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Editors' Note: Organizing meetings by WASWC as the core organizer

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

Due to the fact that the quality of conferences these days varies so much and often not much use can be had from some particular meetings. We have often heard about some **congresses** that charge too high registration fees as if the undertaking was considered as an investment and much profit was expected; some **conferences** that are organized by trade people (e.g. conference organizing companies or travel agencies), thus not facilitating any meeting between visiting participants and local academics and professionals to enable future contacts; some **workshops** (except training workshops of projects etc.) that do not have much meat to digest, some **symposia** that many participants chose to go to see tourist sites than to listen to speakers; and some **seminars** that the organizers failed to produce any conclusions and recommendations. With these ideas in mind, the meeting with various persons in China last month has produced the following conclusion (the word 'meeting' is a central word that represents any of the five above categories of events):

The WASWC should prepare a list of practices that any organizers of meetings that belong to any category may follow in order to have some substantial achievements at the end of the event, to make the enterprise of such thing worthwhile, considering a large amount of money being spent and so much carbon footprint has been marked due to the long-distance travel of a large number of people to the venue. The recommended practices should look like this:

1. The actual intention of a meeting should be first and foremost to promote the exchange of knowledge, technologies and experiences and to gather them and the result from deliberations for future use; the importance of the social benefit of meeting each other among professionals though being essential but should not be given too high priority.
2. * The organizers should economize the arrangement so that a reasonable registration fee could be levied to the participants. Search for donors to help pay for certain expenses is encouraged. A mid-meeting field tour and a cultural evening should be included as standard without any additional payment.
3. * Encouragement to engage local professionals and students to help in organizing the meetings in order that they will learn about such thing and to cause acquaintances between local persons and

visiting professionals – and thus avoiding engagement of a meeting arrangement firm as a way to economize the operating cost.

4. Organizing any meeting with strong intention to earn money should not be in the mind of persons engaged in management and conservation of natural resources.
5. A number of scholarships should be provided so that some young professionals with good works could be supported to travel to participate.
6. Planning of the topics to present and discuss should be in line with the present need of society and the expected outcome could be of much use for future applications.
7. * Meeting program should include some opportunity for the participants to learn about nature and culture of the city/country where the venue is located and leave enough spare time for them to do personal matters. This is one way to keep most participants to stay at the venue and not to leave just to visit tourist sites or to go for shopping, which are NOT the purposes of such an expensive foreign travel.
8. * For any meeting a working group should be set up to prepare a draft of conclusions and recommendations, which should be presented at the closure of the meeting and a final/refined script should be made available to all within 2-4 weeks.
9. The organizers should keep contact (easily done by e-mail these days) with the participants and pursue some development in certain fields, especially those related with the theme of the meeting that has been held.
10. * A proceedings (CD or hardcopy) should be produced either to distribute at the meeting (to reduce the expense) or to send afterward. Then the conclusions and recommendations should be made available either in the proceedings or in a separate cover. The proceedings and related documents could be posted on a website to facilitate a long-time reading for general public. WASWC is ready to shoulder such a responsibility.

Any organizer that could accomplish most or all of these recommended practices (particularly all those marked with an asterisk) may consider the event a successful one and persons involved should be proud of having decently contributed some specific matter/service to society. These practices may be cited provisionally as the ‘10-point recommendation.’

In order to help the organizers of any meeting and those who are going to attend, WASWC may act as an institution that issues the recommended practices and – working with the organizers – give a certified mark (e.g. an asterisk or so, a kind of endorsement) to any meeting announced in the WASWC HOT NEWS that meets several (majority of) points shown above. The WASWC, on the other hand, could also help furthering the outcome from a meeting by using various means described in its ‘cooperation package’, e.g. to publish the summary report in the WASWC Newsletter and to offer Guest membership to all participants for at least one year.

Meeting with persons at various times in China last month has produced an outcome that can be concluded that WASWC can no longer depend on any other organizations that will organize meetings in the broad field of soil and water conservation that will cover the whole world and meet decency in organizing the events as specified in the 10 points shown above. It is therefore inevitable that WASWC will have to organize meetings by itself to serve its thousands of members worldwide. Following points have been mentioned:

1. WASWC is willing to team up in this endeavor with any organization that shares a similar idea. The obvious choice at present is the International Erosion Control Association (IECA), which has expertise in erosion control on sloping land mainly in non-agricultural areas (e.g. roadside, dam, canal) and can thus complement with WASWC which is mostly involved in agricultural land, with a result that any meeting held from now on will cover every scope of terrain all over the world. Both IECA and WASWC will take the matter to consult with their respective Board at the next meeting of each organization. More organizations with similar intention as WASWC are welcome to join.

