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REDUCE

REUSE

RECYCLE

These are what every one of us can do to help mitigate global climate change – our imminent threat.



PLEASE CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENT BEFORE YOU PRINT THIS HOT NEWS



Following are few heart-warming words from our senior members for this festive season.

IT IS OBVIOUS

You close your eyes and visions appear
Open your eyes -- new sounds you hear
Unknown wonderful mysteries always near

Bring out each delightful holiday treasure
Recalling the years added to our measure
In each passing year we gain composure
Never forgetting that which you ensure
Goodness and heart-warming pleasure

Until we meet once again sometime or place
Savor inner peace surrounded by loving grace

Comfort others as you continue on your way
Offering praise and hope like a sunshine ray
May each moment be an opportunity to say
Forgiving words so burdens will not stay
Ordim the pleasure of a harmonious day.
Rejoice, let unconditional love your heartstrings play.
These hopes and wishes for each of you we pray.

May you experience the joy of togetherness as we give thanks for the wisdom of ages past and hope for the years ahead.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
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Outcomes from Climate Talks (COP15) in Copenhagen, Denmark



To keep our members abreast with the hot issues of our world we are presenting to you an excerpt about Climate Talks that ended last week in Copenhagen that we received from John Burton, our honorary member:

▪ Delegates from 194 countries met in Copenhagen in December 2009 in an effort to negotiate a binding accord for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. After two weeks of negotiations no such agreement was reached. The only achievement was that, in the last two days, delegates from the U.S., China, India, Brazil and South Africa, agreed on a compromise voluntary pact titled "Copenhagen Accord."

This Accord states: "We underline that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time." Some of its chief provisions are:

- It recognizes the scientific view that the increase in global temperature should be below two degrees Celsius. (Many delegates had wanted this set at 1.5 degrees.)
- Developed countries should provide financial and technological assistance to developing countries, particularly to the most vulnerable ones. This includes \$30 billion for 2010-2012 and a goal of providing \$20 billion a year by 2020. Substantial funds to reduce deforestation and forest degradation are to be provided. A Copenhagen Green Climate Fund will be established to provide these funds.
- By February 2, 2011 each developed country should outline its emission reduction target.
- Developing countries, especially those that now have low emissions, should be provided incentives to develop with low emissions.
- All developing countries should take mitigation actions, report these and allow international verification of their emissions data.

- John Burton, New Jersey, U.S.A. jjburton@verizon.net

Ed.: You are urged to follow all news about Climate Change from various websites including <http://www.ipcc.ch/> and www.cop15.ca. This issue involves ALL of us. The picture at right is the Nobel Certificate given to IPCC in 2007. The medal below was given to IPCC and Al Gore for the cause described at the bottom.



Oslo, 10 December 2007

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
and Albert Arnold (Al) Gore Jr.
were awarded of the **Nobel Peace Prize**
"for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater
knowledge about man-made climate change, and to
lay the foundations for the measures that are
needed to counteract such change".

Editor's Note 1: WASWAC vs. WASWC, where are we now?

WASWC members had deliberated since December 5 about whether our unpronounceable name of WASWC should be changed to WASWAC to facilitate easy citing, thus making the proliferation of the association through the rise of membership. The overall result up to now is that, 19 members DID NOT AGREE to change, 70 members AGREED (with two of our past presidents, Hans Hurni and David Sanders, among them) and 5 members proposed other alternatives.



The matter is now with Prof. Miodrag Zlatic, our present President, who moderates the discussion among councilors. For such a crucial matter, e.g. changing the name of the organization, we have to follow what is written in the constitution that says: *The affairs of the WASWC shall be managed by a Council.*

I sincerely hope that the conclusion will come out in the direction that will facilitate our growth (through the mouth-to-mouth citing of the association's name, which is at present NOT possible). I do not believe that by pushing for more activities (e.g. more intensive and aggressive communications and more active website and have our works published jointly with other organizations/publishers) to make the association better exposed, it will draw in many more people. Honestly, with support from my predecessors, especially Hans Hurni and David Sanders, and councilors in successive councils in the last decade, what we have been offering to members now is about 10 times or more of what was available to them 10 years ago. What could be done more (to encourage membership) should have been done since some time ago, as the present council has been functioning for already two years. We should think of keeping the ball rolling with the momentum of our present activities through the amending or correction of some thing that we know is (at least part of) the cause of the association's stagnation in its growth. I think both Hans Hurni and David Sanders had experience of seeing the number of members dwindled year after year; so that's the reason they agreed with me, though, frankly, I did not expect it.

At this time I only wish that Council of WASWC will decide in this issue wisely.

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

Since it was concluded through the positive opinion of almost 100 members that the LANDCON e-LIBRARY project should be executed, we have got some works sent to us to include in the DVD set already. I would like to call on **all members**, but particularly to our **councilors, vice presidents, special representatives**, to send your works to us for such purpose. The works may include, but not limited to:

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

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

I am sorry that up to now we can still not cite what price the DVD set of LANDCON e-LIBRARY will be. The main reason is that we do not know for sure how many DVDs would be needed for that. We might be

able to cite the price sometime next month but for the time being, we ask you and your office to think of co-publishing the work with us, to enable a quick spread like what we did with *No-Till Farming Systems* and *SWAT* books; and this is NOT binding – just to give us some ideas.

Editor's Note 3: Distinguished LANDCON meeting of the year

Though we did not mention about the contest of various LANDCON meetings, it is really worthwhile to say a bit at this time when the year 2009 is going to end. In the process, people may bring their meetings to join **LANDCON series of meetings** by their own will; organizers use their own judgment when contacting/ agreeing with us, largely through what has been written in the *Guidelines for Successful Meetings* that we have posted on our website at <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>, and run the meetings with their free hand – without any QC from our side.

The year 2009 will now end with eight LANDCON meetings convened. Among them I have heard the feedback from only few meetings, while I was invited to attend in two (Kuwait and Indonesia), for which I highly appreciate in their generosity. One LANDCON in Haiti unfortunately had to postpone to March 2010.

Among all LANDCON meetings organized this year, I would like to mention (i.e. **the editor's pick**) one meeting, i.e. LANDCON 0909 (**International Conference on Desertification in memory of Professor John B. Thornes** <http://congresos.um.es/icod/>) that was organized by Prof Asunción Romero Díaz (right at the photo below, arodi@um.es) of University of Murcia, Spain, during September 16-18, 2009. I have followed the event rather closely, though from a distance! *First*, the meeting was organized because of a good cause, to memorize us of the



good, unselfish and long years of works of Prof John Thornes of University of London whom I am fortunate to know both him and his wife Rosemary (left in the photo at left). *Second*, the registration fee has been put at a very affordable rate, only Euro 100 for attending the whole conference. *Third*, (I believe that) the meeting must have proceeded well, considering the careful arrangement of the meeting program. *Fourth*, the conference conclusion was done properly at the end of the meeting. *Last*, and not at all least, Prof. Romero Diaz has put all abstracts and full papers that were presented at the conference on the website <http://congresos.um.es/icod/2009/schedConf/presentations>. This is quite in line with what we had advocated about sharing information at a meeting that went on for several months until we got it settled with the documenting of the *Guidelines for Successful Meetings*.

We therefore would like to commend Prof Asunción Romero Díaz for having pursued the Guidelines so well and made her event a distinguished one, which is the spirit behind the LANDCON series of meetings, and we hope organizers of all LANDCON meetings in 2010 and later will follow the path that she has walked on. We will report the outcomes from Prof. Asunción Romero Díaz's conference in WASWC Newsletter 25(4) for Oct-Dec 2009, soon to be available on the website <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/newsletter.html>.

Editor's Note 4: LANDCON 1010 meeting in Xi'an, China next October



Terra Cotta Warriors in Excavation # 1

Prof Li Rui, the organizer of LANDCON 1010 next October 11-15, invites all councilors to this conference for the first ever WASWC Council Meeting. He hopes to find resources to meet all domestic expenses. Xi'an is the city famous for its thousands of terra cotta warriors from over two millennia ago that were found by a peasant farmer accidentally only some 30 years ago. There should be enough

time to bring all participants to pay a visit to the open air museum that these clay warriors are being displayed, as well as to Yangling, the agricultural university town, where the famous Institute of Soil and Water Conservation co-sponsored by the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Chinese Ministry of Water Resources is located.



Apart from that, Dr. Li Dingqiang, Director of Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences in Guangzhou (our WASWC Deputy Executive Secretary), is pleased to invite councilors and other participants to make a 3-day stop in his province of Guangdong to see conservation of



road cuts along several highways that crisscross the province, among several other things. Non-councilor participants may join and will be asked to pay only for the accommodation cost, which is quite affordable. All guests will have a good chance to visit the South China Botanical Garden (see photos left and right) that has recently celebrated its eight decades in existence with four large glass houses that display plants ranging from tropical to polar zones. By that time, visitors may be able to view the construction or arrangement of the Soil Museum at the Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences, which to date seems to become the world's largest museum of such exhibits (see next Note).

See more information about LANDCON 1010 in pages 47-48 of this HOT NEWS.

