thinking in both author and readers."

[WIREs Climate Change](#), like all WIREs titles, will be made available free of charge for the first two years to institutions that register for online access. To request access for your institution visit:

www.interscience.wiley.com/newjournals or contact Ben Norman lifesciencenews@wiley.com

▲ JFAE Journal

Dear Colleague,

We have the great pleasure to inform you about the new articles published recently in the scientific

journal JFAE, Vol8 (1) January 2010 (WFL Publisher) (please click the below link)

<http://www.world-food.net/scientificjournal.php>

http://www.world-food.net/wfl_publisher_index.php

<http://www.isfae.org/scientificjournal/2010/issue1.php>

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▲ WaA Journal

Dear friends and colleagues

Thank you for your interest in Water Alternatives and for having registered on our website.

After one year and a half our Journal has attracted 170,000 visits and 56,000 file downloads, while people from over 120 countries worldwide have registered.

WaA is also now abstracted and indexed in 15 databases available on the web.

We thank you for your support and for letting people around you know about Water Alternatives;

We hope that you have found the papers published and our editorial line to be interesting and thought-provoking.

We take the opportunity of this message to wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year!

The editorial team of Water Alternatives www.water-alternatives.org



A GOOD MOVIE (for free download up to January 16)

▲ A 30-minute movie concerning developing the vast **Chinese Loess Plateau** from **John Liu of EEMP, *Hope in a Changing Climate***. John Liu can be contacted at johnliu@eempc.org

Click <https://rcpt.yousendit.com/797461974/1154df94fbb9c406c5272aabdb28161d> and download it up to January 16, 2010. This movie was screened at the Climate Talks in Copenhagen early last month and has been shown widely in many countries, about 50 times, during the last few weeks. Downloading this high resolution

470 MB film may take time, but it is worth the wait! You may show it to students in your class or at a seminar on climate, restoration, conservation, etc. (Message from software developer: When your file is too big for email, you may use 'yousendit' program; try it at www.yousendit.com)

WEBSITES



▲ [An inexpensive 'dipstick' test for pesticides in foods](#) Scientists have developed a fast, easy to use, inexpensive and eco-friendly "dipstick" test for identifying small amounts of pesticides making it particularly useful in developing countries or remote areas that may lack access to expensive testing equipment and electricity.



▲ [A new way for reducing mosquito populations discovered](#) Scientists have found that stopping male mosquitoes from sealing their sperm inside females with a 'mating plug' could prevent mosquitoes from reproducing, and offer a potential new way to combat malaria.



▲ [Inter-Islamic Network on Biosaline Agriculture \(INBA\)](#) INBA provides a forum for collaborative actions and networking activities in biosaline agriculture in order to stimulate and strengthen national and international institutions, and aid agencies, in particular those in the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

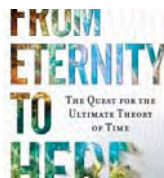
▲ Edmonton, the second coldest place in the world

On Sunday, December 13, 2009, Edmonton was the chilliest place in North America and the second chilliest in the world.

(<http://www.edmontonsun.com/news/edmonton/2009/12/13/12141366.html>)

In Edmonton it was -46.1 C (-58.4 C with the windchill). On that date, the coldest place in the world was Dzalinda, Siberia (-48 C).

From Yash P. Kalra ykalra@nrcan.gc.ca



▲ [What Keeps Time Moving Forward? Blame It on the Big Bang](#)

A timely Q&A with physicist Sean Carroll about how our one-way trip from past to future is entangled with entropy and the origin of the universe

▲ Chiangmai Mail Newspaper <http://www.chiangmai-mail.com/>

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▲ Happy New Year to all

Worth watching and listening!

Can view through the url <http://vimeo.com/4533013>.

From Giacomo Rambaldi, List administrator of PGIS

Playing For Change | Song Around The World "One Love"
by Playing For Change
8 months ago

playingforchange.com - From the award-winning documentary, "Playing For Change: Peace Through Music", comes an incredible rendition of the legendary Bob Marley song "One Love" with Keb' Mo' and Manu Chao. This is the third video from the documentary and a follow up to the classic "Stand By Me" and the incredible "Don't Worry." Released in celebration of Bob Marley's birthday on February 6th, this tribute to the legend is performed by musicians around the world adding their part to the song as it traveled the globe.

A CALL FOR YOUR ATTENTION (some may want to ask for your help)

▲ GIS Development Invites articles on Participatory GIS

GIS Development has scheduled features on **Participatory GIS** and **Neogeography**.

We invite papers outlining perspective on these topics. Length of article may be about 1,500 to 2,500 words and relevant illustrations and visuals would be appreciated as well. The same may reach us by 22nd January 2010.

Please feel free to get in touch for any further clarifications.

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▲ Holistic ICT solutions as ag-problem solver

Dear WASWAC members,

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Do you want to profit from

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Please visit us at one of the following events and get informed on the products and services we are offering: Before choosing the event which is most convenient to you we mention some key-words to give you an idea what there is behind the two terms:

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solutions, for small-holder farmers and whole regions. The time is ripe for new, successful and sustainable systems – to solve agricultural (food-feed-biomass) production for a growing population, with less CO₂ emission, and precise use of fertilizers, pesticides and water, respecting the environment and the confidence of consumers (worldwide).

GIS-component: PROGIS enables **ICT developers** to link the GIS system WinGIS® in combination with the embedded worldwide available Microsoft Bing Maps module to any application. **WinGIS®**, our geographic information system includes a wide range of GIS functions, numerous interfaces to (external) geographic data sources and databases and several modules (GPS support, ISO module, thematic maps, raster transformation, ...) but there is also the possibility to simply connect the GIS system to an existing (database) application by using the ActiveX control **AXWinGIS**. The “canvas” functionality makes it possible to integrate the WinGIS graphic window (the map) directly into to user interface of the application. To solve the problem of not or hardly available geo data (aerial images, cadastre data, ...) we extended WinGIS with the effective functionalities of the **Microsoft Bing Maps** embedded Module.

Events where to get informed on PROGIS technologies during the first half of 2010:

AG – Connect

from 12- 15th Jan., Orlando, booth no. 2360

AGRITRONICA

Jan. 19th, Hatzendorf/Austria

INTERAGRO

Feb. 3-6th, Kiev/Ukraine

KTBL Tagung

Feb 18th, Hannover /Germany

GIL Tagung

Feb 24 – 25th, Stuttgart /Germany

Cebit

March 2nd-6th, Hannover/Germany

You find PROGIS at the Microsoft booth, Hall4, booth A26

IAALD

April 26-29, Montpellier/France

Precision Agriculture

July 18-21th, Denver/USA

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▲ **Ask a soil scientist**

The Soil Science Society of America developed an “Ask a Soil Scientist” program. If you have any question on soils, soil science, and careers in soil science, this is the place to get answers. And, teachers, if you’d like to arrange for a soil scientist to visit your classroom, this is the place to make a request. Your question(s) will be sent to a Soil Science Society of America member, in your region. As our members are volunteers with this program, please allow 24-48 hours for a response. www.soils.org/lessons/ask (from IUSS Alert 56) 

▲ **Let’s do a social work at this special occasion of New Year!**

E-mail นี้เริ่มส่งวันที่ 28 พ.ค. 52 บางทีคุณอาจจะคิดว่า FW Mail คือเมลขยะ แต่ หัวอกคุณพ่อตอนนี้ น้ำตาแทบเป็นสายเลือดแล้วขอความเห็นใจ และช่วยกันส่งต่อ เพราะนี่คือ " ความหวัง" อีกหนทางหนึ่ง ถ้าพบเห็นเด็กหญิงคนนี้รีบกวาดติดต่อกลับ คุณพ่อ น้องแก้ม ที่เบอร์ 084-869-1570, 089-457-0213, หรือ สถานีตำรวจเมืองพัทยา แต่ถ้าไม่พบ รีบกวาดส่งต่อถึงคนอื่นๆ เพราะว่าการ Click 1 ครั้ง อาจทำให้ หัวใจของคุณพ่อคนนี้ กลับมาก็ได้ ค.ณ. ปณิดา บุญลา ชื่อเล่น น้องแก้ม อายุ 6 ปี 7 เดือน เบาะแสเบื้องต้นคาดว่าอยู่ใน จ.ชลบุรี และ อ.นาขูน จ.มหาสารคาม หรือ เขตมหาชัย สมุทรสาคร



A message was sent around over one month ago, asking for help if anyone has seen this 6+ year-old girl (Panida Boonla or Nong Kaem, her nick name) who got lost. Contact her father at phones 084-869-1570, 089-457-0213. It is speculated that she would be in one of the following provinces of Thailand: Chonburi, Samut Sakhon or Maha Sarakham.

WHAT MEMBERS WROTE TO US

▲ Samran:

I think it was a good idea to record the story of WASWC ('WASWC-WASWAC and me', sent to members during New Year).

But at 68, you still have many years to do good work. I am 96 and what I think was my best writing was done when I was in my 70s and 80s.

Regards,

John (Honorary member)

Ed.: I wish I could have a chance to write some good works 20 years from now.

▲ Dr Samran Sombatpanit,

You are doing the very important work for the patient EARTH even at the age of 70.

Kopkun maak, khun cyaidee!

See you in Japan.

Takashi Mori

Tokushukai

Ed.: Thanks, but I am not in such a hurry, I am only going to be 69 soon!

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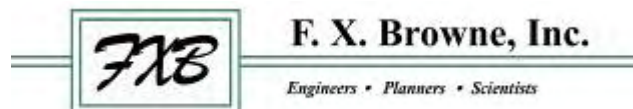
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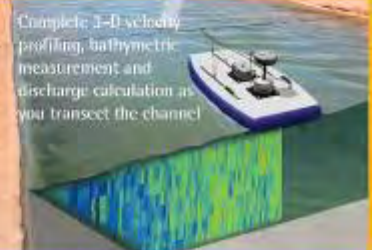


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IMPORTANT

We can publicize your stuff sent to us in Word. If you send to us in pdf, we will be able to put only a few words in our WASWC Newsletter or HOT NEWS.