2. Due to certain reasons, e.g. high travel costs, availability of funds of various institutions/organizers, such a meeting could be held irregularly about once or more than once a year and can take place at any location in the world. The scope of the meeting might be of either regional or world coverage although the long-distance travel will not be particularly encouraged to help reduce the carbon footprint.
3. The ‘meeting’ that WASWC may become involved can cover any kind of ‘technical gathering’, such as **congress, conference, workshop, symposium, seminar**, etc.
4. Any agency that will organize a meeting may contact WASWC in order to discuss the cooperation plan and to get the event endorsed if desired. WASWC, however, will not impose any meeting to follow its recommendation and will not endorse any meeting without a request.
5. The organizers of the meeting to be cooperated and/or endorsed by WASWC are NOT obliged to offer any extra hospitality to WASWC officers who might go to attend, but any assistance along that line will be appreciated, since all the association’s experienced personnel are doing their works as volunteers, without any compensation.
6. A term abbreviated from a sensible name of the meeting held by WASWC and collaborators should be coined. An initial neutral name of “WORLD Soil Erosion and Conservation meeting” or “WOSEC meeting” has been discussed but not yet agreed upon. More names are welcome, so that after the proper term is chosen any meetings held under the WASWC banner will be serialized chronologically, e.g. WOSEC 1, WOSEC 2, respectively.
7. At present, our WASWC President has already planned to hold the first meeting under the WASWC banner in spring of 2009 in Serbia and that could be called WOSEC 1, for example. Many of our close collaborators especially in China and India are also ready to follow after that. Our China Triangle (Beijing-Guangzhou-Yangling) has shown interest in organizing one meeting, with the venue likely to be Yangling, near Xian, and other two points of the Triangle may assist in cooperating in arranging pre- or post-meeting tours to show soil erosion and conservation in the north and in the south of the country, respectively. One or more Indian cooperators that belongs to the India Triangle (Delhi-Punjab-Dehra Dun) also have interest in organizing one meeting in the foreseeable future as well. More WASWC collaborators interested in joining this noble endeavor may send their wish to us soon and we will give suggestions and advice appropriately, especially concerning timing, theme and other details.

As WASWC is a member-for-member association, all ideas developed during the trip to China in July will be circulated among WASWC officers and all other members, so we can get the best option to be done for the progress in natural resource management and conservation for our world.

Your feedback about the 10-point recommendation in pages 1-2 will be much appreciated. Those practical ideas will be incorporated and the final script will be used as the official recommendation for meetings held anywhere in the world.

JOBS

[En Français](#) [En Español](#) [Em Português](#)

Dear Colleagues,

The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) is pleased to announce that we are recruiting for the post of **Senior Researcher in Forestry and Land Use**.

We are looking for an inspiring forestry leader to develop and manage a programme of research and partnership building to improve the sustainability and local livelihood benefits of forestry. If you believe that forestry involves multiple goods, services and stakeholders and that locally-owned decision-making and international support are vital to improve forest investment and stakeholders empowerment, by joining the team you will be able to directly influence the setting up of a global forest partnership initiative.

Please help us circulate news of this vacancy as widely as possible by sharing this message with your networks and contacts around the world.

An application form, background information and job description can be found at:
<http://www.iied.org/aboutiied/HR/index.html#current>

With best regards,

Donata Gnisci

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En Français

Chers collègues,

L'International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) a le plaisir d'annoncer le recrutement d'un(e) chargé(e) de recherche senior pour son programme « **Foresterie et utilisation des ressources foncières** ».

Nous recherchons un leader en foresterie enthousiaste pour développer et gérer un programme de recherche et de renforcement de partenariat afin d'améliorer la pérennité de la foresterie et les avantages qu'elle offre en termes de moyens de subsistance locaux. Si vous estimez que la foresterie concerne des biens et services innombrables et de multiples parties prenantes et si vous êtes convaincu(e) qu'une prise de décision inspirée de la base et un appui international sont des éléments essentiels pour améliorer les investissements forestiers et l'autonomisation des acteurs concernés, en rejoignant notre équipe, vous serez en mesure d'influencer directement la mise en place d'une initiative de partenariat mondial sur les forêts.

Merci de bien vouloir faire circuler cette information auprès de vos contacts et réseaux.

Un formulaire de candidature, des informations contextuelles et un profil de poste sont disponibles à l'adresse suivante <http://www.iied.org/aboutiied/HR/index.html#current>

Meilleures salutations,

Donata Gnisci

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En Español

Estimados colegas,

El International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) se complace en anunciar el inicio del proceso de selección para el puesto de **Investigador Senior en Uso de la Tierra y Bosques**.

Estamos buscando un líder forestal inspirador para desarrollar y administrar un programa de investigación y construcción de alianzas, con el fin de mejorar la sostenibilidad y los beneficios de la forestería para el sustento de vida local. Si considera que la forestería involucra múltiples bienes, servicios y actores; y que para mejorar la inversión en bosques y el empoderamiento de los actores resulta vital que las decisiones sean adoptadas a nivel local y contar con apoyo internacional; entonces, al formar parte del equipo, usted podrá influir directamente en el establecimiento de una iniciativa para una alianza global por los bosques.

