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**We congratulate for the peace that has returned to Sri Lanka once again
after 25 years of unrest.**

EDITOR'S NOTE: Results from the discussion "Sharing information at a meeting"

Since we sent out the last HOT NEWS one month ago, we are delighted to have got back 10 responses, which all have agreed with our opinion – only one of them voicing out some reservations. We have reproduced all responses in the box that follows, showing the names of all respondents and their e-mail addresses, so that members may continue discussing about this issue furthermore. For the sake of an easy follow-up, we have put the previous script in another box, by using smaller letters to save space.

It is interesting to note that all 10 respondents have given their opinions frankly; all ideas are thus considered of great value. Then our wish to get the said information shared between authors and other participants may yield a practice that becomes standard soon.

Among these ideas, the one by Eric Roose (No. 8) shows the nature of an average academic that while being active in the service one may not want to share one's Powerpoints, as it is considered one's property that has been diligently devised by oneself. But only after the active years of service (Eric has recently retired), one may feel differently, that such materials should be shared among participants so that the technologies could spread faster, saving many hours that scientists have to try to do things that have been found earlier by some others.

The idea of Bruce Carey (No. 9) reflects what I have had for years – that participants have so little time (and chance) to view the presentations that proceed quickly from one to another, with time

allowance of only 15-20 minutes each. In the case of holding concurrent sessions, the situation is worse: a participant may stay in only one room at one time and thus has no chance to see/know/understand what are being presented in other rooms. Having Powerpoints available ‘to take home’ is an excellent way that persons may benefit from participating in a meeting.

Arthur Conacher (No. 10), a senior academic with long experience in organizing meetings, reveals both positive and negative sides of ‘sharing information’. We therefore need to respect the participants who want to publish their works in peer-reviewed scientific journals. That’s why I put it last month that, certain slides (or the whole works) of some authors can be removed before submitting to the organizers to make a CD or to put in a flash drive and distribute. However, I have reservations about the statement that duplicating Powerpoint files to distribute among a group of people who attend a meeting will be ‘*legally considered a publication*’ and will cause problem when publishing in a journal. Whatever it really is, my opinion is that **we should not be too protective of such materials, as that may become an obstacle to the dissemination of knowledge other people should have**, considering that we all live in only one world and what we are doing now is to help solve problems that we are facing or mitigate the destructive forces that are threatening our land and water resources. After all, each participant knows what one has and which slides one wants to preserve for future publication(s) and can thus remove them and let the rest become available to other people – or as the last resort, in case one is not sure what one wants to preserve for future use, one may decline to give it altogether and no one will complain about it. There is certainly no coercion about this matter at any one meeting. I am sure that at each meeting the number of authors who don’t want to give their works will NOT be too many, leaving a good number of works available eventually. What has been mentioned in No. 10 is clear: in the process of collecting Powerpoints to make available to participants, the presenters must be made aware that they should retain the works (certain slides or the whole works) that they want to preserve for their future use.

The last point I would like to make is, the organizers in fact play a very big role in disseminating technologies, with the Powerpoints distribution included. If the organizers have good intention in making their events successful, with useful outcomes, they will find that making Powerpoints available to their participants is NOT difficult at all. They may simply collect the files from the laptop(s) being used at the meeting and make them available by either way, but they must inform all presenters about it and let some of them remove slides or the whole works that they want to preserve, as mentioned before. The reason why such thing has not been widely done is because of the *inaction* of organizers; some of them do not care about the outcomes from their events; they organize only for every purpose but quality and usefulness. I have noted from many meetings that I attended that in each of them a lot of presentations are of the nature that has reached the extension stage already and the authors are more than willing to have their works collected and distributed this way, but organizers simply do not do it, or are more concerned about a small number of authors who don’t want to part with their works – then often letting participants go home empty-handed, as I said last month. I think if we are not serious about this point we will lose a chance to learn more about the development of technologies the world has achieved, and thus lose a chance to do more research by topping up those that are readily available. *It will be worthwhile to add this matter to the Guidelines for Successful Meetings (<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>), that the organizers should try to make the Powerpoints available, especially those that intend to join the LANDCON series of meetings. And we encourage all of us to ask the organizers for Powerpoints wherever we go to attend meetings.*

Very last point: As a very rough estimation, for attending a meeting, one may attain about 10-20% of the (technical) usefulness when nothing but a small abstract book is given. The usefulness may rise to 20-30% or even 40% when proceedings is available in either paper or CD form (depending on if one reads it after returning home). However, such usefulness will rise to as much as 50% or more if/when the powerpoints and the proceedings in either form are provided.

Opinions voiced by members towards the discussion “Sharing information at a meeting”

1. I agree fully with your sentiments regarding sharing information at meetings.

Amir Kassam kassamamir@aol.com (Italy)

2. Your concern about sharing of information is very important and should be taken seriously by all concerned.

Joshua Okello joshuaokellobelle@yahoo.com (Kenya)

3. Thank you for your suggestion, I will try to ask organisers to gather the materials (to make available to participants).

Syaiful Anwar sanwar@cbn.net.id (Indonesia)

4. I think your point on sharing information is a good one. Sharing enhances progress in knowledge application.

ALFRED QUAMPAH quampah101@hotmail.com (China)

5. I think it's positive to **Sharing information at a meeting.**

Md. Mansur Alam Parvez parvez66@gmail.com (?)

6. I am 1000% behind you on this issue of info sharing at meetings. One idea: funding agencies / institutes could make it a condition of funding a participant that s/he make the presentation freely available. Otherwise, no travel funds!

D.G. Rossiter rossiter@itc.nl (The Netherlands)

7. I agree and strongly support your proposition on sharing information at a meeting that PPTs should be made available. This is a characteristic of the Network that we should initiate and maintain for the benefit of all.

Suraphol Chandrapatya s.chandrapatya@yahoo.com (Thailand)

8. Thanks for the April Hot News and your comments about the Powerpoint content of each participant.

Personally, I had long thought that the Powerpoint was my own property I did not want to give it available to participants who rarely honor the original author(s).

But now, once retired, I am ready to do it and we have made that for our proceedings of Hanoi meeting on a CD that was given to all participants, along with their text papers. I will take your proposal to do at the Haiti LANDCON 0910 meeting in October 2009.

Eric ROOSE eric.roose@ird.fr (France)

9. You make a good point regarding the sharing of Powerpoints. It is a significant issue. If you listen to someone giving a presentation with a Powerpoint, you may have time to take a few notes, *but how can you absorb everything they are trying to pass on if you don't get the Powerpoints?* Naturally though we have a few reservations about passing on all of our carefully selected images etc for others to use.

If people are reticent about sharing their Powerpoints an option is to pass on PDF versions – one problem though is that you lose any animations.

Bruce Carey Bruce.Carey@derm.qld.gov.au (Australia)

10. As one of the culprits I thank you for your email and attachment. With an important proviso, I support your proposal that organisers of meetings collect presentations on to a CD or equivalent, for distribution to those interested. However, presenters must be given the choice. For good reasons, most reputable journals (including the one I edit) require people submitting papers for publication to provide an assurance that the paper has not been published or submitted for publication elsewhere. *Presentations distributed on a CD are legally considered to be a publication.* Publishers are not interested in publishing second-hand research. Many journals are experiencing the problem of receiving manuscripts only slightly different from already-published papers: one of the unfortunate consequences of the pressures in today's academia.

For younger scientists especially, their careers depend on publication in peer-reviewed journals. They should not be pressured into distributing their work in non-recognised, non-peer reviewed outlets. This may be unfortunate, for all the reasons you give, but I think we have to recognise the reality.

Having said that, I think it is quite possible to distribute a Powerpoint presentation that is significantly different from the version published in a peer-reviewed journal: but researchers need to be made aware of the problem.

Arthur Conacher Arthur.Conacher@uwa.edu.au (Australia)

April HOT NEWS Editor's Comment: Sharing information at a meeting

Last year we were able to make the Guidelines for Successful Meetings and we now have a dozen meetings that have been lined up in our series of LANDCON that will take place within the next three years – with two meetings already organized in February and March, respectively. The guidelines (<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>) can be amended at anytime when the need arises.

What has perturbed me during last few years is that, the organizers of certain meetings do not care much about the benefits the participants should have, though they are not entirely to blame. There has been a visible trend that many meeting goes these days go abroad just for the sake of sightseeing, largely by spending the taxpayers' money, and the organizers just manage to comply with their desire.

Since several years ago, many organizers furnish the attendees with only an abstracts book, without any full papers – and participants only view the presentations (in most cases in the form of powerpoint – ppt) for some 15 minutes per paper, and sometimes there is a proceedings sent to participants in the form of CD or printed book but often there is nothing at all. That is more or less a norm.

However, in the last couple of years some organizers have done nicely; e.g. Dr Christian Feller of IRD, France (Christian.Feller@ird.fr) had organized a direct seeding (aka no-till) symposium in Madagascar in December 2007 and sent ppt presentations, photos and other stuff in a CD to all participants within a couple of months, to be followed with a well-edited report sent to all participants in both digital and printed form. The same thing was done when Dr Florent Tivet of Cirad, France (florent.tivet@cirad.fr) had organized a similar meeting in October 2008, now at

Phonsavanh in Laos. He and his diligent team members had worked very hard and were able to put one 1GB flash drive that contains all presentations, photos and relevant stuff into the hand of each delegate when they parted – while the well-edited proceedings would be made available later. The works from both events have been incorporated in the SWAT DVD available from WASWC. Both of them deserve a big applause.

The availability of such things has delighted us a lot, since they will enable us to learn about the papers presented at the meeting slowly afterward and we may follow or adapt the methodologies for further works, as well as to use some materials for teaching or to take some slides to construct one's own work.

I consider that the availability of ppt presentations is our luck in the matter of technology transfer as we are in the digital age, so that meeting attendants can get something practical from attending one event to work further. This was not the case when we used transparencies over a decade ago. Therefore we should take this matter seriously and don't let such opportunity pass by when at this moment we are facing many threats and research and implementation in the field of managing and caring for natural resources have to be done urgently.

There was one meeting event that I have been quite disappointed. At that event last year, when the organizers were interested only in selecting a number of papers to publish in a peer-reviewed journal, I offered to put all ppt presentations together, along with photos and related stuff, and would send to everyone at no cost. There was an initial disinterest from certain developed country participants, with the reason that some of the slides in the ppt file had not yet been published. The discussion-cum-negotiation dragged on about whether to produce the CD or not – even with a choice to remove certain slides or the whole works of some authors who did not wish to participate. It ended up that all participants had to go home empty-handed, to a great disappointment of many developing country delegates. In fact, the organizers should realize that, when a person goes to a meeting, one always wants to have something to bring home to further their works and hence their progress. Such fact is more correct with developing country academics than developed country ones who have far better research facilities.

Therefore, I strongly suggest that all works in the form of ppt files presented at a meeting and other stuff must be collected to give to participants, with exception that the authors may choose to remove certain slides or even to remove one's whole work. **But NOT that all works of a meeting become unavailable to participants altogether.** In any one meeting, there are only few presenters who DO NOT WANT TO SHARE their works with others; let it be! But majority of them would be willing to share, especially those who present the works in technology transfer; only that the organizers do not put enough efforts and will give in only after one or two authors object to it. Imagining that if such materials could be shared widely as suggested, this will give much opportunity to humans to achieve in many things that will empower them to cope with many threats the world is facing right now.

This is our open letter requesting meeting organizers to make available the ppt files and other stuff that are shown at your events, so that they can be used for furthering the knowledge and help shorten the time to do research and implementation dealing with managing and caring of natural resources. After all, sharing information among participants *is* the exact purpose of a meeting! We urge all authors to be generous in giving – since what you will achieve from that – both tangible and intangible – will be much, much more than what you will part with. *Please remember that all of us live in only one world.* And we encourage all participants to request the organizers for the materials mentioned in this remark, preferably repeatedly for a good result.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: For **Guest members** you are welcome to join as paying members with a fee for 5 years only US\$20 for developing countries and US\$40 for developed countries. Alternatively, you may choose to pay for just one time, US\$80 and US\$160, for **Life membership** for respectively developing and developed countries. See details how to apply and to send money to us in the last page of this HOT NEWS. Please note that from 2009 onward you are able to send money to us through the **Western Union worldwide money transfer service** (with over 30,000 desks worldwide) at a relatively low fee. All are welcome aboard. Your support will help sustain our association that has been working to preserve and rehabilitate the natural resources worldwide.

JOBS – POSITIONS

▲ **Vacancy – Regional Project Coordinator (full time)** Click here for the complete post description.

Project: Transboundary Agro-Ecosystem Management Programme for the Kagera River Basin (Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania) **GEF/FAO**

Employer: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Duty Station: Kigali, Rwanda with regular supervisory visits in Rwanda and the other three countries

Areas: Land resources/Agro-ecosystem management

Education: University degree in land /natural resources management and/or agriculture or related discipline

Experience: At least 15 years working experience in land/agricultural/environmental management.

Employment package: Range of benefits (health insurance etc.) in addition to regional level salary.

Procedure: Qualifying candidates are invited to forward to the address below (with reference xxxx) before 30 June 2009: One-page motivational letter explaining why he/she qualifies for this position; - Curriculum Vitae based on FAO format hot link PH Form - Scanned copies of relevant diplomas and certificates; - Full contact details of three referees. Please quote the source of the advertisement. Only candidates shortlisted for interview will receive written notice of selection process.

Contact address for candidates: NRL-Documentation-Centre@fao.org

Background:

The project is under the TerrAfrica Programme on Sustainable Land Management (SLM) in Sub-Saharan Africa. At a regional level, it requires strong collaboration among the four beneficiary countries, with buy-in by concerned ministries through inter-disciplinary and transboundary mechanisms, and collaboration with country Strategic Investment Programmes (SIP) for SLM and with other TerrAfrica projects for exchange of information and lessons learned in order to enhance uptake and scaling up of SLM practices.

The project is expected to contribute to a range of environmental and socio-economic benefits including enhanced productivity, carbon sequestration and reduced burning, maintenance of the hydrological regime and reduced vulnerability to climate change and land degradation. This will be achieved through integrated land resources and

ecosystem management (SLaM) and community and cross-border action planning, as well as strengthened regulatory mechanisms and harmonised policies and incentive mechanisms to overcome barriers to SLM. A better understanding of the causes and drivers of land degradation and impacts on livelihoods and ecosystem services through the use of land degradation/best practices assessment and monitoring tools (LADA, WOCAT, etc) and integrated ecosystem and sustainable livelihood approaches, will guide project planning, budgeting and implementation among stakeholders. This will ensure that locally-adapted SLM practices are adopted widely at farm, community and catchment levels across the river basin.

Tasks: The RPC will provide required technical and administrative support to guide the project activities and outputs and to ensure effective management of GEF and co-funding resources through close communication with FAO, the National Project Managers and designated national focal points.

Qualifications and Experience

- Bachelor and Masters or PhD in land resources management, agriculture, soil science, geography, or related field
- Extensive experience in the management / implementation of complex projects at national/ regional levels, with experience of GEF and/or FAO projects and the development of project information systems, communication approaches and institutional approaches for scaling up desirable.
- Solid land management experience in the region with good conceptual knowledge on SLM, ecology and economics of farming systems with practical working knowledge and/or research experience on smallholder farming systems and landscape /watershed management.
- Fluency in spoken and written English and French essential, with some knowledge of local languages desirable
- The RPC will preferably originate from the Nile basin countries or wider region and have working experience in the region and be willing to travel extensively in the region.

ANNEX 6.B TERMS OF REFERENCE OF PROJECT STAFF

1. REGIONAL PROJECT COORDINATOR – DETAILED TERMS OF REFERENCE

INTRODUCTION

Under the overall responsibility and direct supervision of FAO Lead Technical Unit, the regional project coordinator will provide overall leadership, management and technical guidance to ensure the achievement of project objectives and delivery of project outputs across the four countries in close consultation with the national project units, stakeholders and partners. The RPC will head the Regional Project Coordinating Unit (RCU) and provide required technical and administrative support to guide the project activities and outputs and ensure effective management of GEF and co-funding resources through close communication with FAO, the National Project Managers and designated national focal points for the project. The RPC will report to and be guided by the Regional Project Steering Committee (RPSC) and Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) to ensure the project achieves its goals and ensure cost effectiveness and sustainability.

SCOPE OF WORK

The primary duties of the Regional project manager will include:

- Provide technical guidance to the NPMs and their partners, identifying and addressing key issues, harmonizing technical objectives and approaches, formulating guidelines for the participatory identification, demonstration, testing/adaptation and replication of sustainable land and agro-ecosystem management practices in and across the basin;
- Prepare and monitor the annual Work Plans and budget of the overall project, based on proposed annual national work plans and budgets and adhere to approval processes (this will include liaising with NPMs for timely preparation and implementation of TORs, procurement, monitoring, participation and training plans):
- Identify potential candidates for the Regional TAC, in consultation with NPMs, PSCs and FAO, and mobilise RTAC members to provide support and review draft contracts/TORs and products (studies; reports, training, etc.)
- Provide overall technical and management guidance to the National project managers (NPMs) and National Technical Units in the execution of the project in the participating countries to ensure quality and timeliness of project work;
- Recruit and supervise experts/contract institutions as required to undertake tasks of a regional transboundary nature in accordance with annual workplan;
- Ensure effective liaison and maintain good communication with regional partners and other stakeholders including NGOs and Nile and Lake Victoria basin organisations, including mobilizing co-financing with partners and donors;

- Prepare contracts with selected partners (MOUs; LOAs), for approval by RPSC and FAO, and supervise work, including contracting of a GIS/RS centre for technical support across the basin for natural resources and land use monitoring, including support to one selected pilot district/country.
- Maintain records, with support of the administrative assistant, on technical and financial aspects of project operation, including monitoring of project activities and their outcomes; as well as minutes, decisions and recommendations of meetings and workshops for support and guidance of PSC members and FAO
- Organise RPSC meetings, regional workshops and other inter-country activities with guidance of RPSC (to be rotated among the countries as appropriate) including workshops for sharing experiences in thematic areas and exchange visits among stakeholders and project sites, in accordance with the annual work plan;
- Provide suggestions on harmonising strategies, policies and regulatory measures with a view to mainstreaming sustainable land and agro-ecosystems management and agricultural biodiversity conservation and developing synergies among regional and national sectoral plans and policies;
- Disseminate relevant documentation and experiences to the NTUs and partners building from experiences in other programmes and river basins in the region;
- Prepare timely and quality project progress and implementation reports for submission to FAO (in accordance with reporting procedures);
- Synthesize successful results and prepare and disseminate reports and guidance on best practices and approaches and incentive mechanisms for their wider replication and use.