[NOTE: Another way to promote your meeting event is by sending your stuff to publish in the EARTHSCAN E-alert. Please contact dan.harding@earthscan.co.uk]

LANDCON Series of Meetings*

No.	Meeting topic	Place	Time
0902	Conference of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA): Environmental Connection 09 www.ieca.org	Reno, Nevada, USA	Feb 9-12, 2009
0903	Conference on Land Degradation in Dry Environments jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw	Kuwait City, Kuwait	Mar 8-14, 2009
0905a	Global Change, Challenge for Soil Management: From Degradation – Through Soil and Water Conservation – To Sustainable Soil Management www.sfb.bg.ac.yu/erosion2009/	Tara Mt., Serbia	May 26-30, 2009
0905b	Conference on “The sustainable development of water resources”, organized by Hydrotechnics Faculty of “Politehnica” University of Timisoara, Romania gcr@mail.dnttm.ro	Timisoara, Romania	May 27-28, 2009
0906a	The 10th international meeting on Soil with Mediterranean Type of Climate http://www.cnrs.edu.lb/10IMSMTC.pdf .	Beirut, Lebanon	Jun 22-26, 2009
0906b	Conference on “Challenges and Opportunities of Bioindustrial Watershed Development for the Prosperity of the Farming Community”, organized by the Soil Conservation Society of India www.soilcsi.org/	Bengaluru, India	Jun 25-27, 2009
0909	International Conference on Desertification in memory of Professor John B. Thornes http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornes/doku.php , arodi@um.es	Murcia, Spain	Sep 16-18, 2009
0910	POSTPONED TO MARCH 1-5, 2010, TO BE LANDCON 1003 Conference on “Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity”, organized by Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), roose@mpl.ird.fr , www.chercheurs.auf.org	Port au Prince, Haiti	Oct 19-24, 2009
0911	International Seminar on Upland for Food Security, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Soedirman, Purwokerto, Central Java. Contact Budi Prakoso prabud2001@yahoo.com	Purwokerto, Central Java, Indonesia	Nov 7-8, 2009
1004a	Interpraevent Conference in the Pacific Rim http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/ , scchen@nchu.edu.tw	Taipei, Taiwan	Apr 26-30, 2010
1004b	6 th National Seminar on Watershed Management and 4 th National Seminar on Soil Erosion and Sediment. wmconf6@gmail.com , seconf4@gmail.com	Noor, Iran	Apr 28-29, 2010
1005a	Conference on “Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity”, organized by Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), roose@mpl.ird.fr , www.chercheurs.auf.org (not sure 'cause of earthquake on Jan 12, '10)	Port au Prince, Haiti	May 5-10, 2010,
1005	First Conference on Soil and Roots Engineering Relationship habibibalani@gmail.com	Ardebil Province, Iran	May 24-26, 2010
1010	FIRST WASWC COUNCIL MEETING and Int'l Conf on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas, www.ms.iswc.ac.cn , lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn , wafe@ms.iswc.ac.cn , landcon1010@gmail.com	Xian, Shaanxi, China	Oct 11-15, 2010
1012	International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission Seminar on Land Use, Biodiversity and Climate Change dr.mahfuzarahman@gmail.com	Guwahati, Assam, India	Dec 11-13, 2010
1101	SWAT SEA II Workshop and Conference http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn , nguyenkimloi@gmail.com	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	Jan 4-8, 2011
11...	A conference organized by the Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists www.iaswc.com/index.html	Dehra Dun, India	2011???

*See details in this issue of HOT NEWS. Organizers of these conferences have pledged to follow the Guidelines for Successful Meetings (<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>) that WASWC had deliberated and achieved in 2008, to facilitate the attendance of academics and professionals so that the meetings that we recommend are of high quality, worth the expenses they have to pay if they decide to go to attend. If your meeting will meet at least 7 in 10 points (by self-appraisal) in the Guidelines, you may register the event in the LANDCON series and receive certain technical support from WASWC at no cost. To register, write to Samran Sombatpanit at sombatpanit@yahoo.com.

MEETINGS 2010++

Early 2010

Agricultural Biotechnologies in Developing Countries Conference

<http://www.fao.org/biotech/abdc/conference-home/en/>

2010

2nd Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Marine Natural Products (II EMCMPNP) Cairo, EGYPT

January 11-14, 2010

International conference on Management of Soil and Groundwater Salinization in Arid Regions, Muscat, Oman

January 14-16, 2010

2nd International Seminar on Medicinal Plants, Lahore, Pakistan

January 18-21, 2010

The Third World Future Energy Summit (WFES) Abu Dhabi, UAE

<http://www.worldfutureenergysummit.com/home.aspx>

January 18-21, 2010

Soil, Crop Production, Horticulture, and Weed Sciences Combined Congress

www.combinedcongress.org.za (From IUSS Alert 54)

January 19-21, 2009

13th Annual International Conference and Exhibition on Geospatial Information Technology and Applications
Map India 2010. Contact Registration, Amit Roshan (registration@mapindia.org)

February 1-4, 2010

[International Conference on food security and climate change in dry areas](#)

Date: 1-4 Feb. 2010, Location: Amman, Jordan

February 1-5, 2010

Sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity <<http://www.trondheimconference.org>>

February 3-7, 2010

Conference on Organic Agriculture and the Scope of Environmental Problems, 3-7 February 2010, Famagusta, Cyprus. For more information see: <http://organic.emccinstitute.org/>.

February 7-10, 2010

4th International Conference on Plants & Environmental Pollution (ICPEP-4), Lucknow, India, From Yash Kalra
ykalra@nrcan.gc.ca

February 8-11, 2010

SMRLO'10 - The International Symposium on STOCHASTIC MODELS in RELIABILITY ENGINEERING, LIFE SCIENCES and OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT, February 8-11, 2010, Beer Sheva, Israel
Email: SMRLO10@sce.ac.il Site: <http://info.sce.ac.il/i/smrlo10>

February 16-20, 2010



EC10
February 16-20, 2010

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-Misty Scharff, CPESC
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Download the registration book [here](#) (10 MB .pdf)

Download the registration form [here](#) (492 KB .pdf)

Don't wait! Fall is the best time to register and secure your seat in the full-day courses with the earlybird pricing. The early registration deadline is December 4th.

You may also register online using IECA's secure online registration. View courses, technical sessions, field tours and special events now.

FIELD TOURS

Continue your journey of discovery by participating in one of 3 new field tours available to attendees. Follow the links below for more detailed descriptions and times.

Wednesday, February 17th

- * TRWD: Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD)
- * Wetland: East Fork Raw Water Supply Project

Thursday, February 18th

- * FRTW: Water Quality in the Elm Fork of the Trinity River

SPECIAL EVENTS AT EC10

Looking for some fun while visiting the "Lone Star State". EC10 has no shortage activities to keep you entertained. Here are some of the activities you can elect to do while in Dallas:

- * Wednesday Awards Luncheon

- * Expo Grand Opening Celebration
 - * Sixth Floor Museum Tour
 - * Cowboy Stadium Tour
 - * Friday Afternoon Golf Tournament (Details Coming Soon!)
- Cowboys Stadium (Photo: Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau)

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Watershed Technology Conference <http://www.watershedtech.org/introduction.htm>

March 2-4, 2009

Ecobuild *Earls Court, London, UK* <http://www.ecobuild.co.uk/>

March 8-10, 2010

International conference on renewable energy: generation and applications

Date: 8-10 March 2010, Location: Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

March 8-11, 2010

International Conference on Agribiotech in Uganda <http://www.scifode.org>

March 8-12, 2010

Agbiosafeseed 2010 For more information and inquiries visit <http://www.scifode.org/> or email scifode@scientist.com

March 15-20, 2010

2nd International conference on biological and environmental sciences Location: Mansoura, Egypt

March 17-20, 2010

The Division 3 - **Soil Use and Management of the International Union of Soil Science (IUSS)** is performing an '**International Conference on Soil Fertility and Soil Productivity, Two Features to be Distinguished - Differences of Efficiency of Soils for Land Uses, Expenditures and Returns**'.

The address of the home page of the conference is <http://www.uni-due.de//soil-fertility-productivity2010/index.shtml>, contact soil-fertility-productivity2010@uni-due.de

March 22-26, 2010

Africa Rice Congress 2010 With the theme "**Innovation and partnerships to realize Africa's rice potential**", Bamako, Mali. www.africaricecenter.org/africaricecongress2010/index.html

March 23-26, 2010

Fifth International Workshop on "**Geographical Analysis, Urban Modeling, Spatial Statistics**"

GEOG-AN-MOD 10 http://www.unibas.it/utenti/murgante/geog_an_mod_10/index.html in conjunction with The 2010 International Conference on Computational Science and its Applications (ICCSA 2010), Kyushu Sangyo University, Fukuoka, Japan <http://www.iccsa.org/>

March 23-27, 2010



13th Soil Science Congress Date: 24-27 March, 2010 Location: Faisalabad, Pakistan

March 24, 2010

Agriculture 2.0 conference, 24 March 2010, Palo Alto, California, USA <http://www.newseedadvisors.com/>

March 25-27, 2010

[14th international water technology conference](#) Date: March 25-27, 2010, Location: Cairo - Egypt

March 29-31, 2010

Ecotrons and Lysimeters Congress: key tools for studying terrestrial ecosystem responses to global change, to pollutants, and the ecological engineering – Nancy, www.ecotron2010.org

Contact Jean-Louis Morel Jean-Louis.Morel@ensaia.inpl-nancy.fr

April 7-9, 2010

3rd International Conference on Problematic Soils, Adelaide, Australia

Contact: cipremie@singnet.com.sg, Website: www.cipremier.com

Keynote papers include:

- Prof Barry Lehane, University of Western Australia, and Dr Conleth O'Loughlin (Ireland),
on "*Engineering in Peat*"
- Prof Abdel-Mohsen Onsy Mohamed, UAE University (UAE)
on "*Sulfur-based Treatment of Collapsible Soils*"
- Dr David Toll, University of Durham, United Kingdom
on "*Engineering Behaviour of Unsaturated Structured Soils*"
- Dr Sai Vanapalli, University of Ottawa, Canada
on "*Bearing Capacity of Unsaturated Soils*"

April 12-16, 2010

International Conference on Balanced Nutrient Management for Tropical Agriculture, Pahang, Malaysia

12-16th April 2010. Balanced plant nutrition is an integrated approach to meet the nutritional needs of the crop throughout its life cycle. In the current scenario of high input costs for agriculture production, issues on methods of achieving balance between the nutrient requirements of plants and the nutrients reserves in soils for maintaining high yields and soil fertility, preventing environmental contamination and degradation and sustaining agricultural production over the long term will have to be discussed. Thus this conference will be a platform for interested stakeholders to present their latest R&D findings, innovations and ideas on issues on balanced nutrients for tropical agriculture. This agenda will encompass issues on sustainable nutrient management for crop production, environmental management and socio-economic issues. The deadline for Abstracts submission is 31st October. For submission and more information, see www.msss.com.my (From IUSS Alert 54)

April 15-16, 2010

International Workshop on Quantitative Soil Spectroscopy, www.eufar.net

April 20-25, 2010

5th International Symposium on Gully Erosion, Lublin, Poland. Contact Wojciech Zglobicki at zglobek@hector.umcs.lublin.pl, <http://gis.umcs.lublin.pl/gullyerosion2010/>

LandCon 1004a Meeting

April 26-30, 2010

***Interpraevent Conference in the Pacific Rim [A LANDCON 1004 Meeting]**

Important Dates

- Deadline for submission of abstract **30 April 2009**
- Notification of abstract acceptance **31 May 2009**
- Deadline for submission of full-paper manuscript **31 October 2009**
- Notification of paper acceptance **30 November 2009**
- End of early registration **15 January 2010**
- Finalized technical program **15 February 2010**
- Symposium **26 April 2010**

Participants are invited to submit abstracts on INTERPRAEVZENT 2010 themes by April 30, 2009. One page abstracts shall summarize in *English* -the language of the conference- the major unpublished contents of the paper and include name, title, keywords, affiliation of authors as well as the complete address (including fax and e-mail) of the first one. Abstracts should be submitted to here (<http://congress.interpraevent.at/index.php>) by Microsoft WORD files (*.doc). If you have any questions, please send your inquiry to INTERPRAEVENT2010@gmail.com. All



contributions will be reviewed by the Local and International Committees. Acceptance will be notified by the end of May 2009.

