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AWARDS/PRIZES

The SEED Awards 2007: Call for Submissions for the 2nd Round of SEED Awards

The Supporting Entrepreneurs for Environment and Development (SEED) Awards, an international biennial competition, is designed to support innovative, entrepreneurial partnerships. Through international exposure and institutional support received from its partners, the SEED Initiative assists young and promising partnerships in bringing their initiatives to fruition. The award is not monetary but consists of strategic, tailor-made support services with the aim to meet the development needs of the award winners.

The SEED Award recognizes and rewards two levels of winners: ten finalists who will be publicized and receive limited support through capacity development activities, and five award winners, selected from the finalists, who will receive the 'SEED Award' that includes support services to be delivered over a period of 6-12 months. These services depend on the nature and situation of the partnerships chosen as finalists and winners, and may include activities aiming to further build the partnership, develop its capacity, increase its exposure, build its networks, and identify sources of finance.

Who Should Apply?

We welcome innovative ideas from any group in the process of planning and setting up a partnership project that:

1. Involves at least three partner organizations from different stakeholder groups such as small, medium or large businesses; community-based organizations; local or international NGOs; labour unions; women's groups; indigenous peoples organizations; research institutions; public authorities; international agencies;
2. Relates to the three pillars of sustainable development: environmental, social, and economic in an integrated manner;
3. Has the potential to contribute towards the internationally agreed goals of the Millennium Declaration and/or the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;
4. Displays entrepreneurship in its broadest sense and is driven by local actors;
5. Helps to demonstrate innovative ways of doing business through partnerships—business as unusual—and has the potential to serve as inspiration to others; and/or
6. Has a draft business plan and has partners that have already agreed in principle to work together.

Application forms can be downloaded from the SEED Initiative website www.seedinit.org. Completed submissions should be sent to submissions@seedinit.org or phone: +41 22 999 0000.

Submissions will be accepted from ***July 1st until September 15th 2006.***

The ten finalists will be announced in November 2006.

The second class of SEED Award winners will be announced at a ceremony during the 15th Session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development in New York, May 2007.

Contact: SEED Initiative Project Coordinator, c/o The World Conservation Union (IUCN), World Headquarters, 28 Rue de Mauverney, CH – 1196 Gland, Switzerland, Tel: +41 22 999 0000/1; Fax +41 22 999 0002; info@seedinit.org, www.seedinit.org

The Lemelson-MIT Awards for Invention and Innovation

<http://web.mit.edu/invent/a-main.html>

The Lemelson-MIT Awards honor both established and rising inventors for their ingenuity, creativity and contribution to invention and innovation. The awards recognize the profound impact that inventors can have on economic and social well-being. The awards include the following:

- **The \$500,000 Lemelson-MIT Prize** honors outstanding mid-career inventors dedicated to improving our world through technological invention and innovation.
- **The \$100,000 Lemelson-MIT Award for Sustainability** recognizes and supports inventors working to safeguard the well-being of our communities and planet.
- The Lemelson-MIT Award for Sustainability has replaced the \$100,000 Lemelson-MIT Lifetime Achievement Award, which was presented by the Lemelson-MIT Program from 1995-2006. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognized outstanding individuals whose pioneering spirit and inventiveness throughout their careers have improved our society and inspired others.
- **The \$30,000 Lemelson-MIT Student Prize** honors promising young inventors studying at MIT.

The Lemelson-MIT Program additionally funds the \$30,000 Lemelson-Rensselaer Student Prize at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the \$30,000 Lemelson-Illinois Student Prize at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Modeling the Lemelson-MIT Program's Student Prize competition, each prize is administered by its respective school and recognizes outstanding students who demonstrate remarkable inventiveness.

Lemelson-MIT InvenTeams are grants that support a non-competitive, team-based approach to foster inventiveness among high school students. This initiative evolved from the Program's High School Invention Apprenticeship, granted annually from 1998 through 2002. Bestowed annually, the Lemelson-MIT Awards were first presented in 1995. They are part of a comprehensive program administered by the Lemelson-MIT Program and established by The Lemelson Foundation to raise the stature of inventors and to inspire invention among young people. Find out about previous recipients at our [Winners Circle](#).

Equator Prize 2006

The following announcement is in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am delighted to announce the Call for Nominations for the **Equator Prize 2006!**

This marks the third round of our extremely successful Equator Prize.

Awarded biennially, the Equator Prize recognizes five community-based projects that demonstrate extraordinary achievement in reducing poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in the equatorial belt. Prize winners receive international recognition for their work and an opportunity to help shape international policy and practice in the field, as well as a monetary award of US\$30,000 each. Adding to the excitement of this year's Equator Prize, one 2006 finalist will be selected to receive a renowned Rare Pride Campaign, supported by the new Equator Initiative partner Rare.

Details on the criteria for the Equator Prize, information on the award process, and the online nomination system can be accessed through the Equator Initiative website: www.equatorinitiative.org

The nomination process will be open through October 31, 2006; the Equator Prize will be awarded in early 2007.

We invite you to disseminate this announcement widely to groups and individuals active in biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction around the world to nominate (or self-nominate) qualified community initiatives.

The Equator Initiative partners look forward to learning about - and sharing with the world - the innovative solutions of local communities around the globe. We thank you for your contributions to this exciting process.

Warmest regards

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Estimados Amigos y Colegas,

¡Estoy sumamente entusiasmado de anunciar el inicio del **Premio Ecuatorial 2006!**

Esta marca nuestra tercera serie de extremadamente exitosas iniciativas del Premio Ecuatorial. Otorgado cada dos años, el Premio Ecuatorial reconoce cinco proyectos comunitarios que demuestran realizaciones fenomenales en reducir pobreza a través de la conservación y uso sostenible de biodiversidad en la franja ecuatorial. Los ganadores del premio reciben reconocimiento internacional por su trabajo y la oportunidad de ayudar a formar política internacional y adquieren práctica, como también un premio monetario de US\$30,000 cada uno. Agregando a la emoción del Premio Ecuatorial este año, uno de los finalistas del 2006 será seleccionado para recibir una renombrada Rare Campaña de Orgullo, apoyada por el nuevo socio de la Iniciativa Ecuatorial, Rare.

Detalles de los requisitos para el Premio Ecuatorial, información sobre el proceso de nominación, y el

sistema de nominación en línea son accesibles en la página web de la Iniciativa Ecuatorial:
www.equatorinitiative.org

El proceso de nominación estará abierto hasta el 31 de Octubre, 2006; el Premio Ecuatorial será otorgado a principios del 2007.

Lo invitamos a distribuir este anuncio lo mas posible a grupos e individuos activos en la conservación de la biodiversidad y en la reducción de la pobreza alrededor del mundo para que nominen (o se nominen a si mismos) a iniciativas de base comunitaria calificadas.

Los socios de la Iniciativa Ecuatorial esperan aprender sobre - y compartir con el mundo - las soluciones innovadoras de comunidades locales alrededor del mundo. Agradecemos sus contribuciones a este proceso emocionante.

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Chers amis et collègues,

C'est avec le plus grand plaisir que je vous annonce le lancement du **Prix Equateur 2006!**

Cet événement marque le troisième avènement de notre célèbre prix Equateur. Délivré bi-annuellement, le Prix Equateur récompense cinq initiatives communautaires qui illustrent des réussites extraordinaires dans le domaine de réduction de la pauvreté au travers de la conservation et l'utilisation durable de la biodiversité le long de la ceinture équatoriale. Les gagnants du prix reçoivent non seulement la reconnaissance internationale de leur travail et une opportunité de transformer les politiques internationales et les pratiques sur le terrain, mais aussi une somme de 30,000 dollars chacun. S'ajoute à l'excitation de cette année le fait que l'un des finalistes de 2006 sera sélectionné pour recevoir un prix de la Campagne Rare, soutenu par Rare, partenaire de l'Initiative Equateur.

Tous les détails sur les critères pour le prix Equateur, information sur le procédé de nomination et le prix en général, et le formulaire de nomination en ligne se trouvent sur le site de l'Initiative Equateur:
www.equatorinitiative.org

Le procédé de nomination sera ouvert à partir 31 Octobre 2006; le Prix Equateur sera remis début 2007.

Nous vous invitons à diffuser cette annonce à tous les groupes et individus actifs dans le domaine de la conservation de la biodiversité et la réduction de la pauvreté autour du monde afin qu'ils nominent les initiatives communautaires appropriées.

L'Initiative Equateur et ses partenaires seront ravis de connaître - et de partager avec le reste du monde- les solutions communautaires aux défis du développement durable. Nous vous remercions par avance pour votre contribution à cette initiative.

Chaleureusement,

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Prezados amigos e colegas,

Tenho a honra de anunciar o lançamento do ***Prêmio Equatorial 2006!***

Este lançamento marca a terceira rodada de nosso extremamente bem-sucedido Prêmio Equatorial. Concedido a cada dois anos, o Prêmio Equatorial reconhece cinco iniciativas ou atividades locais que ilustrem extraordinárias realizações na redução da pobreza por meio da conservação e uso sustentável da biodiversidade no cinturão equatorial. Os ganhadores do prêmio recebem reconhecimento internacional pelo seu trabalho e a oportunidade de ajudar na formulação da política internacional e na prática na área, bem como um prêmio no valor de US\$ 30,000 (trinta mil dólares americanos) cada. Engrandecendo o prêmio deste ano, um finalista do Prêmio Equatorial 2006 receberá um prêmio da prestigiosa campanha Rare Pride, apoiada pelo novo parceiro da Iniciativa Equatorial, Rare.

Detalhes sobre os critérios do Prêmio Equatorial, informações sobre os procedimentos de inscrição, bem como do sistema de inscrição de candidaturas, podem ser acessados por meio do website da Iniciativa Equatorial: www.equatorinitiative.org

O processo de inscrição estará aberto até 31 de outubro de 2006. O Prêmio Equatorial será concedido no princípio de 2007.

Convidamos você à disseminar amplamente este anúncio para os grupos e pessoas que atuam ativamente na conservação da biodiversidade e redução de pobreza no mundo, inscrevendo uma iniciativa qualificada da comunidade (ou se auto-inscrevendo).

Os parceiros da Iniciativa Equatorial desejam aprender - e compartilhar globalmente - as soluções inovadoras das comunidades locais ao redor do mundo. Nós agradecemos por sua contribuição neste estimulante processo.

Com meus calorosos cumprimentos,

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Apply for a Rolex Award

Do you have a project that advances human knowledge and well-being?

Rolex could help you make it happen.

For 30 years, the Rolex Awards for Enterprise have provided financial support and global recognition to visionary, dedicated individuals whose ongoing working projects

- **expand our knowledge of the world,**
- **improve the quality of life on the planet,**
- **or enhance the human condition.**

Anyone - of any age, nationality or educational background - can apply.

Winners have come from every corner of the globe and have ranged from an engineer in Senegal to a taxi driver in Paris and a palaeontologist in Canada.



What's crucial is that your project is innovative, feasible and - above all - demonstrates a spirit of enterprise. Since the biennial Rolex Awards were founded in 1976, 60 Laureates have been selected and dozens of other individuals have been honoured.

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

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

[Click here](#) for further details and/or an application form.

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FUNDS

MyCOE Constellation Grants

The My Community, Our Earth Partnership will award Six (6) stipends of \$1,500 each to support student participation in community-based projects using geographic methods or technologies for sustainable development. Successful projects will comprise a constellation of undergraduate or graduate students, faculty, and extension personnel in land grant and/or sea grant universities to jointly conduct a set of research/outreach activities during the period between November 2006 and April 2007. Awardees will be invited to present a paper in a featured illustrated paper session at the AAG Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California, April 17-21, 2007 (See http://www.aag.org/GrantsAwards/mycoe_constellation.cfm).
Deadline: **October 20, 2006**

Contact: Dr. Patricia Solis, Director of Research and Outreach, Association of American Geographers, 202-234-1450 x 32, www.aag.org.

Seed Funding Facility of Wetlands International

Greetings from Wetlands International. We are very pleased to announce the recent launching of the Seed Funding Facility of the Wetlands and Poverty Reduction Project of Wetlands International. The facility is an opportunity to provide funds to support the process of project proposal development and local partnerships strengthening for on-the-ground activities that deepen the understanding of how well-managed wetlands can help sustain the livelihoods and security of wetland-related communities. The intention is that the Seed Funding Facility will allow different sectoral organizations (i.e. conservation and development/aid) to work collaboratively and engage with local and regional actors in the development of a project proposal that address wetlands-poverty issues. The Seed Funding Facility is not intended to fund small projects – only processes whose aim is the development of a project proposal. Upon completion of developing the proposal, the partners will be expected to submit their proposal to a donor for funding consideration. The maximum amount that can be requested under the Seed Funding Facility is €25,000.

Criteria and guidelines for applications can be all downloadable from Wetlands International website www.wetlands.org/WPRP. Kindly contact Maria Stolk, Seed Funding Facility Coordinator at maria.stolk@wetlands.org for more information about the Seed Funding Facility or for sending your application.

The 2006 deadline for submission is **October 15, 2006**.

Applicants Sought for \$19 million in Watershed Grants

Washington, D.C. - August 16, 2006. EPA plans to award up to \$19 million in grants to help clean up and restore the nation's waterways. Proposals must reach EPA by October 16, 2006, for capacity-building grants and November 15, 2006, for project-implementation grants. Capacity-building grants provide for education and training, whereas implementation grants involve actions such as protection and preservation.

"President Bush understands that citizen-centered programs foster innovation while accelerating restoration of watersheds through cooperative conservation and grass-roots partnerships," said Assistant Administrator for Water Benjamin H. Grumbles.

State governors and tribal leaders nominate potential recipients for implementation grants. EPA will evaluate and rank submissions based on criteria outlined in each notice. Watershed organizations receive the awards based on how likely they are to achieve environmental results in a relatively short time. Selection of the grantees will be announced in the fall.

Under the Targeted Watersheds Grant Program, EPA has awarded nearly \$40 million to 46 watershed organizations since 2003. In excess of \$2 million has gone to five watershed capacity-building organizations to further the activities of more than 3,000 local watershed groups. For this grant cycle, the focus will be on supporting community-based approaches and strengthening local capacity to protect and clean up water resources. Watersheds currently in the program cover more than 142,000 square miles of the nation's landscape draining into lakes, rivers, and streams.

Yesterday, EPA released its 2005 Targeted Watersheds Grant Annual Report. It provides examples of how grant funding helps watershed partnerships advance the goals of the Clean Water Act through sound watershed plans. Comprised of informative fact sheets and colorful maps, the report highlights 34 community efforts to reach measurable clean-water goals. The report also includes summaries of grantees focused on capacity-building efforts.

More information: Targeted Watershed Grants: <http://www.epa.gov/twg>
Grant process: <http://www.grants.gov>
2005 Annual Report: <http://www.epa.gov/twg/2005annualreport>
Contacts: Carol Peterson (202) 566-1304, peterson.carol@epa.gov

UK aid agency doubles funding for scientific research

The UK government's overseas aid agency has pledged to double its funding for science and technology research by 2010, with a focus on achieving progress towards the UN Millennium Development Goals. In particular, the Department for International Development will commit more funding for research into better drugs for diseases common in poor countries and new technologies for water treatment, agriculture and adapting to climate change.