DURATION, LOCATION AND NATURE OF APPOINTMENT

The appointment will be for 4.5 years in the Regional Coordinating Unit in Kigali, Rwanda, subject to probationary period and performance and extendable as necessary to reflect ultimate completion date of the project. The regional project manager will work from the RCU and travel as required in the basin and in the wider region, as required, with a briefing and debriefing mission to FAO headquarters.

QUALIFICATIONS

The regional project manager will preferably originate from the Nile basin countries, will be recruited competitively following announcements in regional and international press, and will have the following qualifications:

- At least 15 years working experience in agricultural and environmental management or related fields with recognised technical expertise
- A Bachelor and a Master's level degree or PhD in natural resources management, agriculture, geography or related field
- Extensive experience in the management of complex projects at national or regional levels
- Strong management skills including ability to provide strategic guidance, technical oversight, mentor staff, build strong teams, develop workplans, and manage budgets and project expenditures
- Good multi-cultural and interpersonal skills will experience in networking with partners at all levels (ministry, donors, private sector, NGOs and local community based organizations)
- Experience working with or in international and donor organizations with implementation of participatory projects
- Proven written, analytical, presentation and reporting skills and demonstrated computing skills
- Fluency in spoken and written English, preferably bilingual, but at least working knowledge (spoken and written) of French
- Experience working in, and preferably originating from, the Nile basin countries or a similar region in Africa
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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

▲ Professional Vacancy Announcement No: TCEO-408-09-PRJ

Deadline For Application: 5 June 2009

Position Title Project Coordinator (Conservation Agriculture)

Duty Station Johannesburg, South Africa

Grade Level P-4

Duration Twelve months (with possibility of extension subject continuity of funds)

CCOG Code:	1.S.01
Organizational Unit	Emergency Operations and Rehabilitation Division (TCE) Technical Cooperation Department (TC)

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

FAO, together with national governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), International organizations and others have piloted on sustainable farming technologies such as Conservation Agriculture (CA), in various farming sectors and agro-ecological regions. A project to scale up CA in four countries of the region which face similar underlying food production problems is being proposed. The project outcome will be increased and sustained food production by 23 700 vulnerable farmers from Lesotho, Mozambique, Swaziland and Zimbabwe. The resultant impact will be improved national and regional efforts towards sustainable agricultural production, food security and natural resource management.

- Under the general supervision of the Chief, Emergency Operations Service (TCEO), and the direct supervision of the Senior Southern Africa Regional Emergency Coordinator and Regional Land and Water Management Specialist (based at the Subregional Office in Harare), with the technical support of the FAO headquarters technical services concerned and in close cooperation with the relevant Ministries and other international organizations, the incumbent will:
- coordinate the implementation of the project “Up Scaling Conservation Agriculture for Improved Food Security Using the CAADP Framework (UP-CA)” in Lesotho, Mozambique, Swaziland and Zimbabwe, including the selection and procurement of CA tools and implements, seed, fertilizers and other inputs and ensure that these inputs and implements are utilized properly;
- provide technical support and advice on the main principles and practices of CA to policy-makers, agricultural input suppliers, traders, extension workers, research workers, farmers and others, emphasizing the technologies with possibility of being adopted immediately;
- participate and assist practical training, farm planning and management on CA in collaboration with international and national counterparts;
- prepare, select and distribute appropriate extension materials, booklets, leaflets and other media to help understanding and adoption of CA;
- assist on application of farm management techniques to the analysis of cost & benefit derived from the adoption or adaptation of CA practices and direct the Monitoring and Evaluation of the project;
- lead the organization of CA field days, including the data collection activities and support the on-the-job training of farmers, extension workers, school children and other vulnerable groups;
- assist with the organization of farmers’ communities/groups and in the learning-by-doing process of CA;
- assist in the identification of local communities and government counterparts to organize and set up demonstration fields using lead farmer and Farmer Field School learning strategies;
- supervise the field operation and Monitoring and Evaluation activities as required in collaboration with national consultants and implementing partners;
- specify quantities and determine technical specifications of agricultural inputs, including appropriate CA implements and tools, to be provided per beneficiary family and recommend the varieties and quantities of seeds to be procured, as well as the type, quantities and timing of other agricultural inputs required for the successful implementation of CA;
- contribute to the management of a CA database both within country and in the region;
- prepare project statements/reports in collaboration with project staff;
- facilitate liaison with all emergency operations coordination unit partners and organize regular meetings with donors, government, UN agencies and NGOs;
- perform other related duties as required

**** APPOINTMENT/PROMOTION TO THIS POST IS TEMPORARY AS ITS DURATION IS FOR ONE YEAR, WITH POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in agriculture, or related field
- Seven years of relevant experience at the international level in the agricultural sector and emergency relief situations with particular emphasis on conservation agriculture interventions
- Working knowledge of English.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience at the international level in emergency and rehabilitation agricultural operations with particular emphasis on conservation agriculture interventions
- Demonstrated leadership, managerial, supervisory, inter-personal skills, and ability to motivate and work well with people in a participatory manner
- Demonstrated analytical and communication skills
- Familiarity with the geographical region
- Experience in working with national governments, NGOs and other UN agencies would be an asset
- Knowledge of French and/or Portuguese language is an advantage

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

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

TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

Send your application to:	V.A TCEO-408-09-PRJ Ms A. Hinrichs, Emergency Operations Service (TCEO) FAO Via delle Terme di Caracalla 00100 Rome ITALY Fax No: +39 06 570 054941 E-mail: VA-408-09-PRJ-TCEO@fao.org
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▲ Rainforest Foundation UK is looking for a consultant to conduct the Final Evaluation for the project "Cartographie Communautaire de Populations Forestières" in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Terms of Reference for the consultancy are here: [TDR Evaluation RFUK DRC.doc \(109KB\)](#)

For further information, please contact: giuliap@rainforestuk.com

Giulia Pedone, PhD
Programme Coordinator DRC
Rainforest Foundation UK www.rainforestfoundationuk.org/

Termes de référence de l'évaluation finale du projet de cartographie participative de la Rainforest Foundation UK (RFUK) et Norvège (RFN) réalisé par le Réseau Ressources Naturelles et autres partenaires en République Démocratique du Congo (RDC).

Objectifs de l'évaluation L'évaluation examinera les progrès accomplis par le projet pour la réalisation de ses objectifs, en tirant des enseignements et en formulant des recommandations susceptibles d'informer la suite de la mise en œuvre du programme de la cartographie participative conduite par la Rainforest Foundation et ses partenaires.

Profil de l'évaluateur

- Aptitude à l'analyse des projets avec cadre logique
- Aptitude à parler le français et si possible les langues locales (swahili, lingala)
- Capacité de travailler sous pression et dans les conditions difficiles de terrain
- Maîtrise des approches participatives de cartographie et de l'informatique
- Connaissance des notions du système d'information géographique participatif (PSIG) et de la cartographie participative
- Bonne aptitude de dialogue et de communication

La période proposée pour le travail d'évaluation est donc 25 jours en RDC et 10 jours du travail avant et après la visite en RDC, c'est-à-dire 35 jours en total.

En principe, il aura lieu en mai/juin 2009, selon la disponibilité de l'évaluateur.

▲ [Vacancies at king saudi univeristy, Saudi Arabia](#)

▲ **ICRISAT Director Gets a Third Term in Office**

The Governing Board (GB) of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) has unanimously appointed William D. Dar for a third five-year term as Director General from January 2010 to 2014. The decision recognized the continuing excellent performance of ICRISAT during the last two five-year terms of Dr. Dar which started in 2000.

In accepting the appointment, Dr. Dar said it gives him the opportunity to continue his work in leading the ICRISAT team composed of innovative and highly-trained research scientists. "As the leading international dryland agricultural research institute, ICRISAT has improved the productivity of nutritious dryland crops that help

sustain the lives of the poor farmers. By helping the farmers to overcome current risks we enable them to climate-proof their agricultural systems for the future," Dr Dar noted.

For details of this news visit <http://www.icrisat.org/Media/2009/media9.htm>

Congratulations, Dr. Dar – Samran (In 2008, through the initiation of Dr. Dar, ICRISAT had funded the production of the No-Till Farming Systems book, thus making the WASWC Special Publication No. 4 spread far and wide in Asia and Africa.

Members in USA can buy *NO-TILL FARMING SYSTEMS* book online at

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

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

SWAT book+DVD can be purchased by contacting representatives in some countries (see the last page of this HOT NEWS) or may order directly from sombatpanit@yahoo.com

Newsletter issue 25(1) for January-March 2009 is now posted on our website

<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn>. Translated version in various languages will be soon available.

AWARDS/ PRIZES/ FUNDS

▲ Rachel Carson Sense of Wonder Contest 2009



What's the Contest About?

The EPA, Generations United, the Dance Exchange, and the Rachel Carson Council, Inc., announce a poetry, essay, photo and dance contest "that best expresses the Sense of Wonder that you feel for the sea, the night sky, forests, birds, wildlife, and all that is beautiful to your eyes." We want you to share this love of nature with a child and others around you. When we teach our eyes and ears and senses to focus on the wonders of nature, we open ourselves to the wonders around us.

In 2009 many people, communities and organizations across the United States will be celebrating the [Year of Science](#), consider submitting an entry expressing how science has contributed to



your sense of wonder and appreciation of the natural environment.

Contestants will work across generations to share through one of these distinct mediums their own interactions with and reflections on the wonders of nature.

Dance video entries are not limited to the moving body. You can use live performers and/ or capture movement and change visible in nature: birds landing, trees shaking in a storm, a river flowing...

Experienced and first time dancers and video makers are encouraged to participate.

Rachel Carson Sense of Wonder Contest 2009. Entries are due **June 10, 2009**

<http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/thesenseofwonder/index.htm>

▲ Win \$20,000 to Put Your Green Idea Into Action

SunChips and National Geographic have joined forces to create the Green Effect, an initiative to inspire individuals to spark a green movement in their communities.

YOU could be the one to make a difference in your community—for the planet! Submit a description of your Green Effect idea by June 8, 2009. Ten finalists will be announced July 7, 2009. Online viewers and a distinguished panel of judges will review these inspiring ideas.

We'll award \$20,000 each to five people or groups that have the best ideas for green change. The five winners will also be profiled in *National Geographic*, and the winners will travel to Washington, D.C., to share their projects with environmental leaders. Contact www.nationalgeographic.com

▲ \$250 Grants for Growing Greener Stories

Here's your chance to share your story of how the Growing Greener Watershed Restoration Program has made a real difference in improving your watershed. \$250.00 will be awarded each month to the best article/ video between now and December 15. The submission should describe the project, water quality improvements, education programs, and how Growing Greener helped you achieve your goals. These grants have been provided

by an anonymous benefactor to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Growing Greener Program. For more information, visit http://www.growinggreener.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=60&Itemid=65

▲ [Call for project proposals: Climate change](#), Deadline: 15 July 2009

▲ [TWAS-ARO Young Arab Scientists prize 2009](#), Organisation: Bibliotheca Alexandrina
Closing Date: 1 June 2009

▲ **FAO Director and Bill Gates Meet to Discuss Agricultural Development Plans**

Jacques Diouf, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, met in Rome earlier this week to discuss the role of agricultural development in reducing world hunger and poverty. FAO acknowledges the role that agriculture will play in providing food for an additional three billion people who will be living on our planet by 2050. Gates and Diouf also discussed the longer-term challenges to agriculture, including the impact of the global economic crisis on poor countries.

The Gates Foundation, the world's largest private foundation, has launched a program in agricultural development in 2006 in order to help small farmers overcome hunger and poverty. The Foundation has granted FAO some USD 5.6 million to push agricultural development in 17 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. FAO collaborates with several institutions as part of the implementation of grants to the Africa-based Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) in its work with small farmers and with the Cornell University for the development of rust-resistant wheat varieties. For more information, visit www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/19516/icode/

▲ **Bioversity International's Vavilov-Frankel Fellowship Award**

Two young scientists, Danilo Eduardo Moreta Mejía and Esmaeil Ebrahimie are the new recipients of Bioversity International's Vavilov-Frankel Fellowship Award for their research on the useful genes found in rice and the wild varieties of soybeans.

Mejía, from Universidad del Valle in Colombia, submitted a proposal in which he highlights the mechanism of biological nitrification inhibition in rice. There are some rice species that are able to inhibit nitrification, and if other rice species could have this feature, then it could help in decreasing the use of nitrogen fertilizers and lessen its effect on the environment. On the other hand, Ebrahimie, who hails from Shiraz University in Iran, will search for genes in wild varieties of soybeans in Australia in an attempt to make the soybean varieties in Iran resistant to drought, salinity, and heat.

Established in 1989, the Fellowship Fund aims to encourage the conservation and use of plant genetic resources by enabling outstanding young scientists to carry out research outside their own countries for a period of between three months and one year. For more information, interested applicants can visit http://www.bioversityinternational.org/about_us/fellowships/vavilov_frankel_fellowship.html#c285.

▲ **Belgium to Provide USD 6 million to African Farmers**

FAO's press release is available at <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/11727/icode/>

▲ ▲ ▲ **Grants and Awards:**

From F. X. Browne Sustainable Environments Newsletter, May 2009 issue

Grants:

[Fund for Wild Nature](#)

[Small Business Energy Efficiency Grant Program](#)

[PennVEST Infrastructure Loans/Grants](#)

[Foundation For Pennsylvania Watersheds Grants](#)

[EJ Small Grants Program](#)

[Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Electronic Grants System](#)

[Small Business Low-Interest Rate Loans](#)

[Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program](#)

[Conservation Easement Assistance Program](#)

[Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative](#)

Awards:

[Call for Abstracts - Watershed Science and Technical Conference](#)

[Call for Stormwater BMP Projects](#)

[Call for Nominations - 2009 Northeast Annual Environmental Partnership Awards and 2009 Thomas P. Shelburne](#)

[Environmental Leadership Award](#)

[Rachel Carson Sense of Wonder Contest 2009](#)

COURSES/ TRAINING/ LECTURES

▲ September 28-October 9, 2009

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▲ Secretary Vilsack at SWCS Annual Conference

SWCS is pleased to announce that Secretary Vilsack has agreed to deliver the H. Wayne Pritchard Lecture for the 64th Annual SWCS International Conference. The lecture will be during the opening plenary session on **July 13, 2009**. Early registration rates for the conference end on June 2, 2009.

Conference highlights include a screening of Dirt! The Movie (and a Q&A session with one of the directors); 24 symposia, more than 150 oral and poster sessions, eight tours, and a variety of additional networking opportunities. We would also appreciate your assistance in letting others know about the conference. The preliminary program and much more is online at www.swcs.org/09ac and <http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?1Q,P1,C1CFA52A-5FBF-462D-AAA8-E7AE7970A790>

FELLOWSHIP-SCHOLARSHIP



▲ [Postgraduate Training Fellowships for Women Scientists from Sub-Saharan Africa and Least Developed Countries](#) Deadline: 31 July, Organization: Third world organization for women in science

▲ PhD Studentships – The Horizon Doctoral Training Centre for the Digital Society @ University of Nottingham

Broaden your horizon: the Nottingham Doctoral Training Centre in Location-Aware Ubiquitous Computing for the Digital Economy

Location-aware Ubiquitous Computing, which takes advantage of knowing the geographical position of the millions of fixed and mobile computing and communications devices embedded into the world around us - is the most exciting and significant technology to emerge since the Internet. It promises to transform the ways in which we work, shop, travel, learn, socialise and play. Would you like to be at the heart of this revolution, exploring new uses of ubiquitous computing, creating new location-aware technologies, or studying their impact on people's lives?

This new Doctoral Training Centre at the University of Nottingham is recruiting on to a unique and major new PhD programme in Location-aware Ubiquitous Computing. Supported by EPSRC and over 30 industry partners, we are training a community of over 50 PhD students to become the next generation of research leaders in this field.

Students will benefit from:

- * a fully-funded four-year PhD programme that integrates a leading-edge research project with research training in interdisciplinary skills
- * a personalised pathway through this programme giving a balance of skills across key technology areas, future applications and human and societal issues
- * training in innovation and ingenuity to equip students for careers in industry, from global companies to start-ups
- * a three-month salaried internship at one of our partners which include the BBC, BT, EADS Astrium, HP, IBM,

Logica, Microsoft, Network Rail, Nokia, Ordnance Survey, PARC, Scott Wilson and Thales (full list below)

- * regular seminars and meetings with industry representatives to develop contacts with future employers
- * an enhanced stipend of £15,000 per annum as well as a personal laptop
- * supervision from international leaders in the field of Location-aware Ubiquitous Computing and associated disciplines
- * use of multi-million pound state-of-the-art facilities including positioning and sensing test-beds and transport simulators
- * career guidance support tailored to individual needs
- * office and laboratory space on Nottingham's award-winning Jubilee Campus

Students from a wide variety of backgrounds including computer science, the geospatial sciences, engineering, psychology, sociology, business, social science and the arts are all invited to apply, but you must have an excellent first degree and be able to demonstrate an enthusiasm for interdisciplinary research. The full EPSRC funding is restricted to UK/home students but there is also one international studentship available.

Our current industry partners are: Active Ingredient, Aerial, BBC, Blast Theory, BT, EADS Astrium, EUROCONTROL, Fhios, Guidance Monitoring, HP, HW Communications, IBM, innovITS, Leica Geosystems, Location and Timing KTN, Logica, Microsoft, Network Rail, Nokia, Nottingham Scientific, Ordnance Survey, PARC, Scott Wilson, SERCO, Thales, Trinity House, TRL Technology.

Informal enquiries may be addressed to Professor Mike Jackson, Email: Mike.Jackson@nottingham.ac.uk or Dr H Glover, tel: 0115 846 6780 Email: Hazel@cs.nott.ac.uk

For an application form, please email Samantha Stapleford, ssx@cs.nott.ac.uk, telephone 0115 951 4225 or write to Samantha Stapleford, School of Computer Science, The University of Nottingham, Jubilee Campus, Wollaton Road, Nottingham, NG8 1BB. Please quote ref.

The closing date for this round of applications is **Monday 15 June 2009**.

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

▲ [The OPEC fund for international development scholarship awards](#), Deadline: June 30, 2009

EXHIBITIONS

▲ Don't forget about the **Soils Museum** ideas. Learn more from <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/soilsmuseums.html> and try to do it in your country/area. The usefulness of it is enormous, I assure you!

NEW INFORMATION SOURCES

BOOKS

▲ ***New publication on Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought (DLDD)- Soil Security***

Securitizing the Ground, Grounding Security (UNCCD Issue paper No2) have been launched the 14 June 2009 at the side event, "Land Degradation and Public Security," during the Seventeenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD, 17) in New York. The event was co-organized by the UNCCD and the Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs of Spain.

Securitizing the ground – Grounding Security is a study that posits a paradigm of **soil security** in the context of the present global crises and challenges.