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April 26-29, 2010

The second Biotech World Conference Date: April 26-29, 2010, Location: Oran, Algeria

April 28-29, 2010

[Water & Environment 2010: CIWEM's Annual Conference](http://www.ciwem.org/events/annual_conference/) London United Kingdom
http://www.ciwem.org/events/annual_conference/

April 28-29, 2010

PCLG International Symposium. Contact pclg@iied.org.

LandCon 1004b Meeting

April 28–29, 2010

*6th National Seminar on Watershed Management and
4th National Seminar on Soil Erosion and Sediment, Noor, Iran, April 28–29, 2010

Venue: The seminars will be held in beautiful coastal city of Noor located just 150m from the largest inland water body of Caspian Sea in College of Natural Resources and Marine Sciences, Tarbiat Modares University, Noor, Iran. The city is bordered by unique Hyrcunian forest in south. It is also directed to Tehran by a 200km road. The nearest airports (Nowshahr and Sari) are located around 45 and 130km far from Noor.

Purpose: The purpose of these seminars is professional development through the presentation of high quality scientifically technical and experience based papers. These seminars provide platform for learning, discussion, and interaction among natural resources professionals from the entire country. Through these seminars watershed Management Engineering Department of Tarbiat Modares University (WME) and Watershed Management Society of Iran offer some workshops for professional engineers and operators as well.

6th National Seminar on Watershed Management

Topics

Management & Productivity in Watershed Management
Ecologic Balance, Land use Planning and Biodiversity
Management of Water Supply, Harvesting, Distribution, Consumption & Recycling
Ecosystem Balance & Socio-Economic Development

4th National Seminar on Soil Erosion and Sediment

Topics

Soil erosion, sediment yield & watershed ecological equilibrium
Concept & process of soil erosion
Concept & process of sediment yield and routing
Soil erosion & sediment inside and outside effects and results

Revised paper submission deadline: 1 March 2010; Registration deadline: 13 March 2010

Chair of Technical Program Committee

Dr. S.H.R. Sadeghi, WME Head and Associate Professor

For further information, kindly contact through Department of Watershed Management Engineering, College of Natural Resources and Marine Sciences, Tarbiat Modares University, Noor 46417-76489, Mazandaran Province, Iran, Tel.:+98 122 6253101-3 and Fax: +98 122 6253499, e-mails: wmconf6@gmail.com, seconf4@gmail.com

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May 2-7, 2010

The European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2010 will be held in Vienna, Austria, 02 - 07 May. In view of the congress, we would like to draw your attention to session NH3.10 - an integrated part of the section Natural Hazards - entitled: **Hydrological, hydraulic, and mechanical effects of plants for slope stability.**

Deadline for Receipt of Abstracts: 18 January 2010

<http://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU2010/sessionprogramme>

May 2-7, 2010

EGU Session on Rainfall simulation as a tool for soil erosion and soil hydrology studies. Convener: Artemi Cerdá, co-Conveners: Peter Fiener, Xinping Wang, Rob Loch, Lee MacDonald, Fred Pierson, EGU 2010.

<http://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU2010/session/2493> (from IUSS Alert 56)



May 3-5, 2010

4th MEDITERRANEAN MEETING ON NO TILLAGE, Setif, Algeria, May 3-5, 2010

* Registration form to complete and mail it with a summary of your contribution to ATU_PAM: atu.pam@gmail.com

May 5-10, 2010 (May change due to the earthquake on Jan 12, 2010)

*Conference on "Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity", organized by the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), Port au Prince, Haiti. Contact Eric Roose roose@mpl.ird.fr,

<http://www.chercheurs.auf.org>, <http://www.mpl.ird.fr/SeqBio>

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Colloque international

sur le thème

**Effets des techniques antiérosives sur la productivité des terres tropicales
et la protection contre les cyclones et les pluies exceptionnelles**

Port-au-Prince (Haïti), 5-10 may 2010

**Avis officiel d'acceptation du projet de communication, de demande de inancement
et de nouvelles dates de référence**

Ce colloque est organisé par le réseau de chercheurs
Erosion et gestion conservatoire des eaux et des sols (EGCES)
de l'Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)

Avec le soutien de :

**Université d'Etat d'Haïti
Université de Quisqueya
Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD)
SCAC de l'Ambassade de France en Haïti**

Montpellier, le 20 septembre 2009

Le comité scientifique du colloque a le plaisir de vous annoncer que votre projet de communication au colloque de Haïti a été accepté moyennant quelques améliorations.

Nous attirons cependant votre attention sur la décision prise par le comité d'organisation du colloque de repousser au début mars 2010 la tenue de ce colloque pour des raisons indépendantes de notre volonté (fonds promis pas disponibles, autres réunions sur l'érosion et risques aléatoires de grippe A et de pluies cycloniques en octobre).

Pour toutes ces raisons, nous avons cru plus sage de repousser la date du colloque du 1^{er} au 5 mars 2010 ainsi que la date limite d'envoi des communications au 1^{er} décembre 2009.

Vu le report du colloque, nous vous demandons de renvoyer le texte définitif amélioré, avec photos en couleur avant le 1^{er} décembre, pour nous permettre de le publier sur CDROM qui vous sera remis au cours du colloque, avec les résumés et le programme définitif

☞ 1^{er} décembre 2009 : Date limite de réception des textes complets (maximum 12 pages, police Arial, taille 12, simple interligne, 2.5 cm de marges, figures, tableaux et bibliographie, tout compris, prêt pour mise en ligne sur internet).

Malheureusement, le comité d'organisation n'a pu réunir assez de fonds pour vous prendre tous en charge. Nous vous demandons par conséquent de prendre contact avec vos projets, unités de recherche, ONG, ministères et agences de coopération de diverses nationalités et de rechercher les fonds indispensables à votre participation souhaitée à ce colloque important car c'est le premier qui lie la lutte antiérosive au développement durable, à la lutte contre la pauvreté, la famine, les inondations et les conséquences des pluies cycloniques ou exceptionnelles.

Nous demandons aux instances concernées par le développement durable en régions tropicales, de s'intéresser à l'analyse qui sera faite sur l'efficacité des techniques de lutte antiérosive en tant que moyen pour améliorer la productivité des sols dégradés et en même temps protéger au mieux des inondations et autres dégradations spectaculaires causées par les pluies cycloniques, plus fréquentes avec le réchauffement climatique.

D'avance nous vous remercions de votre compréhension et de votre coopération pour mener à bien la réalisation de ce colloque où devraient s'échanger les idées et réalisations de lutte antiérosive et de réhabilitation des sols sur l'ensemble des zones tropicales.

. Khalef BOULKROUNE, gestionnaire du groupe de réseaux gestion durable AUF

. Eric ROOSE, coordinateur du Réseau Erosion et GCES de l'AUF

. Hervé DUCHAUFOR, coordinateur du comité d'organisation du colloque

Pour toute information sur le colloque, connectez-vous à l'un des sites :

www.auf.org, www.egces.auf.org

Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity
Proposal of conference to be organized by the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) in Haiti

Introduction

Many Latin American countries have encountered a whole of circumstances having led to the degradation of their natural environment. They are mountain environments where most populations live on insecure lands, usually lacking subsistence products. The difficulties of these areas include an increasing degradation of natural resources and forest systems, the erosion and the degradation of soil productivity, the pollution that, sometimes, lead to dramatic consequences on the biodiversity, the food quality and the economy, eventually leading to social imbalance.

Moreover, the increasing frequency of cyclones (perhaps in relation to the global warming) has caused the extreme impoverishment of the rural and urban populations. One can wonder whether the many projects of anti-erosive fight, which were financed in the Caribbean and other tropical areas, finally succeeded in preserving the quality of water and improving the productivity of the cultivated lands.

But the soil conservation is not only one technical problem: the human environment, which will profit from SWC managements, is directly concerned. The socio-economic and cultural aspects of the erosion problems will orient the choice of the solutions, acceptability by the populations, and sustainability of the farmlands.

To find acceptable solutions, these problems require interdisciplinary integrated studies covering various scales: terrains undergoing erosion, through the basin slopes to the ocean shores where the pollutants are concentrated, as well as cities and places of interest.

The case of Haiti, but also of other islands of the Caribbean, seems very eloquent to us: the uprooting of trees for the production of food and charcoal has accelerated degradation of the soil fertility, gulying of the slopes and water pollution that will flood the inhabited plains and will pollute marine bays.

We propose to organize an international conference on this complex topic about the influence of erosion and anti-erosive fight on the restoration of the soil productivity. Haiti, a tropical insular French-speaking environment, is the location we have chosen for this event. This first advertisement aims at informing the teams of researchers, professors and experts that would be interested to take part in an average-sized conference (50 to 150 participants).

Place

The place is Port au Prince, where university researchers and ministries concerned, are concentrated. The researchers of countries close to Latin America, Europe and North America can easily reach the local

international airport. In addition, there are researchers motivated in attending this conference, co-sponsored by the AUF, the IRD, the universities and the international co-operation: new AUF buildings in Pétienville gather the ideal conditions for this event.

Languages of the conference: French is the main language, but we remain open to the English- and Spanish-speaking specialists (although a systematic simultaneous translation is not planned). We are making efforts so that the supports of conferences will be presented in French language.

Topics especially concerned: “impact of the soil and water conservation management on the durable food”

T1. Effectiveness of the anti-erosive fight on the restoration of the soil productivity. Correction and valorization of the gullies, assessment of the LAE projects in the last 50 years: analysis and prospects.

T2. Influence of the anti-erosive fight (farming techniques, anti-erosive structures and afforestation) on the water dynamics of the terrains on the basin slopes. Hydrological operation of the basin slopes. Characterization of the cyclones (frequency, height and intensity of the rains) and necessary adaptation of the techniques of SWC. Storage and recycling of the streaming: analysis of the valorization of surface water running through ditches, benches, terraces, gully thresholds, cisterns and hill lakes.

T3. Agronomic aspects of the soil and water conservation management: management of the biomass, litter use on the surface, organic and mineral fertilization, rotations and combined crops and direct drilling under litter. Agriculture-breeding association: positive and negative influences of the systems and the breeding procedures.