Por favor, ayúdenos a circular la información acerca de este puesto lo más ampliamente posible, compartiendo este mensaje con sus redes y contactos en todo el mundo.

La solicitud, información de los antecedentes y descripción del puesto de trabajo pueden encontrarse en:
<http://www.iied.org/aboutiied/HR/index.html#current>

Cordialmente,

Donata Gnisci

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Em Português

Prezados,

O International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) tem o prazer de anunciar o recrutamento para o cargo de Pesquisador Sênior - **Programa Florestal e de utilização da terra**

Nos estamos a procura de uma pessoa com dedicação para a silvicultura com liderança para desenvolver e gerir programas de pesquisa e parceria para melhorar a sustentabilidade e os benefícios sociais do manejo florestal. Se acreditas que a silvicultura envolve múltiplos bens, serviços e que decisões locais com apoio internacional são vitais para o desenvolvimento e melhoramento da floresta, ao aderires à equipe serás capaz de influenciar directamente na criação de uma iniciativa global de parceria florestal.

Ajude-nos a circular a notícias desta vaga o mais amplamente possível partilhando esta mensagem com toda a sua rede de contactos e ao resto do mundo.

Formulário, informação e descrição do emprego podem ser obtidas em:

<http://www.iied.org/aboutiied/HR/index.html#current>

Atenciosamente,

Donata Gnisci

AWARDS, PRIZES, FUNDS

[DOE and USDA Award \\$10 Million for Cellulosic Biofuel Research](#)

DOE and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced last week their plans to award 10 grants, totaling more than \$10 million, to accelerate fundamental research in the development of cellulosic biofuels. The grants will be provided through a joint DOE-USDA grant program that aims to accelerate fundamental research in biomass genomics and to further the use of cellulosic plant material for bioenergy and biofuels. The grant awardees include Colorado State University, the University of Massachusetts, Michigan State University, Pennsylvania State University, Purdue University in Indiana, and the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research in New York, in addition to Oregon State University and the University of Georgia, which are both receiving two grants. DOE's Office of Biological and Environmental Research will provide \$8.8 million of the total funds for these awards, while USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service will provide \$2 million. See the [DOE press release](#).

Most of the awardees will be investigating ways to improve the performance of switchgrass, a fast-growing perennial grass that can be used to produce cellulosic ethanol. They'll be using a number of "model organisms"—simpler plants that can yield insight into the more complex switchgrass genome—including purple false brome (*Brachypodium distachyon*), foxtail millet, maize, and rice. One awardee will study the symbiotic relationship of switchgrass and soybeans to a fungi that boosts production, using model organisms like purple false brome and barrel medic (*Medicago truncatula*), a simple legume. In addition, two awardees will be studying sunflowers and poplar, which can also be converted into biofuels, while one project will develop computation tools for making better use of existing genome data. See the full list of awardees, which includes links to abstracts on the work, on [DOE's Genomics Web site](#).

Excellent Development: Excellent Development, a new member of the PCLG, won both Environment Charity of the year and Overall Charity of the Year at the recent UK Charity Awards. Excellent Development focuses on 'development through conservation' in semi-arid rural Africa, improving water supply, food production, health and incomes through community-constructed sand dams, terraces and tree planting.

www.excellentdevelopment.com

2009 Call for Pre-Proposals for grants in support of one year of research related to global environmental change in Africa

START, the global change SysTEM for Analysis, Research and Training, seeks to enhance scientific capacity for global environmental change (GEC) research in developing regions. START seeks Pre-Proposals from African scientists for one-year projects on global environmental change in Africa. The Pre-Proposal must provide specific information on how the proposed research will contribute to:

- Improving knowledge of the Earth's changing climate and environment, including its natural variability, and/or how the research will improve understanding of the causes of observed variability and change. Improving quantification of the driving forces of changes in the Earth's climate and systems.
- Reducing uncertainty in projections of how the Earth's climate and related systems may change in the future
- Understanding the sensitivity and adaptability of different natural and managed ecosystems and human systems to climate and related global changes.

- Assessing impacts, adaptation and risk management strategies related to climate variability and change.

A Pre-Proposal may be submitted by any African scientist who is associated with an African institution of higher learning or with an African non-governmental organization. Proposals are due by EST on Friday, 15 August 2008.

For more information and the application see: http://www.start.org/Program/African_sm_grants.html.

Call for inputs: consultation to the voluntary sustainable agriculture standard

At the end of July, the Multistakeholder Forum on Ethical Certification and Labeling began the second consultation phase of the Addendum to the voluntary sustainable agriculture standard, which will last until 23 September 2008. The addendum to the sustainable agriculture standard will consist of a set criteria for farms aiming to be certified by Rainforest Alliance. Compliance with the sustainable agriculture standard protects wildlife and agricultural workers. Certification also allows consumers who want to encourage good land stewardship and social practices the ability to choose products that correspond to the issues they consider to be important.