Authors: Hans Günter Brauch - Úrsula Oswald Spring; Scientific Reviewers: Gregoire de Kalbermatten, Jose L. Rubio, Elisabeth Huber-Sannwald, Tulio Arredondo Moreno, Marcos Montoiro, Sergio Zelaya

The study can be downloadable from <http://www.unccd.int>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The present severe economic and financial crisis has resulted in the collapse of banks, insurance and industrial companies, shrinking world trade that trigger protectionist trends leading to rising unemployment. Developing countries may again pay the highest burden due to lacking financial resources for job creation, credits and food imports. This is affecting rural communities and the urban poor, who are unable to obtain the resources for survival. Since 2007, the massive food price increases due to speculation and decline of food reserves have resulted in violent food riots in 2008 that caused at least 200 deaths. According to FAO another 40 million people have been pushed into hunger in 2008 and the number of undernourished people in the world reached 963 million. More than 24,000 people die of hunger-related causes daily and the financial and economic crisis could push even more people into hunger and poverty. Thus, food security has moved to the top of the international agenda.

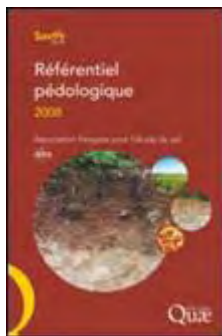
As a result of population growth, demand for food will increase further, primarily in developing countries. In a business as usual scenario of climate change the food supply will decline especially in drylands as crop yields are expected to fall, but also due to drops in exports from major grain producing countries (USA, Canada, Australia). With the projected decline in fish stock due to overfishing and climate change impacts the demand for food grown on scarce fertile land will increase. Additional pressures include changes in the diet by growing meat consumption and the competition between the production of food and biomass for electricity generation and biofuels as substitutes for fossil energy sources.

This has already triggered famines and an increase in forced migration from drylands that experience a major population growth and decline in food supply. Repeated famines and a decline in food security have resulted in violent clashes and/or civil wars (e.g. in Darfur that is both in the Sahel Zone and in the Nile Basin). The realization of the food-related Millennium Development Goals is in jeopardy.

During the 20th century the process of desertification has progressed; the land and the quality of the soil have degraded. While GLASOD claimed that 15% of the land surface was degraded, the GLADA reports referred to 24%. In the 21st century, anthropogenic and climatic factors will further degrade the soil both due to poverty (overgrazing and overuse of the land), market-driven expansion of agricultural production and depletion of aquifers in drylands. As a result of climate change the number and intensity of droughts will increase and thus the vicious circle of drought, forced migration leading to political crises and conflicts may exacerbate threats for human, national and international security.

In the past century the world population tripled and water consumption increased six times. There is a high probability that climate change impacts, growing water stress, biodiversity loss and increasing desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) may all contribute to future food crises, unless extraordinary and innovative strategies, policies and measures are launched now for coping with these multiple security relevant challenges that may negatively reinforce each other threatening the survival of billions of people, most particular in drylands.

On the background of these dramatic trends, soil security emerges as a constitutive paradigm of human, national and international security. It calls for a political process of securitization of DLDD issues and the development of effective international strategies, national policies and local measures based on a diagnosis of complex interactions between natural and societal causes. (Not yet finished)



Référentiel pédologique 2008 (in French), Association française pour l'étude du sol – Denis Baize & Michel-Claude Girard (Eds). Quae. 2008. 436 p. ISBN-13 978-2-7592-0185-3.

Price: 45 euros. The *Référentiel pédologique* is a detailed typology of soils of France, Europe, Africa and other continents. This third edition, which has been entirely reworked, contains three new chapters covering soils in intertropical zones and their specific reference horizons, and two new tools: a rapid access key to the different chapters and an annexe of the possible correspondences between the references in the *Référentiel pédologique* and the categories in the World Reference Base for Soil Resources. The *Référentiel pédologique* has been tried and tested in the field for some fifteen years now, and has become indispensable. It was designed to be accessible to non-specialists with some knowledge of the basic

vocabulary of soil science, and is indispensable to anyone wanting to take account of the diversity of soil types.

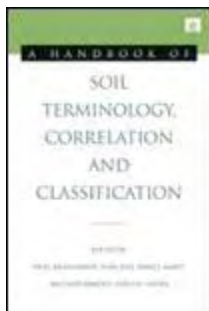
www.quae.com/livre/?GCOI=27380100883830&fa=description (Source: IUSS Alert 49)



Response of Crops to Limited Water: Understanding and Modeling Water Stress Effects on Plant Growth Processes, edited by L.R. Ahuja, V.R. Reddy, S.A. Saseendran, and Qiang Yu. ASA, CSSA, SSSA, 2008. ISBN: 978-0-89118-167-5.

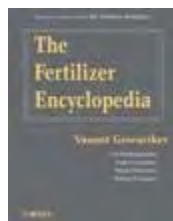
Agriculture research today requires a whole-system quantitative approach, and farmers need simple management tools derived from robust models. Agricultural system modelers see a snarl of competing water demands, depleted aquifers, drought, and changing plant water requirements due to global warming and know where the answers lie: in achieving conservation of rain and irrigation water, preservation of groundwater quality, and increased water use efficiency in crop production. The first in the groundbreaking *Advances in Agricultural Systems Modeling* series from ASA-CSSA-SSSA, *Response of Crops to Limited*

Water: Understanding and Modeling Water Stress Effects on Plant Growth Processes compiles the work of world experts, systematically presenting recent knowledge of water stress effects and emphasizing the knowledge synthesis that will move agriculture forward. (Source: IUSS Alert 49)



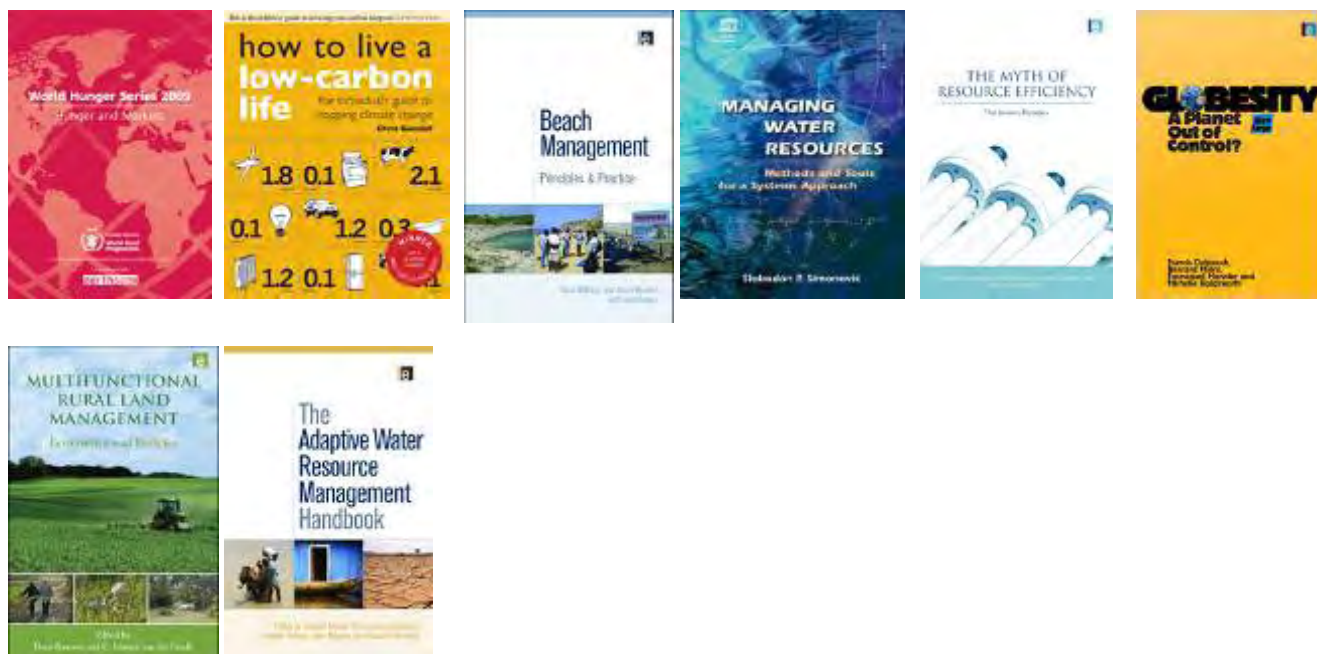
A Handbook of Soil Terminology, Correlation and Classification, edited By Pavel Krasilnikov, Juan-Jose Ibanez Marti, Richard Arnold, Serghei Shoba. Hardback September 2009. 352 pages. ISBN 9781844076833. Soil classification and terminology are fundamental issues for the clear understanding and communication of the subject. However, while there are many national soil classification systems, these do not directly correlate with each other. This leads to confusion and great difficulty in undertaking comparative scientific research that draws on more than one system and in making sense of international scientific papers using a system that is unfamiliar to the reader.

This book aims to clarify this position by describing and comparing different systems and evaluating them in the context of the World Reference Base (WRB) for Soil Resources. The latter was set up to resolve these problems by creating an international "umbrella" system for soil correlation. All soil scientists should then classify soils using the WRB as well as their national systems. The book is a definitive and essential reference work for all students studying soils as part of life, earth or environmental sciences, as well as professional soil scientists. (Source: IUSS Alert 49)



The Fertilizer Encyclopedia, by Vasant Gowariker, V.N. Krishnamurthy, Sudha Gowariker, Manik Dhanorkar, Kalyani Paranjape, Norman Borlaug (Prologue by). ISBN: 978-0-470-41034-9 Hardcover, 880 pages. February 2009. Fertilizers are key for meeting the world's demands for food, fiber, and fuel. Featuring nearly 4,500 terms of interest to all scientists and researchers dealing with fertilizers, The Fertilizer Encyclopedia compiles a wealth of information on the chemical composition of fertilizers, and includes information on everything from manufacturing and applications to economical and environmental considerations. It covers behavior in soil, chemical and physical characteristics, physiological role in plant growth and soil fertility, and more. This is the definitive, up-to-date reference on fertilizers. (Source: IUSS Alert 49)

▲ NEW VOLUMES FROM WWW.EARTHSCAN.COM



REPORTS

▲ Some of you may have already caught wind of the uncertain future of the Global Positioning System. Here is a copy of the GAO report: www.gao.gov/products/GAO-09-670T

▲ **Biodiversity International and Legambiente Present Crop Biodiversity Dossier**

Biodiversity International, along with Legambiente, Italy's environmental organization, presented a dossier on "Biodiversity Risk in 2009" during the World Trade Fair in Rome on May 10, 2009. The dossier highlighted the need to protect agriculture biodiversity in order to ensure the availability of food in the years to come. The diversity in agriculture is a highly strategic resource to help farmers adapt to changing environmental conditions and at the same time strengthen the sustainability of agricultural systems.

For more information, contact Preite Cecilia Martinez at: c.pmartinez@cgiar.org. To view the original article in French, go to www.biodiversityinternational.org/news_and_events/news/latest_news.html.

MANUAL-HANDBOOKS ETC.

▲ **EPA Watershed Central and Watershed Central Wiki**

Provides guidance, tools, case studies and information for successful watershed management. <http://www.epa.gov/watershedcentral/>

▲ **FAO: How to Run an Agribusiness**

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has made available a training manual on how to run an agribusiness. FAO said that the manual will assist the organizers of farmer's cooperatives and associations in developing countries to improve the economic security of their members. The manual cited several case studies, such as a frozen broccoli and cauliflower business in Mexico, a ChiangMai vegetables processing in Thailand and a honey bush tea cooperative of subsistence farmers in South Africa.

Download the manual at <http://www.fao.org/docrep/011/i0499e/i0499e00.htm>

▲ **Toolbox - Mapping the vulnerability of communities**

The toolbox & manual is available for download at the following website: http://projects.stefankienberger.at/vulmoz/?page_id=54 (download at bottom end).

BULLETIN-NEWSLETTERS

▲ **PACA Newsletter Issue 7**

[PACA Newsletter Issue 7.pdf \(364KB\)](#)

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Soil Museum

BSWM Soil Museum in Manila, The Philippines

From Rodelio Carating rodelcarating@yahoo.com

Hello Dr. Samran,

As promised, the photo of our very modest soil museum:



Left: This is how the BSWM Soil Museum looks like now. The theme is "*Soil Conservation at the Dawn of Civilization*" and at the centerpiece is terracing in the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. **Right:** This is the old diorama when the Soil Museum was opened during the 50th Anniversary of BSWM in June 5, 2000. The theme was "The Future of Soil Science" and shown was soil survey in Mars.



Above: The inauguration of the BSWM Soil Museum in 2000 led by no other than then Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Q. Montemayor (middle, to the left), his then Undersecretary Ernesto Ordonez (middle, to the right). Front row, from left: BSWM Laboratory Services Chief, Dr. Lauro G. Hernandez, JICA First Secretary, Secretary Montemayor, Undersecretary Ordonez, JICA Team Leader Dr. Michio Araragi, BSWM Director Rogelio N. Concepcion, Soil Museum In-charge Rodelio Carating, and JICA Expert Dr. Toshiaki Ohkura. Other BSWM division chiefs, JICA experts, and guests were on the background.

Note: Dr Carating met me at the recent LADA workshop in Bangkok and promised to send photos about the Soil Museum that he was partly responsible for establishing at his bureau. After two weeks he sent photos to me and promised that after updating the museum he will send more, and as a PPT file, so that we can post on the website like all others. **We hope other colleagues will send photos of their soil museums to us too.** - Samran

MOVIE/VIDEO-PHOTOS

▲ Soil science enthusiasm on video



Declining number of soil science students is a concern in many universities. We can sit down and grumble, or we can do something about it. One of the remedies is to show the great variety of soil science jobs. Melissa Peart from Australia tells her story in this [video](#). Melissa enjoyed science at school and originally wanted to study history and be an archaeologist. But when she heard about a degree in land and water science at Sydney University, she turned her attention to the environment.

The course covered natural resources and sustainability, specifically looking at agriculture, soil, hydrology, geology and geographical information systems. It also offered plenty of field trips. After finishing her honours in soil salinity, Melissa was headhunted by a consultancy group where she worked for three years. Great Bits: "I find there's a good balance in my job. It doesn't involve me just sitting in front of a computer. I get to travel and go out into the field to do soil and groundwater testing. It's an awesome job and I'd love to keep doing this for a very long time." (Source: IUSS Alert 49)

▲ You can take a look at www.conversationearth.org/ a project where indigenous communities themselves make films about the consequences of climate change on their lives. Currently there are two films available on the website (one from a Maasai community in Kenya, and one from Baka in Cameroon) but more films will be added during the coming months.

▲ ISAAA Video on "Knowledge, Technology & Poverty Alleviation" Available in 14 Languages

The abridged version of the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA) video on "Knowledge, Technology and Poverty Alleviation is now available with subtitles in the following languages: Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Bangla, Chinese, French, Hindi, Malay, Portuguese, Russian, Swahili, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

The video presents the major findings of the Global Status of Commercialized Biotech/GM Crops in 2008 and addresses the growing interest biotech crops have experienced in the past years, including substantial advances in Africa. It discusses in detail the three questions global society has begun to ask about biotech crops. Visit <http://www.isaaa.org/Resources/videos/g2008/abridged/> to view the said video and its translations.

SURVEYS

▲ World wide LADA user survey

Monday, May 11, 2009 11:03 PM

From: "Pandi Zdruli" <pandi@iamb.it>

[View contact details](#)

To: undisclosed-recipients

Dear LADA world wide user survey participant,

The Land Degradation Assessment in Drylands (LADA) project team based at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy invites you participate at this world wide user survey that is intended to test the functionality of the LADA web page (<http://www.fao.org/nr/lada>), the achievements of the project in general and to assist us in making further improvements.

The link below allows you to respond to a number of questions that are necessary and useful not only to LADA but also to all of them involved in the efforts to combat land degradation and desertification and promote sustainable use and management of natural resources. You will find the results of this survey published at the LADA web page soon after it is completed. The survey will remain open for the period 11 May -- 10 June 2009. http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=eBga4aBl1doWqVT6xHck4g_3d_3d

Thank you very much for your time and collaboration

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

The DIGISOIL Consortium (FP7 funded project) involving the SOIL Action of the Joint Research Centre, is currently in the process of developing a new technology for the assessment of soil properties and soil degradation indicators that can be used for producing high quality geo-referenced soil maps.

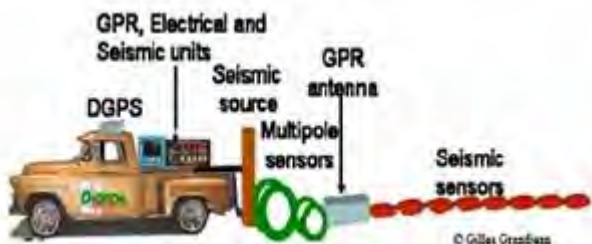
The technology consists of: - a hardware machine usually a truck or a quad integrating a platform that employs proximal and ground-based soil scan systems (sensors) that can measure accurately (0.5 – 2 m) the signals from the soils;

- a software which transform the signals into the soil properties

Following these measurements, the technology leads to detailed geo-referenced maps of soil properties. Moreover, from the maps, it is possible to offer end user-targeted services, such as fertilizer recommendations and/or analysis of soil risks degradation intensity.

Before deploying the technology, and in order to better target it to the end user, we are launching a survey which aims to assess the economic feasibility of such an undertaking and its relevance to the end user.

To this aim, as a potential end user, we kindly ask you to indicate whether you are interested in making use of this technology and if so, which services you wish to employ. You should **fill out first the following questionnaire which takes less than two minutes**. You will be then approached after two weeks to fill out a second questionnaire which will take you five minutes of your time. Thanks a lot in advance for your precious contribution.



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European Soil Portal: <http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>

WEBSITES (mixed subjects, some of them may be of your interest)

▲ Details of the Open Source Geospatial Foundation (UK) AGM will follow immediately after the First Open Source GIS UK Conference <http://www.opensourcegis.org.uk/>

▲ **Obama Signs Public Lands Protection Bill into Law**

The Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 was signed by President Obama and will protect two million acres of wilderness and a thousand miles of rivers.

Environment News Service, March 30, 2009 <http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/mar2009/2009-03-30-093.asp>

▲ **Water Stories Report, provided by the Global Water Network**

The Water Stories Report is a collection of stories about how water and sanitation affects the lives of people around the world. You can also submit your own story.