T4. Role of the trees in the soil and water conservation management according to the assessment of regional hydric resources: reforestation of the abrupt slopes, agroforestry, agro-orchards, fodder production, selection of indigenous or introduced species.

T5. Spatialization of the risks of the various types of erosion (GIS2, indicators, simulation): validation of the models starting from soil measurements.

T6. Socio-economic aspects of the LAE: contributions of the soil and water conservation management to the rural economy of the basin slopes, cost of erosion and the various anti-erosive techniques, development opportunities, subsidy policy and various encouragements, influence of the land pressure and the value mode on the acceptability of the LAE techniques.

Planning, participation and valorization of farmlands.

Other topics (LAE in urban environment, spatialization of erosion/flood risks, LAE cultural aspects, LAE traditional techniques, water erosion and pollution) that could appear from the analysis of the summaries suggested or the problems specific to the Caribbean.

Structure of the conference

Each topic will have one half-day to expose a synthesis (invitation of an expert, 40 min) and 6 exposed oral examinations of (20 min) and posters (4-day exhibition). On the whole, not more than 4 days including a short official reception and a synthesis of the recommendations presented by the coordinators and rapporteurs of each session. Each session should be done in series, with one-day in situ field visits (with two excursions at choice) in the middle of the conference.

Posters, coffee breaks and lunch should allow meetings and discussions between researchers, experts and financial agents.

Agenda (Planning and Schedule)

- * March 3, sending of the notice of meeting and creation of an internet site.
- * May 15, deadline for reception of one-page topic summaries.
- * May 30, selection of syntheses, oral expositions and posters by the topic commissions.

Preliminary program on the internet site.

- * Before June 15, sending by email (eric.roose@mpl.ird.fr) of the final texts (<12 pages in Arial format, 12, single space, 2.5 cm of margins, figures, tables and bibliography, all included and ready for Internet.) These texts are to be sent as soon as possible;

- * Before July 15, correction by a reading panel of each discipline and preparation of a CD-ROM to be distributed during the conference.
- * October 1, publication of a booklet of the summaries, syntheses and program.
- * The follow-up committee of the AUF's E-GCES network will hold a meeting during the conference. December 2009, selection of the best communications in order to prepare a scientific work on the question posed (AUF), or proposal of the best articles for an international bulletin (Journal of agronomy or drought, or bulletin on development and environment.)

Publications

- * Program booklet, summaries and syntheses distributed during the conference;
- * CD-ROM = the complete texts constitute the conference minutes;
- * Publication of the complete, selected and corrected texts on Internet;
- * Publication of a scientific work including a selection of the best communications with an introduction to each topic. IRD and AUF editions;
- * Individual or ensemble publication of the best communications in the specialized French-speaking magazines (AUF, Matériaux et environnement) or English-speaking ones.

Scientific committee

- Dr. Eric Roose, Dr. Georges De Noni, of the follow-up committee, Khalef Boulkroune of the AUF, Dr. Christian Valentin, Dr. Jean Albergel, Dr Alain Laraque, Jean Marie Fotsing, Michel Brochet, Chris Reij., M. Stocking, F. Shaxson,
- National scientific Committee: Evens Emanuel, representatives of Haitian and Caribbean Universities (UEH, Quisqueya, UNDH.)
- Representatives of the research institutes concerned (IRD, CIRAD3, INRA4, CNRS5, etc.)
- International French-speaking experts, ... others to be specified...???

Steering Committee: Sponsored by three Caribbean universities

- Khalef Boulkroune (AUF), will ensure the management of costs and travel expenses;
- Eric Roose of the network E-GCES / AUF, will supervise the development of the event from Montpellier;
- Hervé Duchaufour, secretary of the steering committee, will lead the event in Haïti;
- Regional representative AUF in Haïti ;
- Representatives of the Haitian and other Caribbean universities concerned;
- IRD representatives and other local institutes ..., non-governmental organizations (NGOs), to be specified...
- Representatives of the structures financing LAE projects in the Caribbean.
- Bernard Smolikowski, French Embassy, cooperation section
- Paul Vermande, coordinator of the AUF Network <Developpement Durable et Environnement>

May 17-19, 2010

International Conference on Soil Classification and Reclamation of Degraded Lands in Arid Environments and Launching of Abu Dhabi Soil Survey Report, Abu Dhabi, UAE,

www.ead.ae/en/events/conference.on.soil.clasification.aspx (From IUSS Alert 55)

May 18-22, 2010

7th International Symposium Agro Environ "**Strategies and policies for a sustainable use and management of agricultural soils for its local and global impacts**", Cancun, Mexico. Contact José L. Oropeza-Mota oropeza@colpos.mx

May 24-26, 2010

4th Global Workshop on Digital Soil Mapping <http://2010.digitalsoilmapping.org/>, chiara.piccini@entecra.it

LandCon 1005 Meeting

First international conference of soil and roots engineering relationship (LANDCON1005)

Ardebil, Iran 24-26 May 2010

This conference is the first in the series of LANDCON on soil and roots engineering relationship. The aim of this meeting is to bring together scientific researchers, practitioners, geotechnical and civil engineers, biologists, ecologists, rangeland managers and foresters to discuss current problems in soil and root engineering relationship. Papers will be presented orals and posters on Mechanics of Roots, wind loading on roots system, slope instability, soil erosion with water and wind, soil hydrology, mountain plants ecology, land use planning, Modeling root reinforcement, Failure criteria of roots, Root and soil interaction, catchments management, Ground bio- engineering, Eco-engineering and modeling of root reinforcement.

We hope that you will be able to join us at this meeting to be held in mountain part of Ardebil Province- Iran.

Deadlines:
Abstract submission:
Nov. 15, 2009. Please send to:
landcon.ir.abstract@gmail.com

Acceptance of abstract:
Jan. 22, 2010.

Full paper submission:
March 15, 2010.

Subject Areas:

- Avalanches bio- engineering
- Biological richness
- Catchment's management with Plant
- Coastline protection with plants
- Debris flow bio- engineering
- Disaster management on soil debris
- Disturbance ecology
- Effect of grazing on Vegetation diversity
- Effect of human intervention on root-soil interaction
- Effect of silviculture on root-soil interaction
- Effect of wind throw on soil stress
- Effects of wind loading on Roots
- Evapotranspiration
- Failure criteria of roots
- Flow mitigation with plants
- Forest Soil Environment
- Forests and Water Interactions
- High-altitude plant ecosystems
- Influence of climate change on vegetation
- Landslides bio- engineering
- Legislation for soil bio-engineering
- Mechanics of Roots under wind loading
- Modeling root reinforcement
- Mountain biodiversity
- Plant establishment
- Plant growth versus engineering
- Plant management
- Planting cuttings on embankments
- Riparian Plants
- Risk management with GIS

- Riverbank protection with plants
- Rockfall bio- engineering
- Root anchorage
- Root and soil ecology
- Root and soil interaction
- Root and soil interface
- Root architecture
- Root density
- Root effect on soil cohesion
- Root growth
- Root morphology
- Root reinforcement
- Root strength
- Run-off protection with plants
- Short and long-term measures on soil debris
- Slope degradation
- Slope hydrology
- Slope stability modeling
- Soil bio-engineering techniques
- Soil fixing techniques
- Soil loss protection with plants root
- Soil moisture relations and vegetation
- Soil nailing
- Soil protective techniques
- Soil sealing with plant roots
- Species selection for soil protection
- Torrent control with plants
- Unsaturated strength of soil
- Vegetation ecology
- Vegetation structural diversity
- Wind erosion and conservation with plant

The official language for the conference is English.

contact: 25, Shahid Yosri St., Ardebil, Iran- Postal Code:56197-45344

Tel: +98-451-2230505 Fax:+98-451-3337023 We look forward to seeing you in May 2010!

Supporting Institutions:





WASWC provides Guest membership to all participants for one year.

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May 24-29, 2010

Missouri University of Science and Technology will host a **Fifth International Conference on Recent Advances in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics** in San Diego, CA, May 24-29, 2010. <http://5geoeqconf2010.mst.edu/>, prakash@mst.edu, geoeqconf2010@mst.edu

May 25-27, 2010

2nd International Conference **FRIAR 2010** on Flood Recovery, Innovation and Response, Organiser:

University & Polytechnic of Milan, Wessex Institute of Technology and University of Wolverhampton, UK.
Venue: **Milan, Italy** www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences

May 25-29, 2010

Fourth International Scientific Conference BALWOIS 2010

Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia – 25-29 May 2010 (www.balwois.com/2010)

http://balwois.com/2010/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=52&Itemid=54

BALWOIS Secretariat, secretariat@balwois.com or morell@ird.fr

May 26-28, 2010

International Soil Science Congress on Management of Natural Resources to Sustain Soil Health and Quality Samsun, Turkey soil2010@omu.edu.tr; <http://soil2010.omu.edu.tr>

May 26-28, 2010

3rd International Conference DEBRIS FLOW 2010, Organiser: University of Milan, Italy and the Wessex Institute of Technology, UK. Venue: Milan, Italy. www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences

June 2010

I work as an ergonomist at the French Research Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Food (INRA). I undertake research on **innovation and design in agriculture**. Concerning this topic, a **workshop will be held in June in the Netherlands, gathering social and human scientists** (sociology, economy, ergonomics and philosophy mainly) **to exchange about changes that occur in the primary industry according to sustainable development issues and their consequences for design and innovation systems and practices**.

Thank you in advance for your support in spreading this information in the International Community of Agricultural Ergonomists. Marianne Cerf, cerf@agroparistech.fr

June 8-10, 2010

Risks in Agriculture Conference, Estonia. Contact edvin.nugis@eria.ee

June 21- 22, 2010

Second Open Source GIS UK Conference, Centre for Geospatial Science, University of Nottingham Website:

http://cgs.nottingham.ac.uk/~osgis10/os_home.html

http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/cgs/cgs_suchith_anand.html

<http://www.opensourcegis.org.uk/>; <http://ica-opensource.scg.ulaval.ca/>

June 21-24, 2010

APPLYING REMOTE SENSING AND GIS in DISASTER MANAGEMENT

YOGYAKARTA, INDONESIA, 21-24 JUNE, 2010, organized by University of Gadjah Mada in cooperation with GISDECO, EARSeL and ITC - UNU-DGIM <http://www.itc.nl/gisdeco/>

June 23-25, 2010

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

10th International Precipitation Conference

23-25 June 2010, Coimbra, Portugal

We would like to encourage you to submit an abstract to the 10th International Precipitation Conference, which will be held in Coimbra (Portugal), from 23 to 25 June 2010.

