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IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear WASWAC members, colleagues and friends,

After two mandate periods as the President of World Association of Soil and Water Conservation, it is a good opportunity to congratulate new WASWAC President, Prof. Li Rui of the Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Yangling, Shaanxi Province, China, wishing him and new council to continue and improve what we have done up to now.

At the end of this council term (2008-10) I wish to say big THANKS to all council members of WASWAC who helped me in this voluntary but noble work, for all their work regarding activities and improvement of our Association.

At this moment I wish to thank Prof. Hans Hurni, former president of WASWAC, who encouraged me and gave great professional and human support especially in the terrible period of 1990s in the Balkan Region. Thanks to Prof. Martin Haigh for nice cooperation, for "Headwater" activities/conferences, supervision and consultancies in joint regional projects and programs, for professional support in organizing conferences, publishing books and for "pushing" me on the road of WASWAC. Special thanks to Samran who helped me as Acting President during the period of my full-professorship paper writing and, later on, as the Immediate Past President up to the end of 2010.

I wish to mention the activities and some results that the Council has achieved in the last 3-year period:

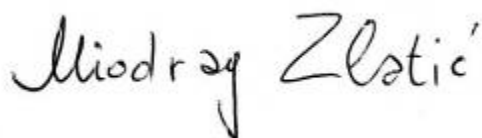
1. WASWC Newsletter in 9 languages, English, Spanish, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian, Bahasa, Vietnamese and Arabic. This and other publications are posted on the websites <http://waswac.soil.gd.cn/> and www.waswc.org.

2. WASWC HOT NEWS announcing Awards, Funds, Scholarships, Training, Appointments, Jobs and all major Meetings worldwide.

3. The WASWAC Awards Committee agreed for giving grants to the persons that deserved it regarding their outstanding professional work (Norman Hudson Award, Distinguished Researcher Award, Distinguished Extensionist Award, Special Award).
4. Journal and Proceedings of WASWC (J&P of WASWC)
5. Special Publications: *USLE Story; Carbon; No-Till Farming Systems; Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT)*.
6. Photo websites <http://community.webshots.com/user/waswc> and <http://community.webshots.com/user/waswc1> for members' use.
7. Established chance of interaction among members and to consult thousands of experts through the internet, as well as to request for cooperation from around 120 WASWAC officers worldwide.
8. Web services, including web spaces to post Conference Abstracts & Summary Books from technical meetings.
9. Availability of a cooperation package for conference organizers for which a 1-year Guest membership is offered to all participants.
10. Establishing new unit of WASWAC: Student's Forum of WASWAC (established at Belgrade and Skopje Universities).
11. Supporting and organizing LANDCON conferences, including LANDCON 1010 at Xi'an, China during Oct. 11-15, 2010.
12. LANDCON e-LIBRARY activity.
13. Supporting joint programs and projects (WOCAT; initiative of law issues in Balkans; bilateral cooperation between Serbia and China in SWC and SLM cooperation)
14. Establishing a WASWAC Secretariat in Beijing.
15. Election for the new WASWAC President for the period 2011-2013.

The main issues of WASWAC were discussed at LANDCON and Councilors Meeting in Xi'an, China in October of 2010. Besides, several activities were emphasized as the priorities of the new Council in the period 2011-13 such as: structure of new council, membership management, database of all members, amending WASWAC Constitution, website services, activities regarding the Journal to re-establish at IRTCES, dissemination of WASWAC Students' Forum to larger areas, etc. Special attention was on this forum and involvement of young people. The basic aim of these fora is to stimulate young members who will become future experts in SWC and ambassadors of the WASWAC ethos. The idea of this new unit of WASWAC has become more and more possible to get adopted globally.

At this point I would like to wish all of you Happy Holidays Season, good health, good progress in your work and your life. We hope that our joint activities would allow us to eventually reach WASWAC mission targets. Once again I sincerely wish Prof. Li Rui and his new council to prosper and succeed in improving our association, in which I am most happy to act as the Immediate Past President.



Miodrag Zlatic

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A couple of rhymes for you from our senior members, Dick & Helen Arnold
(We must apologize to the authors that we did not notice the mail with which these two rhymes were sent to us.
We therefore publish them rather late. Very sorry for that, Dick and Helen, but we note that these two rhymes are
very sweet, especially to persons whom you bless!)

THINKING OF YOU

Counting blessings helps us recall our purpose

Cheerfully blending those of yesteryear and today

Hope as a resilient personal dream holds us in gentle repose

Helping chase misdemeanors of words and actions far away

Reverence for environments and inhabitants world wide

Renews our innermost sense of decency and respect

Interests from long ago keeping kindness and respect side by side

Involves our deepest emotions whose meanings are not suspect

Sustainability now has become an urgency, not a thought

Severely challenging the philosophical roots that have led

To global marketing strategies enriching some for naught

Towards environmental disasters over which tears will be shed

Modern technologies one by one amaze us all

Making generational disparities larger than 'ere before

Anxieties envelop us and questions try to forestall

Answers irrelevant that only computers can store

Sights and sounds, laughter and joy, hearts enriched with love unconditional

Such are our wishes for you and you and you, now and forevermore

CHRISTMAS

Competition hinders responsible involvement stifling tendencies meant as sustainability.

Common **H**armony remains in seclusion timidly making absent suggestions.

Cautious hope **R**esides in society tempting mankind's alternative solutions.

Clearly humans remain **I**ntuitive seeking to make amends seriously.

Communities help residents in **S**haring together making awesome savings.

Combining hands, rekindling inner skills, **T**eaching more about sustainability.

Come, help, remember, instigate, serve, think, **M**ake, answer, sing.

Cheerful hearts renew important seasonal themes, messages, **A**nd songs.

Compassion, honesty, respect, insight, sincerity, trust – magical and **S**acred.

Be kind to yourself and to all things – big and small.

Our love, friendship and best wishes for you.

Dick and Helen ct9311@aol.com

Thanks so much and we look forward to
receiving the rhymes the next time you write one.
Samran



EDITOR'S NOTES

Editor's note 1: COOPERATION, COOPERATION, COOPERATION



*We have got a better photo of the five presidents while standing together on a mountain in Guangdong, South China last year, so we show it once more. Following text was first published in the January 2011 issue of **HOT NEWS**:*

During a recent encounter among several present and past presidents of the international organizations that deal with soil on the mountainous terrain of upper Guangdong Province (October 16, 2010), we pledged to work together for the better world. In the photo you may see from left Prof Jose Rubio (Spain, President of **ESSC** – European Society for Soil Conservation), myself as the Immediate Past

President of **WASWAC**, Doug Wimble (Australia, a past president of **IECA** – International Erosion Control Association), Prof Winfried Blum (Austria, President of **ECSSS** – European Confederation of Soil Science Societies) and Prof Miodrag Zlatic (Serbia, President of **WASWAC**). The personal encounter may enable the cooperation among organizations that we represent to proceed to the ultimate goal as we wish.

Editor's note 2: Summary of Beijing Meeting at the office of WASWAC Secretariat, IRTCES Building, Beijing, China, December 9th-10th, 2010

GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE MEETING

According to the suggestion from Current President Miodrag Zlatic, Immediate Past President Samran Sombatpanit and Incoming President Li Rui, a special meeting was held on December 9th-10th, 2010 at IRTCES Building, Beijing, China.

Professor Miodrag Zlatic, Dr. Samran Sombatpanit, Professor Li Rui, Dr. Ning Duihu, Dr. Liu Xiaoying, Miss Liu Jing (on behalf of Dr. Li Dingqiang), Mrs. Tong Yuling and Miss Yan Yan attended the meeting. Professor Liu Zhen, the Director General of Department of Soil and Water Conservation, MWR, met with all participants during the conclusion session on December 10th.

The main topics of the meeting include the constitution of new council and leaders (Deputy Presidents), membership management, publication affairs, awards, amendment of WASWAC Constitution and some others.

MAIN OUTPUTS

I. WASWAC Officers

(1) WASWAC Council. The WASWAC Council shall consist of 30 persons, including the Standing Committee of 10 persons, i.e.

- Honorary President (1)
- President (1)
- Immediate Past President (1)
- Advisor (1)
- Deputy Presidents (4)
- Executive Secretary (1)
- Treasurer (1)



The Secretariat will contact persons that will form the council soon.

(2) Special Representatives. There will be a number of persons that function as WASWAC Special Representatives who have no territorial limit.

(3) Vice President

- Vice Presidents for China

1. Prof Liu Bin (North China)

2. Prof Liu Guobin (West China)

3. Prof Li Dingqiang (South China)

- Vice Presidents of other countries will be appointed later.

NOTE: Announcement of new councilor and officers. President Miodrag Zlatic will send a message to all councilors to thank for their contribution in the past term. This can be put in either HOT NEWS or WASWAC Bulletin. This will be followed shortly by the message of the new president, Prof Li Rui, who will invite persons to form a new council for 2011-13.

II. Membership Fees

The membership fees for WASWAC members are:

1. 1-year membership fee (i.e. Guest membership) is FREE to anyone. Anyone interested may contact the WASWAC Secretariat.

1.1 Exception from (1): For countries that operate Students' Forum, operating agencies may choose to collect membership fee for each year, by making agreement with the WASWAC Secretariat. In such case, the membership fee for each year should be \$10 and \$5, respectively, for developed and developing country members.

2. 5-year Individual membership fee is \$40 for developed country members and persons from international organizations worldwide and \$20 for developing country members.

3. Life membership fee is \$160 for developed country members and persons from international organizations worldwide and \$80 for developing country members

4. Life membership fee for those that have passed their 60th birthday are 50% of those stated in (3).

5. Organization membership fee is \$100 for agencies with up to 150 members, \$150 for agencies with up to 300 members and \$200 for agencies with up to 500 members. Above that number (500), each additional 100 members shall pay \$10. Local agencies in developing countries may request to pay a lower fee.

6. Gift membership (GM): US\$5/ yr worldwide, to be purchased by anyone to give to students, colleagues, friends, etc.

III. Decentralization Program

1. The Decentralization Program (DP) that has been operating since 2003 now terminates. The countries that have been operating the DP during the previous councils shall terminate it by December 31, 2010.

2. Any country that would like to operate the DP from 2011 may do it by agreeing with the WASWAC Secretariat by using the methods described as follows:

2.1 Agencies that want to operate the DP with WASWAC should preferably be a kind of society or association. Individuals may also apply to operate it, if needed, especially at the beginning, and should transfer the duty to a society or association as soon as possible.