To participate, go to www.eclspace.org, and click "join us," and then join the ECL space. To comment on the documents, login, and click on "guidelines in development."

The Biodiversity and Agricultural Commodities Program seeks applications to implement sustainable strategy for palm oil

The Biodiversity and Agricultural Commodities Program (BACP), a program of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and managed by Chemonics International Inc., is seeking grant applications from NGOs, private companies, public or private research institutions, or a consortium of any of the above to implement its strategy for the palm oil sector in cooperation with the Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO).

Grants awarded in response to this request for grant applications will fall within one of the four components of BACP and within the broad parameters established in the BACP Market Transformation Strategy for Palm Oil. Only members of RSPO are eligible to apply, and materials are due by **30 September 2008**.

For more information see: www.bacp.net. Email bacppmu@chemonics.com with any questions

Grants and Awards

Click on a grant for more information) August 2008

Only currently available grants are listed on the grant page

[PennVEST Infrastructure Loans/Grants](#)

[REAP Round 2 Funding](#)

[PA Canoe Access Development Grants](#)

[EPA Water Quality Trading Funding](#)

[ANJEC's 2008 New Jersey Environmental Achievement Awards](#)

[PA Boating Facilities Grant Program](#)

[Eastern Brook Trout Habitat Funding](#)

[PPL Educational Grants Program](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Low External Input & Sustainable Agriculture magazine calls for submissions on climate change and resilience

The coming climate change issue of the Centre for International Low External Input and Sustainable Agriculture (LEISA) magazine will look for concrete examples on how LEISA helps to build resilience. How do farmers perceive and deal with changes in their environment? What do they anticipate? How have they been dealing with shocks and stresses in the past and how can such strategies be important in the years to come? The Deadline for submissions is **1 September 2008**. The previous issue also addresses the health of soil's living organic matter and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa in their latest publication.

For more information see www.leisa.info/index.php.

WEBSITES

* **"Extreme" rain follows global warming:**

Heavy rain is coming unexpectedly more often as global warming continues, researchers say.
http://www.world-science.net/exclusives/080807_rainfall

* **NASA confirms water on Mars:**

The agency's robotic Phoenix Lander "touched and tasted" the Red Planet's frozen water, a mission scientist says. http://www.world-science.net/othernews/080731_mars-water

MEETINGS AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2008

August 12-15, 2008

International Geographical Union's Congress in Tunis: "Land Degradation and Environmental Change"

The IGU Commission on Land Degradation solicits papers for "special sessions" to be held at the 2008 International Geographical Union's Congress in Tunisia. We encourage papers which concern the topic of "Land Degradation and Environmental Change". We are interested in research with a focus along one or several of the following interdisciplinary fronts: Historical Human Impacts, Land Degradation and Society, Management of Land Degradation, and Natural drivers of Land Degradation. We welcome papers from a range of methodological approaches, as well as historical and process based studies.

Please submit abstracts or questions to Guorfin Gisladottir ggisla@hi.is or Paul Hudson (pfhudson@mail.utexas.edu).

August 17, 2008

The Global Public Policy Network on Water Management invites you to the following side event at Stockholm World Water Week 2008:

Global Public Policy Network on Water Management: Up to and Beyond 2015 for the Water and Sanitation Agenda

Date: Sunday 17th August

Time: 17.15 – 19.00

Place: Room K22

The Global Public Policy Network on Water Management (GPPN) was established by [Stockholm International Water Institute \(SIWI\)](#) and [Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future](#) at the World Water Week in 2006. It was conceived in consultation with a wide range of international water management stakeholders to enable a successful review of water management at the 16th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-16), in May 2008.

Building on the momentum around water and sanitation generated by CSD-16, the GPPN will continue its work in preparation for CSD-17 through 2008-9. Activities will include the establishment of Working Groups on key water and sanitation topic areas, putting a specific focus on water and sanitation in relation to the five thematic issues under discussion at CSD-17: Agriculture, Rural Development, Land, Drought, Desertification and Africa. The GPPN will also look at wider issues that have not been addressed thoroughly by the Commission on Sustainable development, such as Transboundary Management, Virtual Water and the Right to Water. It is hoped that in doing so, the GPPN will create a framework for the international water and sanitation agenda 'Up to and Beyond 2015'.

At this side event, the GPPN Secretariat will outline its plans in preparation for CSD-17, invite speakers to comment on how water and sanitation can be best incorporated into the CSD-17 agenda, and also take a look at the key issues that need to be addressed as part of identifying the priority areas for the water and sanitation sector up to and beyond the 2015 targets of the Millennium Development Goals.