Abstracts due: 1 March 2010

For information and abstract submittal go to <http://www.ci.uc.pt/imar/ipc10/>

Special theme of the conference: **Space time precipitation from urban scale to global change**

The conference will be organized in the following topical sessions:

1. Precipitation prediction on scales ranging from real-time to climate
2. Extreme precipitation events: physics and statistics based description

3. Trends in precipitation time-series
4. Instrumentation and novel precipitation observing systems
5. Variability of precipitation over wide range of space-time scales
6. Hydrologic and water resources needs: research and engineering applications
7. Research needs and challenges

Come and participate in this conference dedicated to promoting interdisciplinary discussions of the present state of knowledge in research and applications related to precipitation.

For more information, please contact the IPC10 (ipc10@dec.uc.pt).

We would appreciate if you could disseminate this information among your contacts.

João de Lima
Witold Krajewski
Isabel de Lima

Conveners

10th International Precipitation Conference IPC-10
IMAR/Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Science and Technology
Campus II, University of Coimbra, 3030-788 Coimbra, Portugal

June 28-July 1, 2010

International symposium on Innovation and Sustainable Development in Agriculture and Food, 28 June - 1 July 2010, Montpellier, France <http://www.isda2010.net/>.

June 28-July 2, 2010

The deadline for abstract submissions for ESA's **Living Planet Symposium**, http://www.esa.int/esaEO/SEMCNO5RN1G_index_0.html

June 28-July 2, 2010

International Conference: 18th Commonwealth Forestry Conference

Edinburgh, Scotland. Some financial support is available for developing country participants, with details on how to apply for support [here](#). For more information about the event, [click here](#).

June 29-July 1, 2010

Call for Abstracts: **2010 International Climate Change Adaptation**, Queensland, Australia, 29 June – Submission deadline: 18 January 2010. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

July 3-7, 2010

24th **International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB)** <<http://www.conbio.org/2010>>:

July 4-7, 2010

The 9th European IFSA Symposium: 4-7 July 2010 in Vienna! **Building sustainable rural futures - The added value of systems approaches in times of change and uncertainty**. The following five themes give an overview of the issues that will be addressed at the 9th European IFSA Symposium: 1. Knowledge Systems, learning and collective action; 2. Transition, resilience, and adaptive management; 3. Energy production, CO2 sink and climate change; 4. Sustainable food systems; 5. Landscape and rural land use

July 5-9, 2010

AOGS 2010 will be held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre, India, on July 5-9, 2010.

<http://www.asiaoceania.org/aogs2010/index.asp>

<http://www.asiaoceania.org/aogs2010/public.asp?page=sessionProposal.htm>

July 21-23, 2010



• [Flyer_Symposium_Hanoi_2010.pdf](#)

International Symposium "Sustainable Land Use and Rural Development in Mountainous Regions of Southeast Asia", 21-23 July 2010 in Hanoi, Vietnam, Organized by "The Uplands Program", Hohenheim University and Hanoi University of Agriculture

The conference would like to invite scholars and practitioners to share their research results and experience in the fields of resources management, poverty reduction and innovation development/adoption in mountain regions. Please find the call for papers attached.

We would be grateful if you could forward this call on to interested colleagues.

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August 1-6, 2010

AN INVITATION TO THE **19TH WORLD CONGRESS OF SOIL SCIENCE** <http://www.ccm.com.au/soil/>, www.19wcss.org.au. On behalf of Officers of the International Union of Soil Science, we are delighted to extend our personal invitation to you to join us in Brisbane, Australia for the 19th World Congress of Soil Science to be held 1-6 August 2010 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The conference theme "Soil Solutions for a Changing World" provides a tremendous opportunity for a broad range of presentations – we urge you to share your research, experiences and knowledge with members in Brisbane.

We are very proud to be associated with an outstanding group of professionals who have gathered to form the steering committee for the 19th World Congress, led jointly by Professor Steve Raine and Mr Mike Grundy. Won't you join us and colleagues from throughout the world in what promises to be an outstanding gathering of the Soil Science community.

Roger Swift, President, International Union of Soil Sciences

Neal Menzies, Vice-President, International Union of Soil Sciences

It is our privilege and pleasure, on behalf of the Australian Society of Soil Science Inc., to introduce the 19th World Congress of Soil Science to be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 to 6 August 2010. The Congress, held every four years, presents a global forum at which all those involved in Soil Science can meet with scientists, researchers, academics and professionals to discuss and find Soil Solutions for a Changing World. While you are here we would encourage you and your family to take the time to experience the best of what Queensland has to offer. Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, is a modern, sophisticated city of more than 1.6 million people. Queenslanders enjoy a safe and friendly lifestyle and you will appreciate the reasons why our state is a great place to live, a great place to do business and a great place to visit.

Our Conference Committee is a totally committed group of professionals who are hard at work to present an outstanding conference. We look forward to welcoming you in 2010 to what we are confident will be the best ever World Congress of Soil Science.

Steve Raine, Co-Chair, 19th World Congress of Soil Science

Mike Grundy, Co-Chair, 19th World Congress of Soil Science

August 2-4, 2010

Qualitative GIS: emerging issues and possible futures

WISERD, Cardiff University, Glamorgan Building, King Edward VII Avenue, Cardiff, CF10 3WT
wiserd@cardiff.ac.uk (Tel: +44 (0) 2920 87484) (Fax: +44 (0) 2920 874520)

August 2-3, 4-6, 2010

2010 International SWAT Conference to be held in Ilsan, South Korea, in the period 2-6 August 2010.

<http://www.swat-k.re.kr>; <http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat>

DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF THE SWAT MODEL

The Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) is a public domain model jointly developed by USDA Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) and Texas AgriLife Research, part of The Texas A&M University System. SWAT is a river basin-scale model to simulate the quality and quantity of surface and ground water and predict the environmental impact of land management practices on different soil patterns and land use patterns. SWAT is widely used in assessing soil erosion prevention and control, non-point source pollution control and regional management in watersheds. In cooperation with Korea Institute of Construction Technology (KICT), Sustainable Water Resources Research Center (SWRRC), USDA-ARS and TAMUS, the SWAT International Conference will be at the KINTEX at Ilsan, Korea on August 2-6, 2010.

CONFERENCE VENUE: The conference will be at the KINTEX, Ilsan, KOREA

Workshops will be at the multipurpose hall, KICT (in front of KINTEX)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference Proceedings will be published.

• Deadline for abstract submission: April 30, 2010

• Deadline for paper submission: June 30, 2010

Upload abstracts to the conference Website: <http://www.swat-k.re.kr>

ACCOMMODATIONS: For Hotel information visit the Conference Website.

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Workshop Registration, August 2-3, 2010

The workshop registration fee includes workshop materials, lunch and coffee breaks.

Workshops include: Participants Students

Introductory SWAT US\$300 US\$200

Advanced SWAT US\$300 US\$200

How to Register: A limited number of seats are available and workshops will be held concurrently. Register online or obtain a registration form at: <http://www.swat-k.re.kr>; <http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat>

Conference Registration, August 4-6, 2010

The conference registration fee includes conference materials, coffee breaks, lunch and a social dinner. Early Registration for participants, US\$300, and for students, US\$100. Registration must be received on or before May 31, 2010. Registrations received after May 31, 2010 for participants is US\$350 and for students is US\$150.

How to Register

Register online or obtain a registration form at: <http://www.swat-k.re.kr>, <http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat>

Cancellation Policy: Participants who cancel by June 20, 2010 will receive 100 % of registration fee. No refunds for cancellations after June 20, 2010.

What to Expect

- SWAT development and application
- Large scale assessment
- Landscape processes
- In-stream
- GIS interfaces and databases
- Climate change
- New developments
- Auto-calibration and uncertainty analysis

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Dr. Nam-Won Kim, Korea Institute of Construction Technology Water Resources Research Division
nwkim@kict.re.kr. Conference Website: <http://www.swat-k.re.kr>; <http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat>

August 23-28, 2010

23rd IUFRO World Congress, Seoul, Korea, 23-28 August 2010 [click here](#).

August 31-September 3, 2010

15th WORLD FERTILIZER CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CENTRE FOR FERTILIZERS (CIEC) www.icpa.ro/ciec, ciec@icpa.ro;

NOTE: Proceedings of the 14th World Fertilizer Congress of the International Scientific Centre of Fertilizer, Chiang Mai, Thailand, January 22-27, 2006

The proceedings, titled "Fertilizers and Fertilizations: Stewardship for Food Security, Food Quality, Environment and Nature Conservation," edited by S. Haneklaus, Ch. Hera, G. Hofman, T. Nemeth, R-M Rietz, P. Limtong and E. Schnug (744 pp.) is now available from Pitayakon Limtong pitaya@ldd.go.th, pitaya@asiaaccess.net.th of the Land Development Department in Bangkok, Thailand at 1,500 Thai Baht (~USD43) per copy.



September 6-8, 2010

AgEng2010 – International Conference on Agricultural Engineering "Towards Environmental Technologies", Venue: Clermont-Ferrand, France, Organiser: Cemagref, SitmaAFGR, AFEID, www.ageng2010.org, info@ageng2010.fr Deadline for Submission of abstracts on-line via AgEng2010 CF website: December 15, 2009 (short time extension is possible, please write to info@ageng2010.fr)

International Conference on Agricultural Engineering **AgEng 2010 CF** Towards Environmental Technologies



September 6-8, 2010

The Third IASTED African Conference on Water Resource Management (AfricaWRM 2010), SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, September 6-8, 2010, Gaborone, Botswana. Contact calgary@iasted.org.

September 8-29, 2010

Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the **Convention on Biological Diversity - CBD COP 10** <http://www.cbd.int/meetings>:

September 10-11, 2010

Croatia Branch Plans Conference on Soil Tillage

The Organizing Committee of the Croatia Soil Tillage Research Organization – CROSTRO and International Soil Tillage Research Organization – ISTRO, invites all ISTRO members and other interested persons to an

international scientific conference entitled “Soil Tillage, An Open Approach” in Osijek, Republic of Croatia, from the 9-11 of September 2010.

September 13-15, 2010

GeoENV 2010 - the 8th International Conference on Geostatistics for Environmental Applications Ghent, Belgium. www.geoenv.ugent.be (From IUSS Alert 51)

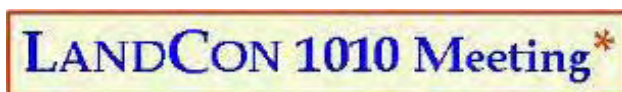
September 27-October 1, 2010

6th International phosphorus workshop. 27 Sept-1 Oct, 2010. Spain. <http://www.ipw6.us.es/> (From IUSS Alert 52)

October 8-29, 2010

Tenth meeting of the **Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity - CBD COP 10** (/E0061) 8-29 October 2010, Nagoya, Japan <http://www.cop10.jp/aichi-nagoya/english/cop/cop.html>

October 11-15, 2010



World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)

FIRST WASWC COUNCIL MEETING

(Invitation is extended to all 26 councilors from all over the world to meet for the first time in Xi'an, China)

and

International Conference on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas

The 1st Announcement

I. INVITATION

You are cordially invited to participate in the International Conference on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas (LANDCON 1010) to be held in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China from October 11th to 15th, 2010.