2.2 Such societies/associations should register with the WASWAC Secretariat as Organization members and pay the membership fees regularly.

2.3 In operating the DP, such societies/associations may recruit persons/agencies/research-implemental institutions/societies/associations within their countries to register as new members in all categories and collect the fees as stated in (II) above.

2.4 Such societies/associations may keep 50% of the fees collected to spend in their work and remit the other 50% to the WASWAC Secretariat.

2.5 Such societies/associations shall report the details of new members including their e-mail addresses to the WASWAC Secretariat without delay and the latter will be the one to coordinate and send news to them regularly.

2.6 Such societies/associations may submit the statement of the WASWAC membership in each calendar year, accompanied with the fees as stated in (2.4), to the WASWAC Secretariat within the month of March of the year that follows.

The income received in this way and those that are sent to the WASWAC Secretariat directly may be spent in some useful things, e.g. to give to those who receive awards in each year. WASWAC still needs money to spend to make our association effective, with good reputation.

IV. Database of Members: WASWAC Secretariat shall establish a membership database and all WASWAC officers shall supply the information to the Secretariat as soon as they can. Certificates will be produced and sent to Life members and Organization members soon. (For Life members and Organization members until 2010 by Samran and after that by Liu Xiaoying) It is necessary to have a new Membership Coordinator in Secretariat; Liu Xiaoying will work on this with Samran Sombatpanit for some time before assuming full responsibility.

V. Amendment of WASWAC Constitution: During the meeting some suggestion has been proposed on WASWAC Constitution v. 8 (November 28, 2010). Samran Sombatpanit will revise according to the agreement from present meeting and simplify it as possible.

VI. Official registration of WASWAC in China: Documents to be prepared by the Secretariat, with lists of members and other documents supplied by officials concerned.

VII. WASWAC World Conference and Council Meeting

The meeting agreed that the 2nd WASWAC World Conference and Council Meeting will take place in May 2013 in Thailand on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Land Development Department of Thailand, with support from the IRTCES. The organization of it will be similar to the 1st Conference in Xi'an, China in October 2010, i.e. councilors will be facilitated to a certain extent to travel to the venue and WASWAC members, co-sponsors, co-organizers will pay a reduced rate for their registration.

VIII. Website Operation

1. Operation of WASWAC websites will be from Guangzhou (GIESS), Tokyo (ERECON) and Beijing (IRTCES)
2. The meeting appreciates the help of Dr Li Dingqiang for having operated the Guangzhou website for WASWAC since July 2007 and will keep continuing.
3. The meeting welcomes the help of Dr Machito Mihara who will keep operating the WASWAC website from the ERECON office in Tokyo.
4. The IRTCES site at the Secretariat office (operated by Dr Liu Xiaoying) will be utilized for posting summaries of LANDCON meetings and for other administrative purposes.
5. For the time being, the meeting asked Samran Sombatpanit to help coordinate the website operation in the three sites, plus the ones rented from Webshots.com (for posting photographs), with the aim that WASWAC members will benefit fully from these sites.

IX. Publication Affairs

1. HOT NEWS, produced by Samran Sombatpanit and Karika Kunta: free to all members
2. WASWAC Bulletin, S.S. Kukal team: free to all members
3. The meeting will explore how to operate an international journal to serve members effectively. The Journal and Proceedings of WASWAC that are posted on the Tokyo website have been discontinued since the end of 2009.

4. Books as Special Publication, produced once a year at the Special Publication Production Unit in Bangkok, Thailand, operated by Samran Sombatpanit. SP1 (2003 - free), SP2 (2004 - free), SP3 (2008 - for sale), SP4 (2009 - for sale), SP5 (2010 - for sale - free to Life members), SP6 (2011 - a book set of 4 volumes - for sale). The Secretariat will try to find some supports from other organizations for publication printing in China and operation of other activities by WASWAC secretariat.

X. Awards

1. The meeting agrees about all the Awards being granted up to now, i.e. Norman Hudson Memorial Award, Special Award, Distinguished Researcher Award, Distinguished Extensionist Award.
2. To honor the work of Dr William C. Moldenhauer, the originator of WASWAC, who passed away recently, the meeting agrees to set up the Bill Moldenhauer Award that will be given annually to organization(s) that implement soil and water conservation notably successfully.
3. The meeting welcomes the Asian Technical Awards and Asian Scientific Awards operated by ERECON under the direction of Dr Machito Mihara that will continue furthermore, with a suggestion that such awards should be publicized more widely to attract a broader scope of candidates and recipients.
4. The meeting asked Samran Sombatpanit to help coordinate about Awards at this time, with hope the work will integrate into the scope of the WASWAC Secretariat in the future.
5. Up to now, WASWAC rarely gives cash with the awards. With a better financial position, an amount of cash should be made available.
6. An Awards Committee should be set up sometime soon, e.g. within the first quarter of 2011, to enable the selection of the awardees for regular awards, i.e. Norman Hudson Memorial Award and Bill Moldenhauer Award.
7. The meeting agreed that an award should be given in the honor of a well known Chinese scholar of the past.
8. The meeting agreed that a student award should also be given and asked Miodrag Zlatic to explore to establish students' forum in more countries.

XI. The key points proposed during the conclusion session

- It is important to make WASWAC more attractive, such as to create more interesting activities, more new research programs, more interesting products, and others.
- We should explore to have cooperation with various international organizations.

Editor's note 3: Time for us to be in a social network? Yes, we are now in Facebook.

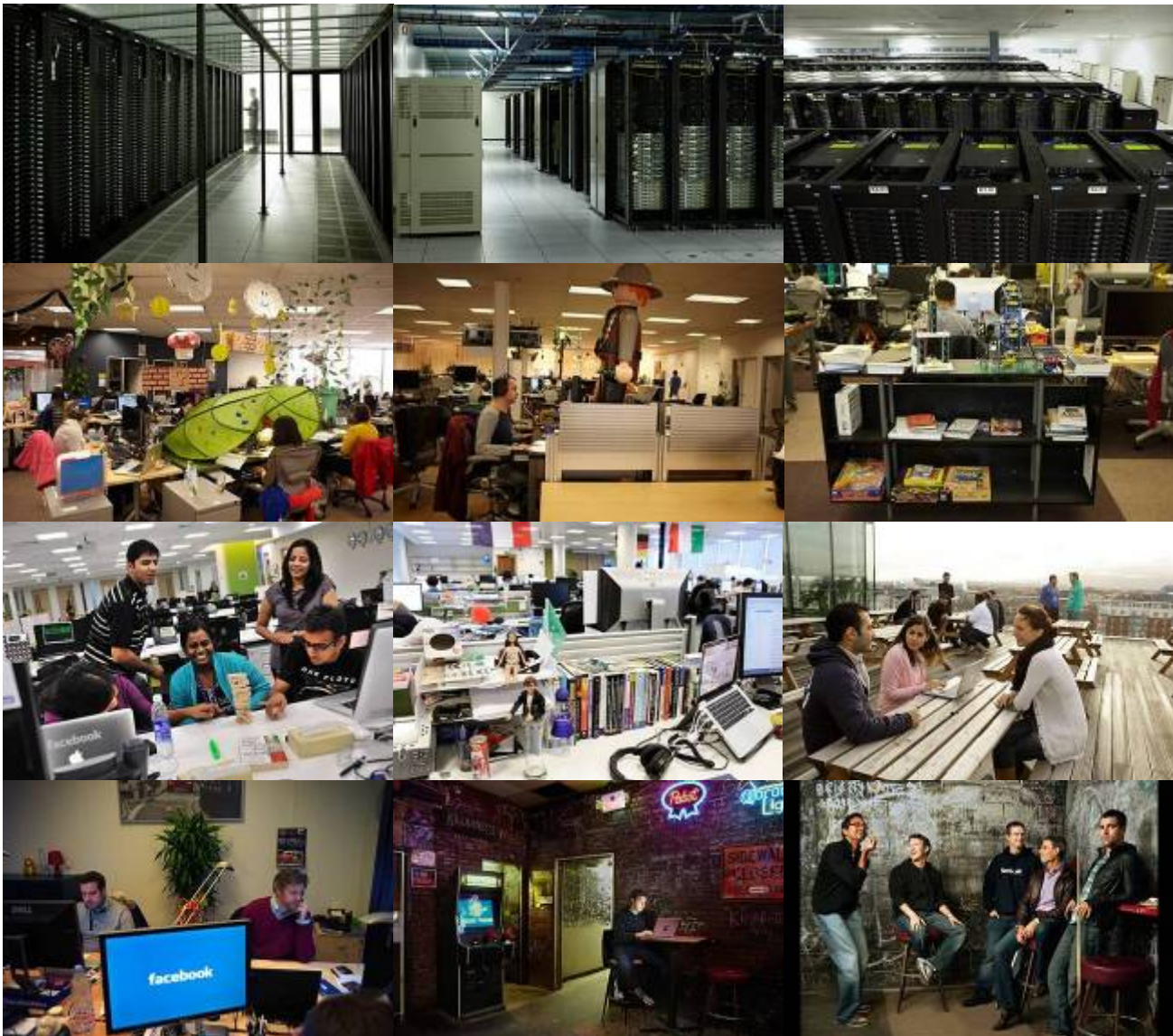
WASWAC has been considered a global forum for soil and water conservationists from the beginning. Such function became realized only after we adopted the internet system in autumn 2001 when we started to produce the digital newsletter to be sent out by e-mail. During my presidency, 2002-4, we sent the newsletter out in both ways, hard- and soft copy, thus allowing many members at that time to adjust themselves to 'live' in the cyber world. It was felt that members have had a good chance to interact in various matters among themselves, since we published the e-mail addresses of a large number of members, esp. WASWAC officers that represent various countries. Visit to each other has been done during several years, thus enabling the exchange of technology to be done in an inexpensive way.



Coming to this time when there are so many networks that offer services of various nature, we think it is a good time that we step up our role a bit more. We looked for some proper networks and found Facebook to be a popular and effective one. Facebook was set up by Mark Zuckerberg (photo at left – now a billionaire at 20+), the use of it has spread so quick that they have registered more than 500 million users within 7 years. This Facebook social network has many features and users may benefit a lot. The good point of it that everyone agrees is that, **“It is free and always will be”**. It takes only few seconds to register yourself as a user (by first accessing www.facebook.com), with only condition that you must own a valid e-mail address before, since you have to indicate it when registering, and the

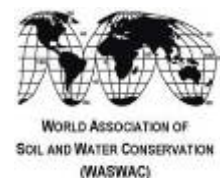
Facebook works through that address to connect with you in any phase of communication. After that it will take you sometime to familiarize with it, in order to know and to use its many features and functions.