Most Innovative Development Project

Submissions are welcome for the Global Development Network's annual competition for the Most Innovative Development Project, which carries prizes in cash and travel of over US\$300,000! The finalists will present their proposals at GDN's Annual Global Development Conference in Beijing, China in January 2007. Submissions are being accepted for an ongoing development project implemented in a developing or transition country. Criteria include the degree of innovation and the potential for broad application of the project in other countries. More Info in <http://www.gdnet.org/>. Deadline for submission: **August 21, 2006.**

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Aid Information System and McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program Modification

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=7911> has a fund of US\$100 million, Deadline: **August 31, 2006**

Energy Facility Call for Proposals: New Deadline

Having carefully listened to the concerns about the short submission period for the Energy Facility Call for Proposals, we are pleased to inform you that the Director General of AIDCO has agreed to extend the submission deadline. The new deadline for the Call for Proposals of the Energy Facility is: **Friday, October 6th at 4:00pm**

For further details please visit the GVEP website at www.gvep.org/content/article/detail/13066 or send an email directly to the ACP Water & Energy Facility Unit at Europeaid-energy-facility@ec.europa.eu.

Research Programme Consortia

Improving the Equity of Energy Access for the Poor

Invitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI's)

DFID wishes to invite Expressions of Interest (EOI) from organisations to run a new Energy Research Programme Consortia (RPC) to generate a development research programme that will inform the international community as it acts to eradicate poverty. Funding will be approximately £750,000 annually for 5 years.

The RPC will be a centre of specialization in the Energy Sector. It will be led by one organization forming a consortium. The leading organization will be required to nominate a Director for the Consortia. EOI' are invited from consortia that include, or are led by, organizations in "developing" countries.

DFID is looking for innovative, strategic research, which will help to shape future development policy and practice. The research theme for the RPC is improving the Equity of Access to Energy for the Poor, and the research undertaken must be consistent with the overall objectives and strategies of DFID for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Applicants are strongly advised to read the background document for guidance on the topic and the consortia approach, which is available at www.dfid.gov.uk/research/energy-development.pdf

EOI's must be submitted electronically in English in Microsoft Windows 98, 2000 or XP. Using Microsoft Word version 7 (pdf versions will not be accepted).

The deadline for receipt of EOI's is **1500 hrs (GMT) on 13 October 2006**. We intend to invite successful short listed applicants to submit full proposals by 3 November 2006 with the deadline for receipt of full proposals by 15.00 hrs (GMT) 12 January 2007. The award criteria will be indicated in the invitation to tender.

Please send your EOI's to wsrpc@dfid.gov.uk. No other e-mail address is to be used.

For full details please visit the GVEP website at <http://www.gvep.org/content/article/detail/13239>.

Google Grants Program Provides In-Kind Advertising Services to Nonprofits

Deadline: **Open**

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

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

Google Grants has awarded AdWords advertising to hundreds of nonprofit groups whose missions range from animal welfare to literacy, from supporting homeless children to promoting HIV education.

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

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

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

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

Forestry Funding News Alert # 10: June 2006

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



ICA (Institute for Connectivity in the Americas)

Call for Proposals 2006-2007. For more detail in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese:
<http://www.icamericas.net/index.php?module=htmlpages&func=display&pid=821>

The following are the guidelines for Latin American and Caribbean-based institutions and researchers that are interested in submitting a project idea as part of the 2006-2007 ICA Call for Proposals.

Submission Steps:

1. Familiarize yourself with the mission and type of projects supported by ICA by visiting <http://www.icamericas.net>
2. Read carefully the Selection Criteria outlined below, including the Thematic Pillars (A), the Funding Categories (B) and the Concept Note Components (C) for this Call for Proposals.
3. Submit a Concept Note following the guidelines, and send it to ica@icamericas.net by **August 31st, 2006**. *Only proposals sent by this date will be considered for funding*

Projects submitted will be assessed and rated by an external evaluation committee. Only selected candidates will be contacted by October 6th, 2006.

Selection Criteria:

The recipient institution must be a recognized legal entity that is capable of entering into contractual arrangements and assuming legal obligations. Proposals must be submitted by organizations that are based in Latin American or Caribbean (LAC) countries. This does not exclude South-North partnerships, as initiatives may be carried out in collaboration with developed country counterparts, provided the partnership is seen as a means of strengthening local capacities.

Proposals must include a detailed budget ranging from CAD\$50,000 up to CAD\$500,000, according to its objectives and proposed methodology. Financial support from other donors is encouraged (please identify other sources of potential funding in the proposal).

All project ideas must be focused on the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for development and implemented in the LAC region, according to the mandate of ICA and Pan Americas.

Proposals must clearly indicate the funding category that they are applying to, as detailed below (implementation projects, research projects, or combined approach).

Proposals should consist of a 10-15 page Concept Note, containing each of the components explained below.

Proposals may be submitted in Spanish, French or English

ACP-EC Energy Facility

http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/projects/energy/index_en.htm

On 24th June 2005, the ACP-EU Council approved the creation of an Energy Facility with a total fund amount of EUR 220,000,000.

With the unanimous support of the European Development Fund (EDF) Committee, expressed in its meeting of 28 April 2006, the European Commission approved on the 2nd of June the 220 M€ACP-EC Energy Facility.

The lion's share of the funds (EUR 198 million) has been allocated to a Call for Proposals which will launch on: 19th June 2006. To download the application forms (The Guidelines) and to obtain current information concerning the call, please visit the page on this website: Call for Proposals.

Outside the call, an amount of EUR 10 million has been allocated in support of the forthcoming EU-AFRICA PARTNERSHIP ON INFRASTRUCTURE.

For general news about the Facility and to download the newsletters available on this website, please visit the page News.

The Facility will be available to all eligible ACP countries but access to the funds will be competitive and demand driven. Grants will be offered to co-fund energy-related projects located in ACP countries which would help alleviate poverty in those countries.

All financial commitments must be completed before 31 December 2007, the date of expiry of the current European Development Fund (EDF9).

USAID (US Agency for International Development)

Promoting Transformation: Linking Natural Resources, Economic Growth, and Governance Grant, <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=10083>

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From the Secretary of the UN Voluntary Funds for Indigenous Populations
New 2007 applications forms for the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations are available on the website of the OHCHR.

<http://www.ohchr.org/english/about/funds/indigenous/docs/form.e2007.doc>

Please be kindly reminded that the deadline for applying is ***1st October 2006***.

THIS APPLICATION HAS TO BE SIGNED, DATED AND ACCOMPANIED BY A LETTER OF NOMINATION AND SENT BY 1 OCTOBER 2006 TO:

Secretariat of the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights/ CH-1211 Geneva 10 - Switzerland
tel. (+41 22) 917 91 64/91 42 - fax (+41 22) 917 90 66, indigenusfunds@ohchr.org
For more information on indigenous issues, please consult the websites of the Permanent Forum (<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/>) and of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (<http://www.ohchr.org/english/issues/indigenous/index.htm>)

Fondo de Contribuciones Voluntarias de las Naciones Unidas para las Poblaciones indígenas 2007

Solicitud para los representantes de las organizaciones indígenas o comunidades para la participación en las deliberaciones del Foro Permanente para las Cuestiones Indígenas

<http://www.ohchr.org/spanish/about/funds/indigenous/docs/form.s2007.doc>

LA SOLICITUD DEBERA SER FIRMADA, FECHADA Y ACOMPAÑADA POR UNA CARTA DE NOMINACION Y ENVIADA ANTES DEL 1 DE OCTUBRE DE 2006 A:

Secretaría del Fondo de Contribuciones Voluntarias para las Poblaciones Indígenas
Alto Comisionado de las Naciones Unidas para los Derechos Humanos/ Palais des Nations,
CH-1211 Ginebra 10 - Suiza/ Tel.: (+41 22) 917 9164/9142 - fax: (+ 41 22) 917 90 66

Correo electrónico: IndigenousFunds@ohchr.org

Para más información sobre cuestiones indígenas, sírvase consultar la página Internet del Foro Permanente (<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii>) y la página de la Oficina de la Alta Comisión de Derechos Humanos:

(<http://www.ohchr.org/english/issues/indigenous/index.html>)

Fonds de Contributions Volontaires des Nations Unies pour les Populations Autochtones 2007

Demande de Subvention pour les Représentants des Organisations ou Communautés Autochtones pour Participer dans les Délibérations de l'instance Permanente sur les Questions Autochtones

<http://www.ohchr.org/french/about/funds/indigenous/docs/form.f2007.doc>

CE FORMULAIRE DOIT ÊTRE SIGNÉ, DATÉ, ACCOMPAGNÉ D'UNE LETTRE DE DÉSIGNATION ET ENVOYÉ, AVANT LE 1 OCTOBRE 2006 À:

Secrétariat du Fonds de contributions volontaires pour les populations autochtones,
Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme,
CH-1211 Genève 10 - Suisse/Téléphone: (+41 22) 917 91 64/91 42 - Télécopie: (+ 41 22) 917 90 66

Courrier électronique: IndigenousFunds@ohchr.org

Pour plus d'information sur les questions autochtones, veuillez consulter le site internet de L'Instance Permanente: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii> ou le site du Bureau du Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme

(<http://www.ohchr.org/english/issues/indigenous/index.htm>)

Super Hot News - Energy Globe Competition

All sustainable energy projects are invited to participate in the Energy Globe Competition. Details for possible projects in each of the categories (earth, water, fire, air, youth) are listed on the application form. The 1st prize each category is 10,000 Euros.

The Award presentation ceremony is held annually on a different continent and broadcast worldwide. All submitted projects will be listed in the Energy Globe database, which will be open for the public in the near future. Any project submission helps present best practices in sustainable development that can be replicated elsewhere in the world.

Apply to: contact@energyglobe.info, Wolfgang Neumann, Energy Globe, Aubauerstrasse 17, A-4810 Gmunden, Austria. Deadline: July 28, 2006. Further information and the application form are available at www.energyglobe.info. Each submission is welcome, no matter how small or big!

Super Hot News - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

The Global Development Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is seeking Concept Notes for funding a limited number of proposals to evaluate strategies that more effectively link small holder farmers to markets that are efficient and equitable. This initiative is one part of a larger agricultural strategy that will seek to apply research to crops and cropping systems important to the poor, encourage the development and adoption of improved inputs and encourage improved crop management practices. We would very much like this RFP to be shared with organizations that are working directly with small holder farmers in Africa and South Asia. We have attached the background document and the guidelines for submitting Concept Notes in our required format. The deadline for submission of Concepts Notes is: 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on Monday, July 31, 2006. The Concept Notes should be submitted online:

www.gatesfoundation.org/ForGrantSeekers/OpenRFPs/GlobalDevelopment.

FELLOWSHIPS

2007-2008 Kathryn Fuller Fellowship Competition of the World Wildlife Fund

Two post-doctoral fellowships will be awarded for a two year period to individuals with outstanding research proposals that are of fundamental and immediate importance to global biodiversity conservation. Fuller Fellows can be based at any institution, including at World Wildlife Fund, and will be co-advised by one academic and one WWF mentor.

Fellows are provided a stipend of \$50,000 per year, as well as a \$15,000 annual research allowance.

Applicants should have received a doctorate degree between January 2002 and January 2007. The deadline for applications is November 15, 2006.

Offers will be made in the spring of 2007, with fellowships to begin in the fall of 2007.

For more information, application guidelines, and on-line application forms, please visit www.worldwildlife.org/sfn, or contact: Tel: 1-202-778-9742, fuller.fellowship@wwfus.org, Application deadline: **November 15, 2006**

Fellowship available for 2007-2008 Academic Year

Master's/Professional Fellowship \$18,000

Doctorate Fellowship \$20,000

Postdoctoral Fellowship \$30,000

Applications available* Aug. 1-Dec. 1, 2006

Application deadline* December 1, 2006

Fellowship year July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008

- * All supporting documents must also be postmarked by this date. If an application postmark deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, supporting documents may be postmarked the next business day. International Fellowships are awarded for full-time study or research to women who are not United States citizens or permanent residents. Both graduate and postgraduate study at accredited institutions are supported. (For support at the undergraduate level, visit www.isep.org.)

Six of the awards are available to members of International Federation of University Women affiliate organizations. These fellowship recipients may study in any country other than their own.

The Foundation also awards several annual Home Country Project Grants (\$5,000 to \$7,000 each) to women who received AAUW Educational Foundation International Fellowships between 2001 and 2006. These grants support community-based projects designed to improve the lives of women and girls in the fellow's home country. <http://www.aauw.org>

Five (5) PhD positions in any topics related to Agriculture, Food and Environment are available at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa. Three (3) positions are for EU citizens and two (2) for non-EU citizens. Applications must be submitted online before **31 October 2006**. Further information can be accessed at:
http://www.sssup.it/sssup/jsp/section.jsp?sec_id1=503&sec_id2=79588&lang=it#

I would be grateful if you could circulate this mail among any potentially interested people you may know.

Paolo Barberi, barberi@sssup.it, www.ewrs.org

Dear colleagues and friends,

I am glad to tell you that the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa (SSSUP) is about to start the 3rd year of the International Doctorate in Agrobiodiversity, in collaboration with the FAO, the International Plant Genetic Resource Institute (IPGRI) and the National Academy of Sciences of Italy.

The Course aims to contribute to the enhancement of human resource capacity in the utilisation and management of biodiversity in agricultural and natural systems, in order to improve the sustainability of agriculture and the conservation of genetic resources and agroecosystem (bio)diversity for the well-being of present and future generations. An International Scientific Board will supervise activities and ensure education and research excellence and oversee the choice of themes relevant to developing countries' agriculture, where applicable.

Six scholarships are available to motivated students from the EU and developing countries. The application must include description of a research project that the candidate proposes to carry out during the three-year period of the Doctorate. English will be the one and only language for all activities envisaged in the Doctorate. Further information on the Doctorate can be found in the attached document. An online application form can be accessed at: www.sssup.it. The deadline for receipt of applications is **2 October 2006**.

The Course will have two curricula: (A) Plant genetic resources; (B) Functional biodiversity in agroecosystems. Candidates interested in one of the below-mentioned topics (Curriculum B) are invited to contact me for further details. Topics dealt with in curriculum (B) include (non exhaustive list):

- Effect of biodiversity on agroecosystems functioning
- Assessment of agroecosystem (bio)diversity at different land scales

- Mechanisms responsible for biodiversity conservation in agroecosystems at different scales
- Effect of habitat fragmentation on biodiversity conservation
- Environmental changes and plant community dynamics in agroecosystems
- Interactions between biodiversity and biological invasions (e.g. weeds and insects) in agroecosystems
- Management of functional biodiversity in agroecosystems
- Role of biodiversity in crop production and protection in alternative agricultural systems
- Functional biodiversity as indicator of soil quality
- Comparison between functional biodiversity in conventional/integrated vs organic agriculture
- Development and assessment of functional biodiversity indicators and indices

Curriculum B (Functional biodiversity in agroecosystems) deals with the study of the positive (and possibly the negative) effects of biodiversity on agroecosystems functions, such as crop productivity and yield stability, interactions between crop, wild plant species (including weeds) and other biota (e.g. insects) in terms of crop protection, nutrient cycling and soil quality parameters. Here, we not only consider crop (genetic) diversity but also how management of crops, cropping systems and boundary structures (e.g. field margins, ditches, hedgerows, headlands, etc.) interact with the above-mentioned biodiversity parameters at field, farm or landscape scale. Research projects should be well defined within this framework. Multidisciplinary studies as well as studies addressing methodological issues (e.g. development of biodiversity indices expressing agroecosystems functionality and sustainability) will be more than welcome.