<http://www.globalwaternet.org/story>

▲ **EPA Beach Advisory and Closing On-Line Notification**

You can visit this site to check out the latest information on pollutants found in the beach of your choice. http://www.epa.gov/beaches/plan/whereyoulive_state.html

▲ **“Healthy Watersheds” EPA Website**

This website focuses on protecting and conserving aquatic ecosystems. It provides information on identifying and protecting healthy watersheds. <http://www.epa.gov/healthywatersheds/>

▲ **Self Healing Cement Flexible Enough to Withstand Earthquakes Invented.** Researchers have developed a flexible, self-healing cement that can better withstand the strain of earthquakes. Cracks can heal themselves by reacting with water and carbon dioxide to form calcium carbonate. The strength of the healed concrete is equal or better to the original concrete. *By Dave Harcourt, April 23, 2009, About Technology, In Global* <http://ecoworldly.com/2009/04/23/self-healing-flexible-cement-invented/>

▲ **Structural Erosion Control Solutions: olding fast, built to last.** This article discusses environmentally friendly bioengineering and the potential applications for erosion control. *By Tara Beecham, Erosion Control Journal, May 2009* www.erosioncontrol.com/may-2009/gabions-armor-reinforcement.aspx

▲ Here is a recent P3DM-related case study published on *Shima*. [Experimental use of participatory 3-dimensional models in island community-based disaster risk management](#)

▲ You may like to know: The Cyrus Cylinder kept in the British Museum, the first set of 'human rights' <http://www.kavehfarrok.com/news/a-new-translation-of-the-cyrus-cylinder-by-the-british-museum/>

▲ UN-Supported Project to Benefit Burundi's Small Farmers www.ifad.org/media/press/2009/24.htm

▲ A Sweet Idea: Converting Watermelon Juice into Ethanol www.ars.usda.gov/is/pr/2009/090520.htm

▲ Peru Holds its First National Biotech Conference http://www.agrobio.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=7431&Itemid=25

▲ Malaysian Scientists Successful in Cracking Oil Palm Genome
For more news about biotechnology in Malaysia, email Mahaletchumy Arujanan of the Malaysian Biotechnology Information Center at maha@bic.org.my.

▲ Malaysia to Announce Regulation Framework Under Biosafety Act
Email Mahaletchumy Arujanan of the Malaysian Biotechnology Information Center at maha@bic.org.my for additional information.

▲ **Biotech Rice to Prevent Hypertension**

The work of Akama and colleagues appears in the current issue of *Transgenic Research*. It is available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s11248-009-9272-1> The *Plant Biotechnology Journal*, on the other hand, published the work of Usuda and colleagues. Read the paper at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-7652.2008.00374.x>

▲ Scientists Take Step Forward Toward Developing HIV Vaccine www.alphagalileo.org/ViewItem.aspx?ItemId=57761&CultureCode=en

▲ **Plastic and Fuel that Grow on Trees**

For more information, read the complete article at www.pnl.gov/news/release.asp?id=255

▲ **Vietnam Party Chief Urges Use of Biotechnology** Vietnam Party Chief Nong Duc Manh urged districts and communes in Can Tho City to focus on advanced science and technology, and biotechnology in order to develop agriculture and urbanize rural areas. He made this statement during a working session on May 12, 2009 during a visit to the Mekong Delta region.

At the Mekong Delta Rice Institute, Manh praised scientists for enhancing productivity and quality of rice. He added that the institute needs to continue research and release findings to help farmers enhance productivity.

The Mekong Delta consists of 13 provinces and several cities and a population of 17 million people. It plays a vital role in the national production of rice. It is also noted for its aquaculture produce. For more news about biotechnology in Vietnam contact Nguyen Phuong Ha of Ag Biotech Vietnam at phuongha_2403@yahoo.com

▲ **Farming First Website** The Farming First website developed by CropLife International in partnership with the International Fertiliser Association (IFA), the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP) is now available for viewing at www.farmingfirst.org. Farming First is a joint policy platform that highlights six areas for action with regards to food security and the future of agriculture.

▲ **Brazil, China and India Emerging as Top Biotech Countries**
www.genengnews.com/articles/chitem.aspx?aid=2883

▲ **FAO Notes Bumper Rice Harvest in Africa**
www.warda.org/warda/newsrel-riceharvest-may07.asp

▲ **EMBRAPA and JIRCAS Team up to Develop Drought-Proof Soybean**
For further reading, see <http://www.embrapa.br/embrapa/imprensa/noticias/2009/abril/4-semana/embrapa-e-jircas-aprovam-projeto-de-6-milhoes>

▲ **Gates Foundation Gives Funds for Virus-Fighting Tomato**
<http://news.rutgers.edu/medrel/research/gates-foundation-aid-20090430/eric-lam-20090430>

▲ **Better Understanding of a Major Wheat Killer** www.ars.usda.gov/is/pr/2009/090505.htm

▲ **Landslide Mapping in Austria** This study presents and discusses landslide inventories, susceptibility and hazard maps and databases available in Austria. Schweigl, J., Hervás, J., 2009. Landslide Mapping in Austria. JRC Scientific and Technical Report EUR 23785 EN, Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, Luxembourg, 61 pp. ISBN 978-92-79-11776-3.

▲ **Kenya Begins Trials for GM Maize**
<http://biotechkenya.com/site/crops/kari-adopts-bt-maize>

▲ **New Potato Improvement Project Launched in Kenya**
For more information contact Daniel Otunge (d.otunge@cgiar.org) of ISAAA AfriCenter or project coordinator Dr. Hassan Were (werehkde@yahoo.com)

▲ **Banana Disease Threatens Farmers' Livelihood in Sub-Saharan Africa**
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1094/PDIS-93-5-0440>

▲ **The Future of Agriculture Depends on Biotech, says Ugandan Scientist**
<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904290107.html>

▲ **CIAT Project to Help Coffee Farmers Adapt to Climate Change**
Coffee is a well-known stimulant that helps keep people awake during those long hours of work and study. Now, with the advent of climate change in Central America, the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) has been stimulated to begin a five year project called Coffee Under Pressure. Along with a U.S. development agency, Catholic Relief Services, CIAT will study the impact of the changing climate such as rising temperatures and decreasing rainfall on the coffee production of Central America. They hope to identify ways in which coffee farmers can adapt and maintain their level of production. The project is one of four recipients of Green Mountain Coffee Roaster's Changing Climate Change Grant, which will provide \$800,000 to organizations working to address climate change. It is set to begin in June 2009, and will first focus on the coffee production of Nicaragua, Honduras, and Guatemala, and would then move on to El Salvador and Mexico. The article can be viewed at: http://www.ciat.cgiar.org/newsroom/release_37.htm

▲ **FAO: Developing Countries Still Struggle with High Food Prices**
For the complete news article, visit www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/12660/icode/ FAO's *Crop Prospects and Food Situation* report is available for download at <http://www.fao.org/docrep/011/ai481e/ai481e00.htm>

▲ **Safeguarding the World's Food Supply Through a Second Green Revolution**
http://www.bayercropscience.com/BCSWeb/CropProtection.nsf/id/EN_20090417_1?open&I=EN&ccm=500020

▲ **CIMMYT and IITA Collaborate on African Maize Initiative**
View http://www.cgiar.org/enews/april2009/story_05.html for the full story.

▲ **Flood-resistant Rice Set for Distribution in Southeast Asia**
To view the full article, go to <http://beta.irri.org/news/index.php/200904066053/Rice-Today/Africa/Scuba-rice-Stemming-the-tide-in-flood-prone-South-Asia.html>

▲ **University of Karachi Devises New Method for Mango Classification**
For more information, contact Prof. Dr. Iqbal Choudhary, Director of ICCBS and the Pakistan Biotechnology Information Center (PABIC) at iqbal.choudhary@iccs.edu and Dr. Kamran Azeem at kamran.azim@iccs.edu. See the full article at <http://www.pabic.com.pk/21%20April,%202009%20Dr%20Kamran%20Azeem.html>.

▲ **Bayer and Evogene Collaborate to Develop High-Yielding Rice**
www.bayercropscience.com/BCSWeb/CropProtection.nsf/id/EN_20090421?open&I=EN&ccm=300040

▲ **Targeting Cell Wall's Weak Spot to Produce Cost-Effective Biofuels**

For more information, read http://www.lanl.gov/news/index.php/fuseaction/home.story/story_id/16342 The paper published by *Biophysical Journal* is available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.bpj.2008.12.3953>

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Deadline Extended Until May 29th

By request, IECA has extended the deadline for submission of abstracts for *Environmental Connection 2010*. If you are interested in presenting at EC10 in Dallas, you now have until **Friday, May 29, 2009** to submit your 400 word abstract. Details on how to submit along with recommended topics may be found on [IECA's website](#).

If you've submitted before here are a couple of new details you should be aware of:

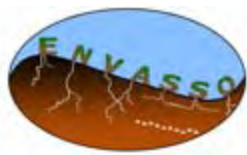
- Submittals that do not meet the May 29th deadline will be considered for *Environmental Connection 2011*.
- Full-day courses will be considered throughout the year, but only courses submitted by May 29th will be considered for the EC10 program.

Remember, IECA is looking for full-day, half-day and shorter technical presentations (1.5 hours). If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact IECA via [e-mail](#) or at 800-455-4322 or 303-640-7554.

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Thank you,

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▲ The ENVironmental ASsessment of Soil for mOnitoring (ENVASSO) Project was funded as Scientific Support to Policy (SSP) under the European Commission 6th Framework Programme. The project's main objective was to define and document a soil monitoring system for implementation in support of a Soil

Framework Directive, aimed at protecting soil in the EU. The ENVASSO Consortium, comprising 37 partners drawn from 25 EU Member States, succeeded in reviewing existing soil inventories, monitoring programmes, soil indicators and criteria that could serve as a base for a soil monitoring system for Europe. Procedures and protocols appropriate for inclusion in a European soil monitoring system were defined and fully documented and 22 of these procedures were evaluated in 28 Pilot Areas. In conclusion, an outline European Soil Monitoring System, comprising a network of geo-referenced sites at which a qualified sampling process is or could be conducted, is presented. The six final reports from the ENVASSO project can be downloaded here <http://eusoiils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/envasso/> (Source: IUSS Alert 49)

▲ Dear ESSC Council Members,

Please find attached the provisional Agenda of next ESSC Council Meeting (June 23, 2009) to be held in Congress Centre and Hotel Floret, Pruhonice (Czech Republic), place of the International Conference of ESSC on “Protection of the Ecological and Productivity Functions of Soil in a Pan European Context” The agenda is open for new items you will like to raise during the meeting so please any comments or new matters will be most welcome.

José Luis Rubio jose.l.rubio@uv.es, www.essc.sk
President of the European Society for Soil Conservation

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductory remarks (J.L. Rubio, J. Podhrazska)
2. Report by the Treasurers (D. Gabriels, W. Cornellis)
3. Report by the Secretary (P. Bielek)
4. Report by the Editor in Chief (M. Fullen)
5. Information and discussion on content of the 6th ESSC Congress (T. Karyotis)
6. EU Soil Thematic Strategy (P. Bielek)
7. Soil conservation vs. soil security (J.L. Rubio)
8. Review of recent and future activities
9. Any other item

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LOUISIANA, USA.

Louisiana's coastal wetlands provide vital wildlife habitat and a strong buffer against storms. But they are threatened by subsidence and cut off from the historic floods that built the Mississippi River Delta. Using SonTek Argonaut-ADV®, a Louisiana State University team captured continuous streams of data on shallow, slow-moving currents (down to 1 mm/s) that are notoriously difficult to measure. Their findings are teaching stakeholders how releases of sediment-rich pulses of water through a diversion structure near New Orleans may be managed to help rebuild marshes while minimizing impacts on local fisheries.

> www.sontek.com/news/UltraLowFlow.pdf



ACOUSTIC DOPPLER TECHNOLOGY ENABLES FAST ASSESSMENT OF POST-QUAKE HYDRAULIC CONDITIONS



SICHUAN PROVINCE, China.

A 7.9 magnitude earthquake in China left millions homeless and susceptible to thirst and water-borne disease as it ravaged the country's hydrology monitoring stations. SonTek/YSI immediately responded with assistance and hydroacoustic equipment — allowing hydrologists to gauge the speed and strength of water flow, as well as monitor drinking water distribution. The advanced RiverSurveyor®



provided fast assessment of flood conditions and did in minutes what had taken hours for a field crew with conventional instruments.

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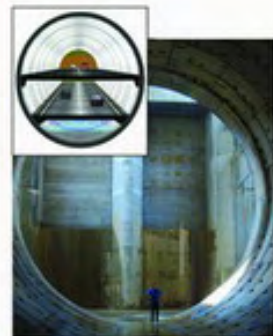
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A SMART WAY TO HANDLE FLOODS

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia.

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> www.sontek.com/news/SmartFunnel.pdf



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No.	Meeting topic	Place	Time
0902	Conference of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA): Environmental Connection 09 www.ieca.org	Reno, Nevada, USA	Feb 9-12, 2009
0903	Conference on Land Degradation in Dry Environments http://cldde.kuniv.edu/ ; jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw	Kuwait City, Kuwait	Mar 8-14, 2009
0905a	Global Change, Challenge for Soil Management: From Degradation – Through Soil and Water Conservation – To Sustainable Soil Management www.sfb.bg.ac.yu/erosion2009/ ; miodrag.zlatic@sfb.bg.ac.rs	Tara Mt., Serbia	May 26-30, 2009
0905b	Conference on “The sustainable development of water resources”, organized by Hydrotechnics Faculty of “Politehnica” University of Timisoara, Romania gcr@mail.dnttm.ro	Timisoara, Romania	May 27-28, 2009
0906a	The 10th international meeting on Soil with Mediterranean Type of Climate www.cnrs.edu.lb/10IMSMTC.pdf ; tdarwich@cnrs.edu.lb	Beirut, Lebanon	Jun 22-26, 2009
0906b	Conference on “Challenges and Opportunities of Bioindustrial Watershed Development for the Prosperity of the Farming Community”, organized by the Soil Conservation Society of India www.soilcsi.org/ ; soilcsi@yahoo.co.in	Bengaluru, India	Jun 25-27, 2009
0909	International Conference on Desertification in memory of Professor John B. Thornes http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornes/doku.php ; arodi@um.es	Murcia, Spain	Sep 16-18, 2009
0910	Conference on “Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity”, organized by Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), www.chercheurs.auf.org ; roose@mpl.ird.fr	Port au Prince, Haiti	Oct 19-24, 2009
1004	Interpraevent Conference http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/ ; INTERPRAEVENT2010@gmail.com	Taipei, Taiwan	Apr 26-30, 2010
1005	First International Conference on Soil and Roots Engineering Relationship www.landcon-ir.com/index.htm ; Landcon.ir@gmail.com ; habibibalani@gmail.com	Ardebil Province, Iran	May 24-26, 2010
1010	International Conference on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas wafe@ms.iswc.ac.cn , landcon1010@gmail.com	Xi’an, Shaanxi, China	Oct 11-15, 2010
1011	An international conference, the title will be announced later chauthu_9lvh@yahoo.co.uk	Hanoi, Vietnam	Early Nov 2010
11...	A conference organized by the Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservations www.iaswc.com/index.html	Dehra Dun, India	2011???

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

MEETINGS 2009

January-November 2009

Darwin 200 Symposia

The International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) and UNESCO announce the 'Darwin 200' programme to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth in 2009. Darwin 200 will comprise a series of scientific symposia and satellite meetings on five continents. [More...](#)

2009

NCSE Online Biodiversity Conference: To celebrate the bicentennial of the birth of Charles Darwin, the National Council for Science and the Environment invites you to participate in the virtual continuation of the 9th National Conference on Science, Policy, and the Environment, "**Biodiversity in a Rapidly Changing World**", through the updated website. The website features streaming videos of keynote addresses by Cristian Samper, Director, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, and Thomas Friedman, New York Times columnist and Pulitzer Prize winning author, and much much more.

May 27-30, 2009

First Announcement and Call for Papers

LANDCON 0905a

Initiated by:

- World Association of Soil and Water Conservation – WASWC
- Faculty of Forestry, Belgrade University, Serbia



***GLOBAL CHANGE – CHALLENGES FOR SOIL MANAGEMENT FROM DEGRADATION - THROUGH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION - TO SUSTAINABLE SOIL MANAGEMENT**

May 27-30, 2009 Tara Mountain/Serbia

See details on the organizer's website www.sfb.bg.ac.yu/erosion2009/ and in HOT NEWS 2008 (10-extra) waswc.soil.gd.cn/hotnews.html

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May 27-28, 2009

***Sustainable development of the water resources**, "Politehnica" University Faculty of Hydrotechnics, Timisoara, Romania. **Organizers:** *Cretu Gheorghe, Badaluta Minda Codruta*, (gcr@mail.dnttm.ro; badaluta_minda@yahoo.com). A LANDCON 0905b meeting*

Most works reflect the concerns of the integrated water management area, both practically and theoretically. The issues analyzed within the framework of the conference, they have like objective the elements of the sustainable development of water resources, both in Romania and the transboundary water courses.

TOPICS: (1) Water management in crisis situation; (2) Revival and conservation of the water courses; (3) The trans boundary water

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June 1, 2009

[Rendez-vous international sur la gestion integree de l'eau/](#), Sherbrooke, Canada

June 2-4, 2009

Fifth International Conference on Mapping Africa in the English Speaking World

University of Botswana's Department of English. Contact monaka@mopipi.ub.bw

June 2-5, 2009

Conference on **Global Change in Africa - Projections, Mitigation and Adaptation**", University of Cologne, Germany ([Flyer Second Circular](#)). <http://www.impetus.uni-koeln.de/en/conference.html>

June 15-19, 2009

18th Triennial ISTRO Conference, see details in an earlier issue of HOT NEWS or click www.istro2009.ege.edu.tr.

June 16-17, 2009

Science Forum 2009 The first Science Forum 2009 will be held on June 16 and 17, 2009 in Wageningen, Netherlands. It is organized by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) Science Council, in partnership with the CGIAR Secretariat, the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) and Wageningen University. It seeks to open doors for global research partnerships that will explore new applications of advanced science. Science Forum 2009 directly contributes towards the 2010 Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD). Participation is open and the forum seeks to have a balanced representation among various sectors.

For more information, contact scienceforum2009@cgiar.org

View the Science Forum 2009 particulars at www.scienceforum2009.nl/Home/tabid/259/Default.aspx

June 17-19, 2009

XXXIII CIOSTA-CIGR Section V, International Conference "Technology and Management to ensure Sustainable Agriculture, Agrosystems, Forestry and Safety", Organiser: DISTAFA – Università Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria, Venue: Reggio Calabria, Italy. www.cioستا.unirc.it

June 18-20, 2009

ASEAN Rubber Conference to be hosted by Laos

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry will be hosting the ASEAN Rubber Conference 2009 (ARC 2009) from June 18-20, 2009. The conference is the second international conference on rubber to be held in Laos (a Lao-focused regional workshop on smallholder rubber was organized by NAFRI, NAFES and NUOL in 2006).

The conference is expected to bring together a diverse range of stakeholders from around the region and world including, academics, research institutions, policy-makers and the private sector (manufacturers, traders, processors, etc).