Editor's Note 5: Guangdong Museum of Soil Science in Guangzhou, China



A mission from Thailand comprising Dr Aniruth Potichan (second from left in the right picture), Mr Somsak Sukchan (left in the right picture), both of the Land Development Department in Bangkok, Thailand and I took a trip to Guangzhou, China and spent one week (Dec 13-20) learning of the agricultural pattern and soil/land resources in Guangdong province,



and presented a tentative plan of the proposed soil museum to Dr. Li Dingqiang, Director of the Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences. The activities performed during that period included a workshop to brainstorm opinions from various notable persons invited from Beijing, Nanjing and Guangzhou, with presentations to show experience about soil museums in various countries – the notable one being the Dokuchaev soil museum in Russia that started to operate as early as 1904, over a century ago! The workshop was followed with a field trip to inspect the soils in both undulating area north of Guangzhou and the floodplain of Pearl River. The top right picture shows Aniruth and Somsak presented souvenir mini soil monoliths brought from Thailand to Dr Li Dingqiang and Dr Yu Wei Min, soil classification officer of the institute.



The Soil Science Museum in Guangzhou, according to the plan (right picture), will have five floors with a basement. Four floors will be dedicated for showing exhibits, with a large multi-function meeting room. The top floor will be offices for personnel to work, while the roomy basement is for storing objects as well as a workshop to prepare soil monoliths, etc. Total cost of construction will be roughly US\$2 million. It is expected the construction will start soon and will be ready in about one year. Dr Li Dingqiang said the Guangdong Museum of Soil Science is a 10-year project, but people could visit already after about one year, as there have been many exhibits available at this time and many soil monoliths will be prepared in the coming year along with training of the Institute's staff who will work at the museum.



In order to learn about what should be done with the museum when ready to serve people, the group had a chance to visit the Guangdong Museum of Soil Science as a part of the mission. This is a huge museum - located south of Guangzhou City - which the province has invested to



educate their people in several branches of science. Another museum in the plan to visit is the Museum of the Mausoleum of Nanyue King (right) located in the heart of Guangzhou City. The exhibits in this museum date back to over 2,000 years but were recently discovered by accident when a tractor bulldozed a medium-sized hill to make way for a shopping mall. Unfortunately, when we were there the museum was closed, so we only took a photo to show our members.

Editor's Note 6: International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO)

Finally, the announcement of the 16th ISCO has become available since early this month. The conference will take place in Santiago, Chile, from November 8-12, 2010. See page 49 and the website <http://www.iscochile2010.cl/> for details. Anyhow, I want to iterate that the person who is running/coordinating the ISCO should look back to read HOT NEWS from May to June 2008 that I

voiced out my concern about the movement's sustainability, which I pointed out that it needs improvement in the directions of INSTITUTIONALIZATION, GUIDELINES UPDATING, REORGANIZATION, LIBERALIZATION, DEMOCRATIZATION and MODERNIZATION. I wish the organizers of the 16th ISCO good luck and I urge members who can afford to travel to Chile later next year to go to attend it. We will put the news about it in our HOT NEWS and WASWC Newsletter whenever any stuff from this event becomes available.

Editor's Note 7: Where we are now and way forward for WASW ...

Oops, the time is up! We need to finish this issue of HOT NEWS and send out to members within today to celebrate this important day. Let's talk about this issue in the next message, which might be around New Year.

HOT MEETINGS

1003	LANDCON 1003* Conference on "Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity", organized by Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), roose@mpl.ird.fr , www.chercheurs.auf.org	Port au Prince, Haiti	March 1-5, 2010, may postpone further
1004	LANDCON 1004 Interpraevent Conference in the Pacific Rim http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/ , scchen@nchu.edu.tw	Taipei, Taiwan	Apr 26-30, 2010
1005	LANDCON 1005 First Conference on Soil and Roots Engineering Relationship habibibalani@gmail.com	Ardebil Province, Iran	May 24-26, 2010

*Please see details in pages 27-30 of this HOT NEWS. You are still urged to send abstracts to Eric Roose at roose@mpl.ird.fr.


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

Members in U.S.A. can buy **NO-TILL FARMING SYSTEMS** book online at <http://www.conservaioninformation.org/index.asp?site=1&action=products&deptID=1&dept=All+Products>. Members in all other countries may contact their country representatives or write to sombatpanit@yahoo.com.

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

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

JOBS

 **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

Professional Vacancy Announcement No: 2260-AGP

Deadline For Application: 5 February 2010

Position Title: Agricultural Officer (Sustainable Production Intensification)

Duty Station: Rome, Italy

Grade Level: P-3

Duration: Fixed term: 3 years

CCOG Code: 1H01

Organizational Unit	Plant Production and Protection Division, AGP Agriculture & Consumer Protection Department, AG
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES	
<p>Under the overall supervision of the Director and the direct supervision of the team leader on sustainable crop production intensification, the incumbent will contribute to FAO's Strategic Objective A on sustainable crop production intensification focusing on provision of technical support to national programmes with principal emphasis on production systems and related issues, such as climate change, ecosystem services and biodiversity. In particular, will:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as Secretary of the International Rice Commission; • Contribute to the provision of technical advice to FAO member countries on strategies/policies for sustainable crop production intensification, including of the rice-based cropping systems, in different agro-ecological and socio-economic conditions; • Contribute to the development of guidelines for and enhancement of national capacity in sustainable production systems in developing countries, using appropriate agricultural concepts such as Conservation Agriculture (CA); • Participate in the organization of consultation workshops for policy discussion and formulation on issues related to sustainable crop production intensification at international and regional levels; • Collect, analyse and disseminate through publication (electronic and hard copies) information on crop production systems and related aspects in major agro-ecosystems, with particular attention to needs of smallholder farmers; • Develop and maintain contacts with international and national academic, research and policy institutions to foster collaboration on the development and implementation of projects for the promotion of sustainable production intensification in FAO member countries; • Perform other related duties as required. 	
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	
Candidates should meet the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced University Degree in Agricultural Production Systems or Agronomy • Five years of relevant experience in agricultural/rural development related to production systems, including rice-based systems in developing countries • Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two 	
SELECTION CRITERIA	
Candidates will be assessed against the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extent of experience in agricultural/rural development related to production systems, including rice-based systems in developing countries • Depth of knowledge of small holder crop production systems and concepts such as CA and how to relate them to other issues such as Integrated Pest Management (IPM), ecosystem services and payment for ecosystem services • Extent of knowledge of and experience in the provision of technical advice across a broad range of production systems, including rice-based systems especially in developing countries • Proven experience in sustainable crop production intensification, including with ecosystem services, CA and IPM, in smallholder systems • Proven ability to work effectively in a multidisciplinary team and with people from different cultural backgrounds in the area of sustainable crop production intensification • Extent of experience in preparing technical reports and proposals for funding, especially in the context of sustainable crop production intensification. 	
Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.	
* The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments.	
REMUNERATION	
Level P-3 carries a net salary per year (inclusive of a variable element for post adjustment) from US\$ 90,526 US\$ 113,844 (without dependants) and from US\$ 96,981 to US\$ 122,395 (with dependants)	
TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants	

Send your application to:	V.A 2260 AGP L. Collette, AGP FAO Via delle Terme di Caracalla 00100 Rome ITALY Fax No: +39 06 570 56347 E-mail: VA-2260-AGP@fao.org
This vacancy is open to male and female candidates. Applications from qualified women candidates and applications from qualified candidates from non/under-represented member states are encouraged. Please note that FAO staff members are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Director-General and may be assigned to any activities or office of the organization.	
FAO IS A NON-SMOKING ENVIRONMENT	
Post Number: C	

AWARDS/ PRIZES/ FUNDS/ FELLOWSHIPS/ SCHOLARSHIPS

▲ **The Fujitsu Asia Pacific Scholarship (Fujitsu Scholarship) Programme** It provides financial assistance for postgraduate education and cross-cultural management training to participants from the Asia-Pacific region.



▲ [The “Chinese Government Scholarships — Postgraduate Study Project”](#)

It was set up by the Ministry of Education of China to provide support for building universities to an international high level, and to promote Chinese higher education



▲ [China Scholarships for International Graduate Students 2010](#)

The Graduate Student Scholarships, supported by the Chinese Scholarship Council(CSC), are provided for prospective international students to study for Master or Doctoral Degrees in top universities in China thus to expand student exchanges and academic collaborations between Chinese Universities and their overseas partnership

▲ The Award Committee of WASWC has announced that recipient of the **Norman Hudson Memorial Award for 2009** is **Prof. Dr. Rattan Lal** of Ohio State University, Ohio, U.S.A. Prof. Lal is a former President of WASWC since around 20 years ago. We will bring more details to report to you later.

▲ **International Development Studies Scholarship, Bangkok, Thailand**

The SCG Foundation is pleased to grant up to 6 full scholarships for individuals wishing to study at the Master of Arts Program in International Development Studies (MAIDS) at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand for the upcoming 2010-2011 academic year. Please note that in previous years the scholarship was limited to full-time government employees or civil servants, but it is now open to non-governmental workers, students, and other individuals with a background in development, as well as government employees.