In collaboration with colleagues of the University of Pisa (DAGA and CIRAA), SSSUP is running a series of long-term field experiments comparing cropping systems, crop management systems (e.g. conventional, integrated or organic) and cultural practices (e.g. tillage systems, fertilization and weed management regimens, cover crops) that are well suited to host research projects of the Doctorate. These experiments are mostly focused on arable crops such as wheat, maize, sunflower, grain sorghum, sugar beet, pigeon bean, soyabean and others. Other research activities are carried out on the development of sustainable agroecosystems (for food, feed and bioenergy production) in environmentally-sensitive areas (e.g. natural reserves, hilly areas, watersheds) around Pisa. Further information on the long-term experiments can be accessed at: <http://www.avanzi.unipi.it/researchactiviti.htm>. If relevant to the project and upon approval of the PhD Faculty Board, part of the research activities may be carried out in the student's home Country or in a third Country.

For information about the application and course logistics, please contact Dr. Céline Mongason or Dr. Chiara Busnelli (agrobiodiversity@sssup.it)
Please forward this message to any possible interested person you may know. Thank you very much for your collaboration.
Kind regards,

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Postgraduate training fellowships for women scientists in Sub-Saharan Africa or Least Developed Countries through the World Organization for Women in Science (TWOWS), <http://www.twows.org>. For 2006, the deadline for receipt of applications has been extended to **31 July 2006**.

Courses

MSc Course in Mountain Conservation and Watershed Management

University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan

We are going to launch a very first MSc program in the field of "Mountain Conservation & Watershed Management" in the coming academic session 2006-2008. This course is a valuable contribution towards the development of mountains in the world. I hope that you will circulate this news to all the members immediately so that they can also give some suggestions to achieve the Course Objectives.

This two-year MSc degree is composed of two semesters of core course components, third semester including an optional component and fourth semester a 15,000-word dissertation. The mode of teaching will be a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, computer laboratory classes and field-based exercises. The cores and optional components are as follows, emphasis is placed throughout the teaching on cross-disciplinary aspects between components.

Scheme of Studies

The program is divided into four Semesters and a number of modules. The MSc requires about 67 Credits Hours (CH) in duration of two years.

First Year

Semester 1		Credits
MCWM 1101 Mountain Climate	(C)	2+0
MCWM 1102 Geomorphology of Pakistan	(C)	2+0
MCWM 1103 Soil and Water Conservation	(AC)	2+1
MCWM 1104 Ecology and Biodiversity	(C)	2+1
MCWM 1105 Mountain Environments	(C)	3+0
MCWM 1106 Hydrology of Uplands	(C)	<u>2+1</u>
	Sub. Total	16

Semester 2		Credits
MCWM 1201 Mountain Hazards & Disaster Management	(C)	2+1
MCWM 1202 Database Management Information System & Applications of Remote Sensing and GIS	(AC)	2+2
MCWM 1203 Water Resources of Pakistan	(C)	2+0
MCWM 1204 Forestry	(C)	2+1
MCWM 1205 Integrated Watershed Management	(C)	3+1
	Sub. Total	<u>16</u>

Second Year

Semester 3		Credits
MCWM 2301 Environmental Impact Assessment	(C)	3+0
MCWM 2302 Research Methods and Techniques	(C)	2+1
MCWM 2303 Eco Tourism	(AC)	2+2
MCWM 2304 Optional 1	(O)	2+1
MCWM 2305 Research Project 1	(C)	5
	Sub. Total	<u>18</u>

Semester 4		Credits
MCWM 2401 Optional 2	(O)	2+1
MCWM 2402 Research Project 2	(C)	13
MCWM 2403 Research Seminar	(C)	1
	Sub. Total	<u>17</u>

Total credit hours (16+ 16+ 18+ 17) 67

Optional Courses

Following optional courses will be offered, subject to availability of expert and selection by a group of minimum 5 students. It can be selected from the following list that is frequently updated according to the needs of the faculty, students and industry:

1. Sustainable Development
2. Water logging & Salinity
3. Mountain Tourism
4. Glaciology Snow & Ice
5. Health, Safety and Environmental Management
6. Natural Resources Management
7. Advanced Research Techniques
8. Advanced Remote Sensing and GIS for Project Planning & Development
9. Mountaineering
10. Quality Assurance for Environmental Management in Mountains

Contact: Khalida Khan, Director, Center for Integrated Mountain Research, University of the Punjab, New Campus, Lahore, Pakistan. Phone: 0092-42-9230587; Fax: 0092-42-9230587; cimrpu@yahoo.com

Dear colleagues

It is our pleasure to draw your attention towards our course on “Facilitating Multi Stakeholder Processes and Social Learning”. This course, successfully attended the last years, is scheduled for 11-29 September 2006.

We have established this course in response to a growing demand for facilitators who are able to design and lead the processes of dialogue, learning, negotiation and decision making needed for sustainable development. The facilitation of multi-stakeholder processes is in the spotlight in all corners of the world. The course introduces the latest developments and approaches and will give particular attention to issues of governance and participatory democracy, power and conflict.

The aim of this course is to provide you with state of the art knowledge and skills for designing and facilitating multi-stakeholder and social learning processes. You will:

- Examine different types of multi-stakeholder processes.
- Explore the linkages between MSPs and social change, good governance, participatory democracy and social learning.
- Learn about and practice a broad range of participatory methodologies and tools necessary for designing an interactive learning process.
- Assess the implications of scaling up participation with more diverse groups and greater complexity.
- Discover how to design and plan an extended MSP.
- Analyse the types of institutional change and support necessary for effective MSPs.
- Be challenged to assess the impact of your values and personal style on your competence as a facilitator.

The course is special in its integration a range of different ideas, perspectives and experiences into an overall framework that is linked with practical facilitation skills. The course uses a highly interactive approach providing participants plenty of opportunity to share and learn from their own and others' experiences and to achieve their own specific learning needs. Please find attached the course brochure for more details. *The application deadline was 11 August but you can still register!*

Further details and online registration forms are available at our website through this link or you can contact the course coordinator; by fax +31-317-495395, or e-mail:

simone.vanvugt@wur.nl . Applications forms can also be requested at training.wi@wur.nl

Over the last couple of years our participants evaluated not only the course as being very good but also gave positive feedback on the application of the course content in the field. Therefore, we are very confident that this course is really contributing to the enhancement of skills and competencies of people being involved in multi stakeholder processes.

If you cannot participate yourself, we hope that you can share information on this course with those you know might be interested in MSP and Social Learning.

We look forward to seeing you, one of your colleagues or partners, in an upcoming course.

Simone M. van Vugt

If you would like to receive quarterly updates on courses at Wageningen International, subscribe to our newsletter at: <http://www.wi.wur.nl/UK/newsagenda/E-newsletters/>

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**The services of the IAC, North-South Centre and 'Europadesk' have been merged into the new Wageningen International. Please also add our new website www.wi.wur.nl to your database!*

JOBS

Position in China

We (GFA Consulting Group) are an independent worldwide operating consulting company with its head office in Hamburg- Germany. We mainly provide international consultancy services within the framework of international development cooperation.

Our consortium (GFA leading, MWH United Kingdom and Plancenter Ltd Finland) has been invited to tender for the China River Basin Management Programme, which is to be funded by the European Commission.

The purpose of the Programme is to support the Government of China in the establishment of integrated river basin management practices in the Yellow and Yangtze River basins which are environmentally sustainable and address global environmental concerns as well as those of the local population and which can be replicated in other regions of China.

The approach of the River Basin Management Programme assumes a direct linkage between: policy formulation; management of information and planning, and implementation of corrective measure and activities. The Programme addresses fundamental problems of (i) rapid deteriorating quantity and quality of China's water resources due to pollution and over-utilisation, and (ii) soil erosion and consequent sedimentation and flooding caused by inappropriate land-use. The action will take place in two locations: (i) the middle reaches of the Yellow River with focus on water pollution in the Wei, Fen and Shu Shui rivers and (ii) the upper reaches of the Yangtze River basin with focus river basin planning in the Wu River tributary and soil conservation measures. Both areas are environmentally susceptible and address global, national and local environmental concerns of water resource management. We kindly ask you if you can recommend a Water Engineer/ Soil Conservationist for a long term position within this project or if you could forward this mail to him or her.

We've attached a small job description for your information. The commencement date of the project is now set for January 1, 2007 and we must submit our proposal on September 8, 2006.

The complete ToR (and information on other long term positions for this project) can be downloaded from our website <http://www.gfa-group.de/>. Go to JOBS, select the business area CROSS-SECTORAL and open the job(s) for China. We can also send you the ToR as attachment but unfortunately it's a big file.

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Recruiting Department
Eulenkrußstraße 82
22359 Hamburg / Germany
Tel.: (49) 40 603 06 124/123
Fax: (49) 40 603 06 129
Website with Job Opportunities: www.gfa-group.de/

Global Environment Facility seeks Expert Advisors

The Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) is inviting qualified candidates with expertise in specific areas needed to complement the existing roster in order to address the GEF priorities in the coming four years. Fields of expertise include: Biodiversity, Climate Change, International Waters, Land Degradation and Persistent Organic Pollutants. More info in

<http://www.scidev.net/misc/AnnouncementforSTAPRosterofExperts.pdf>.

Contact stapsec@rona.unep.org.

Carbon Sequestration Postdoctoral Scientist Position

A postdoctoral position is available immediately to work on a novel soil carbon measurement instrument system. Candidates should have a background in agriculture, soil science, or other soils related discipline. Laboratory and field experience in measuring soil carbon, greenhouse gases (CO₂, CH₄, N₂O) and good working knowledge in statistics/geostatistics is highly desirable. Duties include design, coordination and execution of field and laboratory trials, publication of research in peer-reviewed scientific journals and presentations at professional conferences. Good verbal and written communication and computer skills are essential.

Appointment is for up to 2 years contingent upon performance and funding. United States citizenship or existing lawful authorization to work in the United States is required for eligibility. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applicants should submit a letter of application (including a description of their research expertise), resume, pdf versions of published research, and a list of five references by email to AgCert Services (USA) Inc., Science and Technology Department (stjobs@agcert.com). Applications will be considered only when all materials have been received. Review of applications will begin on **August 1, 2006** and continue until the position is filled. Only qualified candidates will be contacted. AgCert Services (USA) Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

Wildlife Conservation Society GIS Analyst (Associate Conservationist II)

Living Landscapes Program, International Conservation Programs, Wildlife Conservation Society

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) seeks a person skilled at applying Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and related technologies (remote sensing, global positioning systems, database design, etc.) to support WCS efforts to save wildlife and wild places worldwide. The GIS Analyst will collaborate with WCS International Conservation staff on local, regional and global spatial analyses, while stationed at the Bronx Zoo, New York. The GIS Analyst will be expected to succeed in a fast-paced, team environment within the Living Landscapes Program, while contributing to new models for conservation based on application of landscape ecology, training WCS staff and partners, and fulfilling other duties, including technical assistance, communications and fund-raising. Some international travel will be required.

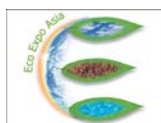
Qualifications. Candidates must have a graduate degree in Geography, Computer Science or Environmental Science (or a related discipline) and have had at least two years experience in environmental GIS using ESRI ArcGIS and Arcview software packages and substantive experience with remote sensing software (e.g. ERDAS Imagine). Experience with standard databases such as Microsoft Access is desired, but not required. Programming experience is also preferred. The applicant should have knowledge of field techniques used to gather spatial

data for wildlife and environmental conservation (such as GPS, aerial surveys, and biotelemetry) and how such data can be prepared and analyzed to answer conservation questions, especially in an international context. Excellent communication skills in English, both spoken and written, are required; skills in other languages are also desired. Candidates should demonstrate an ability to provide training in GIS and remote sensing. Candidates must be eligible to work in the US.

To apply, please send by regular mail a cover letter describing your qualifications and reasons for desiring this position, a resume and a sample of your GIS work (maps and analyses) to Dr. Eric Sanderson, Associate Director, Wildlife Conservation Society, 2300 Southern Blvd., Bronx, NY, 10460 USA. Email submissions will not be considered. All applications must be received by **July 14, 2006**, for full consideration. For more information, contact Dr. Sanderson at esanderson@wcs.org.

EXPO

<http://www.ecoexpoasia.com/>



Eco Expo Asia - International Trade Fair on Environmental Protection

Fair Details

Fair Dates : **27-30 October, 2006** (Friday - Monday)

Venue : AsiaWorld-Expo, Hong Kong

Opening Hours :	Fair Date	Opening Hours	Buyer Registration Hours
	27 October (Fri)	10:30am - 5:30pm	10:00am - 5:00pm
	28-29 October (Sat-Sun)	9:30am - 5:30pm	9:00am - 5:00pm
	30 October (Mon)	9:30am - 3:30pm	9:00am - 3:00pm

Admission : 27-30 October 2006 (For trade only. Visitors under 18 will not be admitted)
29 October 2006 (Open to Public)

Organisers : Hong Kong Trade Development Council
Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd.