I used to wonder how big the server of this social network is (someone calls it 'server farm') and from how many places on earth the whole Facebook.com is operating? Few days ago I got a powerpoint file showing the 'inside' of Facebook.com that makes us clear how it can do to serve half a billion people. It shows offices in USA and other 12 countries, employing more than 1,700 people. The initial script in the file says about Facebook.com, **“For connecting more than half a billion people and mapping the social relations among them, for creating a new system of exchanging information and for changing how we live our lives, Mark Elliot Zuckerberg is TIME's 2010 Person of the Year.”** Following photos may help clarify how it works.



I spent a few days working on Facebook and found it is ok (which means manageable for such a senior person like me!). I have registered **‘World Association of Soil and Water Conservation’** as a page and we welcome you to use it by the following this simple instruction:

- Register yourself in www.Facebook.com as a member (many of us have done already) and access your page.
- Type **'World Association of Soil and Water Conservation'** in the SEARCH window at the upper part of the page and press SEARCH button. A page with the logo shown at right will pop up immediately.



- You may click **Like** box at the upper right part of the page, thereby you can work on the page, such as to write your message on the Wall, as well as to post photos, videos and links.
- You may click in **Discussions** on the upper bar to enter the main point of our common interest. There is one topic there already, concerning **Let's start**. You can also start something new by clicking **Start New Topic**, and put up what you want to say.
- Another thing is that you may click '**Share**' at the lower left corner of the page and write something for this page or to send message to any person - just anything 'sensible' is OK. You may simply follow the instruction provided.

Apart from this one, we have registered in other two pages, i.e.

SWAT (Soil & Water Assessment Tool) Network, for all members who use SWAT computer model to study river basins in order to know their health and thus can get to know how to manage, improve or conserve.

SWAT Network of Thailand, mainly for Thai users of SWAT computer. Members may use Thai language in their communication.



To be easy we have put light blue color as the background of the international page of SWAT, to be contrast with the Thai network, which is in violet color (shown above).

One will gain more and more experience once one gets to use it regularly. It is quite versatile as we can post a number of things in the page, e.g. photos, videos. Looking at the first few photos in the previous page, and you may be convinced that our deliberation in WASWAC and SWAT through Facebook will proceed well, and we might take more items to do in a similar way in the future.

So I hope these three Facebook pages will be useful for us, straight from the beginning stage. Following are some photos that have been put in the SWAT Thailand Network page.



From left: A group of 5 persons who met at the Land Development Department (LDD) of Thailand on November 18, 2010 and agreed to form the SWAT Network of Thailand, with Mr Chinnapat Sukvibool (middle in pink shirt) as the coordinator; A group of 14 Thai participants (one missing) that met in Ho Chi Minh City on the occasion of the 2nd SWAT Southeast Asia Workshop and Conference (SWAT SEA II) on January 6-7, 2011 and confirmed the establishment of the Network that would start its work upon returning to Thailand; A group photo of the SWAT SEA II at the Saigon Palace Hotel.

I want to assure you that you can access any page quite easily. When you put any word in the SEARCH window and press, many items will pop up and, who knows, you may happen to see the names of your friends from as long ago as elementary school years and can reconnect with them again. That's why Facebook has been well known as a tool to find friends. Last year, a family in Thailand used it and found over 100 members that belonged to several generations.

I wish all of you good luck!



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
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
1005	First International Conference on Soil and Roots Engineering Relationship habibibibalani@gmail.com	Ardebil Province, Iran	May 24-26, 2010
1009	FAME 2010, an annual event organized by Green World Conferences Contact: Derek Michalski at dm@greenworldconferences.com , www.greenworldconferences.com	Berlin, Germany	Sep 13-14, 2010
1010	FIRST WASWAC COUNCIL MEETING and Int. 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	October 11-15, 2010
1011	International Conference on Cooling the Earth, coolingtheearth2010@rediffmail.com , coolingtheearth2010@gmail.com , drvirsingh@rediffmail.com , www.gbpuat.ac.in	Pantnagar, India	Nov 15-17, 2010
1012a	International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission Seminar on Land Use, Biodiversity and Climate Change dr.mahfuzarahman@gmail.com , http://iguguwahati2010.org	Guwahati, Assam, India	Dec 11-13, 2010
1012b	ASADWA Arid and Semi-arid Development through Water Augmentation, Optimizing water resources in a world of water shortage, www.asadwa.ugent.be . Contact asadwa@ugent.be	Valparaiso, Chile	Dec 13-17, 2010
1101	SWAT SEA II Workshop and Conference: nguyenkimloi@gmail.com , http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	January 4-8, 2011
1103	BioWise 2011, an annual event organized by Green World Conferences, Contact: Derek Michalski at dm@greenworldconferences.com, www.greenworldconferences.com	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Mar 14-15, 2011
1107	2nd Conference on Conservation Agriculture in Southeast Asia, Contact Manuel Reyes at mannyreyes@nc.rr.com	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	July 4-7, 2011
1305	2nd WASWAC World Conference and Council Meeting, Contact Chinnapat Sukvibool at sukvibool@hotmail.com	Pattaya, Thailand	May 14-18, 2013

*See details in this issue of HOT NEWS. Organizers of these conferences have pledged to follow the Guidelines for Successful Meetings (<http://waswac.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>) that WASWAC 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 WASWAC at no cost. To register, write to Samran Sombatpanit at sombatpanit@yahoo.com.

Results from these LANDCON meetings will be posted on the website operated by our Secretariat in Beijing www.irtces.org.

[SOUND PRINCIPLE NO. 31]

Even grown-ups
play with cool new toys.



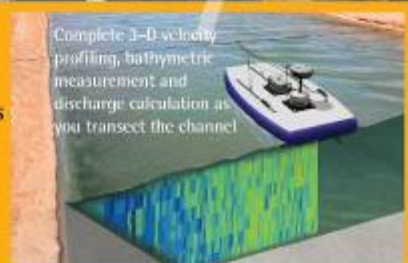
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GOOD NEWS San Diego, CA, June 20, 2010: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 earmarked \$14.6 million to the U.S. Geological Survey for upgrades to its 7,500-station national streamgauge network, and in direct response, has purchased \$3.4 million dollars worth of hi-technology electro-acoustic instruments from San Diego-based SonTek/YSI. **With sincere congratulations from WASWAC. – Ed.**

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MEETINGS 2011

February 16-18, 2011

16th Poverty Environment Partnership Meeting: The sixteenth Poverty Environment Partnership (PEP 16) meeting will be held from **16th to 18th February 2011 in Vienna**, and feature the theme "Supporting nationally owned Green Economies to achieve the MDGs and respond to climate change".

February 18-22, 2011

[Geomorphology for human adaptation to changing tropical environments](#) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

International Association of Geomorphologists - Association Internationale de Geomorphologues

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**GEOMORPHOLOGY FOR HUMAN ADAPTATION TO CHANGING
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Department of Geological Sciences, "Roma Tre" University, Rome, Italy
AIGEO Italian Association of Physical Geography and Geomorphology, Italy
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IAG regional conference in Ethiopia, February 2011? second circular

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Dear colleagues,

The second circular is out now, for the IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology 2011: Geomorphology for Human Adaptation to Changing Tropical Environments: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, February 18-22, 2011

With a most interesting conference and excursion programme!

Check it all on <http://www.geomorph.org/sp/arch/IAG-RCG-2011-Ethiopia-circ2.pdf>

Registration forms are available on the IAG website: www.geomorph.org

Best greetings,

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February 20-22, 2011

Conference of the Egyptian-German Society of Zoology

Date: 20-22 Feb., 2011

Location: Beni-Suef University, Egypt

February 20-23, 2011 IECA Annual Conference

IECA's Environmental Connection 2011's focus is "Environmental Heroes" and IECA is calling all champions of the environment to participate in the world's largest soil and water event by submitting an abstract. Suggested topics range from post-construction stormwater BMP's to Low-Impact Development (LID), but any erosion and sediment control related topics are welcome. Learn more about how to submit by visiting IECA's website at <http://www.ieca.org/submissions>. Please feel free to contact Holly Nicholson, our Education Coordinator at holly@ieca.org.



March 14-15, 2011

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

LandCon 1103 Meeting

BioWise 2011 Summit and Exhibition is a two-day event of paper presentations, keynote speeches, panel discussions and roundtable sessions, to take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The overall theme is “**Lab Meets Industry**” with the emphasis on collaborative and cooperative approaches to the multiple issues faced by sustainable fuel industry and response to those issues, both immediate and long-term.

Biofuels and bioethanol industry experts are invited to submit papers (in PDF format). A detailed extended abstract will be considered if it gives a clear reflection of the contents and key points of the coming paper. All paper submissions will be handled electronically and should be emailed to dm@greenworldconferences.com. The submitted abstracts will be subject to peer review. Papers accepted for oral presentation will be given 20 minutes presentation time and 10 minutes questions and answers time at the end of each session. **Abstract submission deadline and acceptance notification falls on 1st June 2010.** The authors will be required to submit a full paper once the abstract is accepted. Final acceptance of the full paper will be subject to confirmation of **registration payment of the author presenter of the paper at the congress**. Any author who does not meet all announced deadlines and requirements will not be allowed to present the paper at the conference. In this case, the corresponding paper will not be included in the conference proceedings.

The annual **BioWise 2011** is supported by many leading industry and academia representatives and provides ideal settings to attend presentations and workshops by an outstanding line-up of the biofuels and bioethanol industry leading executives. It is renowned for creating unparalleled opportunities for networking with targeted groups of senior-level experts and decision-makers from the biodiesel and bioethanol industry, for collaboration and sharing of information on key business strategies, update on novel, state-of-the-art technologies and building of meaningful, trust commercial relationships.

BioWise 2011 continues to enjoy a steady increase in participation by teams from producers, governments, commercial, technology and research/educational communities.

BioWise 2011 is where the most influential professionals involved in the biofuel, bioethanol and biomass market gather to share their views, learn about the latest in the industry and academia, and listen to consequential, in-depth presentations - from policy makers, biodiesel and biomass producers to fuel distributors.