Readmore: <http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2007/06/international-development-studies.html>

Scholarship and Job are posted at <http://Cambodiajobs.blogspot.com>; Contact cambodiajobs@gmail.com

▲ **Colorado State University Awarded \$1.7 Million to Design Levee Overtopping Facility in Wake of Hurricane Katrina**

IECA member Chris Thornton, a Colorado State University researcher (pictured right), landed \$1.7 million from the U.S Army Corps of Engineers to design and build one of the world's largest wave overtopping simulators. Thornton will design and construct a 28-foot-tall by 7-foot-wide tower and control mechanism at the CSU Foothills Campus in Fort Collins. [Read the full news release >](#).



TRAINING COURSES

March 15-April 6, 2010

ICIMOD's Fourth International Training Course on

Low-cost Soil and Water Conservation Techniques and Watershed Management Activities

The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) is pleased to announce its fourth International

Background

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

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

Course objectives

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

By the end of the course, participants will be able to

- understand different low-cost soil and water conservation techniques and options and their importance;
- carry out basic land degradation assessment and identify, design, and implement appropriate soil and water conservation measures to address it; and
- identify ways to improve their own current soil conservation practices.

Course duration and contents

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

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

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

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

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

Training approach and trainers

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

Who should participate?

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

Course prerequisites

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

Where and when

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

Course fee

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

We suggest that participants budget for an additional \$20 per day to cover incidental expenses. Applicants are encouraged to secure financial support from their organisations or donor agencies.

Registration

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

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

Deadline For registration: **15 February 2010**

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

About ICIMOD

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

What they say about the training course

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

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

– A participant from Ethiopia

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

– A participant from India

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

– A participant from Bhutan

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

– A participant from Lesotho

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

Keshar Man Sthapit

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

Deadline for application: 1 February 2010

Deadline for payment of registration fee: 15 February 2010

Deadline for payment of course fee: 28 February 2010

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

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

Course: _____ Date: _____

Contact Details

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Gender: M ___ F ___ Job Title: _____

Project/Office: _____

Organisation: _____

Tel No: _____ Fax No: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please answer the following questions briefly.

1. What are your current work activities and responsibilities?
2. What are your expectations from the training course?
3. How is the training course relevant to your work?
4. How will you apply the results after you return to work?
5. Educational background (Degree/Institution/Year):

6. Other related training courses you have participated in:

7. How did you hear about the course?

8. Have you secured financial support from your organisation or from a donor agency? From whom? Please provide details of how you intend to make payment.

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

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

International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development

Khumaltar, Lalitpur, GPO Box 3226, Kathmandu, Nepal

Tel.: + 977 1 5003222, Fax: + 977 1 5003299

PHOTO CONTEST

From IECA: Show Off Your Best Shots - Entries Due Dec. 31

IECA's Annual Photo Contest is an opportunity to gain visibility and share your accomplishments (or bloopers!) with the erosion and sediment control community. The contest is FREE - so send in those pictures!

Photo Credit: Taken by **Kurt Kelsey**, American Excelsior Co., depicting a road bed washed away by flood waters in Wisconsin Dells, WI, USA taken in September 2008.

[Submittal Guidelines Here.](#)

[Winners from the 2009 Photo Contest](#) (click to see dozens of excellent photos that won the last contest)



EXHIBITION

DIGTEF- 2010

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

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

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

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Colleagues,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Md. Mahbubur Rahman

Coordinator **DIGTEF 2010**

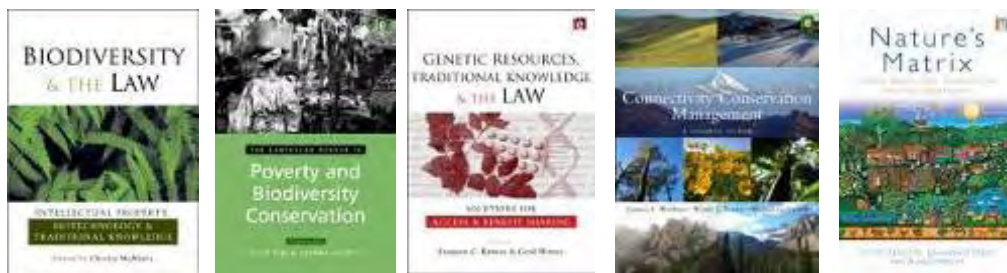
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NEW INFORMATION SOURCES

BOOKS

▲ New titles form EARTHSCAN



▲ **Landform - Structure, Evolution, Process Control.** Proceedings of the International Symposium on Landform organised by the Research Training Group 437. Series: Lecture Notes in Earth Sciences, Vol. 115 Otto, Jan-Christoph; Dikau, Richard (Eds) 2010, XII, 258 p. 134 illus., 14 in color, Hardcover ISBN: 978-3-540-75760-3. The book presents a selection of papers given at the International Symposium on “Landform – structure, evolution process control“, Bonn, June 2007. The meeting brought together senior experts and young researchers from various disciplines working on landform related issues in order to discuss the crucial role played by landform as a boundary surface between atmosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere, pedosphere and lithosphere. The book combines introductory/overview papers and case studies. The case studies present various new approaches towards a better understanding of the role of landform as a boundary surface. Additionally, new methods of handling, modelling and visualisation of landform data (incl. digital elevation models, weather forecasting models, hydrological models, and ecological models) are presented. (from IUSS Alert 56) 

▲ **Organic Farming, Pest Control and Remediation of Soil Pollutants.** Lichtfouse, Eric (Ed.) 2010, X, 418 p., Hardcover ISBN: 978-1-4020-9653-2. Sustainable way for humans and their children. Sustainable agriculture is a discipline that addresses current issues such as climate change, increasing food and fuel prices, poor-nation starvation, rich-nation obesity, water pollution, soil erosion, fertility loss, pest control, and biodiversity depletion. Novel, environmentally-friendly solutions are proposed based on integrated knowledge from sciences as diverse as agronomy, soil science, molecular biology, chemistry, toxicology, ecology, economy, and social sciences. Indeed, sustainable agriculture decipher mechanisms of processes that occur from the molecular level to the farming system to the global level at time scales ranging from seconds to centuries. For that, scientists use the system approach that involves studying components and interactions of a whole system to address scientific, economic and social issues. In that respect, sustainable agriculture is not a classical, narrow science. Instead of solving problems using the classical painkiller approach that treats only negative impacts, sustainable agriculture treats problem sources. Because most actual society issues are now intertwined, global, and fast-developing, sustainable agriculture will bring solutions to build a safer world. This book series gathers review articles that analyze current agricultural issues and knowledge, then propose alternative solutions. It will therefore help all scientists, decision-makers, professors, farmers and politicians who wish to build a safe agriculture, energy and food system for future generations. (from IUSS Alert 56) 





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Welcome to the EC10 Special Edition

EC10 Technical Session Feature: Elements of Construction Site Storm Water Management

EC10 will feature over 60 technical sessions, half-day courses and field tours. Technical sessions and half-day courses are included in a basic conference registration or one-day pass.

Elements of Construction Site Storm Water Management Details: Compliance shouldn't break the bank. With a change in mindset many of the everyday problems on construction sites could be eliminated with little or no additional cost.

Looking for more? Check out presenter Brock Peters' YouTube video for more info about his upcoming session at EC10. Click the image below to visit IECA's YouTube channel.



Be sure to check out the rest of the sessions available at EC10. Visit IECA's [website](#) for more details.

▲ ISTRO Newsletter, December 2009




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▲ Please find the latest Outreach newsletter. <http://tinyurl.com/outreach14th> from the UNFCCCC
Stephen Mooney, Outreach Editor smooney@stakeholderforum.org, stakeholder-forum@stakeholderforum.org

▲ Each day of the UNFCCC in Copenhagen we have produced our daily **multi-stakeholder newsletter Outreach**. It is supported by a coalition of civil society, including Youth, Gender, Trade Unions, Water and Land Community and Sustainability NGO's made possible through the support of UN-Water, UNIFEM, Dutch Ministry of Transport Public Works and Water Management, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Denmark, Global Water Partnership, International Water Association, and Sustainlabour.
Click the link to read all the latest versions <http://tinyurl.com/COP15Outreach>
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▲ **New IUSS Bulletin**

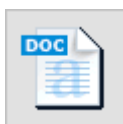
IUSS Bulletin 115 is now available on the website. In this Bulletin two articles (Soil science gains voice in the US Government by Karl Glasener, and Chemical Contaminants as a factor of soil-subsurface metagenesis by B. Yaron, I. Dror and B. Berkowitz). The five questions to a soil scientist are answered by: Alex McBratney, Stephen Nortcliff and Juan Ibanez whereas Christian Walter, Anthony Young and Alain Ruellan discuss their favourite books. Further in this Bulletin several obituaries, reports of meetings and conferences, and a list of new publications. (from IUSS Alert 56) 