Supporting Organisations : Environmental Protection Department, HKSAR
Federation of Hong Kong Industries
Hong Kong Environmental Industry Association
Shanghai Environmental Protection Industry Association
Guangdong Association of Environmental Protection Industry
Shenzhen Environment Protection Industrial Association
Hong Kong Green Manufacturing Alliance
Business Environment Council
Hong Kong General Association of Re-cycling Business
Environmental Contractors Management Association
Green Council

Major Exhibit Categories : Green World
1. Measure, control and remedy system and technology
A. Information and data control
B. Measuring, analysing and evaluation equipment and technology
C. Laboratory technology
D. Landfill containment

- E. Water treatment and distribution
- F. Solid waste treatment, incineration and recycling system
- G. Air pollution control
- H. Noise & vibration control
- I. Sewage system and treatment
- J. Soil erosion control
- K. Renewable & alternative energy
- L. Forest regeneration
- M. Others

2. Management and protection system and technology

- A. Electronic surveillance, monitoring and management system
- B. Public sanitation
- C. Slope and ground management / protection
- D. Sewage maintenance
- E. Eco-friendly landscape design
- F. Beach, coastal, harbour and marine protection
- G. Research & consultation
- H. Education & training
- I. Others

Green Enterprise

3. Manufacturing equipment, systems and raw materials

- A. Biodegradable & eco-friendly raw materials
- B. Environment protection equipment and fittings
- C. Transportation, collection and sorting of waste
- D. Waste recycling technology and equipment
- E. Gas, smoke and chemical treatment equipment
- F. Odour control and dust removing equipment
- G. Biological treatment equipment
- H. Filtration & air filter
- I. Water treatment and distribution equipment
- J. Eco-friendly materials for construction and fitting
- K. Sound-proof materials for buildings
- L. Others

4. Energy related device and products

- A. Energy saving device & products
- B. Alternative energy machinery
- C. Energy efficient applications in architecture
- D. Others

Green Living

5. Eco friendly consumer products

- A. Biodegradable & recycled

- B. Organic
- C. Green decorative materials
- D. Energy saving
- E. Alternative energy
- F. Energy efficient vehicles
- G. Personal protection
- H. Others

Target Buyers:	<p>Government policy makers, urban planners and related NGOs</p> <p>Manufacturers, designers, engineers looking for eco-friendly solutions to their production process and products</p> <p>Chain stores, retailers, courier companies looking for eco-friendly packaging materials</p> <p>Land developers looking for ecological landscape and construction designs.</p> <p>Consulting Engineers, Architects & Surveyors</p> <p>Cleaning companies and management companies</p> <p>Corporate Executives</p>
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TOURS

IECA China Study Tour

17 to 25 September 2006

IECA (International Erosion Control Association) is pleased to offer you a very special opportunity to experience issues of erosion and its prevention in the unique cultural and environmental setting of China. We invite you to participate in IECA's first study tour to China, September 17 – 25, 2006.

Although agricultural practices have long commanded the attention of controlling erosion for food production purposes, the Chinese government is now recognizing the need to apply sound soil management practices to the construction sector. In 1991, China instituted its first law for soil erosion control, the Soil and Water Conservation Law. Two years later, the State Council issued the Implementation Regulations for the Soil and Water Conservation Law. Both the law and the regulations require erosion control for construction activities. The Ministry of Water Resources, as the administrative body for soil and water conservation, jointly issued several erosion control regulations with various agencies for construction activities. Subsequently a series of technical standards and rules for soil erosion control were implemented. Therefore, the need to understand erosion control design principles, installation techniques, and equipment and product technologies for application to construction sites is very high.

The study tour is the first step in achieving a long term goal of establishing an organized IECA presence in China. Specifically, the tour is intended to accomplish three objectives: To help IECA understand the political, institutional and market environments of erosion control in China;

To promote IECA development in China; and to explore business opportunities for IECA members in China.

A valid passport and a visa is required for entry into China.

The tour will be limited to a maximum of 15 people (and a minimum of 10) and will begin in Beijing on September 17, 2006. A registration fee of \$3,495 is due no later than **August 11**. Tour participants are responsible for their roundtrip travel to Beijing and should plan to arrive in Beijing on September 17 and depart on September 25. Due to the limited time frames and small group size, registration fees are not refundable.

For more information, please call or email Becky Milot-Bradford at IECA, phone 800 455 4322, ext. 24 or email becky@ieca.org, www.ieca.org.

MEETINGS 2006

June 5-early August, 2006

A virtual conference on "Disaster-Focused Environmental Impact Assessment Tools" organized by the Rapid Environmental Assessment (REA) in Disaster Response began on June 5 and will be discussed on-line for 10 weeks. For more information and to sign up for the conference

Contact: Charles Kelly at disasterkelly@yahoo.com and 72734.2412@compuserve.com.

The purpose of the conference is to:

1. Exchange information on disaster-focused impact assessment tools, and
2. Lay the basis for a future face-to-face meeting on the use of these tools during disasters as well as the need for the development of additional tools or tool sets.

July 8-15, 2006

18th World Congress of Soil Science

Program book (PDF, 3.4Mb) of the 18th World Congress of Soil Science can be downloaded from www.iuss.org and www.colostate.edu/programs/IUSS/18wcsc/progbook.html

It contains information on:

- the IUSS Awards
- maps of the convention centre
- tours and workshops
- cultural activities
- exhibitors
- special events
- business meetings of the IUSS council, working groups etc.
- all sessions, speakers and times
- author index

July 22-26, 2006

Soil and Water Conservation Society's 2006 Annual Conference

The 2006 Soil and Water Conservation Society's Annual Conference is looking to be one of the best ever. We don't want you to miss out on a wide variety of workshops, technical tours, social activities and networking opportunities.

1. RUSLE 2- Are you interested in managing your conservation planning electronically? If so this is the workshop for you, learn to operate the RUSLE program and how to apply it to a wide variety of situations including conservation planning and erosion prediction.
2. Targeting Riparian Buffer Placement and Design- How can riparian buffers be placed to provide the greatest impact? Find out at this workshop and learn how to get the biggest benefits out of your design.
3. Wind Erosion Prediction System(WEPS)- Is wind erosion a problem for you or your community? This workshop will introduce WEPS and its uses in conservation planning and control.
4. Straight Creek Sediment Control and Mitigation Project- The development of this project stemmed from the problem of sediment from the construction of I-70 ending up in Straight Creek. This tour will highlight the changes caused by this project and how it has changed the surrounding environment to form a new landscape.
5. The Effects of Snow-making, Grading, and Timber Harvest- Ski slopes and creeks do not really go together, but often occupy the same spaces. This tour will visit a project being led by the US Forest Service and Colorado State University that is addressing the impacts of ski slope development on stream stability.

To see a full list of the technical tours, workshops, social activities, and network opportunities being offered, please visit our website at www.swcs.org.

When: Saturday, July 22, 2006 8:00 AM
Wednesday, July 26, 2006 5:00 PM
Mountain Time Zone

Where: Keystone Conference Center
Financial Plaza at Union Square
22010 US Hwy 6
Keystone, CO 80228 USA

[Click Here to View the Event Summary](#)

[Click Here to View the Event Agenda](#)

Soil and Water Conservation Society's 2006 Annual Conference

A complete schedule of the educational program including concurrent presentations, symposia, posters, and contributions from more than 350 authors and presenters is available online at www.swcs.org.

The scheduled symposia for the Annual SWCS Conference are:

1. A National Assessment of the Effects of Conservation Practices for Cropland-- Preliminary Results
 2. Advances in Nitrogen Management for Water Quality
 3. Afghanistan: Natural Resource Conservation & Management Under Stress
 4. Agricultural Systems Management in the Semi-Arid West: Living with Limited Water*
 5. An Evaluation of the Natural Resources Conservation Delivery System
 6. Antibiotics in the Environment*
 7. Applying Adaptive Management: Public and Private Programs - 400 Iowa Farmers - 1,000 Fields - Four Watersheds
 8. Colorado Water Administration – Successes and Issues
 9. Conservation Marketplace – Investments, Outcomes and Delivery
 10. Filling the Gaps: Strengthening the Public/Private Partnership in the Conservation Provisions of the 2007 Farm Bill
 11. Green Boxes, Green Payments, and Leafy Greens: Reform Alternatives for the 2007 Farm Bill
 12. Linking Landscapes, Linking Mission in the Department of Defense
 13. Liquid Animal Manure And Drained Cropland: Preferential Flow Issues and Concerns
 14. Livestock Waste for Energy Production: Advances and Potential
 15. Multiple Objectives: Finding the Balance in Agri-Environmental Programs
 16. Planning for Extremes
 17. Reformation of the USDA Forest Service Conservation Education Program: A Model for New Approaches to Best Management Practices of CE for Accountability and Environmental Management
 18. Resolving Water Conflicts over Water Allocation and Quality: National and International Experiences
 19. Resource Conservation and Management in the Urban Environment: Science the Practitioner Can Use*
 20. The Conservation Security Program: Reward the best... and motivate the rest. How much motivation does it take?
 21. The Future of USDA's Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP)
 22. Tools for Effective Conservation
 23. Variable Source Area Hydrology and Targeting Water Quality Conservation Practices*
 24. Western Water Law and Administration
- *Two Part Symposia

Remember to register by tomorrow to get a discount on your registration. See you at Keystone!

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August 8, 2006

NRCS 2006 Conservation Partners Update Meeting

The Natural Resources Conservation Service would like to invite you to the NRCS 2006 Conservation Partners Update Meeting. The meeting will highlight NRCS accomplishments from the past year and also offer insight on some of the agency's top priorities for the rest of the year. The Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's South Building from 1-3 p.m., 1400 Independence Ave., Washington D.C. 20005. Participants should arrive a few minutes early at the Wing 1 Entrance (at the corner of Independence and 12th). Please inform security that you are there for the NRCS meeting and have them call 720-7246 so you can be accompanied to room 5060. RSVP to tyler.hamman@wdc.usda.gov. Questions: Peter Fullerton at 202-720-1163 or peter.fullerton@wdc.usda.gov.

August 9-11, 2006

IberoAmerican Congress on Erosion and Sediment Control
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Event: [Click here for more information. \(PDF-Spanish\)](#)
[Click here for more information. \(PDF-English\)](#)
[Click here for the conference web site.](#)

For additional information, contact:

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August 20-26, 2006 (with attachment, can request from the Editor)

XVIIIth National Soil Science Conference

100 years of soil science in Romania: management and soil resources use, agrienvironment protection and rural development from central and north-western Romania (counties: Cluj, Alba, Maramure, Satu-Mare). Contact: Dr. Rusu Teodor rusuteodor@yahoo.com, trusu@usamvcluj.ro, University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Cluj-Napoca, 3-5, Manastur, 400372, Cluj-Napoca, ROMANIA.

Ed.: This is a very interesting conference, with two-day meeting and visiting several sites for four day. Romania was the host of one World Soil Congress of ISSS several years ago. Pls see in the attachment.

August 20-26, 2006

World Water Week, Stockholm, Sweden

A Key note on the 20 August "opening session" and A special session "From Assessment to Research and Actions: The Comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture, and the CGIAR Challenge Program on Water and Food" on Thursday, 24 August 2006.

http://www.worldwaterweek.org/seminarsandsideevents/sessions_ca_assessment.asp

The summary for decision makers will be presented there.

August 23, 2006

UN-Water seminar on “Coping with Water Scarcity”, Wednesday 23 August 2006

during the World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden

UN-Water is the coordinating mechanism of the UN agencies, programmes and funds that play a significant role in tackling global water concerns. Annually, UN-Water hosts a seminar in Stockholm focusing on strategic issues it has identified as priority for joint action. The 2006 event addresses water scarcity, the point at which the aggregate impact of all users impinges on the supply or quality of water under prevailing institutional arrangements to the extent that the demand by all sectors, including the environment, cannot be fully satisfied. Water scarcity affects all social and economic sectors and threatens the sustainability of the natural resources base. Addressing this issue calls for an inter-sectoral and multidisciplinary approach that maximises economic and social welfare without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems. Through the Water Scarcity Thematic Initiative, UN-Water agencies and their partners plan to join forces to work towards an effective and coherent response to the challenge of water scarcity. The seminar will be an opportunity to discuss the strategic role of UN-Water in assisting countries in their efforts towards the achieving the Millenium Development Goals, investigate the possibilities for enhancing its effectiveness and impact and explore possibilities for effective partnership. For more information: [UN-Water web site](#) or [World Water Week web site](#) or contact [Jean Marc Fauris](#).

August 23, 2006, evening

Side-event Andrah Pradesh Farmer Manager Groundwater Systems Project, India

during World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden

The Andrah Pradesh Farmer Manager Groundwater Systems Project, FAO and the World Water Institute are convening a side-event during the World Water Week in Stockholm on IWRM at the grassroots level. The session will include a presentation of the Andrah Pradesh Farmer Manager Groundwater Systems Project (AP-FAMGS) and the release of a resources kit on IWRM. The project promotes water management strategies based on demand management through the involvement of community based groundwater user groups in participatory hydrological monitoring. It promotes artificial groundwater recharge, crop management, and efficient agriculture practices. Additional groundwater recharge potential has been created in seven overexploited aquifer zones and more than 1,500 farmers have adopted appropriate agriculture practices. The Resources kit on IWRM developed by the project explains the normative, strategic and operational dimensions of IWRM through case studies from different parts of the world in easy-to-understand language. For more information: [World Water Week web site](#), or contact: ps.rao@fao.org.

September 4-7, 2006

9th International River symposium, “Managing rivers with climate change and expanding populations”

Session organized by Max Finlayson and David Molden. For further updates visit <http://www.riversymposium.com/>.

September 5-8, 2006

Conference on Floodplains, Riparian Zones and Buffer Strips:

Key Components to Aquatic Life Use Attainment and Self-Sustaining Stream and Watershed Systems

The All Ohio Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS), in collaboration with The Ohio State University, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary by hosting a 4-day conference entitled, Floodplains, Riparian Zones, and Buffer Strips: Key Components to Aquatic Life

Use Attainment and Self-Sustaining Stream and Watershed Systems that will be held at the University Plaza Hotel in Columbus, Ohio.

This event, centered around the theme "Celebrating 50 Years and Beyond", will include 1 day of technical tours; an evening reception for all participants; a 50th Anniversary Banquet; 1 day of invited presentations and panel discussions by recognized experts in the field of soil and water conservation and stream restoration; and 2 days of technical workshops on topics ranging from stream restoration design using AutoCAD and RiverMORPH technologies to the use of biological data and geomorphology in stream designs to erosion prevention and sediment control certification. We invite you to be part of this special event that recognizes all the successes in the last 50 years of soil and water conservation and looks toward the future of healthy and functioning stream and watershed systems as part of the landscape.

In honor of their 50th Anniversary, SWCS members (includes students and out-of-state members) will received a registration discount of \$50. There will also be Gold Pass/ Gold Pass Plus registrations which permit the holder to attend the conference and technical tours, and Banquet (Gold Pass Plus) at a further discount. Gold Pass/ Gold Pass Plus registrations are only available for student-members, past presidents, and members who have retired.

Please visit <http://streams.osu.edu/conf.php> for the full program and registration details. Those registering for the conference on or before July 28 will receive a \$25 early-bird discount and a complimentary black canvas briefcase.

If you have questions regarding specifics to the conference, please contact one of the following people:

Registration: Holly Bartholomew, First Class Conferences, Workshop Registration, Phone: +1-(843) 471-2357, bartholomew.6@osu.edu

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Exhibitor/Sponsor Questions: Timothy Lawrence, Conference Co-Chair, Phone: +1-(614) 292-6538, lawrence.53@osu.edu

Sent from Ted Napier, Councilor for North America at napier.2@osu.edu.

September 11-15, 2006

International Workshop on Environmental Consequences of Irrigation with Poor Quality Waters, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

This Workshop is being organised under the auspices of the International Commission for Irrigation and Drainage's (ICID) Work Team on the Use of Poor Quality Water for Irrigation and the Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). It will be held in conjunction with ICID's 57th International Executive Council Meeting during 11-15 September 2006, the 3rd Asian Regional Conference and the Micro Irrigation Conference. Poor quality water is increasingly used as a source of irrigation water. This tendency is being brought about by a general deterioration in water quality associated with more intensive use and re-use, the allocation of better quality water to "more economic" uses as well as the recognition that irrigation can often extract value from water with a quality too poor for other uses. Poor quality water takes many forms. Each presents its own opportunities and

problems and pose different potential risks to use, such as health implications, soil degradation and salinisation of water resources. This Workshop will bring together experts from all over the world to discuss their experience with using different types of poor quality water and how these should be managed to minimise environmental and health impacts and promote sustainable practices. FAO with ICID aim to establish clear recommendations from the discussions coming forth from this international workshop.