The Summit will cover a gamut of topics crucial to the biofuel and biomass industry of today and define the path to the future of the biofuel industry. Over two days the Summit will cover the full research and development story from laboratory experiments through implementation to production, as well as most promising feedstocks. The leading biofuel research and technology companies and service providers will exhibit at the Summit thus promoting their products and acquainting the delegates with the latest technologies and developments.

Join us to learn, network and generate sales at ground-breaking annual biofuel and biomass event focused on the development of renewable sources of energy. This high-profile event will connect you with plant builders, financiers, consultants, government officials, chemical engineers, marketers and producers of biodiesel and biomass.

Contact: Derek Michalski, President, Tel: 0044 (0) 20 8997 6060; 0044 (0) 20 8997 6060

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March 17-18, 2011

Agricultural Sustainability – It’s good business sense 2011
A conference for agriculture, food and beverage supply networks.

17 and 18 March 2011, Canberra, Australia

Register and view program @
<http://www.saiplatformconference.org>

We are pleased to invite you and your organisation as an important stakeholder in the agriculture, food and beverage supply chain to participate in an Australian-first event that will address agricultural sustainability issues impacting the food and beverage supply chain. This event will draw senior executive attendance given the calibre of speakers and the unique opportunity this event provides.

This much-needed global conference is highly practical and will give you valuable insights into factors driving potential risks, information on emerging solutions and where collaborative work is still needed. It will also tackle opportunities to build brands and ensure Australia remains a competitive trade partner.

You can expect to enjoy a dynamic program designed to tackle issues across the dimensions of people, profit and planet and share thinking with fellow participants in the agriculture, food and beverage supply chain on future prospects for the food and beverage industry. The program has an unprecedented line-up of over 30 speakers.

This event is organised by the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform Australia which is globally founded and has food organisations as its members. It is also supported by funding from the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and its Promoting Australian Produce (Major Events) Program. Places will be limited to around 100 to ensure an interactive forum. I invite you to review the program at <http://www.saiplatformconference.org> and to learn more about SAI Platform Australia. A two day registration is \$850 pp.(ex gst). We hope to see you in on the 17 and 18 March 2011. For further information please contact Felicity Koch Marketing Communications Manager felicitykoch@bigpond.com felicitykoch@bigpond.com or phone 0416 240570.

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April 3-8, 2011

EGU 2011 Session NH10.4/BG2.18/GM4.4/SSS1.12 Call for abstracts

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Dear colleagues,

As announced, the European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2011 will be held in Vienna, Austria, 03 – 08 April 2011.

In view of the congress, we would like to draw your attention to session NH10.4/BG2.18/GM4.4/SSS1.12:

Mitigating against natural hazards: Biological contribution to sustainable soil bioengineering in a changing world (co-organized)

Related to this session, we want to encourage you submitting an abstract as you, or one of your students, might have interesting (scientific) results and information worthwhile to be presented at this conference.

Furthermore, we greatly would appreciate if you forward this notice to interested colleagues and collaborators. Please, find below further information on the session.

Deadline for Receipt of Abstracts: 10 January 2011

A more detailed schedule is available at:
<http://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU2011/sessionprogramme>

Meanwhile, we wish you a quiet and peaceful Advent season as well as a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Hans Peter Rauch, Freddy Rey, Frank Graf, Federico Preti

NH10.4/BG2.18/GM4.4/SSS1.12

Mitigating against natural hazards: Biological contribution to sustainable soil bioengineering in a changing world

Wind and water driven erosion processes, landslides, and flooding are among the most threatening natural hazards for humanity all over the world. Protection measures against them mainly focus on technical constructions that are, however, restricted to point-by-point or linear effects and often have a short lifespan. Environmentally compatible and long-term surface protection is one of the privileges of plants acting in concert with other organisms. The application of soil bioengineering measures is a key benefit of eco-engineering, particularly in view of sustainable combating erosion, land-slides, flooding, desertification, and drought. There is evidence to suggest that biological measures naturally contribute to the strength of soil all along the successional paths of plant associations with considerable influence on geotechnical, hydrological, and hydraulic characteristics. Additionally, biological activity is supposed to substantially increase in time below and above ground and to influence the physical and chemical properties of the soil and its drainage system. Yet, uncertainties are rather frequent, not least due to a missing reliable scientific base. Consequently, the application of joint technical and biological measures as a standardised engineering method is a crucial requirement. That for, the dynamic interaction processes between the living organisms (bio system), soil, water (geo system), and technical measures (tech system) need to be quantified, allowing to soundly answer fundamental questions.

“What exactly are contributions of the biological measures in view of soil stability in general and related to support, anchoring, drainage, reinforcement, armour, and hydraulic resistance in particular?”

“What selection criteria are planting strategies based on and which criteria are indispensable for sustainable protection against the corresponding hazards?”

“What are the ecological and socio-economic consequences of soil bioengineering measures?”

“How does global change affect soil bioengineering and how can it be considered regarding the selection of appropriate species for recolonizing degraded soil?”

The goal of this session is to exchange knowledge of research work from the entire field of soil bioengineering. Contributions addressing questions within the above mentioned frame are strongly encouraged. Practical applications of corresponding systems are as much welcomed as are fundamental studies of the role of vegetation for soil, slope, and river bank stability.

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April 3-8, 2011

EGU2011: Soil water repellency: origin, assessment and geomorphological consequences. European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2011, Vienna, Austria, 03-08 April 2011. The objective of this session is to put in common recent research and facilitate international scientific exchange for a better knowledge of water-repellent soils and addressing key research gaps. Contributors are invited to discuss the origin and evaluation of soil water repellence, its impact on the physical and hydrological soil properties, soil erosion, and the effect of wildfires as well as amelioration techniques and strategies for restoration of arable soils or natural areas. Conveners: Antonio Jordán, Lorena M. Zavala, Stefan H. Doerr, Lee MacDonald, Gary Sheridan, Jorge Mataix-Solera. URL: <http://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU2011/session/7784> (From IUSS Alert 68)

April 4-8, 2011

2iE's 2011 Science Week: Assessment and Adaptation to Climate Variation Challenges

Location: Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Date: 4 - 8 April 2011

April 22-28, 2012

Sandstone Landscapes: Diversity, Ecology and Conservation. 22-28 April 2012, Poland. The conference is intended to provide a forum to communicate results of research on various aspects (geology, geomorphology, hydrology, soil science, ecology, biology) of sandstone landscapes from many different parts of the world. There will be a particular focus on linkages between different components of natural systems and sustainable management of sandstone areas, many of which are protected for their scenic, earth science, biological or cultural reasons. Field sessions will also give conference participants the opportunity to visit one of the most spectacular sandstone areas in central Europe, including the famous table hill of Szczeliniec Wielki, visited by Johann Wolfgang Goethe in 1790. Finally, we hope that the participation and interaction of sandstone researchers from various specialized fields will strengthen cross-disciplinary cooperation and enhance the global understanding of Sandstone Phenomenon. First two conferences were organized in Doubice (north-west Czech Republic) and in Luxembourg. Present, the third conference will be in April 2012 at resort Kudowa Zdroj in south-west Poland, near the Stolowe Mountains National Park. More information is available at the site of University of Wroclaw:

http://www.geom.uni.wroc.pl/Sandstone_Landscapes_Circular1.pdf (From IUSS Alert 70)

April 26-28, 2011



Conference on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for Desert Regions

Location: Amman, Jordan Date: 26-28 April, 2011

April 30-May 1, 2011

2nd International Congress of Food Hygiene

Date: April 30 - May 1, 2011, Location: Tehran - Iran

New Eijkelkamp “Water Management Catalogue”

Eijkelkamp Agrisearch Equipment BV from the Netherlands, recently published a new catalogue on Research Equipment for Water Management Studies. It contains an important selection of water related Eijkelkamp equipment. Go to www.eijkelkamp.com for more information.

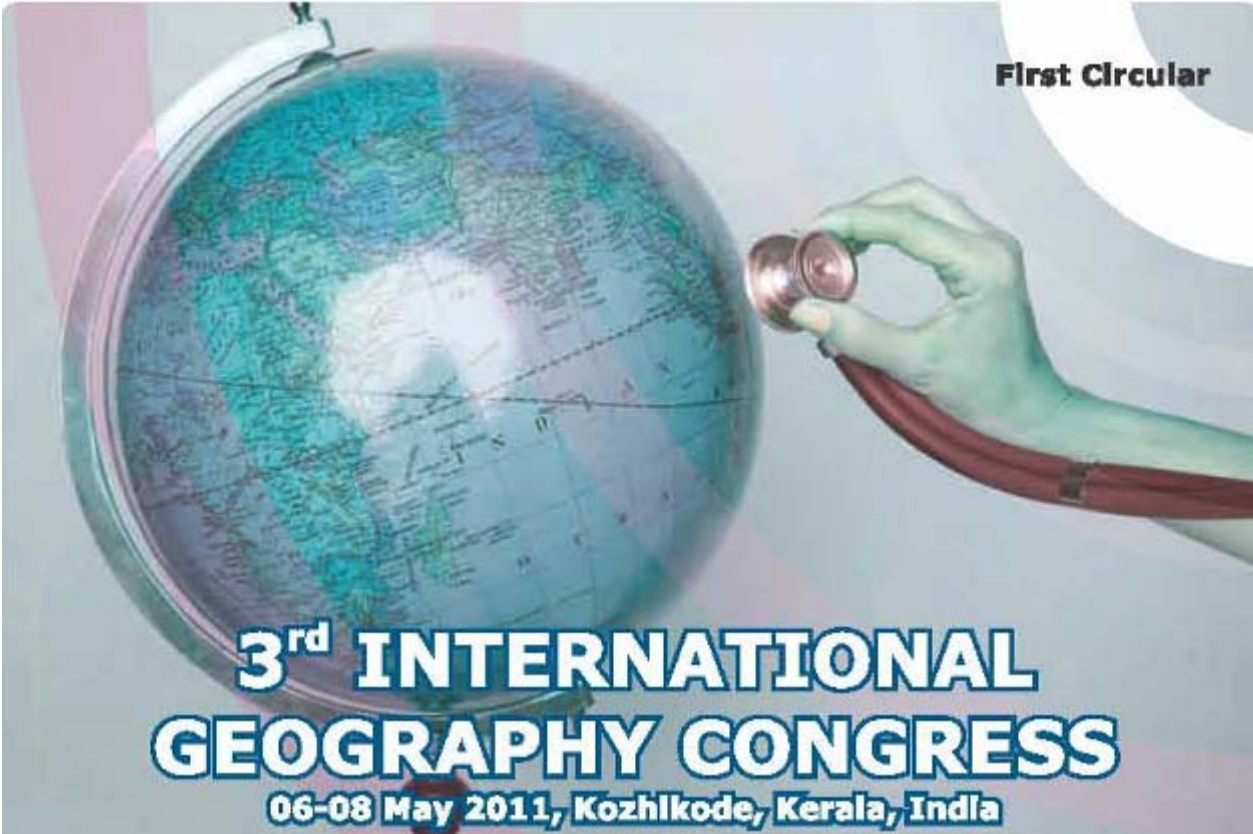
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May 6-8, 2011