▲ **CA-CoP Alert No. 8 (22 December 2009)**

CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

1. [Call for Papers for the International Workshop on System Innovations, Knowledge Regimes and Design Practices towards Sustainable Agriculture. June 2010, Lelystad, The Netherlands](#) Call for papers deadlines
2. [USDA-NIFA and FAO host a panel discussion on Conservation Agriculture - January 15, 2010](#)
3. [Science and Technology Options Assessment \(STOA\) – A Resource for Committees of the European Parliament. STOA's mandate is to undertake assessments of Scientific and Technological Policy Options for the European Parliament.](#)
[STOA webpage final report on agricultural technologies for developing countries](#)
[Annex 2 is on Conservation Agriculture](#)
4. [Reaping the Benefits: Science and the Sustainable Intensification of Global Agriculture.](#) The Royal Society Policy Document 11/09, Issued October 2009. [The Royal Society Policy Document 11/09](#)
5. [The Spread of Conservation Agriculture: Justification, Sustainability and Uptake \(2009\)](#) by Amir Kassam, Theodor Friedrich, Francis Shaxson and Jules Pretty. *International Journal of Agriculture Sustainability*, 7(4): 292–320 (doi:10.3763/ijas.2009.0477) [The Spread of Conservation Agriculture.](#)
6. [Agroforestry and Conservation Agriculture: Complementary Practices for Sustainable Development,](#) by Brian Sims, Theodor Friedrich, Amir Kassam, Josef Kienzle. *II World Congress of Agroforestry*, 23-28 August 2009, Nairobi, Kenya. [Agroforestry and Conservation Agriculture.](#)
7. [Conservation Agriculture in Developing Countries: The Role of Mechanization,](#) by Theodor Friedrich, Josef Kienzle and Amir Kassam. Club of Bologna Conference on: *Innovation for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanisation.* Hannover, Germany, November 8, 2009. [The Role of Mechanization.](#)

Sent from Amir Kassam amirkassam786@googlemail.com, kassamamir@aol.com



Read more details in [CA-CoP Alert 8 list.doc](#)

CD-DVDS

▲ Dear Partners, Colleagues and Friends

I would like to introduce you the amended bilingual (Estonian/English) version (**CD4-ver. 2**) of “Pedo-ecological characterization of Estonian soils”, which is the 4th part of series “Digital Collection of Estonian Soils” (DCES). The address of DCES CD-tree is <http://mullad.emu.ee>

Practically bilingual is as well **CD5** “Collection of soil monoliths of the Department of Soil Science and Agrochemistry”, but all others are only in Estonian.

May be you are interested of such materials?

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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VIDEO-MOVIES

▲ A 30-minute movie concerning developing the vast **Chinese Loess Plateau** from **John Liu of EEMP, *Hope in a Changing Climate***.

Click <https://rcpt.yousendit.com/794609420/00e219e568ee8a8ac615d70a6e20a2a8> and download it up to January 6, 2010. This movie was screened at the Climate Talks in Copenhagen early this month and has been shown widely in many countries, about 50 times, during the last few weeks. Downloading this high resolution 470 MB film may take time, but it is worth the wait! You may show it to students in your class or at a seminar on climate, restoration, conservation, etc.

(Message from software developer: When your file is too big for email, you may use ‘yousendit’ program; try it at www.yousendit.com)

▲ **National Geographic’s Behind the Photos** (takes few minutes to download, but photos are very nice)

http://photography.nationalgeographic.com/photography/image-collection/?source=email_inside#/behind_the_photos/

▲ **Indigenous Mapping Network 2010 conference trailer is live:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=y09JVyT9cl4.

Its inspiration is from www.avatarmovie.com trailer, directed by James Cameron)

WEBSITES

▲ Kibera's first complete free and open map Nov 2009 <http://mapkibera.org/>

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▲ [Pastoralists use maps and satellite images to depict land use in Ethiopia](#)

ICT Update, a current awareness bulletin for ACP agriculture, December 2009

A team of researchers combine maps, satellite images and participatory mapping techniques to develop an accurate picture of land use among pastoralists in southern Ethiopia.

▲ [ASIA: The Gathering Storm - the human cost of climate change](#)



▲ [State of world population 2009 "Facing a changing world: women, population and climate"](#)

▲ [Agriculture: Genetically modified Iron deficiency-resistant rice plants produced](#)

▲ **Canada to Increase Canola Oil Export to China**

For the press release from Canada's Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada see http://www.agr.gc.ca/cb/index_e.php?s1=n&s2=2009&page=n91205

▲ **BASF and Monsanto Ink Corn Development Pact**

<http://monsanto.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=43>

▲ **China Launches Project on GMO Security Assessment and Testing**

For more information, email Prof. Zhang Hongxiang at zhanghx@mail.las.ac.cn or Dr. Yue Tongqing at yuetq@mail.las.ac.cn.

▲ **Agriculture and Rural Development Day in Copenhagen**

Visit <http://www.agricultureday.org/> for additional details of the event. Read the CGIAR press release at <http://www.cgiar.org/monthlystory/december2009.html>

▲ **Food Prices on the Rise Again, Reports UN Agency**

For more information, read <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/38040/icode/> The report is available at <http://www.fao.org/docrep/012/ak341e/ak341e00.htm>

▲ **Carbon Monoxide Enhances Plant Tolerance to Iron Starvation**

The paper published by the *Plant Biotechnology Journal* is available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-7652.2009.00469.x>

▲ **Transgenic Cassava Plants Resist Pathogen and Insect Attacks**

Download the paper at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-7652.2009.00466.x>

▲ **Challenges and Opportunities for Biotechnology in Africa**

Africa faces several constraints in harnessing the benefits of biotechnology - these include lack of adequate funds, loss of trained technical expertise, slow development of the biotechnology sector, inadequate intellectual property rights infrastructure, and government not taking a more active role in promoting the technology. Diran Makinde, director of the West African Biosciences Network (WABNet), Senegal, and colleagues forward these thoughts in *Status of Biotechnology in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities* published in the Biotechnology in Africa issue of the *Asian Biotechnology and Development Review*.

"Agricultural biotechnology alone will not solve the multitude of problems that farmers in Africa face; however, it has the potential to make crop breeding and crop management systems more efficient thereby generating improved crop varieties and higher yields," the authors wrote. To develop biotechnology in Africa they suggest the following: more coordination between strategic policy making in sustainable agriculture and agricultural research; political will and commitment to use the tools of biotechnology; regulatory frameworks that will work; and enhancement of public understanding and acceptance of products.

Email Diran Makinde's at diran.makinde@nepadbiosafety.net for additional information.

▲ **Discussion on the Regulation of Biotech-Derived Food Products in Indonesia**

A focus group discussion on "The regulation of biotech-derived food products: current status and applications" was held on 4 December at the Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture. Prof. Dr. Ir Dedi Fardiaz from Bogor Agricultural University pointed out that "Risk analysis has become important to assess conditions and take decisions on control procedures. It is considered a prerequisite in the evaluation of genetically modified (GM) food. Many consumers worldwide worry that food derived from GMOs may be unhealthy and hence regulations on GMO authorizations and labelling have become more stringent."

Dr. James Maryanski, a Food and Ag Biotech Consultant and Former U.S. Food and Drug Authority Biotechnology Coordinator discussed "Codex Science-Based Approach to the Safety of Foods Derived from Modern Biotechnology". He noted that "No adverse health effects have been found, including any from unintended changes. To date, there are no concerns that require long-term or multi-generation animal studies and after a decade of experience, all bioengineered foods on the market are as safe as conventional counterpart


foods." The event attended by 50 participants was organized by the Indonesia Biotechnology Information Center (IndoBIC), IAARD, CropLife Indonesia, in collaboration with SEAMEO BIOTROP and PBP. For further information email Dewi Suryani of IndoBIC at catleyavanda@gmail.com

▲ The Blooming Orchid Industry in Malaysia

A Malaysian biotechnology company has made splashes at internationally recognized events including BioMalaysia 2009 and HortiFair 2009 as it baby steps its way into the international floriculture arena. OrchidLife Sdn. Bhd. is a biotechnology company focusing on the production of high quality horticulture products through the utilization of plant genomics, breeding and tissue culture. As a spin-off company of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), the company has raised rapidly in the ranks as it built itself upon the research expertise of Prof. Dr. Maziah Mahmood from UPM and the support of its Innovation and Commercialisation Centre (ICC). Recently, they formed a joint venture with Holland-based group of companies, Genetwister Group to establish Genetwister Life (M) Sdn Bhd, focusing on marker identification, marker-assisted breeding, metabolic engineering and genetic modification for the agricultural and horticultural industry. The company is looking to spread its wings to other countries as well. For more developments on biotechnology in Malaysia email Mahaletchumy Arujanan at maha@bic.org.my.

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

▲ Ask a soil scientist

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

▲ Call for materials for WOCAT Newsletter, probably the last to appear in such form

On behalf of the WOCAT global management team and the WOCAT secretariat we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy 2010!!

The next WOCAT newsletter will be available early 2010, with among other things a report off the recent Annual Workshop and Steering Meeting in Morocco . Should you have any input for this newsletter on WOCAT(-related) activities, please send them as soon as possible.