Speakers include Felix Dodds, Stakeholder Forum; Karin Lexen, Stockholm International Water Institute and others to be confirmed.

For more information and updates visit the online [World Water Week Programme](#), or email Hannah on hstoddart@stakeholderforum.org. For more information on the GPPN visit <http://gppn.stakeholderforum.org>

August 17-23, 2008

World Water Week. 17-23 August, 2008. "Progress and Prospects on Water: For a Clean and Healthy World". Stockholm, Sweden. Click [Website](#).

August 18, 2008

Regional Workshop on Dryland Farming Practices in Emergency and Post-Emergency Contexts, 1-2 October 2008, Nairobi, Kenya

The Regional Workshop on Dryland Farming Practices in Emergency and Post-emergency Contexts will be held on 1 and 2 October 2008 in Nairobi, Kenya. The workshop is organized by FAO and will focus on reviewing existing methods and trends in dryland agriculture in emergency situations in the Eastern African region. It will present, review and document success stories and challenges from practitioners of seven participating countries: Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

Practitioners are invited to submit specific interventions and work methods that they think can be of interest to others in emergency contexts i.e. agriculture in limited rainfall, arid and semi arid, and drought prone areas. Please fill the relevant case, processes and approaches and resource materials forms found at www.ecoagriculture.org/documents/index.php?pubID=95 and send the filled forms to publications@iirr-africa.org or paul@iirr-africa.org by **Monday 18 August 2008**.

August 18-20, 2008

4th Australia-New Zealand Climate Change & Business Conference, Auckland, NZ

August 19 and August 26, 2008

NJ Wetlands Manual Training Workshop

A training workshop will be held on **August 19 or 26** to serve as an in-depth introduction to the recently published NJ DEP's Regionalized Water-Budget Manual for Compensatory Wetland Mitigation Sites in New Jersey. The manual is designed to provide information to help improve the effectiveness of compensatory freshwater wetland mitigation projects in New Jersey. Pre-registration is required.

<http://www.cpe.rutgers.edu/brochures/intros/wetlandmanual.html>

August 24-27, 2008

11th National Soils Conference of China and 7th [Conference of Cross Strait on Soil Science and Fertilizer Sciences](#). Jiuhua Shan Zhuang, Beijing. More info in <http://zihuan.cau.edu.cn/trxh/index.php>.

August 24-27, 2008

Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference

The Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference (ABIC) 2008 will be held in Cork, Ireland on August 24-27. The theme is "Agricultural Biotechnology for a competitive and sustainable future" and the conference will provide a venue for in depth discussion of how agri-biotechnology can influence the sustainability of global agriculture while maintaining competitiveness. The primary sponsor of the event is the Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority. For more information and to register visit <http://www.abic.ca/abic2008/index.html>.

August 25-28 2008

Ecoagriculture Conference: Challenges and opportunities for integrating agricultural production, biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction strategies in East Africa, Nairobi, Kenya

This conference, hosted by Ecoagriculture Partners in conjunction with the Kenya Ecoagriculture Working Group, the Uganda Ecoagriculture Working Group and TerrAfrica, will highlight the visions, innovations, policies and tools needed to respond to the integration of agricultural, environmental and poverty reduction objectives in national development programs. The conference seeks to enhance capacity in these areas at the regional, national and local community landscape levels, and enhance multi-sectoral partnerships, networks and platforms for ecoagriculture.

There will also be a special 'ecoagriculture, community knowledge village' dedicated to farmers, farmer organizations and community based organizations (CBOs) working in ecoagriculture landscapes in East Africa to showcase their work, share lessons and interact with other stakeholders.

For more information contact: cochieng@ecoagriculture.org.

August 25-29, 2008

EUROSOIL 2008

Soil – Society – Environment



25-29 August 2008, Vienna, Austria

<http://www.ecsss.net>

**[Note: ESSC Council Meeting on August 27, 2008, 6-9 PM. Contact Jose rubio
jose.l.rubio@uv.es]**

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Congress is organised in co-operation between the national soil science societies of Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia and Switzerland, supported by the International Union of Soil Science Societies (IUSS), the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, the Vienna Convention Bureau, the Vienna Medical Academy, Austrian Airlines, and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Science and Research.

Venue: Technical University, Vienna
Organiser: Winfried E.H. Blum, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna
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Secretariat: Vienna Medical Academy,
Ms. Mirjam Uebelhoer
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The Congress offers approx. 30 symposia, 10 workshops, further meetings, 24 technical excursions and 2 social events.

Detailed information about the scientific and organising committees, registration and abstract deadlines, registration fees and other details is available on the website:

Pre- and Post- Congress Excursions: are scheduled in Austria, Croatia and Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia and Switzerland.