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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.essthessalonikicongress.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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May 12-13, 2011



May 19-21, 2011

Please find below the homepage of an international conference on: "**Climate Change, Agri-Food, Fisheries and Ecosystems: Reinventing Research, Innovation, and Policy Agendas for Environmentally- and Socially-Balanced Growth**", May 19-21, 2011, Agadir. This Conference is jointly organized by:

- [The North-South Center for Social Sciences \(NRCS\)](#), Morocco and
- [The German Technical Cooperation \(GTZ\)](#), Germany

In Collaboration with:

- The Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences, [Ibn Zohr University](#), Morocco
- [The Institute for Research and Development \(IRD\)](#) , France
- [Compassion in World Farming](#), England

Conference homepage: <http://nrsc.webnode.com/scientific-events/iccaffe2011/english-version/>

Veuillez trouver ci-après le site web du Congrès international sur "**Le Changement climatique, Agriculture, Alimentation, Pêche et Écosystèmes: Réinventer la recherche, l'innovation et la politique pour une croissance écologiquement et socialement équilibrée**", mai 19-21, 2011, Agadir (Maroc). Ce Congrès est conjointement organisé par:

- Le [Centre Nord-Sud de Recherches en Sciences Sociales \(NRCS\)](#), et
- La [Coopération Technique Allemande \(GTZ\)](#), Allemagne

en collaboration avec:

- La Faculté des Sciences Économiques, Juridiques et Sociales, [Université Ibn Zohr d'Agadir](#)
- [L'Institut de Recherche pour le Développement \(IRD\)](#), France
- [Compassion in World Farming](#), UK

Site web du Congrès: <http://nrsc.webnode.com/scientific-events/iccaffe2011/english-version/>

Thank you in advance for sharing this information

Merci d'avance pour la diffusion de l'information

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May 25-27, 2011

Ottawa 2011 GAC-MAC-SEG-SGA, 25-27 May 2011. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Earth climate; Circumpolar geoscience; Water, waste and nuclear repositories; Arctic landscape evolution; Rare elements: mobility and concentration processes; Environmental geomicrobiology. These are just a few of the many symposia and special themes that will be addressed at Ottawa 2011. This is a joint annual meeting of the Geological Association of Canada, the Mineralogical Association of Canada, the Society of Economic Geologists and the Society for Geology Applied to Mineral Deposits. Under the general conference theme of "Navigating Past and Future Change" we invite you to attend this event in Canada 's capital, where you will experience a unique blend of culture, history and natural beauty all in the heart of the city. It lies at the junction between the rocky edge of the Canadian Shield and the Cambrian and Ordovician deposits of an ancient sea, and is ideally situated for its two universities, the Geological Survey of Canada and all the departments of the Government of Canada including Environment Canada, Agriculture Canada and Natural Resources Canada. Keynote lectures, challenging debates, informative workshops and spectacular field trips will complement the oral and poster presentations. For further information: www.gacmacottawa2011.ca/welcome.html (From IUSS Alert 66)



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May 26-27, 2011

Land Quality and Land Use Information in the EU, 26-27 May, 2011, Keszthely, Hungary



Following recent scientific and policy developments - also reflected in international environmental agreements - land quality is now regarded as an integrated measure of different aspects of land ecosystem services.

The Hungarian Academy of Sciences together with the European Commission (Eurostat, DG Environment, JRC) and the University of Pannonia and in association with the Hungarian EU presidency is organizing a conference on the issue.

The conference is planned to facilitate the exchange of information and views among stakeholders involved in different aspects of land quality management; be it research, policy planning, soil management or conservation.

Among the goals of the conference is to enhance the understanding of the role of land quality in rural systems and to progress the development of land information, land use planning and related services based on land quality on different levels; from farm to continental scales.

List of the addressed topics and many more information is available on the conference website: <http://landq2011.uni-pannon.hu/>

The registration to the conference is now open. To register and submit papers for presentation please visit the conference website. (Deadline for paper submission is 30 November 2010.)

June 5-10, 2011

12th International Symposium on Soil Science and Plant Analysis

12th ISSPA will be held in **Chania, Crete, Greece** on **June 5-10, 2011**. This forum, organized by the Soil and Plant Analysis Council, will bring together agricultural and natural resource scientists from around the world to disseminate information on methodology, interpretation and application of soil, plant and water.



<http://www.isspaonline.org>

June 14-17, 2011

9th International Conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics, 14th – 17th June 2011, Bogaziçi University in Istanbul, Turkey

The European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE) will be holding their 2011 conference on June 14 - 17 in Istanbul, Turkey. It will focus on an array of topics, including food and agriculture. Information on themes, venue, and deadlines can be found on the conference website.

June 26-July 1, 2011

Soil Interfaces in a Changing World. International Symposium on Interactions of Soil Minerals with Organic Components and Microorganisms. 6th ISMOM, 3rd InterCongress symposium of IUSS Commission 2.5. Montpellier, France 26th June - 1st July 2011. This symposium attracts about 200 participants every 4 years, and is always a lively, stimulating friendly meeting. More information on the conference, the keynote speakers, the venue and important dates are found on the Web site. The web site is now open for pre-inscription, and abstract submission will be possible later this month. Travel bursaries will be available and information on application will soon be posted on the Web site. The second circular can be downloaded from the Web site. Special issues of European Journal of Soil Science and Soil Biology & Biochemistry will be published based on oral and poster communications

made at the conference. The call for papers for both special issues is already open. In 2011 emphasis will be given to: changing climate and the effects on biogeochemical cycles and microbial activity in soils; changing demands on soil and the environment in terms of agricultural production and pollution standards; emerging pollutants, including nanoparticles, pathogens, new pesticides and pharmaceutical products and genetically modified plants; new developments in advanced analytical and research tools. Registration fees are low for early birds and students and inclusive of lunches and social events, with low price accommodation available and some bursaries for students and scientists from underfunded countries. For more information and to download the Second Circular, please go to the Web site. <http://www1.montpellier.inra.fr/ISMOM2011/> (From IUSS Alert 69)

June 30-July 2, 2011

Nature™ Inc? Questioning the Market Panacea in Environmental Policy and Conservation: In order to respond to the many environmental problems the world is facing, new and innovative methods are necessary and markets are posited as the ideal vehicle to supply these. This conference, which will take place on **30th June – 2nd July, 2011, in The Hague, The Netherlands**, seeks to critically engage with the market panacea in environmental policy and conservation in the context of histories and recent developments in neoliberal capitalism. **Paper proposals are due 15 December 2010.** Please send a 250-300 word proposal, with title, contact information, and three keywords as a Word attachment to: nature2011@iss.nl

July 4-7, 2011

LANDCON 1107

**Second International Conservation Agriculture Workshop and Conference in Southeast Asia
Royal University of Agriculture, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
July 4 to 7, 2011 (a rough draft, will be more crystallized in the next issue)**

July 4: Soil Quality Workshop

Dr. Susan Andrews from United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service

- *Basics Concepts in Soil Quality*
- *Soil Quality Indices*
- *Measuring Soil Quality Using the NRCS Soil Quality Kit – short lecture, hands on the next day in Kampong Cham, site of the Conservation Agriculture experiment of PADAC*

Pr João Carlos Moraes Sá from State University of Ponta Grossa – Paraná, Brazil

- *Soil organic carbon pools': characteristics and functionality*
- *The SOM and soil restoration by cropping system associated with conservation tillage*
- *Introduction to soil aggregation: understanding the aggregation under CA, biological interactions with aggregates formation*
- *Soil particle size fractions in line with dynamic of Soil Organic Carbon sequestration*

July 5, am: Soil Quality Workshop (cont.)

Pr João Carlos Moraes Sá, 'Pr. Juca' from State University of Ponta Grossa - Paraná, Brazil

- *Keep the Soil Permanently Covered for C sequestration, soil quality, crop profitability and environmental quality or Overview of CA and C sequestration rate for Subtropical and Tropical regions in Brazil*

Dr. Johnny Boyer

- *Conservation Agriculture x Soil biology (with emphasis on Macro-fauna)*

Mr. Pascal Lienhard

- *Preliminary results on soil x CA in Laos (to be confirmed)*

July 5, pm: Transfer to Kampong Cham

July 6, am and early pm: Field Trip in Kampong Cham

- *Visit Conservation Agriculture Experimental Plots*
- *Hands on training in using the NRCS Soil Quality Kit by Dr. Susan Andrews, we will apply to both the plow based and Conservation Agriculture Plots*

July 6, late pm: Return to Phnom Penh

July 7: Conference

- Conservation Agriculture in Cambodia (Boulakia)
- Conservation Agriculture in the Philippines (Mercado if we can find the funds, Reyes if not)
- Conservation Agriculture in Laos (NAFRI/National Center on CA or Pascal Lienhard)
- Conservation Agriculture in Vietnam (NOMASFI or Damien Hauswirth **to be confirmed**)
- Conservation Agriculture in Thailand
- Conservation Agriculture in China

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Contact Prof Manny Reyes for more information mannyreyes@nc.rr.com

July 20-27, 2011

Scientific Session in Bern

Tuesday, October 26, 2010 8:26 PM

From: "Christina Hakopian" <chakopian@ysu.am>

Within the framework of the INQUA congress to be held in Bern, Swizeland, on July 20-27, 2011, the Department of Physical Geography and Hydrometeorology at Yerevan State University, the NGO "International Scientific-Research Center on Water, Climate and Recreational Resources" jointly organize a session entitled "Man and Hydroecosystems - Water Ecosystems as a Component of the Geographical Mantle and the Anthropogenic Influence over Them".

We invite you to participate in this session. In case you are willing to join the session, please send your abstract before November 30, following the requirements below:

You are welcome to circulate this information.