This will probably be the last WOCAT newsletter in the known format, since the newsletter will be partly replaced by the new [NEWS & EVENTS site](#) on the new [WOCAT website](#). Furthermore, the WOCAT-L address database will not be used anymore. For those who still wish to receive the WOCAT related emails and news, they need to register as a WOCAT-user on the new website. Further information will follow in the next newsletter.

The WOCAT Management Team and Secretariat

If you want to advance in your career

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Dear Members,

I was in Surabaya, Indonesia in November 2009. I saw one advertisement board of an institution that teaches English. I thought the words written are of interest and could attract people's interest very well, so I took a photo and used it for making the headline of this column.



This time we learn from a song that has been popular for over half a century, Que Sera Sera by Doris Day. We strive to find short articles to present to you regularly. – Editor

Que Sera, Sera (Whatever Will Be, Will Be) - Doris Day

When I was just a little girl.
I asked my mother, what will I be.
Will I be pretty, will I be rich.
Here's what she said to me.

Que Sera, Sera,
Whatever will be, will be.
The future's not ours, to see.
Que Sera, Sera
What will be, will be.

When I grew up and fell in love.
I asked my sweetheart what lies ahead.
Will we have rainbows day after day.
Here's what my sweetheart said.

Que Sera, Sera,
Whatever will be, will be.
The future's not ours, to see.
Que Sera, Sera
What will be, will be.

Now I have children of my own.
They ask their mother, what will I be.
Will I be handsome, will I be rich.
I tell them tenderly.

Que Sera, Sera,
Whatever will be, will be.
The future's not ours, to see.
Que Sera, Sera
What will be, will be.

This song and other songs of Doris Day are available in <http://www.jango.com/music/Doris+Day?l=0>. Enjoy!

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Water quality monitoring: Diver and e-SENSE

To thoroughly make use of all possibilities that water offers, water will have to be managed. That concerns both a dry area in Africa as well as a relatively wet country, such as the Netherlands. To interfere in the water-balance of a certain area, full knowledge is necessary. A small change can have immense consequences. Reliable and frequent measuring of the groundwater situation is the foundation. Diver is the ideal instrument for this purpose! And, in combination with the e-SENSE telemetry measuring system, monitoring of the equipment can be done remotely at a (considerable) distance.

[Read all about it in the brochure Groundwater monitoring and communication solutions](#)

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Right: Soil Solutions Plus has been added to the field on the left – with better growth and far greener crop response.

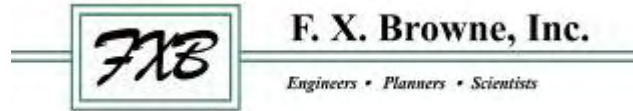


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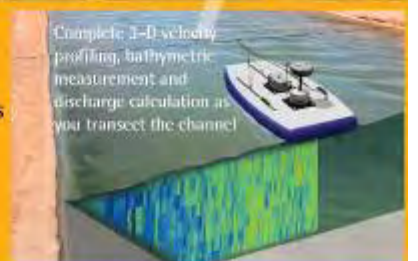
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[NOTE: Another way to promote your meeting event is by sending your stuff to publish in the EARTHSCAN E-alert. Please contact dan.harding@earthscan.co.uk]

LANDCON Series of Meetings*

No.	Meeting topic	Place	Time
0902	Conference of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA): Environmental Connection 09 www.ieca.org	Reno, Nevada, USA	Feb 9-12, 2009
0903	Conference on Land Degradation in Dry Environments jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw	Kuwait City, Kuwait	Mar 8-14, 2009
0905a	Global Change, Challenge for Soil Management: From Degradation – Through Soil and Water Conservation – To Sustainable Soil Management www.sfb.bg.ac.yu/erosion2009/	Tara Mt., Serbia	May 26-30, 2009
0905b	Conference on “The sustainable development of water resources”, organized by Hydrotechnics Faculty of “Politehnica” University of Timisoara, Romania gcr@mail.dnttm.ro	Timisoara, Romania	May 27-28, 2009
0906a	The 10th international meeting on Soil with Mediterranean Type of Climate http://www.cnrs.edu.lb/10IMSMTC.pdf .	Beirut, Lebanon	Jun 22-26, 2009
0906b	Conference on “Challenges and Opportunities of Bioindustrial Watershed Development for the Prosperity of the Farming Community”, organized by the Soil Conservation Society of India www.soilcsi.org/	Bengaluru, India	Jun 25-27, 2009
0909	International Conference on Desertification in memory of Professor John B. Thornes http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornes/doku.php	Murcia, Spain	Sep 16-18, 2009
0910	POSTPONED TO MARCH 1-5, 2010, TO BE LANDCON 1003 Conference on “Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity”, organized by Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), roose@mpl.ird.fr , www.chercheurs.auf.org	Port au Prince, Haiti	Oct 19-24, 2009
0911	International Seminar on Upland for Food Security, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Soedirman, Purwokerto, Central Java. Contact Budi Prakoso prabud2001@yahoo.com	Purwokerto, Central Java, Indonesia	Nov 7-8, 2009
1003	LANDCON 1003 Conference on “Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity”, organized by Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), roose@mpl.ird.fr , www.chercheurs.auf.org	Port au Prince, Haiti	March 1-5, 2010, may postpone further
1004	Interpraevent Conference in the Pacific Rim http://interpreaevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/ , scchen@nchu.edu.tw	Taipei, Taiwan	Apr 26-30, 2010
1005	First Conference on Soil and Roots Engineering Relationship habibibalani@gmail.com	Ardebil Province, Iran	May 2010
1010	A conference at the Institute of Soil and Water Conservation www.ms.iswc.ac.cn , lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn	Yangling, Shaanxi, China	Oct 2010
1101	SWAT SEA II Workshop and Conference http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn , nguyenkimloi@gmail.com	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	Jan 4-8, 2011
11...	A conference organized by the Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists www.iaswc.com/index.html	Dehra Dun, India	2011???

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

MEETINGS 2010++

Early 2010

Agricultural Biotechnologies in Developing Countries Conference

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Mexican Government are organizing an invitation-only international technical conference on "Agricultural biotechnologies in developing countries: Options and opportunities in crops, forestry, livestock, fisheries and agro-industry to face the challenges of food insecurity and climate change" in Guadalajara, Mexico in early 2010.

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

2010

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

January 11-14, 2010

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

January 14-16, 2010

2nd International Seminar on Medicinal Plants

Date: 14-16 Jan, 2010 Location: Lahore, Pakistan

January 18-21, 2010

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

Heads of state, top government officials, scientists, environmental experts, global business leaders and finance and industry professionals will attend WFES, to present their views, explore solutions, build networks and collaborate. The 2010 edition will cover topics such as Energy Policy & challenges, Sustainable Fuels and Power Technologies, Carbon Capture & Storage, Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Transportation.

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

January 18-21, 2010

Soil, Crop Production, Horticulture, and Weed Sciences Combined Congress - 18-21 January 2010, Bloemfontein, South Africa. This conference will focus on the advances in Soil Science, Crop Production, Horticulture, and Weed Science, specifically in the semi-arid Southern Africa region. The annual Combined Congress is presented under the auspices of the Southern African Society for Horticultural Sciences, the Southern African Weed Science Society, the South African Society of Crop Production, and the Soil Science Society of South Africa. Mid-congress tours will highlight maize production and value addition in this semi-arid environment, with a rainfall of 550 mm per year or a visit to a commercial rose-growing enterprise. More information is available at: www.combinedcongress.org.za (From IUSS Alert 54)

January 19-21, 2009

13th Annual International Conference and Exhibition on Geospatial Information Technology and Applications

Map India 2010

19 - 21 January at Epicentre, Gurgaon, India

Theme: Defining Geospatial Vision For India

New Abstract Submission deadline: 01 December 2009

Contact Registration, Amit Roshan (registration@mapindia.org)

Papers, Simmi Sinha (papers@mapindia.org)

Exhibition, Abhishek Kotangale (exhibition@gisdevelopment.net)

General Information, Prashant Joshi (info@mapindia.org)

February 1-4, 2010

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

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

February 1-5, 2010

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

The sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity, entitled "Getting the biodiversity targets right - working for sustainable development" will be held on 1st-5th February 2010 in Trondheim, Norway. The conference will be hosted by the Norwegian Government in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The conference will consider status and lessons learned from the 2010 target and will provide CBD with a sound basis for developing post 2010 biodiversity targets.

February 3-7, 2010

Conference on Organic Agriculture and the Scope of Environmental Problems, 3-7 February 2010, Famagusta, Cyprus

Non-governmental organizations from various European countries, as well as scientists, researchers, scholars, and agriculture professionals will gather at this conference to discuss new trends and advances in today's organic agriculture applications and their effects on other environmental sciences. Keynote speakers will be Urs Niggli, Executive Director of the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) in Switzerland; Timothy J. LaSalle, CEO of the Rodale Institute, and Christopher Stopes BSc, MSc Director of EcoS Consultancy Ltd.

The conference is organized by EMCC Institute (an EU-supported network led by active scientists from different countries). Best presentation and best poster will be awarded, and there is a special incentive for young researchers. For more information see: <http://organic.emccinstitute.org/>.