Land is foundation of human survives and development, but the Land degradation is intensifying in many parts of the world because of the unreasonable land use and global climate change. According to the FAO's estimation in 2008, there 1.5 billion people, or a quarter of the world's population, depend directly on land that is being degraded. Land degradation could induce the deterioration of the ecological function and productivity of land directly through soil erosion, desertification, salinization, loss of bio-diversity and so on. Furthermore, the land degradation has already threatened and is threatening the socio-economic and culture development at regional and global scales.

Fortunately, the increasing attention has been paid in combating land degradation all over world, such as the Soil and Water Conservation Engineering in the Upper and Middle Reaches of Yellow River since 1980 and “Grain for Green Project” of China ACIAR-AusAID Landcare Project in Australia, the GEF UNEP/FAO program on Land Degradation Assessment in Dryland Areas (LADA) and EU FP6 Integrated Project on Desertification Mitigation and Remediation of Land (DESIRE).

We sincerely hope that you will join us in making LANDCON 2010 a success. We look forward to welcoming you to LANDCON 2010 and Xi'an, China.

II. THEMES

Situation and evolution of land degradation Mechanism and driving factors of land degradation Control measures of land degradation Evaluation of land degradation and land management on environment Land degradation and regional social-economic sustainable development Effect of global change on land degradation And other relative topics.

III. ORGANIZATION

1 Sponsors

World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)

Soil and Water Conservation Society of China (CSWCS)

2 Organizers

Bureau of science and technology for resources and environment,

CAS Soil and Water Conservation Department, MWR

Northwest A&F University (NWAUFU) Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, CAS & MWR

State Key Laboratory of Soil Erosion and Dryland Farming on the Loess Plateau

Beijing Normal University

Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences

Major State Basic Research Development Program: Soil Erosion Processes and Their Adjusting and Controlling

Mechanisms in the Main Soil Erosion Regions of China

National Key Technology R&D Program in the 11th Five year Plan of China: Key Technology of Integrated

Measures of Soil and Water Conservation in the Loess Plateau EU FP6 Integrated Project: Desertification

Mitigation and Remediation of Land - a global approach for local solutions (DESIRE)

3 Host: Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, CAS & MWR

IV. VENUE AND DATE

Data: October 11-15, 2010 Venue: Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, P. R. China

V. SECRETARIAT

Secretariat of LANDCON 1010

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*This meeting is endorsed by WASWC and will strictly follow the Guidelines for Successful Meetings
<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>

November 5-7, 2010

Conference on Asian Borderlands – Enclosure, Interaction, and Transformation, Chiang Mai, Thailand: 5-7 November 2010. This conference draws from James C. Scott's book, *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia*, which explores the mountainous regions of the Himalayas and its lower ranges where many groups of people live across multiple national borders. It intends to encourage scholarship that looks across Asian borders, and invites papers that develop new perspectives on this study. For more information, [click here](#).

November 8-12, 2010

I am pleased to inform you that the **16th International Soil Conservation Conference (ISCO 16)**, scheduled for November 2010 in Santiago, Chile, has now established an active website with most of the information needed by potential contributors and participants. Please visit <http://www.iscochile2010.cl/> for pertinent details, and inform your associates, colleagues and ISCO friends accordingly. Expedient publicity in your organization's bulletins and newsletters will be particularly appreciated. Contact: Claudio Perez Castillo (cperez@inia.cl) and German Ruiz Cardenas (german.ruiz@sag.gob.cl)

November 25-27, 2010

Conference on Land Reform and Management of Natural Resources in Africa and Latin America, Cataluña, Spain <http://www.congresreformasagrarias.org/>.

LandCon 1012 Meeting

December 11-13, 2010

International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission Seminar
on Land Use, Biodiversity and Climate Change

Cotton logo

December, 11-13, 2010

Circular No-1

Organised by
Department of Geography, Cotton College,
Guwahati-781001, Assam, India

About the College:

Cotton College, established in 1901, has been rendering its service to the entire North East India for last 108 years and producing numerous luminaries, placed across the world today. This Post Graduate College has P.G. teaching in as many as 21 subjects in 22 departments. The college, which began only with 39 students and 5 teachers, has now more than 5000 students and 235 teachers.

The NAAC has accredited the college as Grade 'A'.

It has also been recognized as the college with Potential for Excellence (CPE) by the UGC.

About the Geography Department:

On 19th August 1959, the Department of Geography was started with Commercial Geography as one of the subjects of Pre University Course. The Department was upgraded to a Degree Department in 1961 and to Honours level in 1962. From the session 1984-85 Post Graduate course was started under Gauhati University. The Laboratory of the Department has been recognized by the Gauhati University to carry out PhD research. The Department has received the financial assistance from DST under FIST Programme.

Location and Weather:

Cotton College is located at Panbazar, 500 metres from Guwahati Railway Station and 28 km from the Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport. As it will be cool in the month of December, participants are advised to carry warm clothing.

Important Dates:

Seminar- 11th, 12th and 13th December 2010

Abstract submission- 31st August 2010

Registration (early bird)- Before 30th September 2010

Full paper submission- 31st October 2010

Theme & Sub-themes:

Land use, Biodiversity and Climate Change

Sub Themes-

- Population and land use
- Changing human values and impact on environment
- Developmental change and human health
- Biodiversity and the Himalayas
- Land use change and wetlands
- Man animal conflicts
- Urban development and land use change
- Changing land use and climate change

- Sustainable land use practices
- Geoinformatics in land use and climate change

Chairman:

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Registration Form
International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission Seminar
 on
Land Use, Biodiversity and Climate Change
December, 11-13, 2010

Name_____

(Block letters)

Status/Designation_____

Occupation/ Profession_____

Organisation/ Affiliation_____

MailingAddress_____

Telephone_____ E-mail_____

I intend to participate in the Seminar

I intend to present paper in the Seminar

I intend to take part as Student participant

I intend to join in the post Seminar Field Trip

Number of Accompanying Persons, if any_____

Registration Fee amounting Rs/\$_____ is sent by DD / Wire transfer_____ Dated _____

Title of Paper (With theme No 1/2/3/4)_____

Date_____ Signature_____

Submission of Abstract:

Papers on any of the above themes are invited for presentation. However, organizers reserve the right to reject or accept any paper and to place the paper in any Technical Session. The abstract of paper should be typed with double space in Times Roman (Font Size 12), title of the paper, name of author (s), affiliation and text not exceeding 400 words to be sent to the Convener or Organising Secretary, IGU Commission Seminar by E-mail or in CD before 31st August 2010.

Proceedings:

Proceedings of the Seminar will be published immediately after the Seminar. Authors will be informed by E-mail about the acceptance of their abstracts for presentation on or before 31st October 2010. The paper presented in the seminar only eligible for publication in the Proceedings. Format for the Full paper shall be sent to the authors with the abstract acceptance letter.

Registration Fee:

Indian and SAARC participants -Rs. 800/- only,(Early Bird, before 30th September-Rs. 600/-only). For other foreign participants \$125 only (Early Bird, before 30th September \$110 only)

Indian and SAARC student participants- Rs 500/- (Early Bird, before 30th September-Rs. 400/-only)

Accompanying Participants- For Indian and SAARC Rs. 600/- for other Foreign participants \$110 only.

Institutions & Industries- Rs 1000/- only

The registration fee should be sent to the Treasurer, IGU Commission Seminar by DD payable at Guwahati or by wire transfer.

Accommodation:

Hotel accommodation will be provided on request and payment for at least one day in advance to be sent with registration form. Hotel tariff range from Rs. 800/- onwards in semi deluxe rooms

Limited accommodation shall be provided in College Hostel and Guest Houses on first come first chance basis at a nominal rate.

Food:

Working lunch and tea between the Academic Sessions to be provided by the organizers

Field Trips: (Subject to adequate number of intending participants)

- To Kaziranga National Park on 14th & 15st December- (One night stay) inclusive of Elephant & Jeep Safari, Hotel (without food) Rs. 2500/-

- To Shillong on 14th December Rs. 1200/- (inclusive of Food)

- Brahmaputra River Cruise on 13th / 14th evening Rs. 300/- (25% of the above mentioned tariff for all the Trips shall be paid in advance with registration)

Correspondence:

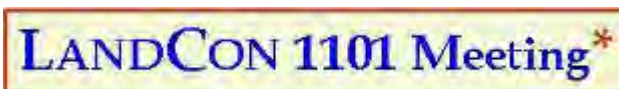
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MEETINGS 2011++

January 4-5 and 6-8, 2011



Second International SWAT-SEA Workshop and Conference

(SWAT-SEA II) January 4-8, 2011 <http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn>

Ho Chi Minh City (former Saigon), Vietnam

The Second International Conference on the Soil and Water Assessment Tool - Southeast Asia (SWAT-SEA) is scheduled to take place in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, January 4-8, 2011. SWAT-SEA 2011 is being organized by Nong Lam University – Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, USA. Additional information about the conference is available at <http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn>. This conference is supported by USAID-SANREM, the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation, USDA-ARS, Texas A&M and many other organizations.

For more information please contact:

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Dr. Manuel Reyes, Conference Co-Chair, North Carolina A&T State University, USA (mannyreyes@nc.rr.com or reyes@ncat.edu)

The first SWAT-SEA Conference was successfully held in Chiang Mai, Thailand in January 5-8, 2009. SWAT is a leading water quality watershed model being used worldwide. SWAT-SEA II is expected to bring together about 200 people from SEA region and around the world representing academic, government, non-governmental organizations, and private industry. A SWAT-SEA Workshop on January 4-5, 2011 and a SWAT-SEA Conference on January 6-7, 2011, Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), Vietnam are scheduled. A tour to Mekong Delta area is planned for January 8.

Members of the **SWAT-SEA II Scientific and Organizing Committee** are: Jeff Arnold (USDA-ARS, USA), Patrick Debels (Environmental Consultant - Soresma, Belgium), Theo Dillaha (Virginia Tech, USA), Victor Ella (University of the Philippines at Los Banos , Philippines), Trinh Truong Giang (Nong Lam University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam), Ashvin Gosain (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, India), Attachai Jintrawet (Chiang Mai, Thailand), Fanhua Hao (Beijing Normal University, China), Manoj K. Jha (Iowa State University, USA), Loi Nguyen Kim (Nong Lam University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam), Mahmud Raimadoya (Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia), Manuel Reyes (North Carolina A&T State University, USA), Hiroaki Somura (Shimane University, Japan), Raghavan Srinivasan (Texas A&M University, USA), Samran Sombatpanit (World Association of Soil and Water Conservation), Brett Watson (University of Saskatchewan, Canada), Gebhard Schuler (Research Institute for Forest Ecology and Forestry Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany), Do Trung Binh (Institute of Agricultural Science for Southern Vietnam), Vo Quang Minh (Can Tho University, Vietnam), Husaini Omar (Engineering Faculty, UPM, Malaysia), Rajendra Shrestha (Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand), Kobkiat Pongput, Nipon Tangtham, Piboon Kanghae (Kasetsart University, Thailand), Sakda Sukviboon (Land Development Department, Thailand) and Khamphachanh Vongsana (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR), Hajah Suria Zanuddin and Thippeswamy Holige Mallikarjunaiah (Department of Agriculture, Brunei Darussalam), Bui Cach Tuyen (Vietnam Environment Administration, VEA), Ho Dinh Duan (Hue Institute of Natural Resources, Environment and Sustainable Development), Ha Van Hanh (Hue University of Sciences), Truong Phuoc Minh (The University of Da Nang), Nguyen Hieu Trung (Can Tho University), Le Duc Trung (Vietnam National Mekong Committee), Greg Jennings (North Carolina State University)

SWAT- SEA 2011 is expected to bring together about 300 people from SEA region and around the world representing academic, government, non governmental organizations, and private industry.