Christina

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Abstract submission guidelines

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 30 November 2010.

Abstracts must be submitted in English.

You will need to enter the following data:

" - Name, institution, city, country and email-address of all authors

" - Identification of presenter (the email-address of the presenter will be the contact address for all future communication).

- " - Preference for oral or poster presentation (Please note: A maximum of three abstracts per presenter can be submitted, of which only one can be requested to be an oral presentation).
- " - Title of abstract (max. 200 characters incl. spaces.)
- " - Text (max. 2000 characters incl. spaces, no graphics or tables. Special characters can be obtained from the abstract body field). Please check the spelling carefully. Once the abstract has been submitted, editing is no longer possible and the abstract will be reproduced from your online submission. Text that is copy&pasted from Microsoft Word will lose its initial formatting. Please format your abstract body with the available menu items of the editor.

Abstracts may be selected for oral or for poster presentation and notification on acceptance will be emailed by 31 January 2011. All accepted abstracts will be published on the conference website after this date.

July 20-27, 2011

INQUA Congress, Bern, Switzerland, July 20-27, 2011 <http://www.inqua2011.ch> *Session 67: Indicators of climatic changes in saprolite, paleosols, polygenetic soils, and soil sediments* (Conveners: Daniela Sauer, Mohammed Rafi Sayyed, Birgit Terhorst) <http://www.inqua2011.ch/?a=programme&subnavi=sessions&id=67>. *Session 69: Reconstructing environmental impacts of climate changes from MIS 5 to present, based on terrestrial and lacustrine archives* (Conveners: Stefano Carnicelli, Valérie Andrieu-Ponel) <http://www.inqua2011.ch/?a=programme&subnavi=sessions&id=69>. Deadline for abstract submission: November 30, 2010 (option for poster submission will be re-opened after finalization of oral session programme until May 31, 2011) (From IUSS Alert 68)

July 28-August 1, 2011

Joint Meeting of the Commissions on Palaeopedology and Soil Geography. July 28 to August 1 at Hohenheim University, Stuttgart (Germany). Main topics: carbonates in soils and paleosols; features that are indicative for particular (palaeo-)climatic conditions; soil patterns resulting from lateral water and element flows in landscapes etc. Programme: July 28 Arrival, barbecue; July 29+30 Oral and poster symposia; July 31 Field trip Swabian Alb (relics of Tertiary subtropical-tropical weathering and soils); August 1 Field trip Black Forest (Loess-paleosol sequence, Triassic Gleysol, sequence of soils reflecting lateral transport of iron in the landscape) Abstract submission Dec 1, 2010 - Jan 15, 2011; Registration Dec 1, 2010 - May 31, 2011 <https://ppsg2011.uni-hohenheim.de> (From IUSS Alert 68)

August 21-25, 2011

4th World Conference on Ecological Restoration: The Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) and its partners from Latin America invite you to **Merida, Mexico, on August 21-25, 2011** for SER's 4th World Conference on Ecological Restoration. The theme of SER 2011 is "Re-establishing the Link between Nature and Culture". SER 2011 will be an important forum for addressing the global challenges of biodiversity and habitat loss, climate change, and sustainable development. It will provide a global venue for professionals, researchers, students and the public to come together, learn and share their knowledge and experiences, and identify practical solutions for restoring nature and sustaining critical ecosystem goods and services.

August 22-24, 2011

ACES 2011: Conservation Conflicts: Strategies for coping with a changing world: This conference will take place from **22nd to 24th August 2011, at the Arts Centre in Aberdeen, Scotland, UK**. As human pressures on the planet increase, biodiversity is under growing pressure across the world. Changing patterns in land use, over-exploitation, pollution, climate change and the threat posed by invasive species, all challenge the way we currently manage and conserve biological diversity. Consequently, there are increasing numbers of conflicts between those interested in conserving species and those with alternative goals, interests or values. These conflicts occur over a range of scales from the local management of single species to international conflicts over the management of resources; they are multi-dimensional, involving ecological, social and economic interests and operate within political and legal frameworks. This conference brings together academics from a range of disciplines,

policy makers and practitioners to address how, when and why conflicts arise, and to identify mitigation strategies.

September 5-10, 2011

28th Congress of the Polish Society of Soil Science connected with International Scientific Conference „Soil - Human - Environment” will be held September 5-10, 2011 in Toruń, Poland. The host of the Congress and Conference is Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń. Main topics of the conference are: soil genesis, classification and cartography, soil chemistry and physics, soil biology, degradation, conservation and reclamation of soils, use and management of soils, field session. Invited speakers with lectures as well as oral and poster presentations and field sessions will be good opportunity to discuss the importance of soils and soil science for human and environment presently and in the future. For more details please visit: www.zgleb.umk.pl/kongres.html (From IUSS Alert 70)

September 18-21, 2011

ASABE's 2011 Conference

International Symposium on Erosion and Landscape Evolution

September 18-21, 2011 - Anchorage, Alaska USA

For more information on the symposium, contact: Dr. Debasmita Misra, Symposium Co-Chair, email: dmisra@alaska.edu, phone: (907) 474-5339
For information on abstract/paper submission, contact: Dr. Jim Ascough, Publications Co-Chair, email: Jim.Ascough@ars.usda.gov, phone: (970) 492-7371;
John Nieber, Publications Co-Chair, e-mail: nieber@umn.edu, phone: (612) 625-6724.
Visit the conference home page at <http://twosweet.bse.vt.edu/ISELE2011/index.html>

September 18-22, 2011

With this we would like to draw your attention to the first edition of a new series of meetings on applied soil science to be held bi-annually in Wageningen, the Netherlands. The first edition will be called **'Soil Science in a Changing world'** and will be held from 18-22 September 2011.

We now have the website with all required information ready: <http://www.wageningensoilmeeting.wur.nl>. The website will inform you on all the topics and formats we choose for this meeting. Soon there will be the possibility to register and submit abstracts as well.

We would like to ask you to distribute among your members the first circular of this new conference. We hope to welcome the prime of innovative soil scientists to make steps forwards in making soil science matter for society. We attached both the first circular as well as a short description of the conference, in case you might want to put this in your newsletter.

Thank you very much and with kind regards,

On behalf of the organizing committee,

Saskia Keesstra and **Gerben Mol** <http://www.wageningensoilmeeting.wur.nl/UK/>



Climate change. Food security. Water resources. Biodiversity. Not issues that provoke vivid images of soil scientists contributing to solutions to mitigate these problems. These solutions are addressed, however, by many scientists participating in multidisciplinary think tanks. In the first Wageningen Conference on Applied Soil Science, titled "Soil Science in a Changing World", we will discuss the importance of soils and soil science for combating the problems we are facing around the globe.

On behalf of the Soil Science Centre of Wageningen University we would like to invite you to this conference. The first edition of the Wageningen soil meetings will address the importance of soil scientific knowledge for global issues. We want to address these topics in a dynamic way, by top key-note speeches, challenging debates, inspiring workshops and master classes as well as oral and poster presentations by participants. For further information please refer to the attached First Circular or the website: www.wageningensoilmeeting.wur.nl.



wageningen conference
on applied soil science

—SOIL SCIENCE IN A CHANGING WORLD—

September 25-30, 2011

Rhizosphere 3 International Conference, 25-30 September 2011. Burswood Convention Centre, Perth, WA. <http://rhizosphere3.com/> RHIZOSPHERE 3 will provide a multidisciplinary forum for exchanging innovative ideas and methods for studying the rhizosphere, understanding its complexity and further up-scaling its functioning to better evaluate its ultimate role in ecosystem processes. It follows on from the highly successful RHIZOSPHERE 2 Conference held in Montpellier (25-31 August 2007) which gathered over 570 participants from 48 countries worldwide. The conference will provide a stage for young and established researchers to present their work in front of a welcoming international audience in the beautiful setting of Perth in Western Australia in September 2011, during the fabulous wildflower season. (From IUSS Alert 68)

September 26-29, 2011

5th World Congress of Conservation Agriculture

incorporating 3rd Farming Systems Design Conference

26-29th September 2011 Brisbane Australia

Australia, host for the 5th WCCA and 3rd FSD, welcomes scientists and practitioners to Brisbane to discuss current and future developments of sustainable agriculture next year.

<http://www.wcca2011.org/> Contact: John Dixon at Dixon@aci.gov.au

(Draft) Invitation to Express Interest in Hosting

6th World Congress of Conservation Agriculture, 2014

The World Congress of Conservation Agriculture has now been hosted by Spain, Brazil, Kenya and India, and the 5th WCCA will be held in Australia in 2011. WCCA can now be seen as the premier international forum for broad discussion of the ideas, issues and impacts of more sustainable crop production. It has been particularly valuable in bringing together scientists and practitioners from both the developed world and the developing world, emphasising the issues and importance of smallholder agriculture.

Early WCCA's were primarily concerned with the scientific, technical and adoption issues of conservation agriculture, but the focus of has steadily broadened. Aspects such as consultation, participation and knowledge sharing are now equally important, together with consideration of underpinning policy. The co-location of 3rd International Farming Systems Design Conference with 5th WCCA in Australia and the support of Landcare International will further broaden perspectives on conservation agriculture, its adoption processes and impacts.

The international organizing committee of the 4th WCCA in New Delhi during 2009 considered bids for the next congress and accepted the Australian bid to host 5th WCCA during 2011. At the same time, they recommended that the 5th WCCA international organising committee initiate a process for the ongoing operation of congresses and specifically call for bids to host the 6th WCCA in or around 2014.

National and Regional Organizations supporting Conservation Agriculture are invited to present preliminary expressions of interest in hosting the 6th WCCA for consideration by the current International Steering

Committee, which might seek supplementary information from proposers in order to select a short list of proposers who will be invited to submit full bids by 1st June 2011. The International Steering Committee will review and recommend a one bid for the 6th WCCA for endorsement for endorsement by the 5th WCCA.

Preliminary expressions of interest will be received on behalf of the International Steering Committee by Dr John Dixon, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research [Dixon@aci-ar.gov.au]. These should be received by 1st September 2010.

Important criteria for hosting the 6th World Congress of Conservation Agriculture.