For detailed information on the programme and for the submission of papers, please see the congress website: <http://www.ecsss.net>

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August 26-29, 2008

EAAE 2008 Conference

XIIth Congress of the European Association of Agricultural Economists, Ghent, Belgium

September 1-3, 2008

Climate Change and Systematics, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. e: climate@tcd.ie | [More...](#)

September 1-3, 2008

GeoCart'2008 CARTOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE <http://www.cartography.org.nz/geocart2008/>

In conjunction with SIRC 2008: the 20th Annual Colloquium of the Spatial Information Research Centre

<http://www.business.otago.ac.nz/SIRC/index.html> At the University of Auckland, New Zealand

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amoore@infoscience.otago.ac.nz; <http://info-nts-12.otago.ac.nz/amoore/>

September 1-4, 2008

11th International River Symposium. 1-4 September, 2008. "A Future of Extremes". Brisbane, Australia.

[Website](#)

September 1-4, 2008

13TH IWRA World Water Congress: Global Changes and Water Resources: Confronting the expanding and diversifying pressures, Montpellier, France <http://www.irc.nl/page/31854>

September 4-5, 2008

11th International Specialised Conference on Watershed & River Basin Management. 4-5 September 2008. Budapest, Hungary. [Website](#)

September 4-5, 2008

Journées francophones Mycorhizes (Dijon, France, September 4-5, 2008)

September 8-12, 2008

6th European Conference on Ecological Restoration – Towards a Sustainable Future for European Ecosystems, Ghent, Belgium

September 9-10, 2008

Biofuels Markets Americas, Buenos Aires , Argentina

September 9-10, 2008

EPA Water Quality Modeling Workshop

EPA will convene a water quality modeling workshop, "Water Quality Modeling to Support Management Actions," on September 9 - 10, at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. The meeting is being coordinated with the Water Environment Federation (WEF) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) conference scheduled for September 11. Attendees of the workshop will obtain an understanding of EPA-supported models that can be used to address regulatory and water quality planning objectives.

<http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/ftp/basins/training/training-200809.html>

September 11, 2008

SDRN Annual Conference- Sustainable Development: New Issues, New Challenges, RSA, London

September 11, 2008

TMDL Development and Implementation Seminar

The Water Environment Federation, in cooperation with the USEPA, will be holding TMDL Development and Implementation: Current Progress and Future Direction, on **September 11** in Baltimore, Maryland.

This seminar will examine how recently issued policies and guidance are being interpreted and implemented across the country, discuss examples of successful approaches to TMDL development, and share innovations that have led to improvements in TMDL implementation.

<http://www.wef.org/ConferencesTraining/Seminars/TMDLDevelopment>

September 11-15, 2008

International Hybrid Rice Symposium

The 5th International Hybrid Rice Symposium will be held in Changsha, China, on 11-15 September 2008. The event is expected to bring together leading researchers from various disciplines to review current knowledge on hybrid rice development, seed production, molecular application, and economics, and to discuss future research strategies. The program will include a combination of paper presentation sessions and field visits.

More information at <http://www.5thishr.cn/>.

September 14-18, 2008

International Banana Symposium in China

ProMusa, in collaboration with the Guang Dong Academy for Agricultural Sciences, the International Society for Horticultural Science, and Bioversity's Banana and Plantain Regional Network for Asia and the Pacific (BAPNET), announce the International Banana Symposium: Global Perspectives on Asian Challenges to be held in Guang Dong, China, on September 14-18, 2009.

For more information go to the symposium website at http://www.promusa.org/symposium_2009/home.html

September 14-18, 2008

National Nonpoint Source (NPS) Monitoring Workshop

The 16th Annual Nonpoint Source Monitoring Workshop will be held on **September 14-18** in Columbus, OH. The workshop will focus on innovative solutions to NPS issues, effective monitoring techniques, demonstrations of new technologies, application of Best Management Practices (BMPs), and lessons learned from Section 319 National Monitoring Program projects and other watershed projects from throughout the United States. Technical workshops will include topics such as monitoring Low Impact Development (LID) projects, stream morphology analysis tools, and bio-assessment tools. Tours will include Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP) monitoring sites, stream restoration sites, alternative urban and agricultural BMPs, and much more. <http://streams.osu.edu/conf.php>

September 15-19, 2008

Wetlands 2008 National Conference

Wetlands 2008: Wetlands and Global Climate Change will be held on **September 15-19** in Portland, OR. The overall goal of this conference is to help wetland professionals in the public and private sectors 1) gain a better understanding of the challenges created by climate change and 2) identify discrete activities and actions to take to reduce and mitigate impacts on wetlands and water resources as well as communities. The conference will also address ongoing changes and challenges in wetlands and water resources management. <http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2008/index.htm>