Organising Committee: [Dr Sasha Koo-Oshima](#), FAO - Work Team on the Use of Poor Quality Water, ICID; [Dr Ragab Ragab](#), CEH - Chairman, Work Team on the Use of Poor Quality Water, ICID.

September 18-22, 2006

2nd Workshop on Agricultural Water Management in Eastern and Southern Africa: Water for the Millennium Development Goal on Poverty and Hunger, VIP Hotel, Maputo, Mozambique, Jointly organized by asareca, SWMnet, ICRISAT, IFAD and UNOPS. Contact: b.mati@cgiar.org, swmnet@asareca.org and Prof. Nuhu Hatibu, n.hatibu@cgiar.org.

September 18-22, 2006

3rd Biennial National LandCare Conference and Workshop, South Africa
Mpumalanga Province

Introduction:

Since 2002, the LandCare Secretariat has organized the National LandCare Conferences and Workshops around South Africa. The third session of the LandCare Conference will be hosted at Mpumalanga Province (Nelspruit) with the goal (a) To improve the land users livelihoods, (b) Community ownership and empowerment (c) Build partnerships and institutions (d) Improvement of farmers knowledge and skills (e) To assess the progress and exchange experiences, (f) To plan for the future sustainable use of natural resources.

These Conferences have proven a useful forum for collaborative planning and information exchange. Highlights for the LandCare conference in South Africa- what is new / special about this meeting:

- Field visits to the Mpumalanga LandCare projects (including a field trip to the most tremendous tourist attraction areas of South Africa);
- The Africa LandCare Networks meeting (strengthening LandCare into East Africa and network overview experiences);
- LandCare presentations and research;
- Land users demonstrating how the LandCare programme and approach has improved their livelihoods;
- The level of ownership of the beneficiaries in terms of the LandCare projects within their communities;
- The number of existing LandCare institutions and partnerships developed and their benefits,
- The performance and progress on agricultural production in utilising the conservation strategies and methodologies;
- The level of community knowledge and skills (understanding) in sustainable land use practices; and
- Presentation of provincial/national and global highlights of LandCare.

Host: Following the decision of the previous National LandCare Conference in Stellenbosh, Western Cape, it was decided that the third LandCare Conference meeting will be organized by the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture and Land administration, which is one of the LandCare champion Provinces in South Africa for several years.

Venue: The conference will be held in Nelspruit. Mpumalanga is an attractive part of South Africa due to forest environment and in the vicinity of many more tourist attraction areas of the country.

Participation: We invite representatives from all stakeholders and main collaborating and funding institutions, and individual core collaborators as well as representatives from institutions and NGO's that share the common goals of sustainable resource management. We hope to welcome many of you!

NB: Please return your registration form before 10 August 2006!

Air Transfer: South African Airways (SAA) airport has good flight connections. Transport for participants from/to airport will be arranged by the hosts (Department of Agriculture and the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture).

Visa: Please check your visa requirements and contact the South Africa Embassy in your country as soon as possible. Visa application may take 2-4 weeks depending whether there is a South Africa Embassy in your country. Otherwise you must contact the Embassy in the nearest country. You may need an invitation letter; in that case please let us know (cc to LandCare Secretariat please!). Please make arrangements by early August at the latest! Keep in mind that September is a holiday season in South Africa!

Suggested Programme: Below is a preliminary workshop programme with suggested topics. This is rather flexible in the sense that other topics deemed relevant by the participants can be added and/or timing changed. Participants are greatly encouraged to attend the entire workshop, since this will give the best opportunity to exchange ideas and to further develop the work program while enhancing the collaboration between the different institutions of the LandCare network.

Preliminary workshop programme

Monday: 17 th	Arrival of participants and registration
Monday: 18 th	Topic 1: Progress reports East African LandCare Networking meeting Lunch Arrival and registration
Tuesday : 19 th	Topic 2: LandCare Meeting LandCare presentations
Wednesday: 20 th	Field trip: Field visit to the Mpumalanga LandCare projects
Thursday: 21 st	Recommendation from the visit and way forward for the 2006 International LandCare Conference in Australia. Official Closure of the Conference
Friday: 22 nd	<i>Departure.</i>

Please comment on the agenda points or suggest more topics. A more elaborated agenda will be distributed prior to the workshop.

Feedback to LandCare: Please fill out the attached registration form (by preference the electronic version in WORD format) and send it to the organisers (Department of Agriculture), before August 10, 2006. If you cannot participate please let us know too. Further information including a detailed timetable with task distribution and materials for discussion will be communicated to you by mid August.

Your participation is important to help develop the programme according to your needs.

The Republic of South Africa, The National LandCare Secretariat, Private Bag x 120, Pretoria 0001. Tel: (+27) 12 319 7685, Fax: (+27) 12 329 5938, SMLUSM@nda.agric.za

September 20-21, 2006

New York City Watershed Science and Technical Conference

The 2006 New York City Watershed Science and Technical Conference will be held on in Fishkill, NY. The conference will bring scientists and technical experts together with watershed stakeholders and the public to technically inform, present research findings and technical data, exchange ideas, and present information collected to date with regard to the protection of the nation's largest unfiltered surface water supply. <http://www.nywea.org/>

September 20-23, 2006



Center for Conservation Tillage Research, MOA

China-Canada Sustainable Agriculture Development Project



2006 China-Canada Conservation Agriculture Forum

September 20-23, 2006 Beijing, China

To support the development of innovative land management and extension services to promote sustainable agriculture development in the Western Regions of China, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) agreed to implement the “Sustainable Agriculture Development Project” in selected six western provinces. The Canadian executing agency for the project is Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), while the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) of China assumes the Chinese responsibilities related to the implementation of the project in China. Conservation agriculture is one of the main elements of sustainable agriculture development.

1. Background and Objectives

Conservation Agriculture has been adapted over 70 countries worldwide. Many studies on conservation agriculture in China have demonstrated that conservation agriculture can improve water use efficiency, reduce production cost, increase crop yield, reduce risk and increase farmers' income. Conservation agriculture retains crop residue on the soil surface to minimize water and wind induced soil erosion. Consequently, the incident of sand storms is reduced. It also increases soil organic matter by sequestering atmospheric CO₂ to reduce greenhouse gas effects. The nationwide demonstration program of conservation agriculture

under Chinese Ministry of Agriculture was commenced in 2002, and currently 167 counties in 15 provinces in Northern China are under this program.

The “China-Canada Conservation Agriculture Forum” was initiated by Agricultural Mechanization Management Department in Ministry of Agriculture of China *and* China-Canada Sustainable Agriculture Development Project, to strengthen the cooperation between the two organizations on conservation agriculture, to promote the development and extension of conservation agriculture in China, and to establish a conservation agriculture network to increase communication and collaboration among experts from China, Canada and other countries. Centre for Conservation Agriculture of Ministry of Agriculture and China-Canada Sustainable Agriculture Development Project organize this forum to invite Conservation agriculture experts from China, Canada and other countries to discuss the strategies of conservation agriculture development and extension in China.

2. Main Themes

- Core technologies of conservation agriculture and its future development
- Effect of policies on development of conservation agriculture technology
- Development of effective conservation agriculture extension system and extension methodologies
- Major constrains and problems for adaptation of conservation agriculture and its solutions
- Conservation agriculture and dust storm control
- Conservation agriculture development strategies for China

3. Participants

Conservation Agriculture experts from Canada and other countries will be invited to attend the forum. Chinese participants include expert group members, researchers from different institutes and organizations, technical and administrative leaders from national demonstration provinces, cities and counties, SADP project provinces and counties and specialists who participated in TOT training in Canada in 2006.

4. Language: English, Chinese

5. Time and Venue

Register date: 20th Sept., 2006

Conference date: 21st-23rd, Sept., 2006

Conference Venue: JiuHua Hotel and Convention Centre, Beijing, China

6. Sponsor:

Agricultural Mechanization Management Department, Chinese Ministry of Agriculture, China-Canada Sustainable Agriculture Development Project

Organizer: Center for Conservation Tillage Research (CCTR), MOA
China-Canada Sustainable Agriculture Development Project

Organizing Committee:

China: Agricultural Mechanization Management Department, MOA

International Cooperation Department, MOA

Center for Conservation Tillage Research (CCTR), MOA

General Station of Agricultural Mechanization Extension, China

Center for External Economy Cooperation, MOA
Canada: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
China-Canada Sustainable Agriculture Development Project
For further information, visit the conference web page at: <http://www.cn-ct.org/>
or contact the Conference Secretariat office: Zhang Xuemin and Sun Hao,
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September 24-27, 2006

7th International Symposium on Environmental Geochemistry (ISEG)

SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM (SP-06) on “Natural Organic Matter and its Significance in the Environment”, Beijing, China,

Topics of Interest:

1. NOM - organic compound interactions
2. NOM - metal interactions
3. Analytical techniques and modeling
4. Physical and chemical processes
5. Eco-environmental impacts on contaminants and public health
6. Carbon sequestration and global cycling and more?

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http://www.iseg2006.com/2009_Special_Symposia.htm

September 27-28, 2006

The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) PGIS Conference

This year, URISA's 5th Annual Public Participation GIS Conference (PPGIS) will be held in conjunction with the URISA Annual Conference on September 27-28 in Vancouver. The theme is: PPGIS— Engagement & Empowerment.

The PPGIS Conference invites participants with a diversity of experiences including citizens and citizens' groups, public officials, planners, technicians, librarians, policy scientists, and researchers. Presentation topics will focus on indigenous people, non-profits, sustaining public engagement, and methods and tools that facilitate public participation.

The 1.5 day program will focus on the use of GIS technology as an important tool for empowering citizen organizations and revitalizing communities.

Visit the URISA website <http://urisa.org/conferences/publicparticipation> for the complete program schedule and up to date information.

The URISA Annual Conference will take place at the same venue, September 26-29, 2006 in Vancouver, British Columbia. For information on the URISA Annual Conference visit: <http://urisa.org/conferences/aboutannual>

October 1-5, 2006

2nd International Symposium on Soil Erosion and Dry-land Farming (SEDF'06)

Yangling, Shaanxi, China. Organized by: CAS-MWR-Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, USDA-National Soil Erosion Research Laboratory, USDA-National Sedimentation Laboratory, World Association of Soil and Water Conservation and Northwest Science & Technology University of Agriculture and Forestry

Themes:

- Soil erosion processes, assessment, and control
- Mechanism and techniques of ecological rehabilitation
- Sustainable soil and water resource management in semi-arid areas.
- Improved water use efficiency in dry-land farming systems.
- Impacts of global climate change on soil erosion and dry-land farming
- New technologies in soil conservation and dry-land agriculture.

Important Dates: January 01, 2006: Interest reply and Abstract due
 February 01, 2006: Preliminary program
 May 20, 2006: Conference registration due
 August 30, 2006: Final program and proceedings paper due

The registration fee is US\$240 (student: US\$140). This will cover the cost of scientific activities, abstract volume, transportation between Xi'an Xianyang Airport and Yangling, and social events (reception and banquet). The cost of post-conference tours is not included in the registration fee.

Contact: SEDF'06 Secretariat, No.26 Xinong Road, Yangling, Shaanxi 712100, People's Republic of China. Phone: +86-29-87012872/ 87012871, Fax: +86-29-87012872/ 87012210, keyanban@ms.iswc.ac.cn, <http://www.iswc.ac.cn>

October 5-7, 2006

National Association of Geographers India (Nagi)

1st International Indian Geography Congress

Second Circular

Development, Environment and Geoinformatics

Hosted by Department of Geography (UGC-ASIST & DST-FIST Sponsored Department), Osmania University, Hyderabad, India www.osmania.ac.in, www.homeofgeography.org/ www.conferencealerts.com/india.htm, www.igu-net.org/uk/news_and_events/events.html

Conveners: Prof. Kalpana Markandey & Prof. S. Simhadri
Congress Theme: Development, Environment and Geoinformatics
Development has been portrayed through the lens of various paradigms. The shift from the Classical' Environmental Determinism' paradigm to the Neo Classical paradigm and then the Marxist paradigm of development has been quite conspicuous. The shifting emphasis has

been on the utilization of land and labour so as to optimize the spatial returns in terms of development. Development has been varyingly depicted as 'economic growth', 'modernization', and 'distributive justice' and also as 'socio-economic transformation'. The glaring contrast between the areas of paucity and areas of plenty at times defy the efforts of the planners. Polarization with regard to development at times finds manifestation in the north – south divide, at times in socio – spatial inequality besides a plenitude of similar contrasting core - periphery scenarios in varying environmental setups.

Environment encompasses under its ambit the physical landscape, social landscape and the built environment. All these are inextricably linked up and the degree of linkage between each one of these is related to the level of development in a particular region. Man - environment relations have for long been the central focus of debates and discussions. In fact they have been discussed from a variety of perspectives like the economic, technological, administrative, social and ecological besides others. The vulnerability of environment to various hazards and disasters and the impending danger of a holocaust have led to detailed probing of the environmental scenario. Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Audit have been carried out to help maintain an ecological balance.

While earlier areal or Spatial Data had a very restricted use, dissemination and exchange, the digital technologies are making the world more 'Spatially Enabled' and also well integrated. These technologies are bringing spatial solutions to the doorsteps of people and their role as Decision Support tools cannot be discounted. Geoinformatics along with its accessories like GIS and Remote Sensing helps in assessing the results of various government policies that have a bearing on the spatial locations. Viewed at differently, the traditional tools of the Geographers - Maps - have found an added advantage with the revolution in cyber-informatics, where they are now part of a more dynamic and interactive environment.

Technical Sessions

The Congress will have about thirty sessions, spanning the nine main themes. A panel discussion on the main theme of the Congress is planned involving luminaries from Universities, Govt. departments, industry & professionals. The technical session of the Congress will be organized around the following themes:

- Human Resources and Development Strategies.
- Socio-Cultural and Power Spaces and Governance
- Population Explosion and Urbanization
- Spatial Infrastructure and Alternative Planning Perspectives.
- Geopolitical Economy of Development and Globalization
- Environmental Pollution and Quality of Life
- Natural Disasters and Environmental Challenges
- Geoinformatics: Technology - Society Interface

Exhibition

An Exhibition of all the Geography and Geoinformatics software and data products as well as related equipment will be organized during the Congress to encourage interested companies to show-case their products & services. The Congress offers an ideal mix of clientele for these products and will be of immense benefit to the exhibitors and academic fraternity.

Final Schedule for Submission of Papers

Extended date to submit abstracts and full papers: **September 10, 2006**

Intimation about participation in Excursion: September 15, 2006

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October 9-13, 2006

26th IRRC at International Rice Congress (IRC 2006)

IRC 2006 will take place in New Delhi, India. More details on the Congress can be obtained from <http://www.icar.org.in/irc2006/>.