- **Resources:**
 - Human: scientific, practitioner and institutional backing for proposal.
 - Financial: extent of known and anticipated support .
 - Endorsement by appropriate national and governmental bodies
- **Location:**
 - Proximity to significant groups of CA scientists.
 - Proximity to local examples of CA practice and development.
 - Relative to previous WCCA's (developed/developing country alternation)
 - Accessibility from most regions
 - Opportunity to foster greater CA adoption.
- **Logistics:**
 - Cost and convenience of transport, accommodation, communications etc.
 - Availability of Conference facilities
 - Calibre of proposed organizing committees
- **Themes and organization:**
 - Relevance of themes and content to a majority of CA practitioners and scientists
 - Nature of proposed organization
 - Potential alliances with other professional organizations, e.g., FSD or Landcare

If you are interested in organizing the 6th WCCA please contact: John Dixon at Dixon@aci-ar.gov.au

October 3-7, 2011

The Sixth SUITMA International Conference, October 3-7, 2011



Introduction

The University Cadi Ayyad and the Faculté des Sciences et Techniques (FST) of Marrakech would like to invite you to join us for the **6th International Conference of the Urban Soils Working Group, SUITMA, of the International Union of Soil Sciences**. Share in the latest information and ideas from around the world in this exciting and important field.

Increasing urbanization is a worldwide phenomenon.

According to the United Nations Population Division, one-half of the world's population now lives in cities and towns, and by 2030 this will reach 60 percent. Currently there are 20 mega-cities with more than 10 million inhabitants, many in developing countries. Also, humanity is facing major global changes, i.e. increasing world demand in food and non-renewable resources, climate change, biodiversity erosion, epidemic threats.

SUITMAs (Soils in Urban, Industrial, Traffic, Mining and Military Areas) are fundamental components of urban ecosystem. They are diverse and heterogeneous, and fulfill primary functions of utmost importance. Obviously they are a part of the answer imposed to humankind to meet major challenges. However, knowledge related to SUITMAs is still fragmentary, which hinders their fundamental roles and impairs the management of urban areas.

Objectives of SUITMA are:

- i) to increase knowledge about one of the most important frontiers in the field of soil science, and
- ii) to advocate the role of soil science in the decision making process for urban land management.

After successful events in Germany, France, Egypt, China, and the United States, the 2011 conference in Marrakech will offer a further step forward in the knowledge of urban soils, **focusing on the functions of SUITMAs in global change issues**. It will feature current research from around the world, and panel discussions on topical issues. Not only are disciplines directly connected to soil science invited, but other scientific communities (e.g. economy, law, policy-making, health, land planning) are most welcome to SUITMA 6.

Traditionally, SUITMA puts emphasis on local features of urban soils. In this objective, beside a **three-day conference (3, 4 & 7 October 2011)** held at hotel Ryad Mogador Menara, Marrakech, a **two-day field tour (5 & 6 October 2011)** will be offered in the region of Marrakech to examine soils and landscapes, soil-based restoration, research, and mapping projects under semi-arid climate, and a **post-conference tour (9 - 12 October 2011)** will be organized in Senegal to address issues related to urban soils under tropical conditions.

We will be very pleased to welcome you at SUITMA 6 to have your ideas and experience integrated in major scientific and social issues.

Ali BOULARBAH, Chairman of SUITMA 6

Jean-Louis MOREL Chairman of SUITMA

Ganlin ZHANG, Vice-Chairman of SUITMA

Looking forward to welcoming you in Marrakech next October,

Jean Louis Morel <http://www.suitma6.com/>

The conference will be followed by a 3-day tour in Senegal

October 3-7, 2011

3rd ECHO Asia Agricultural and Community Development Conference, Chiang Mai, Thailand

(Details Coming Soon) Contact Rick Burnette at echoasia@echonet.org

October 10-14, 2011

East and Southeast Asia Federation of Soil Science Societies Meeting. The Soil Science Society of Sri Lanka will host the 10th ESAFS International Conference at the Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel, Colombo on 10-14 October 2011. The conference theme is, “*Soil, a precious Natural Resource: Agricultural Ecosystems, Environmental health & Climate change* “. The Technical session will comprise several parallel sessions on a wide array of soil related areas. There will also be a poster session. More details are posted on the conference website www.esafs10sl.org which will be regularly updated. Hence, please check often or register your interest to participate online and we will keep you informed. Contact soilscisoclk@gmail.com for further clarifications. (From IUSS Alert 70)

October 12-13, 2011



Colloque

« Erosion hydrique et vulnérabilité des sols au Maghreb : État des lieux et perspectives » 12 et 13 octobre 2011

Première annonce

Un colloque « Erosion hydrique et vulnérabilité des sols au Maghreb : état des lieux et perspectives » aura lieu à Rabat au Maroc, à l'Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II, campus de Rabat, les 12 et 13 octobre 2011.

Objectif: L'objectif général de ce colloque est de faire le bilan des recherches en matière d'érosion au Maroc et plus largement dans l'ensemble du Maghreb, de favoriser la diffusion de ces résultats et de promouvoir les collaborations sur ce thème.

Contexte: Les changements climatiques et d'utilisation des sols attendus au cours du 21^{ème} siècle vont influencer les phénomènes de dégradation et d'érosion des sols. Il est donc crucial de mieux comprendre les conséquences de l'érosion hydrique vis-à-vis des fonctions du sol et du transfert des sédiments et des nutriments dans les eaux de surface. C'est dans ce sens qu'un programme PRAD a été mené depuis 2009 et qu'un programme de recherche a été initié pour accompagner les actions du projet

arboriculture fruitière dans le cadre du MCC. Il s'agit d'associer des partenaires du Sud et du Nord intervenants dans les pays du Maghreb afin de partager et d'échanger nos connaissances sur les thèmes suivants :

- Etude de l'érosion hydrique : processus, modélisation, impacts environnementaux, sociaux et économiques
 - Inventaires, études de cas, indicateurs, spatialisation et cartographie de l'érosion hydrique
 - Lutte contre l'érosion hydrique, efficacité des pratiques culturales et des aménagements de bassins versants.
- Outre les chercheurs, la manifestation comprendra des agents des services de développement agricole et d'aménagement du territoire afin de dialoguer avec les structures opérationnelles.

Les personnes souhaitant présenter une communication à ce colloque sont invitées à envoyer un résumé d'une demi-page avant le 15 mars 2011 au secrétariat du colloque : colloque.erosion2011@gmail.com

Il n'y a pas de frais d'inscription pour la participation au colloque

Calendrier : Sélection des résumés le 15 avril, Programme final le 15 juillet

Contact : colloque.erosion2011@gmail.com Comité d'organisation

October 24-27, 2011

CIALCA Conference- registration and call for papers

Monday, January 24, 2011 9:36 AM

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Version Française ci-dessous

Dear Colleague,

CIALCA and the CGIAR Consortium Research Programme (CRP) on the Humid Tropics have the pleasure of announcing an international conference on the 'Challenges and Opportunities for Agricultural Intensification of the Humid Highland Systems of sub-Saharan Africa', to be convened in Kigali, Rwanda from 24-27 October 2011.

Please see the attached conference flyer (English or French) for more details, including registration information and how to submit a paper or poster for presentation.

Cher Collègue,

CIALCA et le Programme du Consortium de Recherche des Centres CG (CRP) sur les Zones Tropicales Humides, a le plaisir d'annoncer qu'une conférence internationale sur 'Defis et Opportunités

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Jean Marie LAMACHERE, IRD Rabat

Yves Le BISSONNAIS, INRA Montpellier

Patrick ZANTE, IRD Rabat

Olivier PLANCHON, IRD Montpellier

Yannick PEPIN, IRD Rabat

Agricoles des Hautes Plateaux Humides d'Afrique Subsaharienne', aura lieu à Kigali au Rwanda du 24 au 27 Octobre 2011.

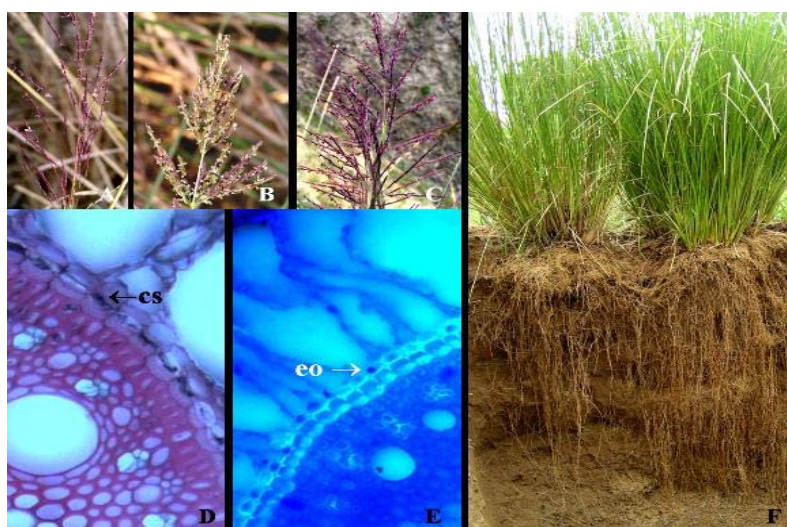
Veillez prendre connaissance de la brochure ci-joint (anglais ou français) pour plus de details, des renseignements d'inscription et des formalités de soumission de l'article ou de l'affiche/du poster pour la présentation y sont repris.

Boudy van Schagen
Knowledge Sharing Specialist
CIALCA Consortium
www.cialca.org

October 29-31, 2011

The Fifth International Conference on Vetiver (ICV-5) Vetiver and Climate Change

Lucknow, India, October 29 - 31, 2011



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Vetiver and Climate Change

India is the native home of Vetiver where it is found occurring in wild state throughout the tropical and subtropical plains, particularly among riverbanks and over marshy lands. Being its primary centre of origin, India offers a repertoire of genetic diversity that could serve as a valuable resource for identifying designer genotypes suiting to specific applications.