September 15-19, 2008

PA Noxious, Invasive Weed Management Course

The first Northeastern Weed Science Society Noxious & Invasive Vegetation Management Short Course will be held in Pennsylvania on **September 15-18**. The course will stress ecologically-based plant management and include monitoring and assessment, prevention, cultural, mechanical and chemical plant management. Classroom, laboratory and field exercises will be utilized and the program will be designed to encourage interaction between instructors and students. <http://www.newss.net/newssnivm.php>

September 16-17, 2008

2008 Katoomba Meeting XIII Tanzania: Taking Stock and Charting a Way Forward for PES in Africa

White Sands Hotel and Resort, Dar-es-salaam, Tanzania www.katoombagroup.org/event_details.php?id=1

Contact: tanzania@katoombagroup.org

September 16-17, 2008

[Carbon Markets USA](#), Washington DC , USA

September 16-18, 2008

WaterTech Central Asia: Central Asian International Water Technology Exhibition & Conference Location: Almaty, Kazakhstan

September 17-18, 2008

Biofuels Markets East Africa, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

September 17-19, 2008

Growdiesel International Summit, New Delhi, India

Growdiesel Climate Care Council is pleased to invite you to the inaugural International Summit on Algae Biofuels to be held on 17th, 18th & 19th September 2008 at New Delhi, India. The Summit is focused on next generation of Biofuels using Algae as main feedstock. You may also visit Summit website at www.astaxanthin.in

Ms. Tripti Sharma, Program Coordinator, Growdiesel Consortium, India growdiesel@gmail.com

September 17-23, 2008

5th International Conference on Land Degradation, Bari, Italy

We have updated the web page of the 5th International Conference on Land Degradation (www.iamb.it/5ICLD). You could find updated information at the List of Participants on the left side of the screen related to those who have registered as of 20 January 2008. I would like to thank all of them who have sent us their abstracts and in the same time to request this for those that intend to participate. The deadline is **30 April 2008**. Please distribute this information to other colleagues that may have interest in the topic but are not aware of such event. We'll keep you posted on further news and developments!

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September 22-23, 2008

Corporate Climate Response, Chicago, USA

September 22-23, 2008

Workshop on Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction – Taking an Economic

Perspective: This workshop, which will take place on the Isle of Vilm, Germany, on **22-23 September 2008**, is the third in a series of events organised by the German Federal Agency for Nature

Conservation on linking nature conservation and poverty reduction. Numerous recent initiatives have highlighted the key role economics can play in raising awareness over conservation issues, and in linking biodiversity with sustainable development and poverty reduction (e.g. Sukhdev Study). By bringing together expertise from a number of initiatives, this workshop aims to promote exchange of information, stimulate learning, identify knowledge gaps and needs for action. For further information and registration please contact: Dr. Susanne Lehmann, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Bonn, Germany (susanne.lehmann@bfn.de). Limited funding for travel and living expenses is available.

September 22-28, 2008

All Africa Congress on Biotechnology

The first All Africa Congress on Biotechnology will be held in Nairobi, Kenya on September 22-28, 2008. The theme of the Congress will be 'Harnessing the Potential of Agricultural Biotechnology for Food Security and Socio-Economic Development in Africa'. During the event, participants will have an opportunity to listen to experiences of other countries about modern agricultural biotechnology and its applications in their economic transformation processes. Among the topics that will be discussed include: biotechnology concepts, applications in plants and animals, intellectual property rights and biosafety risk assessment. The deadline for submission of papers is on June 30, 2008. For more information and to register: <http://abneta.org/congress/>

September 23-26, 2008

International Scientific Conference Celebrating the 50th Jubilee of the Lithuanian Soil Science Society, Kaunas, Lithuania

Conference Secretariat: Department of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition, Lithuanian University of Agriculture Studentų g. 11, Akademija Kaunas, LT-53361 Lithuania.

Tel: 00 370 752 239; 752 279; 752 212; Fax.: 00 370 752 239 rimantas.vaisvalavicius@lzuu.lt

FYI: Conference Fee: €100; Cost of 2-day Field Excursion: €70 (transport, board, accommodation and excursion guidebook)

September 29-30, 2008

[Carbon Markets India](#), Mumbai, India

September 29-October 1, 2008

**Universidad Internacional de Andalucía ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOPS 2008
“MID-HOLOCENE CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
REGION” Baeza, Spain** Contact: Dr. Lourdes Soria (baeza@unia.es)

September 29-October 3, 2008

The international **Free and Open Source for GeoSpatial (FOSS4G) conference** is taking place in Cape Town, South Africa, from 29 Sept to 3 Oct, the theme being “Open Source, an option for developing nations”. This is a collaboration between OSGeo <http://www.osgeo.org/> and GISSA – the South African GIS society

For more information please visit <http://www.foss4g2008.org/> or you can contact me directly on carrin.avri@iceeafrica.co.za

September 30-October 1, 2008

[Sustainable Cities and Communities](#), Geneva, Switzerland

Events:

(Click on an event for more information) August 2008

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[Pennsylvania River Sojourns](#)