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 SMRLO'10

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

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

February 16-20, 2010



EC10

February 16-20, 2010

[EC10 Homepage](#)
[View Exhibitors](#)
[Hotel and Travel](#)
[Photo Contest](#)

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL CONNECTION?

"IECA is the premier erosion control conference in the world. I wouldn't miss the opportunity to network with professionals and to learn about cutting edge technology! You cannot afford to miss it!"

-Misty Scharff, CPESC
URS Corporation



HOTEL & TRAVEL MADE EASY

Dear Samran,

Journey to Dallas this February to get first-class erosion and sediment control training. Environmental Connection 2010 (EC10) promises to provide you with new ideas, introduce you to new technology and connect you with professionals from around the world.

The EC10 conference will be hosted at the beautiful Hilton Anatole hotel. Stay where the action is and reap the rewards of staying at the Hilton Anatole:

- Free internet for all attendees in the guest rooms.
- 50% discount on parking (\$8.00).
- 10% discount at all shops.
- Meet up with old friends or make new ones at the "Sediment Basin."

From now until January 22, you will enjoy special rates of \$149.00 plus tax per night. Call 214-761-7500 or [book online](#) now.

LIMITED AVAILABILITY of interior rooms for \$99.00 plus tax per night.

Government rates are available. Please call the Hilton Anatole to reserve your room (you cannot book a government rate using the website).

The Environmental Connection 2010 registration book is now available for you to download from IECA's website.

In an effort to reduce direct mail waste and the annual conference's environmental impact, IECA has elected to reduce the number of physical registration books it is sending this year. The book and registration form have both been made available in an electronic format. Should you wish for a physical copy to be mailed to you, please [click here](#) and complete the online form.

Download the registration book [here](#) (10 MB .pdf)

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

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

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

FIELD TOURS

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

Wednesday, February 17th

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

Thursday, February 18th

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

SPECIAL EVENTS AT EC10

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

- * Wednesday Awards Luncheon
- * Expo Grand Opening Celebration
- * Sixth Floor Museum Tour
- * Cowboy Stadium Tour
- * Friday Afternoon Golf Tournament (Details Coming Soon!)

Cowboys Stadium (Photo: Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau)

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February 21-24, 2010

Watershed Technology Conference: call for papers

The 21st Century Watershed Technology: Improving Water Quality and the Environment International Conference will be held at EARTH University in Costa Rica from 21-24 February 2010. The Conference will look at emerging problems and new solutions for managing watersheds to meet water quality and quantity standards and will provide a forum for agriculture related professionals to exchange information on science, applications and developments in the use of watershed science and technology. Professionals working in watershed technology and related areas are invited to submit an abstract for consideration to be presented during the Conference. Please see the announcement at <http://www.watershedtech.org/introduction.htm> for a list of potential topics. Abstracts of 300 words or less should be submitted through the online application form (http://www.asabe.org/meetings/cfp/call.cfm?mtg_code=water2010), and are due by the 29 July 2009.

MARCH 1-5, 2010 **LANDCON 1003**

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

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

YOU ARE STILL WELCOME TO SEND ABSTRACTS FOR PAPERS TO PRESENT AT LANDCON 1003

Colloque international

sur le thème

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

Port-au-Prince (Haïti), 1 - 5 mars 2010

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

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

Avec le soutien de :

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

Montpellier, le 20 septembre 2009

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity

Proposal of conference to be organized by the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) in Haiti from March 1-5, 2010

Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

Place

The place is Port au Prince, where university researchers and ministries concerned, are concentrated. The researchers of countries close to Latin America, Europe and North America can easily reach the local international airport. In addition, there are researchers motivated in attending this conference, co-sponsored by the AUF, the IRD, the universities and the international co-operation: new AUF buildings in Pétienville gather the ideal conditions for this event.

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

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

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

T2. Influence of the anti-erosive fight (farming techniques, anti-erosive structures and afforestation) on the water dynamics of the terrains on the basin slopes. Hydrological operation of the basin slopes. Characterization of the

cyclones (frequency, height and intensity of the rains) and necessary adaptation of the techniques of SWC. Storage and recycling of the streaming: analysis of the valorization of surface water running through ditches, benches, terraces, gully thresholds, cisterns and hill lakes.

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

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

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

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

Planning, participation and valorization of farmlands.

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

Structure of the conference

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

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

Agenda (Planning and Schedule)

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

Preliminary program on the internet site.

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

* Before July 15, correction by a reading panel of each discipline and preparation of a CD-ROM to be distributed during the conference.

* October 1, publication of a booklet of the summaries, syntheses and program.

* The follow-up committee of the AUF's E-GCES network will hold a meeting during the conference.

December 2009, selection of the best communications in order to prepare a scientific work on the question posed (AUF), or proposal of the best articles for an international bulletin (Journal of agronomy or drought, or bulletin on development and environment.)

Publications

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

(AUF, Matériaux et environnement) or English-speaking ones.

Scientific committee

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

Steering Committee: Sponsored by three Caribbean universities

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

March 2-4, 2009

Ecobuild Earls Court, London, UK

Ecobuild is the world's biggest event for sustainable design and construction with over 850 exhibitors, more than 100 free conference and seminar sessions and dozens of interactive attractions, all free to attend for registered visitors. <http://www.ecobuild.co.uk/>

March 8-10, 2010

International conference on renewable energy: generation and applications

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

March 8-11, 2010

International Conference on Agribiotech in Uganda

Science Foundation for Livelihoods and Development (Scifode) and the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) will organize the International Conference on Agrobiotechnology, Biosafety and Seed Systems (AGBIOSAFESEED2010) on 8-11 March 2010 at the Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala, Uganda. The theme of the conference will be *Tapping Agro-Biotech Potential for Improved Seed Production and Utilization*. Visit <http://www.scifode.org>

March 8-12, 2010

Agbiosafeseed 2010

The International Conference on Agro-biotechnology, Biosafety and Seed Systems in Developing Countries For more information and inquiries visit <http://www.scifode.org/> or email scifode@scientist.com

March 15-20, 2010

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

March 17-20, 2010

The Division 3 - Soil Use and Management of the International Union of Soil Science (IUSS) is performing an '**International Conference on Soil Fertility and Soil Productivity, Two Features to be Distinguished - Differences of Efficiency of Soils for Land Uses, Expenditures and Returns**'. I will use for this conference the big occasion of the celebration of the 200 years anniversary of the famous Humboldt University of Berlin in 2010. The Humboldt University has strong links to Albrecht Thear who is famous for his humus theory in the 18th century and early work on soil fertility. I would be very pleased to gain your interest in this conference, and when you could inform in the

thematic interested colleagues and your society. The address of the home page of the conference is <http://www.uni-due.de//soil-fertility-productivity2010/index.shtml>, soil-fertility-productivity2010@uni-due.de

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March 22-26, 2010

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

March 23-26, 2010

Fifth International Workshop on
"Geographical Analysis, Urban Modeling, Spatial Statistics"
GEOG-AN-MOD 10
http://www.unibas.it/utenti/murgante/geog_an_mod_10/index.html

in conjunction with
The 2010 International Conference on Computational
Science and its Applications (ICCSA 2010)
March 23-26, 2010,
Kyushu Sangyo University, Fukuoka, Japan
<http://www.iccsa.org/>

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March 23-27, 2010



[13th Soil Science Congress](#) Date: 24-27 March, 2010 Location: Faisalabad, Pakistan

March 24, 2010

Agriculture 2.0 conference, 24 March 2010, Palo Alto, California, USA

Agriculture 2.0 Silicon Valley, co-hosted by NewSeed Advisors, US Venture Partners, and SPIN Farming, will bring together hundreds of entrepreneurs, investors, farmers, industry experts, and journalists, all united by the common goal of driving the growth of sustainable agriculture and healthful food systems. The one-day conference will address topics including: What's happening on the farms? Can traditional venture capital invest in agriculture? What comes after organic? A special Aquaculture track, sponsored by Aquacopia, will highlight investment opportunities and the future of fish farming. Live demonstrations of new agriculture technology and company presentations will create a dynamic, interactive event. Please check the website for program and speaker updates: <http://www.newseedadvisors.com/>

March 25-27, 2010

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

March 29-31, 2010

Ecotrons and Lysimeters Congress: key tools for studying terrestrial ecosystem responses to global change, to pollutants, and the ecological engineering – Nancy, France 29-31 Mars 2010

Extended deadline for abstract submission: 15/12/2009 www.ecotron2010.org

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April 7-9, 2010

3rd International Conference on Problematic Soils, Adelaide, Australia

Topics

- Peat and organic soils - Volcanic Soils
- Expansive Soils - Collapsible Soils
- Carbonate rich soils - Lateritic soils
- Residual soils - Tailings
- Deep fills - Dispersive soils
- Unsaturated soils

Contact: The Conference Secretariat, CI-PREMIER PTE LTD, 150 Orchard Road #07-14, Orchard Plaza, Singapore 238841

Tel: +65 6733 2922 Fax: +65 6235 3530, E-mail: cipremie@singnet.com.sg, Website: www.cipremier.com