<http://aseanrubberconference.com/>

June 19, 2009

Strengthening Livelihoods by means of Beekeeping- An introduction: This training opportunity, offered by Bees for Development, will take place **on Friday 19 June 2009**. For more information contact Bees for Development or email info@beesfordevelopment.org

June 21-24, 2009

Erosion and Sediment Control: Our Environment - Regain - Sustain - Maintain, in Auckland, New Zealand. Hosted by the Australasia Chapter of IECA.

June 21-26, 2009

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The 19th V.M. Goldschmidt conference (www.goldschmidt2009.org) is to be held between June 21 and 26 in Davos, Switzerland. This conference focuses on past, contemporary and future challenges to the Earth's resources and environment. I shall be convening one of the sessions along with **François Chabaux, Susan Brantley and Yves Godderis**. The keynote address shall be delivered by **Niels Hovius** from the University of Cambridge.

It is to request you to submit an abstract for this session (**Rates and Mechanisms of Erosion and Weathering Processes: From Experiments to Models**). The abstract submission is now open till February 22nd, 2009. Hope you will contribute. Looking forward to meet you in Davos.

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June 22, 2009

First Open Source GIS UK Conference - University of Nottingham (22 June 2009)

The University of Nottingham, Open Source Geospatial Foundation (UK Chapter) and Open Knowledge Foundation are organising the First Open Source GIS UK Conference on 22nd June (Monday), 2009 at the University of Nottingham. Tyler Mitchell, Executive Director of Open Source Geospatial Foundation will deliver the keynote presentation. The conference website has been activated. Any one interested to be involved in the conference please email

Suchith.Anand@nottingham.ac.uk. **NOTE:** Registrations for the First Open Source GIS UK Conference 2009 is now activated at <http://www.opensourcegis.org.uk>. Because of the limitations in the number of computers available at the computer labs, the workshops will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

June 22-26, 2009

*The 10th international meeting on Soil with Mediterranean Type of Climate

[A LANDCON 0906a Meeting]

Location: Beirut, Lebanon <http://www.cnrs.edu.lb/10IMSMTc.pdf>. Contact Talal Darwish at tdarwich@cnrs.edu.lb

* = Endorsed by WASWC as to comply with the specifications in the Guidelines for Successful Meetings 2008
<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>

June 23-25, 2009

The International Conference of ESSC: "Protection of THE Ecological and Productivity Functions of Soil in a PAN European Context" www.vumop.cz, Held on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of the Research Institute for Soil and Water Conservation foundation. Congress and Education Centre Floret, Průhonice, Czech Republic Contact: **Ing. Jana Uhlířová**, uhlirova@vumopbrno.cz; **Ing. Jana Podhrázská, PhD**, podhrazska@vumopbrno.cz; **Mgr. Jana Doležalová**, anthony@anthony.cz;

June 23-25, 2009

Meeting on Soil Organic Matters



Tuesday 23rd – Thursday 25th June 2009 at Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, UK. The meeting has two main aims: (1) To acknowledge the great contribution to soil science made by Professor David Jenkinson FRS over many decades; (2) To bring together scientists actively involved in research in the areas in which David Jenkinson laid foundations in order to review current challenges and trends. Some of the invited speakers have worked with David Jenkinson at Rothamsted Research - others have conducted research in the areas for which he is well known. The topics covered will be: Soil organic matter dynamics; The global carbon cycle and climate change; Soil microbial ecology; Soil nitrogen dynamics including efficiency of use of N fertilizer by crops and the global N cycle. Registration for attendance is still open. For further information and the programme of invited and offered speakers see: www.rothamsted.bbsrc.ac.uk/Research/SoilOrganicMatters/ (Source: IUSS Alert 49)

June 25, 2009

European Water Resources Association (EWRA) 7th International Conference, Limassol, Cyprus
Organized by: European Water Resources Association (EWRA). Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 30 November 2009. Check the [event website](#) for latest details.

June 25-27, 2009

*Soil Conservation Society of India is going to organize the National Conference on "Challenges of Bioindustrial Watershed Development for Prosperity of Farming Community" from 25th to 27th June, 2009 at Bangalore, Karnataka, India. [A LANDCON 0906b Meeting]

Contact Dr Suraj Bhan, the SCSI President at bhan_suraj2001@yahoo.com

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<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>

June 28-July 1, 2009

16th N Workshop: Connecting Different Scales of Nitrogen Use in Agriculture, Turin, Italy.

Contact info@nitrogenworkshop2009.org, www.nitrogenworkshop2009.org

June 29, 2009

Biosafenet Conference 2009 The Biosafenet Conference is scheduled to be held on June 29, 2009 at the Julius-Kuhn Institute in Berlin, Germany. Biosafenet, an EU-funded network of European scientists, aims to contribute to a responsible and sustainable application of genetically modified organisms in European agriculture by promoting informed discussion of the scientific issues related to GMO biosafety. Other EU-funded initiatives such as the Public Research and Regulation Initiative (PRRI) and the International Society for Biosafety Research, will also present their activities in the conference. Please visit <http://www.gmo-compass.org/eng/news/438.docu.html>

June 29-July 1, 2009

XXVII Reunión Nacional de Suelos del 29 de Junio al 1 de Julio 2009

The XXVII Meeting of the Spanish Soil Science Society, June 29-July 1, 2009

www.secs09.org/. Contact: David Badia-Villas, badia@unizar.es, Escuela Politécnica Superior, Universidad de Zaragoza, 22071 Huesca, Spain

June 29-July 2, 2009

Fourth International Workshop on "Geographical Analysis, Urban Modeling, Spatial Statistics"

GEOG-AN-MOD 09 <http://www.lisut.org/workshop/GEOG-AN-MOD09/>

in conjunction with The 2009 International Conference on Computational Science and its Applications (ICCSA 2009) June 29th to July 2nd, 2009, Kyung Hee University-Global Campus, Yongin (Korea)

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

June 30-July 2, 2009

6th Research and Development Conference of Central and Eastern European Institutes of Agricultural Engineering, Organiser: Lithuanian University Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Venue: Randonvaris, Lithuania. www.mei.lt

July 5-8, 2009

15th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) (/E0060)

5th – 8th July 2009, Vienna, Austria

The 15th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management will be hosted by The University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU) from July 5 – 8, 2009 in Vienna, Austria. The symposium will be held at the Austria Center Vienna, the largest conference centre in Austria. The theme for the ISSRM 2009 is: Meet Old and New Worlds in Research, Planning and Management. The topics for the symposium include, but are not limited to: Sustainable tourism development; Climate change adaptation and mitigation; Management and development of protected areas; Social science and collaborative planning in forestry and agriculture; Environmental Impact Assessment; Forest inventory and sustainable resource management.

Website: <http://www.issrm09.info>

July 5-9, 2009

Global Conference on Global Warming 2009, Istanbul, Turkey, <http://www.gcgw.org>

July 6-8, 2009

International Conferences – ECPA (European Conference on Precision Agriculture), ECPLF (European Conference on Precision Livestock Farming) and EFITA conference (European Federation for Information Technology in Agriculture, Food and the Environment), Venue: Wageningen University and Research centre, Netherlands, www.jiac2009.nl

July 6-10, 2009

7th International Convention on Environment and Development: Creating awareness to save the planet, Conventions Palace, Havana, Cuba. Contact: convencion@ama.cu | [More...](#)

July 6-11, 2009

24th annual meeting of Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (SPNHC): Bridging Continents, Leiden, The Netherlands [More...](#)

July 6-11, 2009

Adaptation to Global Change, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

COMLAND sessions at the 7th Meeting of the IAG / AIG

Deadline for Abstract Submission: **Wednesday, February 4, 2009**

- Submit an abstract for COMLAND sessions at the IAG 2009: <http://www.geomorphology2009.com/abstract.asp>

Dates: July 6-11, 2009

Organizers: Arthur Conacher (Arthur.Conacher@uwa.edu.au), Dept. of Geography, University of Western Australia, and Gregor Ollesch, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, Magdeburg Germany

Description: Papers will be considered that focus on the ambiguity of the role of land degradation as both a cause and a consequence of global change in a broad sense. The question is to adapt to and prevent or avoid the adverse consequences of global change (although the title of the session only includes adaptation). A related topic may link to the questions of risk and resilience or vulnerability of landscapes and land use systems to land degradation, which is in turn linked to global change. A wide range of field trips is planned by the IAG / AIG, as well as an intensive three-days course for young geomorphologists. Notice of publication of accepted papers in a leading journal will be announced in due time. Note: Please contact Prof. Arthur Conacher if you intend to submit an abstract.

Cooperating Organizations: International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG); COMLAND

July 8-10, 2009

Future Agricultures International Conference: Seasonality Revisited, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK

The Future Agricultures Consortium together with the Centre for Social Protection is convening a 3-day conference on **Seasonality**, to be held on Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th July 2009 at IDS Sussex. Funded by the UK Department for International Development (DfID), the Future Agricultures Consortium operates as an international partnership of research institutions, working together to encourage critical debate and policy dialogue on the challenges of establishing and sustaining pro-poor agricultural growth in Africa, through stakeholder-led policy dialogues on future scenarios for agriculture, informed by in-depth field research.

The papers should fall broadly within the main themes above. Abstracts of proposed papers (500 words) are due by **April 1st, 2009**. Applicants will be notified by April 30th. Complete papers are due by **May 31st 2009**. Papers will be posted on the conference website in advance of the conference. We anticipate that a number of the papers will be collated into a volume, either a book, IDS bulletin or a journal special issue. Limited funding for travel and accommodation is available. Preference for funding requests will be given to presenters with no funding from their organisations.

Conference organisers: Robert Chambers, Stephen Devereux, Richard Longhurst, Rachel Sabates-Wheeler.

Abstracts and papers should be sent to: Stephen Devereux, s.devereux@ids.ac.uk; Rachel Sabates-Wheeler, r.sabates-wheeler@ids.ac.uk. All other enquiries should be addressed to Deborah Shenton, seasonality@ids.ac.uk; Tel: 01273 915-760. More information regarding the organisers is available on the website of Future Agricultures Consortium www.future-agricultures.org

July 9-11, 2009

International Conference on Fungal Evolution and Charles Darwin: From Morphology to Molecules to be held on July 9-11, 2009 at the Thailand Science Park, Pathumthani, Thailand. Details of the conference are available at www.biotech.or.th/darwinconf2009.

July 11-15, 2009

2009 SWCS Annual Conference (www.swcs.org)

Dearborn, Michigan, USA

[Hyatt Regency Dearborn](#)

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[Submit an Oral or Poster Abstract or Symposia Description](#)

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• Free Sample Issue of SWCS Journal

To allow non-subscribers to experience a typical issue of Journal of Soil and Water Conservation, we have provided a **free sample issue** of the journal online, i.e. the November-December 2008 issue. Or click <http://intl.jswconline.org> or go through the link www.swcs.org. For information on becoming a subscriber, please go to our [Subscriptions](#) page.

July 11-16, 2009

CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

The 23rd annual meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology, "Conservation: Harmony for Nature and Society," will be held from 11-16 July 2009 in Beijing, China. Complete instructions for submitting proposals are available at the [meeting website](#) or by contacting [SCB 2009](#).

July 12-16, 2009

FOURTH BIENNIAL NATIONAL LANDCARE CONFERENCE, Limpopo, South Africa

Call for papers

LandCare South Africa will be hosting the Fourth National Biennial LandCare Conference 2009 from the 12 – 16 July 2009 at Bolivia Lodge in Limpopo South Africa. The LandCare programme was adopted in South Africa in 1997 by the National Department of Agriculture and other stakeholders, as an innovative approach for promoting sustainable land resource management. We will be showcasing the work we have done over the years, achievements as well as formulate a way forward to address the Land degradation and water shortages which are serious environmental issues facing South Africa today.

LandCare is a community-based and government supported approach to the sustainable management and use of agricultural natural resources. Conceptualised in 1997, the programme is firmly in place in all nine (9) provinces.

However, as a community based initiative, programme monitoring and evaluation processes indicate that the LandCare Programme and its legislative mandate are not fully understood by communities. Furthermore, even though there are cross-cutting problems, common to all provinces; it has been established that there also exists a tendency towards unique challenges.

Thus to aid the attainment of the aim of LandCare in South Africa, it is critical that the Conferencing platform is effectively utilised. Issues of coordination of agricultural initiatives among all spheres of government are dealt with; from national, to provincial and district municipalities'. Resolutions on best possible over-arching solutions are developed for national implementation as well as adaptations that suit Provincial needs are formulated. Therefore, at National Conferences an enabling environment is created that promotes the consolidation of stakeholder inputs whilst facilitating information sharing.

This year, 2009, sees the staging of the Fourth Biennial National LandCare Conference. As the hosting is awarded by the national LandCare office on a Provincial rotation-basis, Limpopo has been appointed as the seat of the 2009 Conference. Past host provinces include Mpumalanga (2006); W. Cape (2004) and Gauteng (2002).

We welcome papers on the following topics:

- Strategies on improved and sustainable methodologies towards production of sufficient, safe and nutritious food.
- Increased public participation and awareness of LandCare.
- Explore sustainable options for increased growth, income and remunerative job opportunities in agriculture.
- Deliberate on the socio-economic impact of Climate Change on food production.
- Promotional stakeholder engagement and strengthen partnerships.
- New IT systems.
- Tree Planting Afternoon: Junior LandCare.

Papers to be submitted no later than the 29 May 2009

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July 12-19, 2009

INVITATION TO A CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE IN 2009

1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SYMPOSIUM OF CARBON DIOXIDE UTILIZATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN UGANDA AND AFRICA 12-19 JULY 2009” [ICCCUA]

We extend an invitation letter to you and your colleagues to join this vital conference which shall be held in Uganda by 2009, July 12-19th. The conference will take place at Munyonyo Hotel. From the 12-19 July 2009. Contact conference secretariat on 0772-909831, 0752-354252

Email: bepauganda_2004@yahoo.com/ conferencesecretariat39@gmail.com secretariat@icccu2009.org

David Tenywa Kasiiba, Chief Coordinator

July 14, 2009

SANREM will sponsor conservation agriculture symposium titled “**Conservation agriculture and food security in developing countries**” at this summer’s International Meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation Society in Dearborn, Mich. The July 14 symposium will kick off the conservation agriculture focus of SANREM CRSP Phase IV by exploring the role of declining soil quality in agricultural productivity in developing countries; the potential of conservation agriculture to improve soil quality, agricultural productivity, and ecosystems services; and challenges that must be overcome if conservation agriculture is to improve food security. The symposium will be recorded and available later on the SANREM and SWCS websites.

July 20-24, 2009

11th International Symposium on Soil and Plant Analysis, Hyatt Vineyard Creek, Santa Rosa, CA, USA 1st Call for Papers for 11th ISSPA

The symposium will bring together agricultural and natural resource scientists from around the world to disseminate information on methodology, interpretation, and application of soil, plant, and water analysis for the purpose of efficient resource management, sustainable production, and the environment. Included is a two-day viticulture program consisting of morning and afternoon plenary sessions on July 21, 2009 followed by a full day field tour of vineyards in the North Coast area on July 22. The symposium website is www.isspa2009.com Please make your reservations early to secure a room at the discounted symposium rate.

Questions about the symposium?

For Papers / Program questions: **David Kissel**, 706-542-5350, abstract@isspa2009.com

For Sponsor / Exhibit questions: **Quentin Rund**, 217-762-7955, exhibits@isspa2009.com

For Registration / General questions: **Quentin Rund**, 217-762-7955, registration@isspa2009.com

July 22-23, 2009

ICIES 2009 Calls for Papers

The 1st **Indonesian Conference on Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Small Business (ICIES 2009)** will be held on July 22-23, 2009 at the Institute of Technology, Bandung (ITB) Campus, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia. Center for Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership (CIEL), in collaboration with School of Business and Management (SBM), and ITB will organize this conference for Indonesian researchers. The topics, among others, will cover entrepreneurship theory and education, technology park, creativity and innovation, new product development, and technology commercialization. Participants from Indonesia should submit their abstracts before April 29, 2009. The full paper submission deadline will be June 3, 2009. To register, email icies@sbm.itb.ac.id or visit <http://www.ciel-sbm-itb.com/icies> for more information on this event.

July 27-31, 2009

MARINE CONSERVATION

International Marine Conservation Congress (IMCC). May 20-24, 2009, Washington DC, USA. ISSR Conference, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 27-31 July 2009. Theme: Making Marine Science Matter. For more information see the [conference website](#) or contact [Ellen Hines](#), Chair, IMCC 2009.

July 28-31, 2009

[International conference on "Re-asserting the role of biotechnology in a distressed global economy"](#)

Date: 28-31 July 2009, Location: Zaria, Nigeria

August 25-28, 2009 1st International IFOAM Conference on Organic Animal and Plant Breeding
Sante Fe, New Mexico, August 25-28 2009

Abstract deadline: **March 1, 2009** www.ifoam.org/breeding-diversity-conference.html

August 5-7, 2009 (with a SWAT Workshop during August 3-4)

2009 5th International SWAT Conference

The 2009 5th International SWAT Conference will be August 5-7, 2009 at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. Workshops offered include: Introductory SWAT, Advanced SWAT, SWAT Developer's, and Integrated APEX/SWAT and will be August 3-4, 2009.

Please visit the conference Website, http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat/conf_5th.html, for more information including conference and workshop registration, lodging information, and more.

August 3-4, 2009 SWAT Workshops

August 5-7, 2009 SWAT Conference

SWAT 2009 Development and Application of the SWAT Model

The Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) is a public domain model jointly developed by USDA Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) and Texas A&M University System (TAMUS).

SWAT is a river basin-scale model to simulate the quality and quantity of surface and ground water and predict the environmental impact of land management practices on different soil patterns and land use patterns. SWAT is widely used in assessing soil erosion prevention and control, non-point source pollution control and regional management in watersheds.

Workshop Registration, August 3-4, 2009

The workshop registration fee includes workshop materials and coffee breaks.

Workshops include: Participants Students

Introductory SWAT US\$300 US\$200

Advanced SWAT	US\$300	US\$200
SWAT Developer's	US\$50	US\$50
Integrated APEX/SWAT	US\$300	US\$200

How to Register: A limited number of seats are available and workshops will be held concurrently. Register online or obtain a registration form at: http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat/conf_5th.html

Cancellation Policy: There will be no refunds for cancellations.

Conference Registration, August 5-7, 2009

The conference registration fee includes conference materials, coffee breaks, and a social dinner.

Early Registration for participants, US\$300 and for students, US\$100. Registration must be received on or before May 31, 2009. Registrations received after May 31, 2009 for participants is US\$350 and for students is US\$150.

How to Register: Register online or obtain a registration form at http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat/conf_5th.html

Cancellation Policy: Participants who cancel by June 1, 2009 will receive 70% of registration fee. Participants who cancel after June 1, 2009 will only receive 25% of registration fee. No refunds for cancellations after July 20, 2009.

Conference Venue

University of Colorado, Boulder Colorado

Workshops will be at the campus Engineering Center in Labs 157 and 161 (Bechtel Lab).