Morphogenetic diversity in Vetiver: A-C. showing diversity for pigmentation and

orientation of stigma, D-E. root anatomy depicting endodermis diversity for occurrence of thick casparian strips (cs) or essential oil secretory cells (eo), F. variation in root growth pattern in the two genotypes (left : seed forming type with small roots, right : low/late flowering non-seed forming type with fast growing deep penetrating roots reaching upto 1.5 M just in one year)

In India, the roots of this grass have been traditionally used for essential-oil production and its hedges in farm contour protection. Taking cues from its traditional usage in environmental protection in India and other countries, The World Bank initiated several projects in India in 1980s for systematic development of Vetiver Grass Technology, now popularly known as Vetiver System (VS). Over a period of time VS has acquired international territories and is now grown in over 100 countries owing to its cost effective environment friendly multifarious applications and sustainable solutions for soil and water conservation, slope and embankment stabilization, pollution mitigation and land and water rehabilitation, agroforestry management and host of other ecosystem services. Some of the notable achievements and impacts of VS applications around the world worth mentioning are: disaster mitigation in Thailand and Vietnam, soil and water conservation and wetland restoration in Ethiopia, infrastructure stabilization in China, Congo, Madagascar and Vietnam; pollution control in Indonesia, Australia, California; handicrafts in Venezuela, China, and Thailand; mine reclamation in Venezuela, South Africa, Australia, Chile; river bank, irrigation and drain stabilization in Vietnam, Zimbabwe, India; and other land and water related uses.

Vetiver has wide range of ecological distribution in India. Lately, there has been rejuvenation and added interest in VS applications in India. A national Vetiver workshop was organized in Kochi, Kerala, India in 2008. Vetiver can be seen in its natural state in and around Lucknow - the venue of ICV-5. It is our privilege to hold this International Conference on Vetiver in India, and also offer an opportunity for the participants to see vetiver in action in its native home. The conference would provide an exciting and startling opportunity to the participants

to interact with the leading world vetiver users who have hands on and successful experience ; an experience that could lead to early follow up application, additional research, and promotion in the participants own countries.

Conference Theme

Fast growing deep penetrating roots and high biomass production potential of vetiver grass has opened newer opportunities for its utilization in mitigating global warming through photosynthetic capture of atmospheric carbon and its sequestration in subsoil horizons. Also, the technical advances being made in cellulosic conversion of plant biomass into biofuel could offer integrated approach for optimum utilization of vetiver plantations thereby reducing the load from anthropogenic emissions.

VS could mitigate the collateral adverse effects of climate change, such as flood disaster, soil degradation, loss of water quality and quantity (including groundwater), agriculture, and pollution control (water and land decontamination), and sediment control from roads, mines and other sources that impact basin sediment flows.

Objectives

- Review of the state of art developments on the prospects and potential of VS in addressing issues related to climate change and mitigation of global warming
- An update of latest developments on VS applications to underscore its promises and potential in the service of global community
- Overview of Vetiver Ecosystem Services (an integrated ecological approach for betterment of environment, people and community)
- Utilization of vetiver diversity

Awards

“King of Thailand Vetiver Awards”

There will be two sets of these awards valued at US \$ 10,000 to the best papers on research (US\$5,000) and dissemination (US\$5,000). Applicants should send their papers to the Selection Committee for the “King of Thailand Vetiver Awards”, Office of the Royal Development Projects Board, 78 Rajdamnern Nok Ave., Bangkok 10300, Thailand, vetiver@rdpb.mail.go.th

“The Vetiver Network International Awards”

Awarded to individual or organization in recognition of their contribution to R & D and promotion of VS

Registration Fee

(includes conference attendance and related events, mid conference transport, conference documents, and some meals)

For participants from outside India: US \$ 300=00

Accompanying person: US \$ 200=00

Indian Participants: Rs. 6000/-

Accompanying person: Rs. 4000/-

Participants

It is estimated that approximately 300 participants would attend ICV-5, of which nearly 120 would be from outside India and international experts.

Accommodation and cost

The participants are required to make their own stay arrangement. However, the conference organizers would facilitate reservation of hotel booking; and make arrangement for local transport. A good number of three to five star hotels are available in the close vicinity of conference venue @ US\$ 100 to 200 per day on single occupancy basis. Further details about tariff and hotels would be provided in the second announcement. Accommodation for a limited number of participants could be arranged in the Guest House at a nominal cost.

Official Language English

Pre- and Post- Conference Tour of local interest: (to be arranged by the travel agencies on payment basis)

There are several sites of tourist interest in and around Lucknow. In addition to historical monuments (e.g. Residency, Imambara etc.) in Lucknow, there are several tourist sites in close vicinity of Lucknow within the reach of 100-350 Kms. namely, Ayodhya, Nemisaranya, Shravasti, Kushinagar, Varanasi, Sarnath, Agra. Depending upon the interest of participants, the Conference Secretariat could facilitate necessary arrangement with the help of tour operators.

Pre Registration

Download Pre Registration form and send to ICV Secretariat by email (icv-5@cimap.res.in) or fax / post as given under contact us.



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Place and Date: Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Lucknow, India October 29-31, 2011
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The Fifth International Conference on Vetiver (ICV-5) First Announcement

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Event Details

Time: [October 29, 2011](#) at 8am to [October 31, 2011](#) at 4pm

Location: [Lucknow, India](#)

Event Type: [vetiver, conference](#)

Organized By: Umesh Lavania, Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Lucknow 226 015, India

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Event Description

The first announcement for this conference (theme - Vetiver and Climate Change) has been made. See <http://icv-5.cimap.res.in/> It will be held in Lucknow, India from **October 29 to 31**, 2011. The last conference ICV-4 was held in Caracas, Venezuela in 2006. A lot has happened in the intervening 5 years and the conference promises to be interesting and challenging. Please join us in Lucknow, share your vetiver knowledge, and meet many of the key vetiver players from around the world and from India. I can guarantee that you will return home with new ideas and new ways of applying this remarkable plant to solve some of the problems facing your community. Please email your friends and tell them about ICV-5. Past conference information and proceedings can be found at: <http://www.vetiver.org/g/conferences.htm>.

This is your conference and must be a showcase for what you all have been doing in the last couple of years and more. Get involved and make sure that it is a conference like none other. One that can make a real difference - FAST!! Dick Grimshaw

November 16-17, 2011

[The 3rd International Conference on Environment](#)

Date: 16-17 November 2011

Location: Tanta University, Egypt

December 9-12, 2011 1st International Symposium on Cashew Nut



The 1st International Symposium on Cashew Nut will be held at Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India, from 9 to 12 December 2011. The International Society for Horticultural Science and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University have the honor and privilege of inviting you to participate in this most important international event concerning the cashew nut research and development.

The theme of the symposium is sustainable production, post-harvest and export promotion. The symposium will focus on the exchange of research results, latest advancement and industry development in cashew.

The scientific programs include four days of plenary session and panel expositions, as well as invited speeches by renowned scientists working in cashew nut. A one-day technical visit is also arranged to visit the Cashew nut farm and processing unit in the nearby areas. An exhibition on Cashew Nut production equipment and technology and the 1st National Cashew Nut Festival will be held simultaneously.

Madurai is a second largest city in Tamil Nadu and popularly known as temple city and holds a long history and is noted especially for its historical sites, such as the Great Meenakshi Temple and Thirumalalinayakkar Mahal. Many modern architectural wonders, like Gandhi museum added the beauty to the city.

We would like to once again warmly invite you to attend this unique and unmissable event, and we are looking for your participation in this International symposium.

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MEETINGS 2012++

May 17-19, 2012

Earth Summit 2012 On 24th December 2009 the UN General Assembly [passed a resolution](#) to agreeing to hold a Rio+20 Earth Summit in 2012. Stakeholder Forum played a key role in organising a number of events and bringing together key stakeholders at crucial points in the run-up to the Resolution, and will continue to play a key role in the preparatory process for Earth Summit 2012. The recent UNEP Global Ministers Environment Forum in Bali adopted a Ministerial resolution which included a number of sections on Rio+20 it can be downloaded from the UNEP web site. Please click [here](#).

As part of these preparations, on **15th May** Stakeholder Forum will host a conference in New York with the UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS) on the themes of the Summit, which will be just prior to the first preparatory meeting for Earth Summit 2012 (17th - 19th of May). If you would like to attend or would any further information please contact Hannah Stoddart:

hstoddart@stakeholderforum.org directly.

Stakeholder Forum has just launched a new website for Earth Summit 2012 – www.earthsummit2012.org

July 2-6, 2012

EUROSOIL 2012, the 4th International Congress of the European Confederation of Soil Science Societies (ECSSS) will be held in Bari, Italy, from 2 to 6 July 2012, organized by the Italian Society of Soil Science (SISS) and presided by Prof. Nicola Senesi of the University of Bari, Bari, Italy. The Congress will focus on and develop the various aspects of fundamental and applied soil science and technology, field approaches and social, economical and political implications in relation to the present and future needs and emergencies of mankind and environment. The Congress structure will consist of symposia, workshops and other events, including short courses, business meetings, open debates, roundtables, technical specialized meetings and/or demonstrations. The Congress will be structured prevalently on bottom-up proposals received from scientists, educators, and decision makers involved in soil science and related disciplines. Any interested person is cordially invited to visit the EUROSOIL 2012 website, and encouraged to submit proposal(s) for convening symposia and/or workshops and/or organizing any other kind of events through the appropriate form available in the Congress website by 28 February 2011. For more details visit www.eurosoil2012.eu (From IUSS Alert 70)

July 23-27, 2012

Please find attached the first call for the next conference:

“Soil Bio- and Eco-engineering. **The Use of Vegetation to Improve Slope Stability**” to be held at Vancouver, Canada, 23-27 July 2012.

We will bring together scientific researchers, practitioners, geotechnical and civil engineers, biologists, ecologists, geomorphologists and foresters to discuss current problems in slope stability research, and how to address those problems using soil bio- and eco-engineering techniques.

You can also check out the web pages for the new free network; INBE – International Network of Soil Bio- and Eco-Engineers where the conference is also posted: *<http://inbe.cirad.fr>*

If you would like to add something to the network pages (please do!) - contact your local administrator (see 'correspondant' page)

Looking forward to seeing you in Vancouver

Alexia Stokes alexia.stokes@cirad.fr & Steve Mitchell

September 6-15, 2012

World Conservation Congress: The 2012 World Conservation Congress will be held from **6th to 15th September 2012 in Jeju, Republic of Korea**. Leaders from government, the public sector, non-governmental organizations, business, UN agencies and social organizations will discuss, debate and decide solutions for the world's most pressing environment and development issues. The 2012 Congress aims to put nature and conservation at the top of the global agenda.

October 15-19, 2012

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Part of the approved high level papers will be published in formal press by Journal of Mountain Science, JMS (SCI), and conference books involving all the approved papers will be offered to all participants in highly recognized hard-cover on registration at the meeting for inner communication.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

DENG Wei

on behalf of Professor FAN Weiming,
Chairman of the 2012 ICMED Organization Committee

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Many thanks for your concern!

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May 14-18, 2013

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