April 12-16, 2010

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

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

April 15-16, 2010

International Workshop on Quantitative Soil Spectroscopy, GFZ Potsdam, Germany, 15-16 April 2010. This workshop is organized by Eyal Ben Dor and Sabin Chabrillat, as part of "Hyperspectral Applications for Soil" working group within the EUFAR framework project and the ISPRS technical commission VII/3 "Information extraction from Hyperspectral Data". The workshop will cover spectral analysis of soil as was developed over the past decade by worldwide experts. The workshop intend to discuss past, present and future activities in quantitative analysis of soil spectra as well as applications already implemented for hyperspectral remote sensing information as acquired from air and space domains. The workshop will include frontal lectures of experts, an analytical course, demonstration of new software and instrumentation dedicated to analyze soil spectra and a round table. The workshop is not opened to the public (place is limited) and interested partners are requested to contact the organizers prior submission an abstract. The deadline for the abstract is January 22, 2010. For more information, please see the home page of the EUFAR website on www.eufar.net under "What's new"

April 20-25, 2010

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

LANDCON 1004 Meeting*

April 26-30, 2010

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

Important Dates

Deadline for submission of abstract **30 April 2009**

Notification of abstract acceptance **31 May 2009**

Deadline for submission of full-paper manuscript **31 October 2009**

Notification of paper acceptance **30 November 2009**

End of early registration **15 January 2010**

Finalized technical program **15 February 2010**
Symposium **26 April 2010**

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



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)
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- Reservation: 4066-5678

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

April 26-29, 2010

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

April 28-29, 2010

Water & Environment 2010: CIWEM's Annual Conference London United Kingdom
Website: http://www.ciwem.org/events/annual_conference/ CIWEM will hold a two-day Annual Conference that will address multidisciplinary issues across all areas of the global water and environment sector. There will be a mix of keynote speakers, offered papers, exhibitions and networks.

April 28-29, 2010

PCLG International Symposium: The PCLG Secretariat is organizing an international symposium that will take place on 28th and 29th April 2010 and will be hosted by the Zoological Society of London. Recognising that the CBD 2010 target includes 'contributing to poverty reduction' as a key rationale for halting biodiversity loss, the aim of the symposium will be to review what we actually know about the degree to which biodiversity conservation contributes to poverty reduction. The PCLG Secretariat is now commissioning a series of "state of knowledge" reviews to inform this symposium. Anyone who would like to receive the Terms of Reference for these studies is welcome to contact us (pclg@iied.org).

April 28-29, 2010

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

Venue

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

Purpose

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

**6th National Seminar on Watershed Management
Topics**

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

4th National Seminar on Soil Erosion and Sediment

Topics

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

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

Chair of Technical Program Committee

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

For further information, kindly contact through Department of Watershed Management Engineering,
College of Natural Resources and Marine Sciences, Tarbiat Modares University, Noor 46417-76489,
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May 2-7, 2010

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

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

Furthermore, we greatly would appreciate if you forward this notice to interested colleagues and collaborators.

Please, find below further information on the session.

Deadline for Receipt of Abstracts: 18 January 2010

A more detailed schedule is available at:

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

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

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

NH3.10: Hydrological, hydraulic, and mechanical effects of plants for slope stability

Landslides, flooding and surface erosion are among the most threatening natural hazards for humanity, all over the world. Protection measures against them mainly focus on technical constructions that, however, are restricted to point by point or linear effects with an often short lifespan. Environmentally compatible and long-term surface protection is one of the privileges of plants and accompanying organisms. The biological measures naturally contribute to the strength of soil all along the successional paths of plant associations and considerably influence hydrological and hydraulic characteristics. Furthermore, a developing vegetation cover enhances the biological activities in the soil in general and affects the physical and chemical characteristics of the soil and the natural drainage system. The application of living plants and other organisms as construction material for civil and river engineering structures is one of the key benefits of soil bioengineering. However, to establish soil bioengineering techniques as standardised civil and river engineering methods, the dynamic interaction processes between the living organisms (bio system), soil and water (geo system) need to be quantified. From a soil bioengineering point of view this is essential for consolidated knowledge on the effects of the applied organisms (support, anchoring, drainage, reinforcement, armour and hydraulic resistance).

The goal of this session is to exchange knowledge of research from the field of slope bioengineering. Contributions dealing with above mentioned topics are highly encouraged. Practical applications of slope bioengineering systems are as much welcome as fundamental studies of the role of vegetation for slope and river bank stability.

May 2-7, 2010

EGU Session on Rainfall simulation as a tool for soil erosion and soil hydrology studies. Convener: Artemi Cerdá, co-Conveners: Peter Fiener, Xiping Wang , Rob Loch , Lee MacDonald , Fred Pierson, EGU 2010. Rainfall simulators are being used since the 1930s by scientists and technicians to study soil erosion and soil hydrology. They were and they are one of the most used and most successful tools for Agronomist, Hydrologist, Geomorphologist and other related disciplines. They move from simple drop-formers and nozzle to sophisticated apparatus, from small to large, and from mechanical to electronic devices. Rainfall simulators speed up the research as they allowed repeated and multiple measurements. They give opportunities to a more controlled and more accurate measurements, and they are plenty of advantages. However, when mismanagement and misunderstanding take place rainfall simulators can result in disadvantages and waste on time and money. The session on “Rainfall simulation as a tool for soil erosion and soil hydrology studies” will join researchers that used simulated rainfall experiments as a main tool to investigate soil erosion and soil hydrology. A special attention will be paid to the rainfall simulators design, construction and use, the experimental design and the measurement of the rainfall characteristics. Research on soil erosion and soil hydrology by means of rainfall simulators (from drop former to large plot rainfall simulators) will be shown.

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

Solicited speakers:

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May 3-5, 2010

4th MEDITERRANEAN MEETING ON NO TILLAGE

Setif, Algeria, May 3-5, 2010

Organized by

ATU.PAM (Association Trait d'Union pour une Agriculture Moderne) FERT (Formation pour l'Epanouissement et le Renouveau de la Terre)

With the collaboration of

INRAA (Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, Algérie)

ITGC (Institut Technique des Grandes Cultures, Algérie)

DSA (Direction des Services Agricoles de Sétif)

First announcement

Conservation Agriculture constitutes a viable alternative to overcome the challenging water scarcity and basic natural resources degradation in the Mediterranean region which is dominated by rain fed agriculture. In this context, it will be held, on May 3-5, 2010, at Sétif (Algeria) the 4th MEDITERRANEAN MEETING ON NO TILLAGE

As with the previous meetings (Saragossa, Spain 2006 ; Tabarka, Tunisia 2004 and Settat, Morocco 2001) initiated within the framework activities of RCM (Mediterranean Field Crop Network hosted by FERT), this

meeting will be an opportunity to exchange experiences, and ideas among Farmers, Technicians, Researchers and Policy Makers about Conservation Agriculture. This is especially an opportunity to address particularly the practices related to No Tillage and simplified cultivation techniques such as weed management, rotation, fallowing, cover crop and mechanization.

The purpose of this first announcement is intended as an awareness of issues of Conservation Agriculture by offering you the opportunity to participate to this meeting under different forms: Oral communication in the framework of the predefined themes by the Technical and Scientific Committee (TSC) which are listed below. - Poster on a topic related to the overall theme of Conservation Agriculture Simple registration to participate to the 3day program. The final program of this meeting will be elaborated in the coming weeks by the TSC, based on the expressed interest received after the first announcement.

In this context, you find below the themes for this event, the procedures for submitting an oral presentation or a poster and a preregistration bulletin. For further information, please feel free to contact us.

Organization Committee Technical and Scientific Committee

The fourth Mediterranean meeting on No Tillage is organized by the Association Trait d'Union Pour une Agriculture Moderne (ATUPAM) of Sétif (Algeria), la Formation pour l'Epanouissement et le Renouveau de la Terre (FERT, France), l'Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA, Algeria), l'Institut Technique des Grandes Cultures (ITGC, Algeria), la Direction du Développement des Zones Arides et SemiArides du Ministère de l'Agriculture et du Développement Rural (DDZAS_MADR, Algeria), La Direction des Services Agricoles de Sétif (DSA, Sétif, Algeria), la Chambre d'Agriculture de la Wilaya de Sétif (CAW, Sétif, Algeria) and la Wilaya de Sétif (Algeria).

ATUPAM has the responsibility of assuring the permanent secretariat and the organization material of the 4th Mediterranean Meeting on No tillage. The program will include two days of conferences and workshops and a halfday field trip. ATUPAM Tel: +21336846566 Fax: +21336846566 E_mail : atu.pam@gmail.com

The various sessions will focus on practical approaches to lead to practical and useful recommendations to Farmers and Developers adopting Conservation Agriculture. Each session will include conferences, Farmers testimonial, free communications and porters related to the following topics:

May 3rd 2010

Morning session: Registration, Opening and presentation of Algerian case

- Presentation of Algerian Agriculture
- Definition of concepts of Conservation Agriculture (CA): No Till, TCS vs Conventional Tillage
- Research results and application of CA

Afternoon session: Farmers testimony, principles and issues in CA

- Testimony of farmers (Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Spain ...)
- Principles and issues of CA
- Adaptation of crop management: N, diseases, pests
- Control of weed flora

May 4th 2010

Morning session: Soil and Fallow Management in Conservation Agriculture

- Soil management
- Fallow management
- Cover Crops
- Rotations: forage and food legumes
- Agriculture Opportunity
- Policies favouring the adoption of CA

Afternoon session: The integration of livestock (sheep and cattle) and development strategies, dissemination and adoption of CA

- The association cereal-sheep farming and compatibility with No Till
- Transition from conventional farming to No Till
- Environmental impact

Symposium Proceedings

Proceedings of the Fourth Mediterranean Meeting on No Tillage will be edited by CIHEAM Saragossa IAMZ in the journal 'Options Méditerranéennes' and also by INRAA, for local dissemination of the information.