The conference will be at the University Memorial Center (Rooms 235, and 382-386)

Call for Papers

Conference Proceedings will be published. Deadline for abstract submission: April 30, 2009. Deadline for paper submission: June 30, 2009. Upload abstracts to the conference Website: http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat/conf_5th.html

Accommodations

To receive a discounted conference rate, a limited number of rooms have been blocked at the following designated conference hotels:

Rodeway Inn & Suites, (303) 444-3330 or (800) 338-5407

Best Western Boulder Inn, (800) 233-8469

To receive conference rates, reservations must be made by June 15, 2009 and when making reservations, reference "SWAT Conference". For more information or a listing of more hotels in Boulder, please visit,

http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat/conf_5th.html

What to Expect

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

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August 11-15, 2009

6th Annual General Meeting 11 to 15 August, 2009 and International Exhibition 11 to 14 August, 2009 **AOGS2009 at SUNTEC Singapore**

Session Proposal Submission - Closes 1 Dec 2008

Abstract Submission - Opens 15 Jan 2009

Enquiries & Assistance - Please Email

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More Information - Please visit www.asiaoceania.org/aogs2009/index.asp

August 12-15, 2009

3rd International Dry Toilet Conference, Organisers: Global Dry Toilet Association of Finland, Venue: Tampere, Finland www.drytoilet.org/dt2009

August 23-28, 2009

Second World Congress of Agroforestry (WCA2)

23-28 August 2009, Nairobi, Kenya

<http://worldagroforestry.org/wca2009>

Register online at www.worldagroforestry.org/wca2009 by **30 April 2009** and save \$50 on the registration fee. Please contact wca2009@cgiar.org to know if they have extended the registration date

Program

The overall Congress theme is *Agroforestry – The Future of Global Land Use*. The program will consist of plenary lectures, symposia, and technical sessions around the following topics:

- Agroforestry's contribution to multifunctional agriculture
- Tree-based rehabilitation of degraded lands and watersheds
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Policy options and institutional innovation
- Markets as opportunities and drivers of Agroforestry

Thirty-four technical sessions consisting of voluntary contributions will be conducted concurrently during the Congress.

Abstract Submission Abstracts not exceeding 300 words may be submitted online (<http://worldagroforestry.org/wca2009>) before **30 November 2008**.

For additional details, please contact: Congress Secretariat: wca2009@cgiar.org

Technical Program: pknair@ufl.edu

August 25-28, 2009

1st IFOAM Conference on Organic Animal and Plant Breeding - Breeding Diversity on August 25-28 2009 in Santa Fe; New Mexico. You are welcome to visit our homepage:

http://www.ifoam.org/events/ifoam_conferences/2009_Animal_and_Plant_Breeding/animal_plant_breeding.html

August 26-28, 2009

Pedometrics 2009, Beijing 26-28 August 2009: The biennial meeting of the Pedometrics commission is now a regular fixture, drawing together soil scientists with quantitative interests to discuss problems such as sampling, monitoring, the evaluation and use of models and spatial prediction. Pedometrics 2009 will be the first of these meetings to take place in Asia. It is organized by Professor Yuanfang Huang and colleagues at the China Agriculture University, Beijing. The conference will tackle the usual wide range of topics, including sampling, geostatistics, pedodynamic modelling, space-time modelling, soil-landscape modelling and scaling issues. Prior to the conference Dick Brus and Martin Knotters from Wageningen will be teaching a course on "Sampling for Survey and Monitoring of Natural Resources". The deadline for Abstracts is 30th April. For submission and more information, see www.pedometrics.org/2009/ (Source: IUSS Alert 48)

August 28-30, 2009

The 2nd International Conference on Environmental and Computer Science (ICECS 2009), Dubai, UAE.

Submission Deadline: **May 1, 2009**, Contact icecs@vip.163.com

August 30-September 2, 2009

Two conferences - 31st International Conference of CIGR Section IV "Rational Use of Energy in Agriculture and the Economical Use of the Renewable Sources in connection with Environmental Protection", and "Synergy and Technical development in the Agricultural Engineering", Organisers: CIGR Hungarian National Committee, the Hungarian Electrotechnical Association and the Mechanical Engineering Faculty of the Szent István University Venue: Gödöllő, Hungary
www.synergy2009.szie.hu

September 1-4, 2009

CIGR V Conference - Technology and Management to Increase Efficiency in Sustainable Agricultural Systems Organisers: CADIR, UNR and INTA, Venue: Rosario, Argentina. www.cigr2009argentina.org

September 1-5, 2009

International Soil Tillage and Ecology Conference

The Bulgarian Soil Tillage Organization (a branch of ISTRO) invites ISTRO members and their colleagues to participate in an international conference on September 1 to 5, 2009, at the "Orhided" hotel, in Albena.

For more information, please see www.tillage.hit.bg or contact the conference secretariats (Dr. M. Benkova, Dr. P. Yankov) at istrobg@mail.bg or istrobg@gmail.com.

September 3, 2009

03 CEST2009 - 11th International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology Chania Greece

September 3-4, 2009

2009 International Cotton Conference

The 10th International Cotton Conference will be held in Gdynia, Poland on September 3-4, 2009. Participants from all over the world are expected to take part in this important, bi-annual cotton event. With the theme "Natural Fibers - Their Attractiveness in Multidirectional Applications", the conference will coincide with the International Year of Natural Fibers.

Visit the conference website at <http://www.gca.org.pl/x.php/2,326/10th-International-Cotton-Conference.html> for more information

September 6-9, 2009

International Conference on Land and Water Degradation Processes and Management
(www.ufz.de/index.php?en=16521), www.ufz.de/comland2009 **MAGDEBURG, GERMANY**

Dates: September 6-9, 2009

Organizer: Dr. Gregor Ollesch, gregor.ollesch@ufz.de, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, Dept. of Soil Physics, Magdeburg, Germany

Description:

There is an urgent need to improve our practical and theoretical understanding of land and water degradation processes; in particular the physical, chemical and biological deterioration of soils and water bodies in various regions of the world. This conference will bridge the gap between land and water and will bring together scientists from various disciplines with different methodological backgrounds.

- Topics:
 - nutrient dynamics in the land-sediment-water system
 - function of buffer strips and floodplains for catchment health
 - physical, chemical and biological processes of soil degradation
 - methodological approaches to estimate and regionalise nonpointsource pollution
 - spatial heterogeneity, variation and prediction of land degradation
 - methods to review outcomes of mitigation strategies and catchment management
 - regional studies of land and water degradation, especially in industrialised and urbanised areas, cold climates and Mediterranean regions

Cooperating Organizations: International: COMLAND

Regional/Local: Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research

September 8-10, 2009

2nd World Seed Conference 2009

The 2nd World Seed Conference, with the theme "Responding to the Challenges of the Changing World: The Role of New Plant Varieties and High Quality Seed in Agriculture", will be held on September 8-10, 2009 at the

FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy. The event is organized by the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV).
<http://worldseedconference.org/en/worldseedconference/home.html>

September 13-16, 2009

Agricultural Technologies in a Changing Climate - the 2009 CIGR International Symposium of the Australian Society for Engineering in Agriculture. Venue: Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, www.seag2009.com/

September 13-16, 2009

14th European Congress on Biotechnology

The 14th European Congress on Biotechnology will be held in Barcelona, Spain from 13 to 16 September 2009. This is a biotech event at a pan-European level run by and for Europe's biotechnology community. The congress brings together the world's best biotechnologists to discuss cutting-edge science with CEOs, executives, entrepreneurs, policy-makers and regulators from all disciplines of biotechnology. The overall theme of the 14th European Congress on Biotechnology will be SYMBIOSIS, Science, Industry & Society. The focus will be on bringing the benefits of biotechnology to society. The European Congress on Biotechnology is Europe's biotech meeting point, the place for cross-disciplinary exchange, research - industry collaborations, and a strong scientific programme. Please see the website at: <http://www.ecb14.eu> and the press release at: <http://www.belgobiotech.be/Events.cfm?EventID=379> for more information.

September 14-18, 2009

19th International Symposium on Environmental Biogeochemistry, Hamburg, Germany

[ISEB2009SecondCircular.pdf \(241KB\)](#)

The topic of this conference is 'Environmental Changes and Sustainability of Biogeochemical Cycling'.

Attached please find the second circular. The deadline for abstract submission is **April 30, 2009**.

Hamburg is a nice and active town and people enjoy a stay both for the conference and for the town and its way of life, entertainments, cultural and scientific aspects. We are presently arranging a number of social events such as receptions, evening program options and the conference dinner and also the Wednesday excursion where you can decide between (i) urban-harbor issues related to biogeochemistry, (ii) greenhouse gases studies and capturing technologies and (iii) human activity along the North Sea from the 17 to 21 century.

Contact: Oliver Dilly at oliver.dilly@zmaw.de; www.klimacampus.de

September 15-17, 2009

Global Crop Protection Summit

The Global Crop Summit will be held on September 15-17, 2009 at The George Hotel Edinburgh, United Kingdom. Current Issues affecting the industry such as regulatory challenges, economic recession, food safety, pesticide resistance, and biological invasion will be discussed. Please visit www.cropprotectionsummit.com/

September 16, 2009 (one day)

WORLD RESOURCES FORUM

The first World Resources Forum will be held in Davos, Switzerland, 16 September 2009. Theme: From the Natural Sciences to Economics. See the [WRF Planning Poster](#). Contact: [Dr. Lorenz M. Hilty](mailto:Dr.Lorenz.M.Hilty).



September 16-18, 2009

***INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR JOHN B. THORNES** (<http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornesi/doku.php>) MURCIA, SPAIN [A LANDCON 0909 Meeting]

Important Dates:

Conference dates: September 16-18, 2009

Abstract submission deadline: 31 January 2009

Review and suggestions by the scientific committee for authors: 28 February 2009

Full text submission deadline: 31 April 2009

Full-text review by the Scientific Committee: 30 May 2009 September 16-18, 2009

Organizers: Prof. Francisco López Bermúdez. Universidad de Murcia (España); Prof. Asunción Romero Díaz. (arodi@um.es) Universidad de Murcia (España); Dr. Francisco Alonso Sarria. Universidad de Murcia (España); Dr. Francisco Belmonte Serrato. Universidad de Murcia (España); D. Ramón García Marín. Universidad de Murcia (España)

Description: The Area of Physical Geography at Murcia University and the Geomorphology Spanish Society invite you to participate in a special meeting entitled International Conference on Desertification in memory of Professor John B. Thornes. Professor Thornes (1940-2008), professor of Physical Geography and head of the Geography Department at King's College, University of London, was an exceptional researcher and Physical Geographer. He had a very special relationship with Spain throughout his life. In 1967 he developed his Doctoral Thesis in the Upper Duero, and since then carried out numerous research projects, especially in the Mediterranean area. Several institutions and universities from different countries have distinguished him with honours, including scientific societies, universities and research centres in Spain. In 1998 the Geomorphology Spanish Society named him "Honor member" and in 2006 the University of Murcia also named him "Doctor Honoris Causa".

With this conference we offer a very deserved tribute to this scholar of enormous human qualities, as a serious, rigorous and innovative researcher, which is reflected in numerous publications and in the memories of those that met and worked with Prof. Thornes. We invite all persons, whether you directly worked Prof. Thornes or were influenced by his scholarship, to participate in this tribute. Papers and poster submissions are welcome within the following topics. Please see the [conference web site](#), or contact Prof. Asunción Romero Díaz (arodi@um.es) for queries and abstract submission.

- Topics:
 - Physical Geography Modelling
 - Soil erosion and desertification
 - Fluvial morphology
 - Relations water - land – vegetation
 - Impact of livestock and agriculture in terrestrial ecosystems.

Cooperating Organizations: International/National: Spanish Geomorphological Society; COMLAND
Regional/Local: Dept. of Physical Geography - Murcia University, Spain

The registration form must be filled out and sent by email to arodi@um.es

It is recommended that scientists who plan to attend should send the registration form as soon as possible. [Download registration form](#). The registration payment must be made through a cash payment or transfer to the bank account No. 00496670492916006326 of the Bank of Santander. The receipt of the transfer or deposit should be sent by mail or fax.

CATEGORY	Registration fees	Registration fees
	(before June 30 2009)	(after June 30 2009)
General	100 €	110 €
Member of SEG	75 €	85 €
Students (with justification)	50 €	60 €
Closing dinner (optional)	30 €	30 €

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

September 20-25, 2009

Soils of Urban, Industrial, Traffic, Mining, and Military Areas conference

The SUITMA 5 organizing group here in New York City has updated the SUITMA website (<http://www.nycswcd.net/suitma-2009/>) with the following details:

The direct link to the new registration website is:

<https://quest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Register/IdentityConfirmation.aspx?e=023d3bf1-20b8-4da8-925c-5a17d8e0e101>

-Preliminary Agenda (<http://www.nycswcd.net/suitma-2009/agenda.html>)

-Registration Prices (Registration Website still under development)

(<http://www.nycswcd.net/suitma-2009/travel.html>)

-Contracted Hotel Prices, Details, and Booking information

(<http://www.nycswcd.net/suitma-2009/travel.html>)

Please also note, the abstract website is still open for submission here:

<http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?4W,M3,657340b8-3aef-4acc-afc9-859103fd7367>

More abstract information, from our SUITMA homepage, at:

<http://www.nycswcd.net/suitma-2009/abstract.html>. We plan to extend the deadline for abstract submission through the end of May.

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September 21-25, 2009

2nd ECHO Asia Agricultural Conference, Empress Hotel, Chiang Mai, Thailand

The ECHO Asia Agricultural Conference is geared towards enabling persons who serve Asia's poor to network solutions related to alleviating hunger and poverty. The conference offers three mornings of plenary sessions featuring knowledgeable and experienced speakers (including Dr. Norman Uphoff, researcher and advocate of SRI rice production worldwide; Salinee Tavarana, director of the Border Green Energy Team that provides hands-on appropriate technology training and financial support to village innovators in ethnic minority areas on both sides of the Thai/Burma border; and Jon Jandai and Peggy Reents, founders of Pun Pun, organic farm, seed-saving operation and sustainable living and learning center known especially for its promotion of earthen houses). The conference will also include dozens of afternoon and evening workshops and discussion groups led by regional agricultural development workers and experts. Several members of the ECHO team based in Ft. Myers, Florida, will be at the conference, including Stan Doerr (President/CEO of ECHO), Beth Doerr (Intern Manager/Agricultural Consultant who brings expertise related to the Moringa tree and Appropriate Technologies, and Dr. Tim Motis (Director of ECHO's Agricultural Resources Department and Seed Bank Director). Conference sessions run from September 22 to 24. September 25 includes post-conference tours to notable venues in northern Thailand. For more information (including conference fees) and to register online, see the ECHO Events webpage (www.echoevents.echotech.org) or contact echoasia@echonet.org. Registration deadline is August 1, 2009.

September 22-25, 2009

ABIC 2009: Agricultural Biotechnology for Better Living and a Clean Environment will be held September 22-25, 2009 at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, Bangkok, Thailand. Visit <http://www.abic.ca/abic2009> for additional information.

September 22-25, 2009

Brazilian Biosafety Congress

Registration is now open for the VI Brazilian Biosafety Congress and International Symposium on Biosecurity and Dual Use Research to be held in Rio de Janeiro on September 22-25, 2009. Fifty percent discounts are available till 30th March 2009. The submission of abstracts has been extended until May 30. Reservation for exhibit stands are also being accepted. More information is available at <http://www.anbio.org.br> or e-mail secretaria@anbio.org.br.

September 27-October 2, 2009 [WORLD POPULATION](#) The International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) announces the XXVI International Population Conference, 27 September - 2 October 2009, Marrakech, Morocco. For the CFP and paper submissions visit the [marrakech2009](#).

September 28-? 2009

African Crop Science Society Conference

The 9th African Crop Science Society Conference is scheduled to be held on 28 September 2009 at Cape Town, South Africa. The theme of the conference will be "Science and Technology Supporting Food Security in Africa". Aspects such as agronomy, horticulture, crop improvement and physiology, post harvest handling and food sciences and rural socio-economics and agricultural extension will be covered.

Visit conference website at <http://www.acss2009.up.ac.za/> for more information or contact G.D. Joubert at joub@absamail.co.za

September 28-October 1, 2009

9th African Crop Science Society Conference: Science and Technology supporting food security in Africa, Cape Town, South Africa. **Contact:** Dr G D Joubert e: joub@absamail.co.za | [More...](#)

October 7-9, 2009. IGU Commissions on Land Use and Cover Change and Biogeography and Biodiversity, are jointly organizing an International Seminar at Bilaspur (Chattisgarh state of Central India) during October 7-9, 2009. Contact R.B. Singh at rbsgeo1@yahoo.com

October 7-11, 2009

15th International Symposium on Environmental Pollution and its Impact on Life in the Mediterranean Region: Environmental Threats in the Mediterranean Region: Problems and Solutions, Bari, Italy

Organized by **MESAEP** Mediterranean Scientific Association of Environmental Protection

European Commission - Joint Research Centre International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) (requested)
European Confederation of Soil Science Societies (ECSSS) Società Italiana della Scienza del Suolo (SISS) (requested)
Balkan Environmental Association University of Bari, Italy (requested), University of Ioannina, Greece, Akdeniz University
Turkey, Politecnico di Torino, Italy Helmholtz Zentrum München, Germany, General State Chemical Laboratory, Cyprus
Regione Puglia (requested), Provincia di Bari (requested), Comune di Bari (requested) Italian Ministry of the Environment
(requested) Istituto Agronomico Mediterraneo (IAM)-Bari (requested) Agenzia Regionale per l'Ambiente (ARPA) Puglia
(requested) SELECTO srl, Bari

MESAEP Members	Non members	Students	Accompanying persons
Before June 30, 2009	350	450	180
After June 30, 2009 or on-site	400	500	220

The registration fee includes the final program, the book of abstracts, access to the hospitality desk, coffee and refreshments during the symposium, the welcome reception, social and cultural events (excursion fee not included) and Certificate of participation (on request). Accompanying guests will be entitled to all the above receptions and activities.

The Gala dinner will cost 60 € and the excursion will cost 60 € for each participating person.