[Villanova “Day of Stormwater” Seminar](#)

[PA Geosynthetic BMPs for Stormwater Management Workshop](#)

[NJ Clearwater Festival](#)

[NJ Wetlands Manual Training Workshop](#)

[GreenFest Philly](#)

[PADEP Hearings on Water Resources Plan](#)

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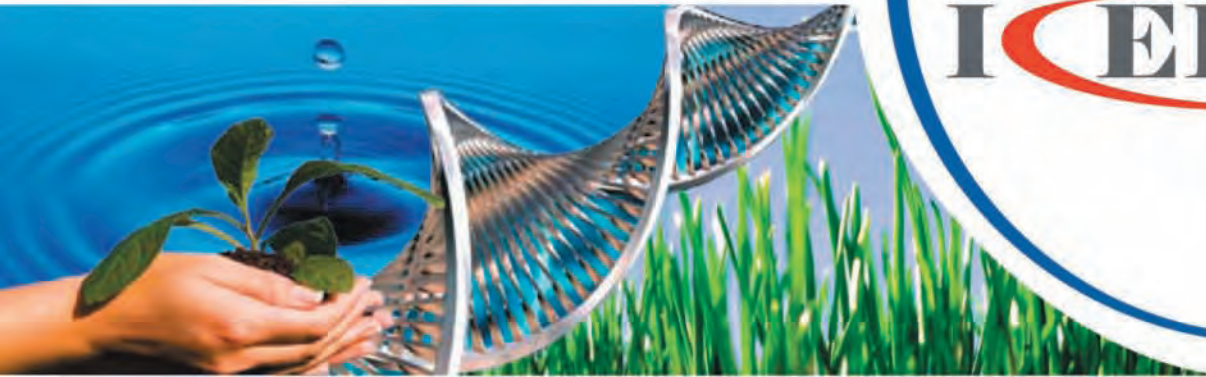
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INTRODUCTION

The 3-day conference and exhibition is an initiative to give a better perspective on the environmental management and technologies, including water resources, environmental quality and pollution control, environmental economics, policy and legislation and waste management. It is aimed at establishing scientific linkages between the industries and professionals in environmental technologies at international level, in order to highlight the latest scientific issues, to share and disseminate the state of the art technology and to set the direction for future work. It is also targeted to institutions, practitioners and research groups with expertise on environmental related R&D activities, sustainable management and advanced technologies.

The conference and exhibition will focus on major issues in environmental management and technologies as listed below :

- Environmental policies and decision making
- Environmental and health-related issues
- Sustainable environmental technologies
- Integrated water resource management
- Point and non point source pollution
- Environmental information system
- Water and wastewater treatment
- Air and noise pollution control
- Environmental biotechnology
- Environmental economics
- Environmental modelling
- Waste minimization
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- Waste to wealth

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ACTIVITIES

- **Presentation** - Plenary session, parallel session and poster session
- **Exhibition** - An exhibition of technologies, equipment and services in the area of environmental management and technologies from public and private agencies will be organized along with the Conference.
- **Social Program** - Conference Reception Dinner will be organized on the evening of the second day as part of the Conference package.
- **Post Conference Tour (first come first serve basis)** - The participants will be given an opportunity to visit Kampung Kuantan (a fire flies habitat) in Selangor; SMART Tunnel and Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM).

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS & PUBLICATIONS

The conference proceedings will be made available to all delegates in the form of CD. Selected papers will be reviewed by the International Program Committee for publication in the Malaysian Journal of Civil Engineering. Only papers presented in person by the author(s) will be considered excluding presentation from local private company.

PRESENTATION

There will be 3 parallel sessions daily except for keynote addresses. Presenters will be given a maximum of 20 minutes including Q&A sessions. Computers and LCD will be made available. Those who intend to use other medium for presentations should inform the conference secretariat in advance.

CANCELLATION

Cancellation must be in writing and addressed to the Secretariat. Requests for cancellation received before October 30, 2008 will be subjected to 20% administrative charge. No refund will be made for cancellations received after this date.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

Potential authors must submit a one-page abstract to the conference secretariat before August 31, 2008. Format is available at <http://www.iceemat.com> (ICEEMAT'08 - Sample of Abstract).

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Potential authors are invited to submit papers of not more than 12 pages or posters in English on any of the above or related themes. The papers/posters should list the names of all authors involved, their contact details, with the name of presenting author clearly defined. Format is available at <http://www.iceemat.com> (ICEEMAT'08 - Guides to Author).

IMPORTANT DATES

February 15, 2008	Call for conference papers and exhibitions
August 31, 2008	Last day for submission of abstracts
On-going before September 15, 2008	Notification of accepted abstract
October 30, 2008*	Submission of full papers and posters to be included in the proceedings

* Papers submitted after this date will not be included in the proceedings.

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