The Congress Events:

- 26th International Rice Research Conference: Innovations for efficiency enhancement, October 9-13, 2006
- 2nd International Rice Commerce Conference: Product diversification, value-addition and business promotion, October 10-11, 2006
- 2nd International Rice Technology and Cultural Exhibition: Rice culture in agriculture, October 10-12
- 2nd Asian Ministers' Round-Table Meeting: Fostering partnerships in rice research, development and trade, October 9-10, 2006

October 11-13, 2006



MANAGING AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPES
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
STRENGTHENING THE SCIENCE BASE

Managing Agricultural Landscapes for Environmental Quality

Organized by the Soil and Water Conservation Society

A multidisciplinary workshop for scientists and the people who use science to quantify the environmental benefits of applying conservation on agricultural land at landscape or watershed scales.

Please join us in Kansas City for this workshop that will strive to:

- bring together the scientific and technical communities working to quantify the environmental benefits of applying conservation practices on agricultural land at landscape or watershed scales.

- expose the research community to the needs and expectations of policymakers and conservation practitioners struggling to account for the environmental benefits of projects intended to enhance soil quality, water quality, water conservation, air quality, and fish and wildlife populations and habitat.

characterize the implications for conservation policy and practice from what research results have shown to be the environmental outcomes from the use of conservation on landscape or watershed scales.

When: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 7:00 AM
Friday, October 13, 2006 1:30 PM
Central Time Zone

Where: Westin Crown Center Hotel
1 Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO 64108

Attire: Business Casual

Fee: Managing Agricultural Landscapes for Environmental Quality
Registration - \$250.00 for a limited time (\$300.00 after Sept 29, 2006)
[View Event Summary](#)

RSVP: Friday, September 29, 2006

More info in <http://www.swcs.org/documents/MALPrelimProgram.pdf>

Contact: Dewayne Johnson, Professional Development Dir., Soil and Water Conservation Society, events@swcs.org

October 16-18, 2006

3rd APHW Conference on Wise Water Resources Management Towards Sustainable Growth and Poverty Reduction

Grand Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. Contact Choosri Keedumrongkool at choosri@thirdaphw.org and more info in www.thirdaphw.org.

Registration fee until **August 15, 2006**: US\$150. After that it is US\$200.

October 16-20, 2006

3rd International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposium

Cozumel, Mexico. Please register online at www.itmems.org. Convened previously in Australia 1998 and the Philippines in 2003, ITMEMS strengthens the capacities of coastal and marine managers and their partners to conserve and promote the sustainable use of coral reefs and related ecosystems.

ITMEMS is the core activity of the **International Coral Reef Initiative**, which is a partnership among governments, international organizations and NGOs. It strives to preserve coral reefs and related ecosystems by implementing Chapter 17 of Agenda 21 and other relevant international conventions and agreements.

If you are interested in participating in ITMEMS3, please register now at www.itmems.org.

Registration costs US \$400 before 1 August

If you are able to support the participation of a manager or stakeholder in a project or initiative that should be showcased at ITMEMS 3, or require further information, please contact: Penny Stock, Coordinator ITMEMS3, International Coral Reef Action Network pstock@icran.org, www.icran.org

October 22-26, 2006

IV International Conference on Vetiver (ICV-4), "Vetiver and People"

A Green Investment for Sustainable Development - Weaving a Better World, Caracas, Venezuela

Social problems and poverty are closely related with environmental quality and the possibilities to improve people's income. Vetiver (*Vetiveria zizanioides*) is an affordable alternative to eradicate the poverty, mitigate and solve environmental problems shared by many Latin American countries and the rest of the world. At the same time, vetiver technology can mobilize and empower communities through their participation in social projects that combine economic and basic services improvements with ecological benefits.

Vetiver grass has multiple uses due to its anatomical and eco-physiological characteristics that make vetiver a unique plant in its diverse uses and applications. This extraordinary grass is adaptable to multiple environmental conditions and it is globally recognized as an easy and economical alternative to control soil erosion and to solve a variety of environmental problems. It has been used for restoration, conservation and protection of land disrupted by man's activities, like agriculture, mining, construction sites, oil exploration and extraction and infrastructure corridors. It is also used for water conservation in watershed management, disaster mitigation and treatment of contaminated water and soil.

During the last International Conference on Vetiver (ICV-3) in China in October 2003 it was proposed that the ICV-4 would be held in Venezuela, for the special interest derived from its application and socioeconomic impact in deprived communities.

Organized by: Fundación Polar, Faculty of Agronomy-Central University of Venezuela, Venezuelan Soil Science Society, The Vetiver Network TVN, Latinamerica Vetiver Network LAVN, Venezuelan Vetiver Network VEVN, and Aragua Conservation Society

Program in brief:

1. Sessions:

- Contributions of vetiver to sustainable agricultural development and poverty eradication.
- Protection and stabilization of infrastructure in rural and urban areas.
- Handicraft and Vetiver: an innovative approach for community participation.
- Social development through vetiver multiple purpose projects.
- Vetiver role in watershed conservation and management.
- Disaster prevention and poverty mitigation.
- Prevention and control of soil and water contamination and treatment and disposal of wastewaters.

2. Plenary sessions

- Vetiver grass technology and its impacts on economic and ecological sustainability.
- Vetiver and People. Social sustainability impacts.
- The challenge for technological innovation, entrepreneur and scientific research in relation to vetiver grass.

3. Exhibition and poster session during the conference

4. Technical tours

- Pre conference tour: Visit to land restoration and stabilization projects in the SE region of Venezuela.
- Mid conference tour: Within the north central region of the country with visits to nurseries, bioengineering companies, social projects and watershed restoration and protection sites.
- Post conference tour: To be announced.

Place and date: Fundación Polar, Caracas, Venezuela. October 22-26, 2006.
Official language: Spanish and English with simultaneous translation.
Registration Fee: US\$300, incl. materials, conference attendance and related events, mid-conference tour & some meals.
Note: To receive the second announcement please contact oluquel@cantv.net, narongchc@au.edu, www.fpolar.org.ve

October 23-25, 2006

BCPC International Conference & Exhibition 'Global Aspects of Crop Production, Crop Protection and Food Supply',

Glasgow, Scotland. Contact Becky Dyer at becky.dyer@bcpc.org. More info in <http://www.bcpc.org/>

October 23-28, 2006

WOCAT Workshop and Steering Meeting, Cape Town, South Africa

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November 2006

Conference on Planning for Extremes Climate Change, organized by the Soil and Water Conservation Society

Exact date and place to be announced, Contact Deb Happe at deb.happe@swcs.org, www.swcs.org

November 4-9, 2006

Expert Meeting on "Sedimentation and Erosion in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions"

in Chalous, Iran (north of the country). Contact Farhad Behboodi at farhadbeh@yahoo.com and Seyed Hamidreza Sadeghi at shrsadeghi@yahoo.com, sadeghi@modares.ac.ir

November 8-10, 2006

NALMS Annual Symposium

The 26th International Symposium of the North American Lake Management Society "NALMS 2006: Making Connections -- People, Lakes, Watersheds" will be held on in Indianapolis, IN. This Symposium will emphasize connections between the past and the

present; between natural lakes and reservoirs; between watersheds and lakes; and, of course, between people and lakes. Registration deadline: **September 8, 2006.**

<http://www.nalms.org/symposia/indianapolis/home.htm>

November 12-16, 2006

Symposium on Sediment Pollution from River Bank Erosion: Characterization & Budget

Indianapolis, IN, USA . Contact Satish Gupta, Phone: +1-612-625-1241, sgupta@umn.edu, www.agronomy.org

November 12-17, 2006

International Forum on Water and Food, Vientiane, Lao PDR

The Challenge Program on Water and Food (CPWF) announces the International Forum on Water and Food, to be held in Vientiane, Lao PDR, hosted by the Mekong River Commission (MRC), and invites the submission of abstracts. Potential participants should note that this event is a Forum and is designed as a medium for discussion and debate, rather than the presentation of papers. Discussions will be based on a series of short policy briefs drawn from paper submissions. In addition, the best papers from the Forum will be published in special editions of formal, peer reviewed journals, and there will be an opportunity to present posters. Abstracts are sought in particular for Session 1 of the Forum on the Future of Irrigation, which is convened by Mr T. Facon, Senior Water Management Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. For further information, registration and submission of abstracts, please visit the forum website: www.waterandfood.org or by e-mail to Forum.abstracts@waterandfood.org. No registration fee.

November 20-22, 2006

A Special Session on "Carbon and Rural Development"

is to be organized at the WSEAS International Conference on Environment, Ecosystems and Development, to be held in Venice, Italy, More information about the Conference and our Special Session can be found at <http://www.worldses.org/conferences/2006/venice/eed/index.html> Our colleague Dr María Cristina Amézquita (m.amezquita@cgiar.org, Carbon Sequestration project CSEQ, CIAT Science Park, Colombia) was invited to organize. We would like to draw broad attention to it, and to encourage researchers to attend the Conference, in particular this Special Session.

November 22-25, 2006

International Symposium on Balanced Fertilization for Sustaining Crop Productivity

Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, India

Sponsored by International Potash Institute (IPI)

Themes:

- Potassium in soils: mineralogy, dynamics, mining and balances in soils
- Role of potassium in alleviation of biotic and abiotic stresses
- Balanced fertilization with reference to potassium nutrition
- Nutrient management in annual, perennial crops and pastures
- New approaches in biotechnology for efficient utilization of nutrients
- Potassium demand as consequence of changing cropping systems
- Extension activities for promoting balanced fertilization, policies and perspectives

Dead lines: Submission of abstracts: 30th June 2006

Submission of full length papers: 30th July 2006

For registration and additional information, please visit the website:

[www.ipipotash.org/IPI India 2006](http://www.ipipotash.org/IPI_India_2006) or email Dr. M.S. Brar at brarms@rediffmail.com

November 27-30, 2006

International conference on post-harvest technology and value addition in cereals, pulses and oilseeds (ICPHT-2006)

C.S. Azad University of Agriculture & Technology, Kanpur, India,

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December 3-5, 2006

2nd International Conference on Problematic Soils, Malaysia

Organised with the support of the Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia Commission 18, Collapsible Soils, International Association of Engineering Geologists Loess Commission, Inqua.

Over 70 submissions have been received from 20 countries, Viz: Australia, Bangladesh, China, Egypt, Finland, France, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria., Pakistan, Portugal, Singapore, Thailand, The Netherlands, Tunisia., United Kingdom and USA.

We invite you to participate with interesting papers. Technical Papers on the following themes would be included: Peat and organic soils, Volcanic soils, Expansive soils, Collapsible soils, Decomposed soils, Contaminated soils, Fills, Unsaturated soils, other soils, e.g. dispersive soils, problematic soils in the engineering geological aspects.

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December 3-7, 2006

ASSSI – ASPAC National Soils Conference, “Soil Science Solving Problems”

Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

Jointly convened by the Australian Society of Soil Science Inc and the Australasian Soil & Plant Analysis Council Inc, the Conference will appeal to all those who work in any aspect of soils or soil science. A four-day program is planned in association with a trade exhibition and the opportunity for all delegates to enjoy pre- and post-Conference tours to some of South Australia’s major attractions. The Conference will be held at The University of Adelaide and within easy walking distance of a wide range of accommodation and Adelaide’s theatre and restaurant districts. Call for abstracts closes 30 June 2006. For more information, visit the official Conference website at www.plevin.com.au/soils2006/index.htm

December 4-7, 2006

International Symposium on Drylands Ecology and Human Security

Regional Perspectives, Policy Responses and Sustainable Development in the Arab Region - Challenges and Opportunities. A joint initiative in recognition of the United Nations

"International Year of Deserts and Desertification"

GCC Network for Drylands Research and Development (NDRD) www.ndrd.org

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Green Gulf Program

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Further information can be found and downloaded on our website www.isdehs.com

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NOTE: Within the framework of the International Symposium on Drylands Ecology and Human Security, to be held in Dubai, December 4-7, 2006, we are organizing a session "The New Approaches in the Management and Modeling of Water Resources and Water Ecosystems in Drylands". www.isdehs.com/html/modeling_of_water_resources.html

If you are interested to participate in the event, please send your abstract as soon as possible to Vardanian@isdehs.com. Deadline for submitting your abstract is **September 15, 2006**.

Contact Trahel Vardanian, Session Convenor, Department of Physical Geography, Yerevan State University, 1, Alek Manoukian Street, Yerevan, 0025, Republic of Armenia,
tvardanian@ysu.am

December 4-8, 2006

5th Iberian Congress on Water Management "Shared River Basins: Basis for Sustainable Management of Water and Land"

University of Algarve, Faro, Portugal

Revision of the agreement between Portugal and Spain about shared river basins. Not often that there is accordance between the largest river basins and the limits of conventional administrative units frequently induces a partial management of those basins, not corresponding to the recommendations expressed on the Water Framework Directive about the need to reassess an integrated management. Frequent articulation problems between different regional authorities arise. Those problems exist between the two countries: Portugal and Spain.

In a time where important effects caused by climatic changes are announced, with special incidence in the Iberian Peninsula and other sensible regions of the world, like a significant area of Latin America, it urges the need to develop embracing and integrating reflections about the response strategies and adaptation to proper management of the diverse socio-ecological units. In this point of view, the sustainable use of water and land is a key factor as

a motto for the articulation of several physical, natural, ecological, economical, social, cultural and aesthetical aspects, expressing the basic message of the new culture of water.

The debate around all this in an interdisciplinary perspective applied to shared river basins management constitutes the main challenge of the 5th Iberian Congress on Water Management and Planning at Escola Superior de Tecnologia, Campus de Gambelas, University of Algarve, 8000 Faro, Portugal.

Themes:

- Water landscapes and water systems conservation
- Institutional aspects of water management
- Participation of citizens and media over water subjects
- Water and public health
- Innovation and technology

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December 12-15, 2006



2nd Conference on Sustainable Sloping Lands & Watershed Management (SSLWM 2006)

Luang Phrabang, Laos PDR

Organized/ sponsored by:

- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR
- National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI)
- International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD)
- Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)

Background:

Upland areas of Southeast Asia are, for the most part, inhabited by communities that are often poor, politically disempowered and economically marginalized and have few viable options available to address issues of food insecurity, poverty and unsustainable resource management. It is well recognized that increased exploitation of land and water resources in upper catchments with associated fragmentation of native vegetation results in sediment discharge and elevated nutrient loads that act to reduce water quality and availability to downstream users. This has had a direct negative impact on the economic and social fabric of

communities that are dependant on natural resources for goods and services in order to sustain already tenuous livelihoods.