Please use the recommended on-line registration on the homepage of MESAEP:

<http://www.mesaep.org/mesaep/symposium-2009-bari-italy/registration-form/>

March 31, 2009 Registration on-line and e-mail Submission of Abstracts **May 31, 2009** Notice to Authors on the acceptance and form of presentation

June 30, 2009 Payment of early registration fee

October 7-11, 2009 Symposium, on-site registration and Submission of Full paper

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• Fresenius Environmental Bulletin: <http://www.psp-parlar.de>

October 11-15, 2010

**World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)
International Conference on Combating Land Degradation
in Agricultural Areas (LANDCON 1010)
(The 1st Announcement)**

I INVITATION

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

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

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

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

II THEMES

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

III ORGANIZATION

1 Sponsors

World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)
Soil and Water Conservation Society of China (CSWCS)

2 Organizers

Bureau of science and technology for resources and environment, CAS
Soil and Water Conservation Department, MWR
Northwest A&F University (NWAUFU)
Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, CAS & MWR
State Key Laboratory of Soil Erosion and Dryland Farming on the Loess Plateau
Beijing Normal University
Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences of Guangzhou
Major State Basic Research Development Program: Soil Erosion Processes and Their Adjusting and Controlling Mechanisms in the Main Soil Erosion Regions of China
National Key Technology R&D Program in the 11th Five year Plan of China: Key Technology of Integrated Measures of Soil And Water Conservation in the Loess Plateau
EU FP6 Integrated Project: Desertification Mitigation and Remediation of Land - a global approach for local solutions(DESIRE)

3 Host

Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, CAS & MWR

IV VENUE AND DATE

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

V SECRETARIAT

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Participant Feedback of LANDCON 1010
(Please feedback before September 30, 2009)

World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)
International Conference on Combating Land Degradation
in Agricultural Areas (LANDCON 1010)

Participant Feedback

Name	<i>(Given name, middle name and Surname)</i>
	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Title and position	
Work unit	<i>(Name of Organization or Institute) (abbreviation)</i>
Research field (3 maximum)	
Address (Post code)	
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Please email or fax (Note landcon1010, please) to Secretariat of LANDCON 1010
(wafe@ms.iswc.ac.cn, landcon1010@gmail.com) before September 30, 2009.

October 12-14, 2009

Plant Biotechnology Conference in Africa

With the theme, *Agriculture: Africa's "Engine for Growth" - Plant Science and Biotechnology Hold the Key*, an international conference on Plant Biotechnology in Africa is scheduled to take place at Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, Herts, UK on 12-14 October 2009. The conference is organized by the Association of Applied Biologists. The conference will bring together scientists from Africa, Europe and the USA to examine how new advances in plant science research and developing technologies can be used to benefit African agriculture. Recent advances in plant science research and current views on innovations required for the development of agriculture in Africa, as well as papers by invited speakers, will be presented at the conference. Visit www.aab.org.uk/contentok.php?id=83&basket=wwsshowconfdets.

October 13-16, 2009

Irish Landscape Conference, Tullamore County, Offaly, Ireland

This conference will evaluate progress on the actions that emerged during the 1999 'Toward Policies and Priorities for the Irish Landscape' conference. The landscape framework considers cultural and natural landscape in an integrated manner using a multidisciplinary approach. The purpose of the meeting is to identify the most appropriate mechanism to secure benefits for communities in Ireland and their landscapes. A range of international, European, national, regional, and local speakers are being lined up to participate in the conference. If you are interested in attending please contact Anne Barcoe at abarcoe@heritagecouncil.ie. A final program will be circulated in the spring of 2009.

October 13-16, 2009

Biodiversity and Society: understanding connections, adapting to change, Cape Town, South Africa

www.diversitas-osc.org

October 14-16, 2009

2009 Borlaug Dialogue on Food, Agriculture, and National Security in a Globalized World, Des Moines, Iowa, USA

The 2009 Borlaug Dialogue symposium will ask experts and decision-makers from around the world how their fields – in policy, industry, science and academia, and development – can ensure adequate access to food and nutrition for, and thus

contribute to the security of, all people. To address that question, several hundred participants representing more than 65 countries – including leading policymakers and diplomats, CEOs and senior private-sector executives, and experts from academia, research, and the development community – will engage in a range of conversations addressing food and agriculture in the context of national and international security, poverty, hunger, and food security in global crisis area, as well as the need to harmonizing organic and sustainable agricultural practices with modern technology and genetics.

For more information see: <http://www.worldfoodprize.org/symposium/2009.htm>

October 19-21, 2009

2009 CABI Global Summit: The CABI (Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International) Global Summit will be held in London, United Kingdom from 19-21 October, 2009. The summit will bring together environment and agriculture ministers and other senior government officials from around the world. Also attending will be donors and representatives from international development and corporate organizations to consider policies, practices and technologies that can help improve food security in a climate of change. For more information, visit

https://www.cabiglobalsummit.com/delegate_landing.aspx

October 19-22, 2009

22nd Asian Pacific Weed Science Conference: Judicious Weed Management - Road To Sustainability, Lahore, Pakistan. **Organiser:** the Asian-Pacific Weed Science Society & G. C. University **Contact:** Prof. Dr. Gul Hassan, t: 92-91-9218206 | 9216542, e: secretarywssp@yahoo.com | [More...](#)

October 19-24, 2009

*Conference on “**Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity**”, **A LANDCON 0910 Meeting**, organized by the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), Port au Prince, Haiti. Contact Eric Roose roose@mpl.ird.fr, <http://www.chercheurs.auf.org>, <http://www.mpl.ird/SeqBio>

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This meeting is endorsed by WASWC and will strictly follow the Guidelines for Successful Meetings
<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>
Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity
Proposal of conference to be organized by the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) in Haiti
from 19 to 24 October 2009

Erosión, GCES y restauración de la productividad de las tierras en medios tropicales
Proyecto de coloquio AUF en Haití del 19 al 24 de octubre 2009
Versión 3 del 23/2/2009

See details in WASWC HOT NEWS for April 2009

October 24-25, 2009

4th international conference on **PROTECTION OF STRUCTURES AGAINST HAZARDS**
24-25- October 2009, Beijing, China. Contact Er John S Y Tan, CI-PREMIER PTE LTD, 150 Orchard Road #07-14, Orchard Plaza, Singapore 238841, Tel: (065) 6733-2922 Fax: (065) 6235-3530 E-Mail: cipremie@singnet.com.sg

October 26-29, 2009

[AFRICA GIS](#) International Conference AfricaGIS2009, 26– 29 October 2009, Kampala, Uganda. Conference theme: "Geo-Spatial Information and Sustainable Development in Africa: Facing Challenges of Global Change." For further information please visit the [AFRICAGIS2009 conference website](#). For general inquiries contact [AfricaGIS 2009](#).

October 27-30, 2009

9th Conference of the East and Southeast Asian Federation of Soil Science, 27-30 October 2009, Seoul, S Korea .

The main theme of this international meeting is Soils as a Convergent Technology in Tandem with Human and Ecosystem Health-Enhancement of Soil Performances for Well-being. The 9th ESASFS will be comprised of plenary and invited lectures, symposia and technical sessions including poster presentation. The official language in the conference is English. Symposia include: Soil engineering and technology for human and ecosystem health, Plant nutrition and human welfare, Asia-centric soil informatics, Paddy soils: Better performances for human and ecosystem health. Field Tours include: Designated Districts for Environmentally Sound Agriculture where participants can experience soil survey, research facilities, farming system, temple, ceramic arts, museums etc. Contact persons are Dr. Chung, Doug Young (Chair of Organizing Committee) dychung@cnu.ac.kr and Dr. Yang, Jae E. (Secretary General) yangjay@kangwon.ac.kr (Source: IUSS Alert 47).

November 2, 2009

[Sustainable Infrastructure and Built Environment in Developing Countries \(SIBE 2009\)](#) Bandung Indonesia

November 3-5, 2009

TWAS Regional Young Scientists' Conference

Food, Health and Fuel: Plants for the Future is the theme for the Third World Academy Sciences (TWAS) Regional Young Scientists' Conference in Kuala Lumpur on November 3-5, 2009. TWAS, University Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) and Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) are jointly organizing the conference to highlight the progress achieved in the understanding and improved production of biomass for food, medicine and biofuel needs while maintaining environmental and agriculture sustainability. The meeting will bring together leading experts and young scientists who will deliberate on how to realize regional cooperation towards achieving these goals. For more information, visit <http://www.frim.gov.my/twas/main.html>

November 5-7, 2009

IPI-OUAT-IPNI International symposium on potassium role and benefits in improving nutrient management for food production, quality and reduced environmental damage, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India, November 5-7, 2009. Contact Dr. D. Jena, Organizing Secretary, Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar - 751003, Orissa, India. www.ipipotash.org; www.ipni.net. www.ouat.ac.in

Those who are interested in receiving Second Circular may please write to the Organizing Secretary dinabandhu_jena@yahoo.com

November 6-7, 2009

AgEng2009 67th International Conference on Agricultural Engineering LAND. TECHNIK / AgEng2009 Agricultural Engineering - Innovations to meet Future Challenges 6-7 November 2009, Hanover, Germany

The 67th International Conference on Agricultural Engineering, LAND. TECHNIK – AgEng2009 will be held in Hanover (Germany) on 6-7 November, as the prelude event to AGRITECHNICA, the most important agricultural engineering fair worldwide. Under the theme “Innovations to meet future challenges” the conference will emphasize the responsibility of agricultural technology to deal with future demands in satisfying basic needs, especially the sufficient production of food and energy. The conference is organized in cooperation with the Max Eyth Society for Agricultural Engineering of the VDI (VDI-MEG) and the European Society of Agricultural Engineers (EurAgEng).

The programme committee invites you to submit a paper via internet at www.vdi.de/landtechnik-ageng by 9 March 2009. The topics include all important working fields of agricultural engineering such as tractors, power train, electric drives and mobile hydraulics, electronic components, software engineering and data handling, automation technology, locating, tracking and navigation, soil protection, tillage and sowing, harvesting technology, crop protection and fertilizing, energy from biomass, industrial product development and market service. Agricultural engineers should not miss the chance to present their results from research and product development, within the technical innovation background of AGRITECHNICA. Registration and call for papers at www.vdi.de/landtechnik-ageng or VDI Wissensforum Kundenzentrum, Postfach 10 11 39, 40002 Duesseldorf (Germany), email: wissensforum@vdi.de, Tel: +49 (0) 211 62 14-201, Fax: -1 54.



November 9-11, 2009

12th Inter Regional Enviro WaterConference, Organisers: ANAFIDE, CIGR & 2IE. Venue: Marrakech, Morocco www.anafid.org, www.cigr.org

November 9-11, 2009

BCP Congress in Glasgow The British Crop Production Council (BCPC) will hold an international crop production and protection congress and exhibition on November 9-11, 2009 in Glasgow, United Kingdom. BCPC will partner with United Business Media for what is regarded "as the world's largest gathering of crop science and technology business professionals." To obtain details of the event, including how to register, visit www.bcpcongress.com

November 9-12, 2009

2009 International Conference on Horticulture

For more information, visit <http://www.pnasf.org/ich2009.htm>

November 2009 - Postponed to mid- November 2010

16th ISCO Conference, Santiago, Chile. **Contact:** Claudio Perez Castillo (cperez@inia.cl) and German Ruiz Cardenas (german.ruiz@sag.gob.cl)

November 10, 2009

[First Conference on the Integrated Water Resources Management](#) Batna Algeria

November 10-12, 2009

Melbourne Conference on GM

The Fourth International Conference on Coexistence between Genetically Modified (GM) and non-GM based Agricultural Supply Chains will be held in Melbourne, Australia on November 10 to 12, 2009. The conference will discuss issues from production level to the market place and will address measures that are being planned for new GM crops including wheat, rice, sugar cane and pastures.

More information can be found at <http://www.gmcc-09.com>

November 12-14, 2009

The 2009 International Conference in Morocco

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Call for Proposals

The 2009 International Conference on:

"The Integration of Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in the Context of Climate Change, the Energy Crisis and Food Insecurity"

November 12-14, 2009 Agadir (Morocco)

The Conference is organized jointly by the Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences of Agadir and the North-South Center for Social Sciences (NRCS), in partnership with the High School of Technology of Agadir, Ibn Zohr University of Agadir (Morocco)

Or contact Rachid Mrabet at rachidmrabet@yahoo.co.uk

November 18-20, 2009

Conference on **Role of Botanic Gardens in the Conservation of Plant Biological Diversity**, Cienfuegos, Cuba. **Contact:** Dr Lázaro J. Ojeda Quintana, t: (53) (43) 545339 | 545326, f: (53) (43) 545326, e: lazaro@jbc.perla.inf.cu

November 19-21, 2009

National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI) – Annual Indian Geography Congress will be held at the Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh State of Central India) during November 19-21, 2009. Contact R.B. Singh at rbsgeol@yahoo.com

November 20-22, 2009

13th International conference entitled, 'Environmental Exposures in the Era of Climate Change'

Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health (PBC) is currently accepting abstracts on a variety of topics in the area of environmental health for its 13th International conference entitled, 'Environmental Exposures in the Era of Climate Change', to be held 20-22 November, 2009 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre in Perth, Australia. **The deadline for abstract submission is the 30th of April, 2009.** For more details on abstract submission and the conference in general,

please visit our website <http://pacificbasin.org/2009Callforabstracts.html> or contact us to receive a call for abstracts electronically.

Among others, there are sessions on **Mercury & Cadmium, E-wastes, Bioremediation/ Hazardous wastes remediation.**

Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health (PBC) <http://pacificbasin.org>

Contact: Mahmood A. Khwaja khwaja@sdpi.org

November 22-28, 2009

5th

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International Conference of ASSS

28 November 2009, Yaoundé – Cameroon

Theme:

Soils and New Challenges for Sustainable Development in Africa

For information: Visit ASSS Website: www.asssland.org or www.asssonline.org

November 28-30, 2009

Global March and International Conference on Environment, Poverty and Peace

Date: 28th to 30th November, 2009. Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia savetheearthinternational@gmail.com

Save the Earth International, in association and collaboration with other National, Regional and International Organisations, Donor Agencies and UN Bodies are proud to present the **GLOBAL MARCH AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON Environment, POVERTY AND PEACE**, scheduled from the 28th – 30th November 2009.

As development workers, activists and catalysts, we are aware about the three burning issues i.e. Environment, Poverty and Peace. There are many international initiatives, either implementing or executing the program in this field, but, sad to say, the results are not up to expectations. Several international organisations are working to address these issues but integration and the close coordination among them are not up to an acceptable level to be effective.

We need to know that the environment, poverty and peace are correlative factors and it influence each other. If the environment is not safe, then there will be no existence of living beings. The environment will never be saved if there is poverty and violence on it. Poverty creates pressure on natural resources because of over harvesting. On the other hand war, terrorism, violence and unsustainable practices destroy the environment.

Analysts say that peace is totally impossible where there is poverty, sustainable development is an imagination where there is violence, environment is not safe in the existence of poverty and war.

Social scientists found a deep rooted interlinked in Environment, Poverty and Peace and suggest addressing these three issues together rather than addressing them individually. They also apprehend that if these three issues are not taken together as the main challenge of the century, then the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD) of the United Nations may not be achieved.

Keeping all of those in mind, **Save the Earth International**, have taken the initiative to spearhead the Global March and International Conference on the three timed demand burning issues ie. the Environment, Poverty and Peace.

We cordially invite you to participate in the event and would expect your invaluable contribution to this century's human challenges..... the Environment, Poverty and Peace.

Dr. M.A. Hakim PhD, Convener mahakim63@yahoo.com

December 1-5, 2009

[4th global summit on medicinal and aromatic plants](#), 1-5 December 2009

Location: Sarawak, Malaysia

December 8-10, 2009

16th Annual ECHO Agriculture Conference (EAC)

Fort Myers, Florida December 8 to 10, 2009

Plans are underway for ECHO's 2009 Agriculture conference, to be held December 8-10, 2009 at ECHO and the Crowne Plaza Hotel of Fort Myers. This will be the second year that our conference is held in early December rather than November. ECHO Agriculture Conferences provide opportunities for networking and enrichment for professionals working internationally with agriculture or related fields. The conference regularly attracts over 200 delegates representing more than 30 countries.

Morning plenary sessions focus on practical ideas that have proven successful in communities around the world.

Afternoon workshop sessions give a chance for hands-on demonstrations and small group interactions about topics of interest to particular groups.

Evening sessions are brief reports on a particular technique, plant, project, or approach.

The ECHO Agriculture Conference is a networking conference, which means that the delegates are the most important resources. We have opportunities for short evening presentations (in one of three concurrent sessions at the hotel) and practical, hands-on 60-minute afternoon workshops on our Global Farm. At past conferences, delegates have shared about a project that has worked well; a "good idea" and why it failed or succeeded; a promising plant; etc.

The conference registration form is available online (www.echoevents.org) or by request (phone: 239-543-3246; email: echo@echonet.org).

December 16-20, 2009

[The Tunisian association of the digital geographic information](#) has honor to invite you for participation in the manifestation of the international congress GEOTUNIS in its fourth session on December 16/20/2009 in Tunisia.

“Survey of the hydraulic resources and of desertification by using the geographic information systems, remote detection and numeric designing “

Serval of experts, specialists, researchers, companies and instition concerned with geographic information systems and remote detection will participate in the manifestations congress.

- [For more information you can visit our web site](#)

- [For the major scientific themes of the congress](#)

- [To participate in the geo tehnology exhibition you can visit the following link](#)

In you participation support for scientific cooperation and enrich the experimental researches in the application of information systems on hydraulic resources and desertification.

We invite you and see you soon.

تتشرف الجمعية التونسية للاعلام الجغرافي الرقمي بدعوتكم للمشاركة في فعاليات المؤتمر الدولي جيو تونس 2009 في دورته الرابعة:

«دراسة الموارد المائية و التصحر باستخدام نظم المعلومات الجغرافية و الاستشعار عن بعد و النمذجة الرقمية «

ايام 16-20 ديسمبر 2009 بتونس العاصمة

سيشارك في فعاليات المؤتمر منات الخبراء و المختصين و الباحثين و الشركات و المؤسسات المعنية بنظم المعلومات الجغرافية و الاستشعار عن بعد و العلوم ذات العلاقة و لمزيد الاطلاع يمكنكم زيارة موقعنا على العنوان التالي:

[للتسجيل يمكنكم الدخول على الرابط التالي](#)

[للاطلاع على المحاور العلمية الكبرى للمؤتمر يمكنكم الدخول على هذا الرابط](#)

[للمشاركة في المعرض الجيو تكنولوجي يمكنكم زيارة الرابط التالي](#)

في مشاركتكم دعما لاواصر التعاون العلمي و اثراء للتجارب البحثية في ميدان تطبيقات نظم المعلومات الجغرافية و الاستشعار عن بعد و العلوم ذات العلاقة.

نجدد لكم الدعوة و الى لقاء قريب

a l'honneur de vous inviter à la [Géographique Numérique Association Tunisienne de l'InformationL'](#)

quatrième session : participation aux événements du symposium international GeoTunis 2009 à la

« **Apport des Technologies Géomatiques dans l'étude des ressources en eau et le suivi du phénomène de la désertification** »

Du 16 au 20 décembre 2009 à Tunis.