January 4-5, 2011: SWAT Training Workshops include:

- Introductory SWAT
- Stream Restoration
- MapWindow

January 6-7, 2011: SWAT Conference

- Large Scale Applications
- Climate Change Applications
- Sensitivity Calibration and Uncertainty
- Plant Growth
- Environmental Applications
- BMPs
- Hydrology
- Sediment, Nutrients, and Carbon
- Pesticides, Bacteria, Metals, and Pharmaceuticals
- Database and GIS Application and Development
- Urban Processes and Management
- Landscape Processes and Landscape / River Continuum
- InStream Sediment and Pollutant Transport

January 8, 2011: Field trip (Mekong Delta)

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May 9-14, 2011

6th International Congress of the European Society for Soil Conservation

“Innovative Strategies and Policies for Soil Conservation”

Thessaloniki, GREECE • 9-14 May 2011 • www.esscthessalonikicongress.gr

THEMATIC SESSIONS

1 Policies and thematic strategies for soil protection

- 1.1 Strategies for protection of soil organic matter
- 1.2 Policies for enhancing soil biodiversity
- 1.3 Reduction of soil sealing and compaction
- 1.4 Maintenance of soil structure
- 1.5 Sustainability of soil fertility
- 1.6 National and regional action plans for soil protection
- 1.7 CAP and agro-environmental measures.

2 Soil mapping and land evaluation for land use planning

- 2.1 Integration of new technologies into existing soil survey programmes
- 2.2 Research priorities for future soil survey work
- 2.3 Soil survey products and interaction with climate changes and soil carbon sequestration
- 2.4 Proposal for new taxonomic classification for adoption in Soil Taxonomy
- 2.5 Soil-landscape issues.

3 Forest fires impacts on natural resources and cultural heritage

- 3.1 Fire management systems
- 3.2 Fires and biodiversity
- 3.3 Fires and changes in the biochemical and physical properties of soils
- 3.4 Monitoring of the impact of forest fires on air quality
- 3.5 Information systems for public awareness about forest fire forecasting
- 3.6 Post-fire management models to improve forest resilience
- 3.7 Forest landscape restoration after fires, erosion control measures
- 3.8 Fire effects on hydrology
- 3.9 Soil recovery after forest fires and water quality
- 3.10 Scientific results and effective policies for restoration.

4 Sustainable management of wetlands

- 4.1 Utilization of peatlands (i.e. energy, horticulture)
- 4.2 Chemical, physical and biological properties of peatlands
- 4.3 Peat material used for improvement of soils
- 4.4 Restoration and rehabilitation of peatlands
- 4.5 Ecology and management on forested peatlands
- 4.6 The carbon cycle in peatlands: gaseous nitrogen losses
- 4.7 Peatlands and socio-economic aspects of utilization
- 4.8 Policies for mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions from peat soils.

5 Policies and strategies for combating desertification scenarios

- 5.1 Land degradation and desertification at regional, national and global scales
- 5.2 Best management practises for mitigation of the effects of land degradation
- 5.3 Role responsibilities of stakeholders in combating land degradation and desertification
- 5.4 Strategies for sustainable use of natural resources
- 5.5 Technologies for the prevention and control of desertification.

6 Socio-economic aspects of land degradation

- 6.1 Degradation processes at global and regional scales
- 6.2 Socio-economic factors and consequences of land degradation
- 6.3 Policies to combat erosion
- 6.4 Impacts of physical and chemical land deterioration to society

- 6.5 Indicators of soil quality and soil health
- 6.6 Simulation models in sustainable land management.

7 Soil and water management under global climatic change scenarios

- 7.1 Technology to mitigate the exhaustion and contamination of water resources
- 7.2 Monitoring of drought
- 7.3 Drought and water quality
- 7.4 Impacts of drought on climate change
- 7.5 Policies and actions for mitigation of water deficit
- 7.6 Sources of agricultural greenhouse gas emissions
- 7.7 Nitrogen cycle and its influence on the greenhouse gas balance
- 7.8 Methods and practises for decreasing emissions from soils
- 7.9 Nitrogen turnover processes and effects in the atmosphere and terrestrial ecosystems
- 7.10 Effect of reactive nitrogen on European soil quality and approaches to improve nitrogen management.
- 7.11 Site specific management

8 Biofuels and environmental effects

- 8.1 Energy crops and impact on soil quality
- 8.2 Agriculture and bioenergy production
- 8.3 Energy crops and future prospects
- 8.4 Impacts of biofuel production on soils
- 8.5 Soil and environmental implications of using crop residues as biofuel feedstock
- 8.6 Biogas production from energy crops and plant residues.

9 Conservation and management of soil biodiversity

- 9.1 Biodiversity and agriculture interactions
- 9.2 Conservation of soil biodiversity and Sustainable Agriculture
- 9.3 Biodiversity of micro-organisms involved in decomposition in soils.

10 Restoration and remediation of degraded lands

- 10.1 Restoration at high altitudes
- 10.2 Restoration of road embankments
- 10.3 Restoration of open cast mining areas
- 10.4 Soil restoration with native plant and seed material
- 10.5 Bioremediation of soils contaminated with heavy metals
- 10.6 Bioremediation of soils contaminated with organic compounds.

11 Special session: ‘Education in soil conservation and public awareness’

- 11.1 Importance of soil for life and its role to society
- 11.2 Education methods and formats across European Countries
- 11.3 Development of multidisciplinary studies for students in the field, using new technologies to schools
- 11.4 Means of the soil scientific community reaching the public (i.e. debates, exhibitions, mass media, art, games).

Venue

GRAND HOTEL PALACE***, Thessaloniki**

- Address: 305, Monastiriou str.,
- Location: 19 km from the airport “MACEDONIA” and 1 km from the Railway Station of Thessaloniki
- Method of payment: American Express, Visa, Master Card and Euro Card are accepted

Travelling to Thessaloniki

By air: Thessaloniki’s Macedonia Airport is a fairly small but modern airport, located just 16 Km east of the city centre. It is connected to a number of international and domestic locations by both scheduled and charter flights. From Athens, both Olympic Air and Aegean Airlines have daily flights, with a flying time of 40 minutes. There are regular connections with London, Milan, Rome, Zurich, Munich, Dusseldorf and Moscow. The City is easily reached from the airport and takes about 30 minutes by bus or taxi. Bus number 78 leaves the airport every 30-45 minutes, travelling to the railway station (journey time 45 minutes) and the city centre (journey time 40 minutes).

By train: Thessaloniki is a railway hub for the Balkans, with direct connections to Sofia, Skopje, Belgrade, Moscow, Vienna, Budapest, Bucharest and Istanbul, alongside Athens and other destinations in Greece.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- Airport express bus service for transportation to the City centre of Thessaloniki.
- Several of the services also run every 30 minutes at night.
- The standard fare is 0.60 Euro.

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And Theodore Karyotis, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, karyotis@hellasnet.gr

September 26-30, 2011

V WCCA (Fifth World Congress on Conservation Agriculture), Brisbane, Australia. Contact: John Dixon at Dixon@aciar.gov.au

Late 2011 or Early 2012

International Conference on Vetiver (ICV-5), Chiang Mai, Thailand. Contact narongchc@au.edu, www.vetiver.org

2012

Earth Summit 2012 www.earthsummit2012.org, <http://earthsummit2012.blogspot.com/>



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Syngenta is committed to supporting the concepts of conservation agriculture and works with partners and stakeholders worldwide on many projects to enhance soil and water quality.

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INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBERSHIP IN WASWC & HOW TO SEND MONEY

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2. Life membership: US\$80 for developing countries; US\$160 for developed countries and persons working in international organizations worldwide.
- 3-1. Organization membership (OM): For universities, research and implemental institutions, government agencies, NGOs, societies, associations and international organizations, etc. Persons belonging to an Organization member will receive the same online products and services as the other two above categories: \$100/ yr for an organization with up to 150 persons; \$150/ yr for an organization with up to 300 persons; \$200/ yr for an organization with up to 500 persons; and \$10/ yr for an additional 100 persons or part thereof. Local organizations in developing countries can request to pay at a lower rate.
- 3-2. Organization subscription (OS): is the same as the Organization membership but the organization wants to limit its involvement only as a subscriber.
- 3-3. Organization cooperation (OC): is the same as the Organization membership but the organization wants to limit its involvement only as a cooperator, without paying a fee. Any organization can be a cooperator for 1-2 years before deciding to join as OM or OS if desired.
4. Gift membership: US\$5/ yr worldwide, to be purchased by anyone to give to colleagues, friends, students, etc.

You may ask sombatpanit@yahoo.com about your membership status, i.e. up to which year you have paid. Then you may send your membership fee to either John Laflen or me or any other address in the following list:

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- Domestic wires: United Bankers Bank, 1650 West 82nd Street, Bloomington, MN 55431, Routing number 091 001 322; for benefit of First National Bank of Volga; account number 091 402 552; further credit World Soil #703-488.

b. Dr. Samran Sombatpanit, WASWC Immediate Past President, 67/141 Amonphant 9, Soi Sena 1, Bangkok 10230, Thailand. Phone/Fax: +66-25703641, sombatpanit@yahoo.com. He accepts Bank Draft from every country. Mark the draft “payable to Dr. Samran Sombatpanit”. He receives SWIFT through the Bangkok Bank, Bangkok Branch, 2124 Phaholyothin Road, Jatujak, Bangkok 10900, Thailand. Phone: +66-25614091/ 25791146-8, Fax: +66-25791149. SWIFT CODE: BKKBTHBK, A/C No. 161-0-210864, which you should also indicate “payable to Dr. Samran Sombatpanit”.

IMPORTANT NOTES: 1. DO NOT write the word ‘WASWC’ in your remittance document, as it will cause a problem, since this is an alternative account that supplements the official one (a, as above).