As degradation of land resources continues largely unabated, the negative impacts cascade throughout the system of multiple uses of water that supports livelihoods. Sedimentation reduces the useful life of water storage and delivery facilities (i.e. dams and reservoirs) and requires greater resources for the production of acceptable quality water for drinking leading to increased demands for funds and labour to maintain infrastructures. Sedimentation and eutrophication of aquatic ecosystems leads to declining fish catches that in turn threaten the nutrition and health of downstream communities. All of these impacts originate from inappropriate land use management by communities in these upper catchments. Too frequently there is a tendency to simplistically level blame on the activities of upstream landholders. From a biophysical perspective a considerable amount of information and knowledge has been generated on the causes and processes associated with enhanced sediment discharge from highly incised upper catchments. To this end appropriate land and water conservation strategies have been developed and promoted that eliminate or reduce sediment discharge from these systems. However, the adoption of these resource conserving strategies has to date been inadequate to effect significant changes in sediment discharge to river systems in Southeast Asia. This may in part be due to communities not always having the knowledge to appreciate that what they are doing may be harmful. Factors affecting adoption of conservation management strategies are varied and include land tenure, inappropriate policies, increased labour requirements, the lack of quick and tangible benefits associated with conservation practices and the lack of technical expertise both at the farmer and extensionist levels. In addition, it is often assumed that natural capital has the same level of importance as financial, physical, and social capitals which may not be the case.

In September 2004, the First conference on Sustainable Sloping Lands and Watershed Management, “Innovative Practices for Sustainable Sloping Lands and Watershed Management” was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The conference supported the activities of ASIALAND and MSEC, two large networks that have focused on the development and adoption of sustainable land and water management practices in highly incised catchments of Southeast Asia that are dominated by minority communities. More than 240 academics, researchers, and practitioners participated in the conference. The conference itself was a very useful forum for exchanging knowledge on the management and implementation of sustainable land and water resources in these catchments and creating a bridge between researchers and decision makers. Therefore, a biennial conference series that focuses on natural resource management issues specific to upper catchments in tropical regions was proposed.

SSLWM 2006 will highlight emerging planning and management strategies for the sustainable management of upper catchments. A particular focus of the conference will be on strategies that both promote environmental sustainability and address the socio-economic circumstances of marginalized rural communities that inhabit these areas. SSLWM 2006 encourages debate on the current status of sloping land management in upper catchments of developing countries through the presentation of case studies, and will highlight existing strategies and incentives to promote and up-scale the adoption of sustainable management practices. The conference will identify management and governance strategies that could support more effective management action and direct future applied research. SSLWM 2006 will be of interest to a wide range of persons including land and water resource researchers, managers, and decision-makers involved in the implementation and development of

sustainable management of upper catchments. Papers from the conference will be published as refereed proceedings. Selected papers will be submitted to international peer reviewed journals.

Important Dates

May 2006	Call for papers and first announcement posted on NAFRI web and in the WASWC News No. 2-2006
June 2006	2nd announcement, details of registration posted on web
July 2006	Deadlines for abstract submission by potential participants
September 2006	Selected papers announced by organizing committee and guidelines for paper preparation sent to potential speakers Registration form posted on the web
October 15, 2006	Deadline of paper submission 3rd announcement - conference program posted on web
November 2006	Peer review of selected papers and revision by authors
December 12 - 15	Conference

Call for Papers:

We welcome your contributions. These should be relevant to the objectives of the conferences and address issues described in the conference sessions as follows:

- Land use changes and degradation processes in mountain environments
- Impacts of inappropriate land and water resource management on up and down stream stakeholders.
- Research innovations in the management of upland catchments
- The role of policy and incentives in enhancing up-scaling of sustainable land and water management practices.

Under the various sessions the conference's broad aims are:

- To encourage the sharing of recent research findings into sustainable management of upland farming systems that will enhance livelihoods and ensure environmental integrity to all stakeholders.
- Policy interventions that will assist in the promotion and adopting of sustainable management practices in upper catchments.

Initial selection of papers will be based on (i) new scientific contributions and (ii) relevance and impact of the studies as they are presented in the submitted abstract. Final selection will be based on a peer review process.

Conference Fee USD 200: The conference registration fee will cover all symposium materials, a book of abstracts, the symposium field guide and proceedings, and the symposium dinner.

Language: English

Venue: Provincial Meeting Hall of Luang Phrabang

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<http://www.nafri.org.la/>

December 19-21, 2006

International Seminar on Global Environmental-cum-Ecological Challenges and Sustainability: Statistical Issues

Dept. of Statistics, Rajshahi University, Rajshahi, Bangladesh,

Themes:

- The Data Bank for Environmental Research
- Modeling of Environmental and Ecological Systems.
- The impact of Climatic Change on Ecology and Environment
- Challenges in Agriculture, Forestry and Food Technology.
- Water Resource Management: Challenges on Global and Regional Issues.
- Pollution and Public Health: Global Perspectives.
- Sustainable Development Issues from Ecological and Environmental Viewpoint.
- Genotype and Environmental Study on Leaf Area Dynamics.

The deadline for the submission of full-length papers/ posters: 30 June 2006.

Registration Fee:

Foreign Participants*: USD 150.00 + USD 100.00 (for each accompanying guest)

SAARC Participants*: USD 25.00 + USD 20.00 (for each accompanying guest)

Local Participants: Tk. 500.00, Tk. 300.00 (for students only)

The fees are inclusive of conference materials, lunches, refreshments and proceedings of the conference.

*For participants from the SAARC countries and other foreign participants, the registration fees are inclusive of free roundtrip transport from Dhaka and Benapole to Rajshahi, 4-night accommodation in Porjatan Motel at Rajshahi, and meals.

Donors are welcome to contribute to meet the expenses for organizing this seminar, largely to sponsor a number of developing country speakers. Contact: Prof. Basher Mian, Chairman, Dept. of Statistics, University of Rajshahi, Rajshahi 6205, Bangladesh. Phone: +0721-750041/4122, ijss_ru@yahoo.com

MEETINGS 2007

January 7-13, 2007

African Soil Science Society's 4th International Conference

(The contribution of Africa's Soil Science to NEPAD)

Impacts of climate change, global trade, urbanization and biotechnology on land use in Africa
GIMPA, Accra, Ghana. Hosted by the Soil Science Society of Ghana in collaboration with
IUSS, FAO, AfNet/CIAT, ICRISAT, IWMI, IFDC-Africa, UNU-INRA, organized by the
African Soil Science Society (ASSS)

Background:

The African Soil Science Society (ASSS) is a non-profit organization founded in 1986. ASSS has organized successfully three International Conferences respectively in Kampala (Uganda, 1988), Cairo (Egypt, 1990) and Ibadan (Nigeria, 1994). These three Conferences were focused on land management in irrigated and upland zones with the participation of soil scientists from all over the world working on African lands.

This 4th International Conference aims to gather specialists interested in land use and sustainable land management in Africa, in the context of serious emerging issues such as climate change, global trade and biotechnologies including GMO uses.

With a potential of 2,844 million ha of lands, Africa is characterized by a high variability of soils, climate, vegetation, fauna and land uses. It is of great importance that scientists, planners, economists, policy makers and land users are aware of the status and trend of land use in the context of high demographic pressure, severe degradation of natural resources and high competitiveness of agricultural goods at international level. Furthermore, land users and the soil science community should bear in mind that:

The achievement of food security and Millennium Development Goals (MDG), particularly Goal 1 (poverty/hunger alleviation) and Goal 7 (environment protection), which remains a major challenge for Africa;

The requirements of the international trade with its binding conditions, the impact of climate change with potential increase of natural disasters (drought and floods), the prospect in the increasing use of biotechnologies (conventionally improved varieties, genetically modified organisms – GMOs) to face new constraints have undoubtedly consequences on land use systems and land management technologies and their changes;

At regional, sub-regional and national levels, there is lack of stocktaking and overview of the status and trend of land use changes, due to the impact of these great challenges;

The Soil Science community in Africa needs to be more vocal and participate actively in national, regional and international fora (e.g. UNCCD, CBD, UNFCCC, AU, NEPAD/CAADP, TerrAfrica), policy formulation, norms and standard setting, and good agricultural practices with respect to Soil Science and related issues.

There is also a need for the African Soil Science Society to position itself as a regional broker for land issues within the Civil Society in Africa and to develop: (i) active collaboration, particularly with international institutions and thematic networks dealing with soil and land issues; and (ii) strong lobbying for public and donors' support for more investment in sustainable land management.

It is with this background that the African Soil Science Society in collaboration with various partners is organizing this Conference.

Themes:

1. Assessing the dynamics of land use in Africa
2. Impact of regional and global trade on land use changes
3. Impact of land use evolution on climate change
4. Impact of biotechnologies on farm biodiversity and land use
5. Impact of urbanization on land use in the urban-rural continuum

Deadline for extended abstract submission	31 th July 2006
Extended abstract acceptance notification	30th June 2006
2 nd Announcement with tentative program	30th July 2006
Submission of full papers	30th August 2006

Conference Fees:

Conference fee per participant: US\$250 and US\$100 for students (evidence should be provided). After 30th September 2006 the fees will be respectively US\$300 and US\$150. Registration fees will cover conference documents, conference dinner, lunch and snacks, mid-conference tour, transport to and from conference site to hotels.

Mid-Conference Tours:

Participants will also have chance to participate in a mid-conference tour which will take them to the following places in the Central Region of Ghana: i. Okyereko Irrigation scheme, ii. Elmina Castle, which was the slave trading center during the slave trade era, and iii. Kakum Forest Reserve.

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January 19-23, 2007

15th Annual National No-Tillage Conference

Des Moines Marriot Des Moines, Iowa,

Contact: The National No-Tillage Conference, P.O. Box 624, Brookfield, WI 53008-0624, USA. Phone: +1-866-839-8455 or +1-262-432-0388; Fax: +1-262-786-5564, info@lesspub.com, www.no-tillfarmer.com.

January 20-25, 2007

World Social Forum 2007, Nairobi, Kenya

The 7th World Social Forum - to be held from January 20 to 25, in Nairobi (Kenya) – faces now the challenge of being even more linked to concrete actions to build “another possible world”.

This concern has been constantly expressed on various meetings of the WSF International Council and evaluations made about WSF process. What we have been looking for is to

accomplish one of WSF aims, stated on its Charter of Principles: The World Social Forum is an open meeting place for reflective thinking, democratic debate of ideas, formulation of proposals, free exchange of experiences and interlinking for effective action. This is why this preparatory consultation is being launched.

It gives continuity to the methodological options, which started to be adopted in 2004, during WSF 2005 preparation, in order to improve process and event “architecture”. On that Forum, it resulted on the definition of 11 thematic terrains around which 2,000 activities were carried out– all of them were self-organized, corresponding to another advance compared to the events organized before. But the 2004 consultation had a thematic character. In this one, we want to move a step forward.

Now what we request to you is to indicate the actions, campaigns and struggles in which your organization/network/entity is engaged. The proposal is to organize the 7th Forum around those actions, campaigns and struggles, aggregating, on the different Forum spaces, the activities linked to them, as well as the activities that have no direct link with them – to be indicated during the moment of activities registration – but related to the same by their themes.

This will make more visible the concrete actions born on the Forum process! or those who gave sequence or more density to others that had been developed before or outside WSF, as well as its effective political results. This will also stimulate the interconnection among organizations in which we are engaged on the struggles for constructing a fair, egalitarian, democratic, participative and sustainable society.

This proposal – and the execution of this preparatory consultation – was approved by the WSF International Council, based on a proposal made by its Methodology Commission, in its meeting held in March 2006, in Nairobi.

We tried to simplify the questions on the consultation form at maximum, in order to make easier to answer to it. As soon as you do it, better conditions we will have to prepare the WSF 2007 adequately. The deadline to send your answers is July 30th, 2006. In order to fill in the consultation questionnaire, please access the website: <http://consultation.wsf2007.org/>. Organizations who have registered on the Polycentric WSF 2006 website (www.wsf2006.org) are not required to fill in all the forms again. They can access the site <http://consultation.wsf2007.org/> using the same username and password from the polycentric 2006 site above mentioned and then, click on the top menu “Consultation on actions, campaigns and struggles” > “Add new”. Up to now, the site is only in English. But soon it will be available also in French and Castellano/Spanish.

For further information on the event in Nairobi, please visit the site: www.socialforum.or.ke.

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Website: www.worldsocialforum.org
WSF Bulletin. In order not to receive the bulletin anymore, send an e-mail to gerente@forumsocialmundial.org.br.

January 22-26, 2007

U.S. North American Carbon Program (NACP), Investigators Meeting & Joint Canada-Mexico-USA Carbon Program Planning Meeting,

Cheyenne Mountain Conference Center, Colorado Springs, CO, USA (First Announcement)

U.S. North American Carbon Program (NACP) Investigators Meeting

Monday, January 22 through Wednesday, January 24

U.S. North American Carbon Program participants will meet to report research results to date, plan and coordinate work to occur during the next year, and plan future activities. Early opportunities for synthesis will also be discussed. Each NACP project and activity is encouraged to provide a poster and/or a presentation at the meeting. Any principal investigator who cannot attend should designate a co-investigator to represent their project.

Joint Canada-Mexico-USA Carbon Program Planning Meeting

Thursday, January 25 and Friday, January 26

The United States is pleased to host a joint meeting of Canadian, Mexican, and U.S. investigators involved in research on carbon cycling within North America and adjacent ocean basins and coastal areas. With the goal of developing a scientific framework for a joint program to provide better estimates of the North American carbon budget and a better understanding of the processes and mechanisms involved, meeting participants will identify activities that are well suited to collaboration and topics for synthesis of results developed by each country's program. The meeting agenda will include posters and presentations on current projects; however, the focus will be on discussions to shape a Joint Canada-Mexico-USA Carbon Program and understand its relationship to other regional carbon studies.

Mexican, Canadian, and U.S. scientists involved in carbon cycle research relevant to North America are welcome and encouraged to attend both meetings.

Additional information will follow in a second announcement and be posted at:

<http://www.nacarbon.org/>

We look forward to seeing you in Colorado Springs for these important meetings!

U.S. North American Carbon Program Office (contact address)

nacp_support@www.nacarbon.org

January 31-February 3, 2007



International Meeting of Fire Effects on Soil Properties

Barcelona, Spain,

Background and invitation

The aims of the meeting are to explore issues concerning effects of fire on soil properties. It is well known that fire and temperature produce changes on soil physical, chemical, organic and biological characteristics.

The intensity and severity of forests fires has increased in the last years, and this is a widespread worldwide phenomenon. It is important to know the effect of high intensity fires and prescribed fire as a management tool on soils. It is hoped that the exchange of information will not only contribute to a better understanding of the effects of fires on soils but also will suggest solutions for soil amendment and management in terms of soil quality and forest regeneration.

The purpose of this meeting is to bring together scientists who study the fire effects on soil properties and soil recovery after fires. New research methodologies, topics and conclusions about fire impacts on soils are very welcome.

The meeting will include an excursion to a study site where prescribed fire is used as a management tool (Les Gavarres Mountains, Girona).

Topics

- Fire effects on hydrology and soil physical properties
- Fire effects on organic matter content, soil chemical properties and soil recovery after fires
- New methodologies to study fire effects on soil
- Fire intensity and fire severity measurements

Contact: Prof. Xavier Úbeda., University of Barcelona, xubeda@ub.edu, www.ub.edu/gram

February 7-10, 2007

3rd International Groundwater Conference (IGC-2007) on Water, Environment and Agriculture

Present Problems and Future Challenges, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, India. Contact: K.Palanisami at palanisamik@vsnl.net, directorcards@tnau.ac.in, ceemayil@gmail.com. Deadline for abstract submission: **July 31, 2006**, but you can try, and there won't be any problem if you want only to attend.