Tous les spécialistes, les chercheurs, les sociétés et les institutions qui en relation avec le système de l'information géographique et la télédétection et tous les sciences en relation vont participer et :

[Pour plus de détails, vous pouvez visiter le site sur : www.geotunis.org](http://www.geotunis.org)

[Pour les grands thèmes scientifiques du symposium, vous pouvez accéder à ce lien.](#)

[Pour participer à l'exposition géo technologique, vous pouvez visiter ce lien](#)

Dans votre participation, il y a un soutien et enrichissement à la recherche scientifique dans le domaine des applications des systèmes d'information sur les ressources hydraulique et la désertification.

رئيس الجمعية

Président de l'Association : Mohamed Ayari

محمد العياري

December 17-19, 2009

International conference on Food Security and Environmental Sustainability - FSES 2009 at our IIT Kharagpur Campus, Kharagpur, India. Contact Bhabani Das fses2009@gmail.com

Meeting Events, from F. X. Browne, Inc. Newsletter May 2009

[Managing Wet Weather with Green Infrastructure Webcasts](#)

[May 4, 2009 – Environmental Issues Forum featuring a discussion on Pennsylvania's Heritage Areas \(Harrisburg, PA\)](#)

[May 5-8, 2009 – International In Situ and On-Site Bioremediation Symposium \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

[May 6, 2009 – Introduction to the Marcellus Shale](#)

[May 8 through 17, 2009 - Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Spring Native Plant Sale](#)

[May 13-15, 2009 – The Fourth International Conference on Sustainable Development and Planning](#)

[May 29-June 1, 2009 – 10th National River Rally \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

[June 13-14, 2009 - Northeast PA Energy Solutions Expo](#)

[June 19-20, 2009 - Geologic Field Conference - PCPG](#)



Soil Solutions Plus (Solution for solving saline soil problems)

Soil Solutions Plus is a natural biological based product that solves saline and alkaline soil problems through plants' natural physiology – utilizing natural anti-salting processes of root secretions. *It is a patented technology product, developed using the latest biochemistry synthesis technology.*

In operation, **Soil Solutions Plus** complexes an organic molecule with the salt ions, so producing larger molecules that are no longer harmful salts. At the same time iron (Fe), manganese (Mg) and phosphorus (P) are added to the soil. The applied irrigation waters then flush the larger molecules deeper in the soil – away from the root zone. Readily applied, **Soil Solutions Plus** rapidly achieves: *improved soil micro environment, good soil moisture, less hard soil, improved fertilizer efficiencies, root penetration, water infiltration and aeration, improved and greater numbers of seed germination, healthy plant growth and increased yields.*

For more information and samples for your trial please contact: Contact Derren Ng ngderren@yahoo.com.sg
Address: Agro Solutions Pte. Ltd., 113 Eunos Avenue 3 #07-15 Gordon Industrial Building, Singapore 409838
www.agrosolutions.net

MEETINGS 2010++

January 11-14, 2010

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

February 7-10, 2010

4th International Conference on Plants & Environmental Pollution (ICPEP-4), Lucknow, India, February 7-10, 2010. Contact: The Organizing Secretaries (ICPEP-4), International Society of Environmental Botanists, National Botanical Research – From Yash Kalra ykalra@nrcan.gc.ca

February 8-11, 2010

SMRLO'10

**The International Symposium on
STOCHASTIC MODELS in RELIABILITY
ENGINEERING, LIFE SCIENCES and
OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT
February 8-11, 2010, Beer Sheva, Israel**

The SMRLO'10 will serve as a forum for discussing different issues of Stochastic Models and Methods in Reliability Engineering, Life Sciences and Operations Research and their applications. The idea of symposium is to assemble researchers and practitioners from universities, institutions, industries, businesses and government, working in these fields. Theoretical issues and applied case-studies, presented on the symposium, will range from academic considerations to operational applications. There will be invited talks, plenary sessions, parallel sessions, posters and exhibitions. The talks will be selected by the program committee and will be included in the symposium proceedings. Selected papers after review and revision will be published in special issues of international journals.

CONFERENCE COUNCIL

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Prof. Alan Hutson, State University of New York at Buffalo, USA

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE English

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Email: SMRLO10@sce.ac.il Site: <http://info.sce.ac.il/i/smrlo10>

February 14-18, 2010

EC10-IECA's Annual Conference for 2010, Dallas, Texas, USA. **Call for Presentations due May 15, 2009**

www.ieca.org

EC10 Call for Presentations

Are you working on something new or cutting-edge? Does your work deserve to be part of the **world's largest soil and water event**? Then submit for EC10!

At EC10, we are inviting attendees to "*Discover New Frontiers*" and are calling on our presenters to bring the latest, freshest content from the field to the classroom. Here are just a few of the suggested topics for submittals:

- TMDL's & ELG's (public input, model opportunities, implementation)
- MS4's minimum control measures for Phase 2
- Green infrastructure

The deadline for abstracts is **May 15, 2009** and complete submission details are available at [IECA's website](http://www.ieca.org). If you've submitted before here are a couple of new details:

- Submittals that do not meet the May 15, 2009 deadline will be considered for *Environmental Connection 2011*.
- Full-day courses will be considered throughout the year, but only courses submitted by May 15, 2009 will be considered for the EC10 program.

If you are considering submitting, here are some other important dates for your calendar:

- May 15th - Abstracts due
- June 30th - Initial notification of acceptance of abstract sent to authors with guidelines on writing their paper
- July 30th - Papers due
- August 31st - Notification of acceptance of papers sent to authors with presentation guidelines
- September 15th - Corrected papers due
- October 30th - Final presentations due
- February 14th-18th - EC10 in Dallas, TX, USA

Remember, IECA is looking for full-day, half-day and shorter technical presentations (1.5 hours). If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact IECA via [e-mail \(stephanie@ieca.org\)](mailto:stephanie@ieca.org) or at 800-455-4322 or 303-640-7554. IECA's Staff and Board of Directors

March 22-26, 2010

Africa Rice Congress 2010 With the theme "Innovation and partnerships to realize Africa's rice potential", the Africa Rice Congress is slated to be held at Bamako, Mali on 22-26 March 2010. The Congress will take stock of advances in rice science and technology aimed at enhancing rice productivity in farmers' fields, while protecting environmental services and coping with climate change. The Congress will also foster the discussion on institutional innovations and investments needed to boost rice production in sub-Saharan Africa.
www.africaricecenter.org/africaricecongress2010/index.html

April 20-25, 2010

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

April 26-30, 2010 *Interpraevent Conference [A LANDCON 1004 Meeting]

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

Call for Paper:

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

Taiwan High Speed Rail

- Model: THSR 700T
- Electrical power: 25kV AC, 60 Hz single-phase
- Cars: 12 car sections, 9 powered and 3 unpowered
- Capacity: 989 seats (standard car 923 seats, business car 66 seats)
- Maximum speed: 300 km/hour
- Maximum acceleration: 2 km/hour/second
- Customer service: 886-3-2612000
- Reservation: 4066-5678



Website: <http://www.thsrc.com.tw/en/index.htm>

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

May 24-26, 2010

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

Ardebil Province, Iran
24-26 May 2010

This conference is the first in the series of LANDCON on soil and roots engineering relationship. The aim of this meeting is to bring together scientific researchers, practitioners, geotechnical and civil engineers, biologists, ecologists, rangeland managers and foresters to discuss current problems in soil and root engineering relationship. Papers will be presented orally and posters on Mechanics of Roots, wind loading on roots system, slope instability,

soil erosion with water and wind, soil hydrology, mountain plants ecology, land use planning, Modeling root reinforcement, Failure criteria of roots, Root and soil interaction, catchments management, Ground bio-engineering, Eco-engineering and modeling of root reinforcement. www.landcon-ir.com/index.htm;
Landcon.ir@gmail.com

We hope that you will be able to join us at this meeting, to be held in mountain part of Ardebil Province, Iran. We look forward to seeing you in May 2010!

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Call for paper:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avalanches bio- engineering • Biological richness • Catchment's management with Plant • coastline protection with plants • Debris flow bio- engineering • Disaster management on soil debris • disturbance ecology • Effect of grazing on Vegetation diversity • Effect of human intervention on root-soil Interaction • Effect of silviculture on root-soil Interaction • Effect of wind throw on soil stress • Effects of wind loading on Roots • Evapotranspiration • Failure criteria of roots • Flow mitigation with plants • Forest Soil Environment • Forests and Water Interactions • High-altitude plant ecosystems • influence of climate change on vegetation • Landslides bio- engineering • Legislation for soil bio-engineering • Mechanics of Roots under wind loading • Modeling root reinforcement • Mountain biodiversity • plant establishment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant growth versus engineering • plant management • planting cuttings on embankments • Risk management with GIS • Riverbank protection with plants • Rockfall bio- engineering • Root anchorage • root and soil ecology • Root and soil interaction • root and soil interface • root architecture • root density • Root effect on soil cohesion • root growth • root morphology • Root reinforcement • Root strength • run-off protection with plants • short and long-term measures on soil debris • Slope degradation • Slope hydrology • Slope stability modeling • soil bio-engineering techniques • soil fixing techniques • Soil loss protection with plants root |
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- soil moisture relations and vegetation
- soil nailing
- soil protective techniques
- soil sealing with plant roots
- species selection for soil protection
- torrent control with plants

- unsaturated strength of soil
- Vegetation ecology
- Vegetation structural diversity
- wind erosion and conservation with plant

Conference Information

Deadlines:

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

Acceptance of abstract: Jan. 22, 2010.

Full paper submission: March 15, 2010. Email of Full paper sending will be confirmed after abstract acceptance.

Abstract Guidelines:

The [abstract guidelines](#) are in Word format.

Exhibits:

Display tables will be available for equipment developers, manufacturers, consultants, and other organizations to demonstrate their *soil and roots engineering* technologies and equipment. For more information on display space, please contact the conference coordinator.

Presentations

Presentations will be made in the form of oral or posters. Key-note lectures will be 25 minutes long and standard lectures will be 15 minutes long with 5 minutes for questions.

Posters will be on display throughout the conference days.

Language:

The official language for the conference is English.

Conference venue

To be confirmed

Conference abstracts

A book of abstracts will be available for each conference participant. Please submit abstracts (1 page maximum) before **Nov. 15, 2009**. Please also send the abstract submission form with your contribution and use the specified format for writing your abstract.

Please select "[Subject Areas](#)" of your abstract in your email, when you send it.

Conference proceedings

Proceedings will be published in a special edition of a Book.

Manuscripts to be submitted for publication in the proceedings will be send before **March 15, 2010**.

Arrival and information

For arriving to Ardebil city in Northwest Iran you can tow way selection:

- 1- If you take Turkish airline ticket (WWW.THY.com) can flight to Tabriz International Airport and pick up group of conference will lead you to arrive conference *venue* on may. 23. 2010 (before day of conference). Tabriz city to Ardebil city is about 200 Km. Taxis cost 50000 Rials (about 5\$) to the Ardebil city.
- 2- If you take another airline ticket can flight to Tehran International Airport (Imam Khomeini International Airport) about 40 Km to Tehran city and pick up group of conference will lead you arrive conference *venue* on May. 23. 2010 (before day of conference). Taxis cost 300000 Rials (about 30\$) to Tehran. Tehran city to Ardebil city is about 800 Km. Flights and buses link Tehran to Ardebil with respectively cost about 800000 Rials (80\$) and 80000 Rials (8\$).

Please announce of your flight to conference coordinator for pick up you with conference leaders in airports (Tabriz or Tehran).

REGISTRATION FEE:

Category	Before March 31, 2010		After March 31, 2010	
Registration	Iranian colleague	Foreign colleague	Iranian colleague	Foreign colleague

Professionals	2,000,000 Rials	250 EUR€	2,600,000 Rials	300 EUR€
Students	1,600,000 Rials	170 EUR€	1,900,000 Rials	220 EUR€
Equipment exhibit ““““““ (during poster session)	7,000,000 Rials /Display table	780 EUR€/Display table	9,500,000 Rials /Display table	930 EUR€/Display table
Banquet (5/26)	Free for registered	Free for registered	Free for registered	Free for registered
Post-conference tour (5/27)	500,000 Rials	60 EUR€	700,000 Rials	80 EUR€

*Registration fee will include: admission to all sessions, three lunches (5/24-26) and three dinners (5/23-25) during the conference, Banquet (5/26) and coffee during the break

Cancellation and Refund

If you cannot attend the conference after payment because of some especial reasons, please contact us for cancellation. A cancellation fee will be charged as follows:

Before March 31, 2010: Charge is **30%** for Professionals and **25%** for students (for total **registration fee**)

Between April 1 and April 30, 2010: Charge is **60%** for Professionals and **50%** for students (for total **registration fee**)

After April 30, 2010: No refund.

Accommodation

A list of hotels and an accommodation form will be displayed on the conference web site at a later date. Please choose a hotel and fill out the accommodation form. We will book the hotel for you.

Invitation letter:

An invitation letter will be provided upon request from any participant. Such invitation is intended to facilitate attendees to apply for a visa or arrange travel to Iran.

Liability & Insurance:

It is recommended that attendees and accompanying persons arrange for personal travel and health insurance. The organizers will assume no responsibility for injuries or damages to persons or property during the conference.

May 24-29, 2010



Missouri University of Science and Technology will host a Fifth International Conference on Recent Advances in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics in San Diego, CA, May 24-29, 2010. (Abstracts due April 2, 2009)

Prospective authors are asked to submit a one-page abstract by April 2, 2009. Instructions may be found on the conference website: <http://5geoeqconf2010.mst.edu/> .

If you have questions, please contact the following:

Technical questions: Prof. Shamsher Prakash, Conference Chair prakash@mst.edu

Registration or other questions: Lindsay Bagnall, Conference Secretary geoeqconf2010@mst.edu

NOTE: You may order Proceedings of Past Conferences (1984, 1988, 1991, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004 and 2008) also at the above [website](#) – you may also see the Table of Contents of each Conference Proceedings there.

May 25-27, 2010

2nd International Conference FRIAR 2010 on Flood Recovery, Innovation and Response, Organiser: University & Polytechnic of Milan, Wessex Institute of Technology and University of Wolverhampton, UK. Venue: Milan, Italy www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences

May 25-29, 2010

Fourth International Scientific Conference

BALWOIS 2010

Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia – 25-29 May 2010

Conference on Water Observation and Information System for decision Support

Scientific presentations, Forum exchange, Workshops, Exhibition, Social program...

Main topics :

- Climate and Hydrology
- Environment and Human Activities
- Water Related Risks
- Integrated Water Resources Management
- Ecohydrology
- Computing and Technology

Contact : secretariat@balwois.com
Conference Web site : www.balwois.com/2010
Project Web site : www.balwois.com

[First announcement /invitation](#)

Dead lines :

- Submission of Abstract : 15/11/2009
- Author Notification of Abstract Acceptance : 15/12/2009
- Submission of Full Paper : 15/02/2010
- Author Notification of Full Paper Acceptance : 15/03/2010

*supported by
Ministry of Environment of Republic of Macedonia,
French Ministry of Ecology, French Embassy in Macedonia,
and International Association of Hydrological Sciences*

May 26-28, 2010

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

June 8-10, 2010

Risks in Agriculture Conference, Estonia

The Estonian Branch of ISTRO and the Estonian Research Institute of Agriculture (www.eria.ee) in collaboration with the Scientific Creative Association "SCA Ecofiller" and non-profit Organization "Estonian Excellence Centre for Rural Development" are organizing a Risks in Agriculture: Environmental and Economic Consequences conference for June 8-10, 2010, in Tallinn, Estonia. For more information please contact Dr. Hab. Eng. At edvin.nugis@eria.ee

August 1-6, 2010

AN INVITATION TO THE 19TH WORLD CONGRESS OF SOIL SCIENCE <http://www.ccm.com.au/soil/>

On behalf of Officers of the International Union of Soil Science, we are delighted to extend our personal invitation to you to join us in Brisbane, Australia for the 19th World Congress of Soil Science to be held 1-6 August 2010 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

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

We are very proud to be associated with an outstanding group of professionals who have gathered to form the steering committee for the 19th World Congress, led jointly by Professor Steve Raine and Mr Mike Grundy.

Won't you join us and colleagues from throughout the world in what promises to be an outstanding gathering of the Soil Science community.

Roger Swift
President
International Union of Soil Sciences

Neal Menzies
Vice-President
International Union of Soil Sciences

It is our privilege and pleasure, on behalf of the Australian Society of Soil Science Inc., to introduce the 19th World Congress of Soil Science to be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 to 6 August 2010.

The Congress, held every four years, presents a global forum at which all those involved in Soil Science can meet with scientists, researchers, academics and professionals to discuss and find *Soil Solutions for a Changing World*.

While you are here we would encourage you and your family to take the time to experience the best of what Queensland has to offer. Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, is a modern, sophisticated city of more than 1.6 million people. Queenslanders enjoy a safe and friendly lifestyle and you will appreciate the reasons why our state is a great place to live, a great place to do business and a great place to visit.

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

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

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

September 6-8, 2010

AgEng2010 – International Conference on Agricultural Engineering "Towards Environmental Technologies", Venue: Clermont-Ferrand, France, Organiser: Cemagref, SitmaAFGR, AFEID, www.ageng2010.org, info@ageng2010.fr

October 8-29, 2010

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

May 18-22, 2010

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

September 6-8, 2010

The Third IASTED African Conference on **Water Resource Management (AfricaWRM 2010)**
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

September 6-8, 2010, Gaborone, Botswana

Sponsor: The International Association of Science and Technology for Development (IASTED)

Conference Chair: Prof. Otlogetswe Totolo – University of Botswana, Botswana

Local Arrangements Chair: Prof. George O. Anderson – University of Botswana, Botswana

Host Organization: University of Botswana

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For more information on Botswana, visit the official tourism site: [Tourism of Botswana](#).

Important Deadlines

<i>Submissions Due</i>	<i>March 15, 2010</i>
<i>Notification of Acceptance</i>	<i>May 1, 2010</i>
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May 2011

6th International Congress of European Society for Soil Conservation [Frontpage.pdf \(450KB\)](#)

Dear all WASWC members,

It is our honor to invite you to the **6th International Congress of European Society for Soil Conservation** entitled (preliminary) "**Innovative Strategies and Policies for Soil Conservation**", which will be held in **Athens, Greece, in May 2011**. This is a congress, which is expected to be of great importance, and your presence will undeniably contribute to it, as it will offer a forum where innovative ideas, knowledge, experience and concerns of all the people involved within the field of Soil Conservation. The sessions of the Congress will not be limited solely to soil conservation; it will embrace the scientific fields of soil protection, land use planning, soil mapping, remote sensing, drylands, peatlands, impact of climate change on soils, biofuels, water scarcity for irrigation, desertification, forest fires, and all those concerned within rural development. Nevertheless, the participation of scientists with expertise on biosoils, use of soil bioengineering techniques, bioremediation of contaminated sites, soils and biodiversity will be of high significance, since they offer great services in crucial scientific sectors.

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Late 2011 or Early 2012

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