2. Do not deduct the bank fee from your side from the amount of money to send.

3. For sending money by wire/bank transfer or check please add US\$8 per transaction to compensate for the charge at the receiving bank in Bangkok. This additional charge is NOT applicable for the payment of membership fee(s) of US\$50 or more.

c. You can also send to Dr. Samran Sombatpanit (use the address as shown in b.) through the **Western Union** worldwide money transfer service. Learn how to send from www.westernunion.com. Their service is quick and the transfer fee has been much reduced from the earlier time. Also as in (b), please do not deduct the money transfer fee from the amount to send but do not have to add US\$8 as shown in (b3) above. Please write to sombatpanit@yahoo.com to show your intention before sending.

OTHER ADDRESSES TO SEND THE MONEY TO WASWC

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India: Suraj Bhan, Soil Conservation Society of India (SCSI), G-3, Nat. Soc. Block, NASC Complex, Dev Prakash Shastri Marg, New Delhi-110012. bhan_suraj2001@yahoo.com

Indonesia: Syaiful Anwar, WASWC Indonesia Chapter (Masyarakat Konservasi Tanah dan Air Indonesia, MKTI, c/o Ministry of Forestry, Jakarta) with following account details: Bank Mandiri cabang Jakarta Gedung Pusat Kehutanan; Account holders: Trisnu Danisworo, qq Zulfikar Ali; A/C No: 102-00-0437516-5. sanwar@cbn.net.id

Japan: Machito Mihara, WASWC Deputy President, c/o Institute of Environment Rehabilitation and Conservation (ERECON), 2987-1 Onoji Machida-shi, Tokyo 195-0064, Japan. Phone/Fax: +81-42-736-8972, hq-erecon@nifty.com. He can receive all forms of payment from within Japan, and can receive Visa and MasterCard credit cards from all over the world (mark in all forms of payment “payable to ERECON Japan”). Payment is in Japanese yen only; see more details in www.waswc.org.

Kenya: James O. Owino, Dept. of Agric Eng., Egerton University, P.O.B. 536 Njoro. SWIFT: BARCKENXANKE, Bank code: 003, Branch code: 027, Acc. No. 1214170, P.O. Box 66, Nakuru 20100. joowin@yahoo.com

Morocco: Mohamed Sabir, National School of Forest Engineers, BP 511 Salé. sabirenfi@wanadoo.net.ma

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Serbia: Miodrag Zlatic, WASWAC President, Faculty of Forestry, University of Belgrade, Kneza Visislava 1, Belgrade. Serbia. Phone: +381-11-3553122 (o), +381-11-3583280 (h), +381-63661549 (m). He can receive money from the Balkans Region through the Raiffeisen Banka AD, Beograd, Republic of Serbia, SWIFT code: RZBSRSBG, Customer’s name: Zlatic Miodrag, A/C No. RS35265051000004691675. miodrag.zla@sbb.rs,

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Note: For the convenience of all parties you are advised to sign up as a Life member or to pay for several years (e.g. 4 years and get 5 years) in one time. Contact sombatpanit@yahoo.com if you have any problem.



PLEASE CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENT BEFORE YOU PRINT THIS HOT NEWS

LANDCON e-LIBRARY

A PROJECT OF WASWAC TO FACILITATE **RESEARCH** AND **IMPLEMENTATION** OF LAND, SOIL & WATER DEGRADATION, MANAGEMENT, CARE, RESTORATION, CONSERVATION, IMPROVEMENT AND **PRESERVATION** OF AVAILABLE WORKS AT THIS PERIOD FOR POSTERITY

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At this time the association has got an agreement from our members to produce **LANDCON e-LIBRARY**, which will comprise many thousands of papers and other documents in the field of **LAND, SOIL & WATER degradation, management, care, restoration, conservation, improvement, etc.** These works have been presented at various meetings during the past two-three decades and we want to make them available to people who may need them for doing their work, both research and implementation, as well as to preserve the works to posterity before they are forgotten and lost. All the works will be put in a set of 4 DVDs, which will store all materials that we will get within the next few months. This will form a wealth of information that will be useful to you for years. When more information is available in a sufficiently large quantity after one or more years, we will try to gather them and make an Annex to this LIBRARY set.

HOW YOU CAN COOPERATE. In general, you may like to cooperate in this task in two broad ways:

1. Bring in your institution to join as a co-publisher in the same way as for SP 3 (No-Till Farming Systems) and SP 4 (SWAT); we will put the logo of your institution somewhere suitable as a co-publisher and you may use the product to distribute among your staff, to give to your collaborators, to present to your visitors and even to sell to your members in certain cases. We have set the price differently, i.e. retail price, price for WASWAC members, price for co-publishers, price for meeting organizers (general and LANDCON). **One thing for sure, we will make the price affordable to all, as you can see at the bottom of this mail.** The matter of affordability is a keyword for our association, since we want to serve people of the world that belong to all wealth levels equally.

2. Send **your works** to put in the DVD set and/or to refer to **some other works** that you know existing and guide us to obtain them.

2.1 For your own works, we will be happy to receive materials in the fields mentioned above in the following forms (all in digital format, never physical documents!):

- **Papers-articles** from meetings, proceedings, books, magazines, bulletins
- **Books**
- **Reports**
- **Journals (Important!** Authors who send their journal papers to us must make sure it will not violate the copyright of the publishers. Some publishers allow papers that were published since some years ago to be used for such purpose.)
- **Bulletins**
- **Magazines**
- **Newsletters** (You may send the newsletter issued by your organization from the first issue up to now. This will enable readers to learn about the development of your organization as well as the works in conservation related to it. We will also put **WASWAC Newsletter** from the last issue of 2001 when we started to use the digital technology until the present issue.)
- **Powerpoint files (or those converted to pdf files)** that you may have for presenting your papers at meetings or your organization or your trip somewhere. See example of making PHOTOESSAY by using Powerpoint file in <http://waswac.soil.gd.cn/TRAVELOGUES.html>)
- **Posters**
- **Brochures-Flyers**
- **Calendars**
- **Maps**
- **Video-movies** (e.g. of erosion processes, natural catastrophes, implementation of projects/programs, performing arts related to the themes)
- **Audios** (e.g. voice description of some works, songs related to land, soil, water, river, forest, mountain)
- **Photographs** (of good quality of some matters related to the themes; some members may like to present their works in photographs from their beginning until now – a good education medium for younger generations. We expect to get one collection of photographs spanning a few decades from a seasoned professional that will carry a title, “Life and Works of ...”)

And **any other media** that are worth publicizing broader.

For the language, we prefer materials in English language as the first priority, but those written in other languages can be sent to us if you feel they are useful. At present, we have several hundred papers in French that members sent to us, and a couple thousand of papers in English. We expect they will serve members well in terms of facilitating their research and implementation, as well as to have them well preserved for a long, long time.

2.2 If you have organized a meeting in a theme related to the fields mentioned, we would like to receive the whole proceedings (only digital please, not physical) and all the papers will appear in the DVD set properly.

All contributors are asked to send their papers in the best possible form, and all stuffs should be free from any restriction imposed by the publishers who might have produced a book or a special issue of journal. If so, you need to get permission from the publisher, and if not successful, just send only 1-page abstracts that give enough information including the contact addresses of the authors.

HOW TO SEND MATERIALS TO US

Our Yahoo mailboxes can receive up to 20 MB in one time, so you are welcome to send your works in that limit to sombatpanit@yahoo.com and samran_sombatpanit@yahoo.com.

For larger files, or to send several files in one time, you may send by using a software called Yousendit (I once got a video file as large as 470 MB through the www.yousendit.com software that took 3.5 hours to download into my harddrive!) or write in a CD or DVD and send by ordinary airmail to the following address:

Dr Samran Sombatpanit, 67/141 Amonphant 9, Soi Sena 1, Bangkok 10230, THAILAND

I am looking forward to receiving good works from you. Hope our members will be courageous to send their works to benefit others. All works are considered your own, while WASWAC acts only as the compiler/facilitator, to bring them to get more exposure to more readers and make them more useful, and have them stay for good!

WHAT STUFFS WE EXPECT TO INCLUDE

DVD 1 – DEGRADATION: ICLD, COMLAND, INTERPRAEVENT, DEBRIS FLOW, SEDIMENTATION-EROSION

DVD 2 – CONSERVATION-REHABILITATION: ISCO, IECA, ESSC CONGRESSES, BIOENGINEERING, CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE, DMC, AGROFORESTRY, MEETINGS IN CHINA, ICELAND AND ELSEWHERE THAT HAVE DEGRADATION/ CONSERVATION/ REHABILITATION/ IMPROVEMENT AS A PART OF, E.G. IUSS AND EUROSIL CONGRESSES

DVD 3 – THIS ONE WILL ADD THE FOLLOWING STUFFS: LANDCON MEETINGS, SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS OF WASWAC, INFORMATION ABOUT AND THE WORKS OF WASWAC, WORKS OF OTHER AGENCIES, SWAT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND SOFTWARE, NEWSLETTERS FROM ORGANIZATIONS THAT DEAL WITH CONSERVATION

DVD 4 – THIS ONE WILL HOUSE A NUMBER OF VIDEOS/MOVIES THAT CONCERN NATURAL RESOURCES, CATASTROPHES, IMPLEMENTING SOIL CONSERVATION PROJECTS, ETC. YOU MAY USE THEM FOR SHOWING AT ANY GATHERINGS, E.G. SYMPOSIUM, SEMINAR.

PRICES OF DVD SET

For the price, according to the WASWAC's tradition, we are making this e-LIBRARY affordable to all by putting the price to essentially cover the expenses. We have established the **price per set** for this 4-DVD set of LANDCON e-LIBRARY as follows (OM = Organization member), with additional postage charge:

1. Retail price	US\$16
1.1 Price for 2-9 sets	US\$15
1.2 Price for 10 sets or more	US\$14
2. Price for members	
2.1 <i>Individual member and Guest member</i>	US\$12
2.2 <i>OM, Host organization, one set is free, next sets</i>	US\$10
2.3 <i>Honorary member, Life member –</i> one set is free upon request (with postal address), next sets	US\$10

3. Price for co-publishers (with a bulk purchase – pls send your logo to put on the envelop)

- 3.1 Co-publisher that is OM of WASWAC US\$10
- 3.2 Other co-publisher US\$11

4. Price for meeting organizers (with a bulk purchase for distributing to participants; can add logo if ordered within March 15, 2010)

- 4.1 Any meeting organizer US\$11
- 4.2 Any meeting organizer that is OM of WASWAC US\$10
- 4.3 LANDCON meeting organizer US\$10
- 4.4 LANDCON meeting organizer that is OM of WASWAC – please contact us

So please kindly think of what part of this work you can help and you will be proud of having contributed in this project, the only one in the world, which will store a great wealth of information about LANDCON issues, and that has never been done before.

Let's join hand in doing this work together, for our community, our country, and the world.