February 12-16, 2007 

EC07 IECA's Environmental Connection

Conference Event

Most conference activities will take place in the Reno-Sparks Convention Center:
4590 S. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89504, USA 775-827-7620

IECA Host Hotel: Atlantis Casino Resort, 3800 S. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89502, USA

IECA Room Rate: \$112.00

Preliminary Schedule:

Feb. 12, Monday - Full day training course, 8:30-5:00

Feb. 13, Tuesday - Full day training course, 8:30-5:00, Expo open, 5:00-7:30

Feb. 14, Wednesday - General Session, Technical Sessions, Expo Open

Feb. 15, Thursday - Technical Sessions, Expo Open

For additional information, contact:

Kate Nowak, Director of Events and Sales, Phone: 970-879-3010. ext. 15, Fax: 970-879-8563

Email: kate@ieca.org, www.ieca.org

March 19-21, 2007

First International Soil Moisture Sensing Technology Conference

Current and future research directions in soil moisture sensing, Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

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

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

Participants can come either early or stay late to enjoy the Paradise in MARCH with a cost of room as little as \$69.0. Space is limited; book your rooms now.

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

Ali Fares, Associate Professor of Hydrology

Natural Resources & Environmental Management Dept.

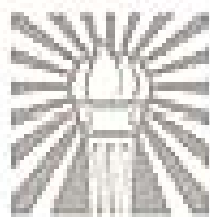
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WWW.CTAHR.Hawaii.Edu/Faresa/

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

March 21-23, 2007



Humic Science & Technology Conference X

Northeastern University, Boston, MA, USA, March 21-23, 2007.

Contact Geoffrey Davies and Elham Ghabbour, www.hagroup.neu.edu.

EcoSummit 2007, Beijing, China

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April 15-20, 2007

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

Session on soil erosion on agricultural land, <http://meetings.copernicus.org/egu2007/>

Conveners: Artemi Cerdà, Department of Geography, Univ. of Valencia. Spain,

artemio.cerda@uv.es, <http://www.uv.es/~acerda/>

John Boardman, Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford. UK,

john.boardman@eci.ox.ac.uk,

Yves le Bissonnais, Laboratoire d'étude des Interactions entre Sols, Agrosystèmes et

Hydrosystèmes (LISAH). Montpellier, France, yves.le-bissonnais@ensam.inra.fr, and

Dennis Flanagan, USDA-ARS. National Soil Erosion Research Laboratory West Lafayette,

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

The special session on Soil Erosion on Agriculture Land (SEAL) will discuss topics on soil degradation, past and present erosion processes, experimental and laboratory studies, processes and factors, field measurement and quantification, modelling and mapping erosion

risk assessment, prediction and soil conservation policies of agricultural land. Papers on soil erosion research on agricultural land are welcome. Pls contact any convener.

Session on ants in the soil system: a hydrological, chemical and biological approach
Convener: Anita Risch, Head of the Research Group Animal Ecology, Unit Community Ecology, Swiss Federal Research Institute, Department Landscape, Vegetation Dynamics, Zürcherstrasse 111, CH-8903 Birmensdorf, Switzerland, anita.risch@wsl.ch
Co-conveners: Leena Finér, Finnish Forest, Research Institute, Joensuu, Finland, leena.finer@metla.fi
Martin Jurgensen, School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science, Michigan Tech, USA, mjurgun@mtu.edu
Artemi Cerdà, Department of Geography, University of Valencia. Spain, artemio.cerda@uv.es

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

April 15-20, 2007

Analysis and Characterization of Black Carbon in the Environment

(Co-listed in Biogeosciences, Atmospheric Sciences, Hydrological Sciences, Ocean Science & Soil Science Systems), EGU General Assembly in Vienna. Call for papers will be open October 2006 until January 15, 2007, deadline for support applications: December 8, 2006. <http://meetings.copernicus.org/egu2007/>

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

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

A second focus of the meeting is to discuss methodological aspects. Variations in BC chemistry, along a combustion continuum, create serious methodological problems, as every BC measurement method detects a unique window of the BC spectrum. For example,

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

May 2007

COMLAND Meeting in Tanzania

Tanzania, ~~May 2007~~ (Postponed). Organized by Fidelis Kaihura; contact Paul F. Hudson, pfhudson@mail.utexas.edu.

May 22-25, 2007

1st International Biodiversity Congress: Working Together for Livelihood Security, Food Security and Ecological Security for Life on Earth

Bangkok, Thailand. Contact: Ram Bhandari, hirinepal@mail.com.np, ibc2007@yahoo.com

May 22-27, 2007

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June 13-17, 2007

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

The International Water History Association (IWHA) will hold its fifth biennial conference in Tampere, Finland, in June 2007. The conference program addresses diverse topics related to water history and futures, and will provide an excellent opportunity for scholars and practitioners from a variety of disciplines and different parts of the world to meet and discuss

the many fascinating aspects of water history. Major themes are: Water and the city; Water, health and sanitation; Water, food and economy; Water history research methodologies; and Water history and its relevance. Other relevant session topics are welcome. The first Call for Sessions and papers by 15 Oct is now out. For more information please visit: [5th IWHA Conference Web site](#), or download: First Call for Sessions and Papers. You may also contact: iwha2007@tavicon.fi.

June 25-30, 2007

5th International Congress of the European Society for Soil Conservation

Changing Soils in a Changing World: the Soils of Tomorrow'

Palermo (Italy), June 25-30, 2007

The objective is to promote exchange and discussion about the problems that affect the soils due to the pressure of Man on Soils and the Landscape, that year after year is becoming increasingly evident and to stimulate soil awareness in civil society. The Congress is open for soil scientists, educators and policymakers. It will consist of invited lectures, scientific sessions with oral and poster presentations and field excursions and will attempt to advocate interest in soil awareness at all societal levels.

The main topics of the Congress are indicated below. However, we welcome suggestions from prospective participants that may be of general interest: Soil erosion; Soil contamination; Soil sealing by construction activities; Soil compaction; Soil biodiversity; Soil salinization; Soil consumption; Soil policy; Anthropogenic soils.

The Congress will take place in Palermo, at the University Campus. Palermo, whose history dates back to the Phoenicians, is located on the north coast of Sicily and is one of the main cities of Italy. It has a beautiful beach area (Mondello) and can be reached by air, rail and bus from the major cities of Europe. The region has a Mediterranean climate with hot and dry summers and mild and rainy winters and shows many unique historical and tourist attractions with artistic and natural beauties. As a result of these, Sicily receives many tourists.

Contact: Professor Carmelo Dazzi, ESSC Vice-President, Dipartimento di Agronomia Ambientale e Territoriale, Facoltà di Agraria, Università di Palermo, Viale delle Scienze, 90128 Palermo, Italy. Phone: +39 091 6650247; Fax: +39 091 6650229, dazzi@unipa.it, <http://www.esscpalermocongress.it/> (updated July 21, 2006), www.essc.sk

July 2-5, 2007

European Federation of IT in Agriculture 2007 Conference, EFITA/WCCA 2007

Environmental and rural sustainability through ICT', Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland, UK, www.efitaglasgow.org

Call for Papers

Sustainability is a word that is used in many contexts, and increasingly so when rural and agricultural issues are under discussion. It is a concept that suggests that the continuity of economic, social, and institutional aspects of our society, as well as the non-human environment, is far from assured, and that careful thought and management is needed to sustain them.

The EFITA/WCCA 2007 conference will examine the role and use of information and communication technologies in three key areas of rural and agricultural sustainability:

*** ICT SUPPORTING ON-FARM BUSINESS ***

What does rural industry want/need from an ICT system to help it maintain itself, meet targets, meet legislative requirements and secure competitive edge?

Theme co-ordinator: Prof Gerhard Schiefer, University of Bonn

Papers under this topic heading include, but are not limited to:

- Farm management systems
- Decision support tools
- Aquatic Resource Management
- Dairy and Animal Production Systems
- e-AgBusiness and Production Chain Management
- Field Data Acquisition and Recording
- Food Safety Control/Tracking-Tracing
- GIS and Precision Agriculture
- Grid Applications
- Information Systems and Databases
- Instrumentation and Control
- Portal / Internet Services
- Wireless and Sensor Networks
- e-collaboration/e-communities

*** ICT SUPPORTING RURAL SUSTAINABILITY ***

Can ICT support rural sustainability? What is the evidence that it can help?

What have we learned from recent implementations and what new technologies are on the way that may take us further? Theme co-ordinator: Dr Sarah Skerratt, Scottish Agricultural College

Papers under this topic heading include, but are not limited to:

- Broadband applications for rural communities
- SMEs and digital communication
- The emergence of the rural e-citizen
- Education/Training and Distance Learning/Professional Accreditation
- Rural youth and ICTs
- Internet supported communities
- Rural living labs
- ICTs role in capacity-building and social capital development in rural communities?
- Cultural evaluation of ICTs in rural development
- Transferability of ³solutions² across territories and countries

*** ICT SUPPORTING ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ***

Can ICT support the achievement and maintenance of environmental sustainability in the rural and agricultural sectors? How can ICT be used to support the development of environmental policies and how can it help farmers and agronomists and other end users to deliver them? Theme co-ordinator: Andy Offer, ADAS

Papers under this topic heading include, but are not limited to:

- Predicting the effect of policy changes
- Answering policy maker's questions
- Spatial analysis, GIS and datasets
- Design and evaluation of mitigation measures
- Modelling ecological consequences of land management practice
- Mitigating and adapting to multiple stressors
- Environmental monitoring systems
- Using ICT to deliver the policy objectives
- Increasing uptake/understanding of legislation
- Tracking uptake of schemes and policies
- e-Government
- Environmental knowledge transfer using ICT
- DSS for farmers and consultants

You are invited to submit an extended abstract for one of these themes by Nov. 1, 2006. Instructions for authors, and other information about the conference, can be found on our [website www.efitaglasgow.org](http://www.efitaglasgow.org).

July 2-13, 2007

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

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

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

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

Contact: Dirk de Boer, ICCE Secretary, Centre for Hydrology, Department of Geography, University of Saskatchewan, 9 Campus Drive, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7N 5A5 Canada. Phone: +1 306 966 5671; Fax: +1 306 966 5680; dirk.deboer@usask.ca

July 21-25, 2007

International Conference of SWCS for 2007

Don't miss next year's conference, already in the works, at the Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, Florida. See details in http://www.swcs.org/en/swcs_international_conferences/2006_annual_conference/

Contact: Suzi Case, Administrative Assistant, suzi.case@swcs.org, phone: 515-289-2331, www.swcs.org

July 22 to 26, 2007

Conference on Coastal Zone 2007, Portland, Oregon

www.csc.noaa.gov/cz/

September 2007

Comland Meeting

Inner Mongolia, China, Contact Xiaoping Yang or Paul F. Hudson, pfhudson@mail.utexas.edu.

September 10-14, 2007 (see more details in previous volume)

4th Int'l Conference on Debris Flow Hazards Mitigation (DFHM)

Chengdu, Sichuan, China. Contact: Cheng-lung Chen, Phone/ Fax: +1-408-253-2322, clchen88@gmail.com

September 23-26, 2007

3rd international conference on Mechanisms of Organic Matter Stabilisation and Destabilisation in Soils and Sediments

Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

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

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

Themes include:

- Formation, characterisation and fate of NOM including Black Carbon
- Movement of NOM within and between terrestrial/aquatic ecosystems
- Application of isotopic techniques in NOM studies
- Stabilisation/destabilisation mechanisms for NOM
- Biological significance of NOM pools at various time scales
- Modelling NOM dynamics.

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

October 17-19, 2007

Bottlenecks, Solutions, and Priorities in the Context of Functions of Forest Resources

Faculty of Forestry, Istanbul University, Istanbul, TURKEY

An international symposium will be held by Istanbul University, Faculty of Forestry in Istanbul between October 17-19, 2007 to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Forestry Education in Turkey with support of Rectorate of Istanbul University, Ministry of Environment and Forestry and International Union of Forest Research Organizations. The symposium aims to provide an international scientific atmosphere with participation of experts from universities, research institutes, public and private sectors and non-governmental organizations in areas relating to the functions of forest resources. Forest resources have a lot of functions such as protecting biological diversity, climate regulation, water production, soil and water conservation, providing natural food, supporting urban life, rural development, creating recreational opportunities, developing game and wildlife, protecting visual and cultural values, strengthening social stability, supporting society's health, producing wood and non-wood forest products, creating employment and income, providing possibilities for export etc., which have effects on the ecological environmental, social-cultural and economical-financial fields.

Subjects of the presentations for the symposium should be thought in the context of the above-mentioned functions of forest resources. It is recommended that authors explain causes of bottlenecks and failures taking place during providing of these functions of forest resources; deal with analyses and solutions toward overcoming them from point of view of one or multidimensional perspective, that is, biological, ecological, economical, organizational, political etc. sides rather than contenting with only inventorial aspects. Symposium Sessions: Bottlenecks in the context of functions of forest resources and analyses relating to them; biological, ecological, economical, organizational, political etc. solutions concerning these bottlenecks (<http://www.orman.istanbul.edu.tr/fored150>, <http://orman.istanbul.edu.tr/fored150>, <http://194.27.134.4/fored150>).

Presentation: Oral and poster

Deadlines: Abstract (800-1,000 words): December 20, 2006

Full Paper: June 1, 2007

Accommodation and Registration details will be announced later.

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

MEETINGS 2008++

February 2008

IV World Congress on Conservation Agriculture, India

Contact: Raj Gupta, r.gupta@cgiar.org

May 19-23, 2008

15th ISCO Conference, Budapest, Hungary

Contact: Adam Kertesz at kertesza@helka.iif.hu

July 14-18, 2008 (see more details in previous volume)

2nd Int'l Conference on Ground Bio- and Eco-engineering: The Use of Vegetation to Improve Slope Stability

Beijing , China . Contact: Alexia Stokes at stokes@liama.ia.ac.cn, alexia.stokes@yahoo.fr, <http://www.liama.ia.ac.cn>

August 25-29, 2008

Eurosoil 2008: Soil - Society - Environment

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

Organizers: The national soil science societies of Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia and Switzerland, supported by the Vienna Medical Academy
Excursions: Pre- and post-congress excursions in Austria, Hungary, Croatia and Slovenia, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic and in Switzerland (together with Austria)

Further information can be obtained from the website of the European Confederation of Soil Science Societies (ECSSS) www.ecsss.net. The first complete set of information including the scientific programme, technical excursions and the registration form will be put into the website and/or sent to interested participants in December 2006.

Contact: Winfried Blum, herma.exner@boku.ac.at

September 18-22, 2008

5th International Conference on Land Degradation, Valenzano, Bari, Italy



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

Late 2008

6th International Hani-Akha Culture Conference, Luchun County

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

August 1-6, 2010

The 19th World Congress of Soil Science, Brisbane, Australia

1-6 August 2010. Contact Neil McKenzie at neil.mckenzie@csiro.au. The 20th Congress will be held in Seoul, Korea in 2014.