Registration and fees

Registrations must be done no later than December 25th, 2009, by sending the registration form filled in. People registered for a conference, an oral communication or a poster (accepted by the TSC) are taken fully in charge for the hotel and catering by ATUPAM. No fees are required. The participants to the seminar will be hosted in downtown hotels. The list of the hotels will be sent with the second announcement of the meeting.

Call for papers: deadline December 25th, 2009

Oral or poster contributions are accepted for all sessions, the abstract should be sent by E-mail, along with the registration form filled in before December 25th, 2009.

The languages used during the seminar are Arabic, English and French.

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l'Epanouissement et le Renouveau de la terre (FERT) Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, Algérie
(INRAA) Institut Technique des Grandes Cultures (ITGC)

Registration form *

4th Mediterranean Meeting on No Till
Setif, Algeria, May, 3-5, 2010

Deadline December, 25th, 2009

First name.....

Family name.....

Institution.....

Address.....

Telephone.....

E_mail

I present a conference (...), an oral communication (...), a poster (...). The summary is attached to this registration form. I will participate in the field trip of **May, 5th, 2010**: Yes Non

* Registration form to complete and mail it with a summary of your contribution to ATU_PAM:
atu.pam@gmail.com before December 25, 2009.

May 18-22, 2010

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

May 17-19, 2010

International Conference on Soil Classification and Reclamation of Degraded Lands in Arid Environments and Launching of Abu Dhabi Soil Survey Report, Abu Dhabi, UAE, 17-19 May, 2010. The soils display extensive spatial and temporal variability in their properties, and therefore, their understanding, soil classification, land use management and reclamation are of prime importance.

Soil information provides foundation for potential uses and problems that may arise and therefore is the key for policy and decision making, especially in arid regions facing severe water scarcity. The co-occurrence of the International conference and launching of the Abu Dhabi Soil Survey Report will provide excellent opportunities to the international scientific community to share the world soils information leading to proper land use management, and reclamation of degraded land in arid environments. Participants with accepted papers will be fully or partially funded depending on innovative research and quality of papers. The deadline for Abstracts submission is **30th November 2009**. For submission and more information, see www.ead.ae/en/events/conference.on.soil.classification.aspx (From IUSS Alert 55)

May 24-26, 2010

4th Global Workshop on Digital Soil Mapping

<http://2010.digitalsoilmapping.org/>, chiara.piccini@entecra.it

**From Digital Soil Mapping to Digital Soil Assessment:
identifying key gaps from fields to continents**

Rome, 24-26 May 2010

CNR Conference Room, Piazzale Aldo Moro, 7 – 00185 Roma

The workshop will be held under the auspices of:

The INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SOIL SCIENCES

The Working Group on Digital Soil Mapping (WG-DSM)

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The Working Group on Digital Soil Mapping (WG-DSM)

Local Organization:

JRC – Institute for Environment and Sustainability, Land Management and Natural Hazard Unit (Ispra)
Agricultural Research Council

Research Centre for Soil/Plant System (Rome)

Research Centre for Agrobiological and Pedology (Florence)

CNR – Institute for Mediterranean Agricultural and Forestry Systems (Ercolano – NA)

Sponsors:

Italian Pedologists Association (AIP)

Italian Soil Science Society (SISS)

See details in <http://2010.digitalsoilmapping.org/>

Or contact Dr.ssa Chiara Piccini
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May 24-26, 2010

LANDCON 1005 Meeting*

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

Ardebil, Iran 24-26 May 2010

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

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

Deadlines:
Abstract submission:
Nov. 15, 2009. Please send to:
landcon.ir.abstract@gmail.com
Acceptance of abstract:
Jan. 22, 2010.
Full paper submission:
March 15, 2010.

Subject Areas:

- Avalanches bio- engineering
- Biological richness
- Catchment's management with Plant
- Coastline protection with plants
- Debris flow bio- engineering
- Disaster management on soil debris
- Disturbance ecology
- Effect of grazing on Vegetation diversity
- Effect of human intervention on root-soil Interaction
- Effect of silviculture on root-soil Interaction
- Effect of wind throw on soil stress
- Effects of wind loading on Roots
- Evapotranspiration
- Failure criteria of roots
- Flow mitigation with plants
- Forest Soil Environment
- Forests and Water interactions
- High-altitude plant ecosystems
- Influence of climate change on vegetation
- Landslides bio- engineering
- Legislation for soil bio-engineering
- Mechanics of Roots under wind loading
- Modeling root reinforcement
- Mountain biodiversity
- Plant establishment
- Plant growth versus engineering
- Plant management
- Planting cuttings on embankments
- Riparian Plants
- Risk management with GIS
- Riverbank protection with plants
- Rockfall bio- engineering
- Root anchorage
- Root and soil ecology
- Root and soil interaction
- Root and soil interface
- Root architecture
- Root density
- Root effect on soil cohesion
- Root growth
- Root morphology
- Root reinforcement
- Root strength
- Run-off protection with plants
- Short and long-term measures on soil debris
- Slope degradation
- Slope hydrology
- Slope stability modeling
- Soil bio-engineering techniques
- Soil fixing techniques
- Soil loss protection with plants root
- Soil moisture relations and vegetation
- Soil nailing
- Soil protective techniques
- Soil sealing with plant roots
- Species selection for soil protection
- Torrent control with plants
- Unsaturated strength of soil
- Vegetation ecology
- Vegetation structural diversity
- Wind erosion and conservation with plant

Web site: www.landcon-ir.com

The official language for the conference is English.

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

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

Supporting Institutions:



International Committee of Soil and Earth Engineers (ICSEE)



World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)



International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)



European Ecological Union

WASWC provides Guest membership to all participants for one year.

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

May 24-29, 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

We remind you that the DEADLINE OF ABSTRACT SUBMISSION for BALWOIS 2010 Conference (www.balwois.com/2010) is **postponed until 15 of December 2009**.

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

All the information concerning BALWOIS 2010 Conference is on www.balwois.com/2010

A selection of the best papers will be published in a special issue of "Ecohydrology and Hydrobiology".

Note: Participants who pay registration fee before 15 of April will save 20 euro, if you want to pay Registration Fee before **15 of April 2010** you can find the *Conference Banking Details* at this link:

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

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

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

International Soil Science Congress on Management of Natural Resources to Sustain Soil Health and Quality Samsun, Turkey

International Soil Science Congress on Management of Natural Resources to Sustain Soil Health and Quality is going to be held at Ondokuz Mayıs University in Samsun, Turkey. The deadline for abstracts/proposals is 1 November 2009. Enquiries: soil2010@omu.edu.tr; Web <http://soil2010.omu.edu.tr>

May 26-28, 2010

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

June 2010

I work as an ergonomist at the French Research Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Food (INRA). I undertake research on **innovation and design in agriculture**. Concerning this topic, a **workshop will be held in June in the Netherlands, gathering social and human scientists** (sociology, economy, ergonomics and

philosophy mainly) **to exchange about changes that occur in the primary industry according to sustainable development issues and their consequences for design and innovation systems and practices.**

Thank you in advance for your support in spreading this information in the International Community of Agricultural Ergonomists.

Marianne Cerf, *Senior Researcher*

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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

June 21- 22, 2010

Second Open Source GIS UK Conference

Centre for Geospatial Science, University of Nottingham Website:

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

The Centre for Geospatial Science of University of Nottingham, Open Source Geospatial Foundation (UK Chapter) and ICA Working Group on Open Source Geospatial Technologies are organizing the **Second Open Source GIS UK Conference** on 21-22nd June, 2010 at the University of Nottingham.

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

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

June 21-24, 2010

APPLYING REMOTE SENSING AND GIS in DISASTER MANAGEMENT

YOGYAKARTA, INDONESIA, 21-24 JUNE, 2010

University of Gadjah Mada in cooperation with GISDECO, EARSeL and ITC - UNU-DGIM are organizing an international conference on Applying Remote Sensing and GIS in Disaster Management. Please download the first announcement, circulate it to relevant bodies and of course, submit papers and attend this event.

Aims of the Conference

The conference aims to encourage the use of geospatial information in disaster and risk management as well as a basis for spatial planning and regional development. In this scientific meeting, researchers, lecturers, practitioners and students from both developed and developing countries meet together to share ideas in applying geospatial technology in order to satisfy the needs for planning in disaster prone areas.

Site for information: <http://www.itc.nl/gisdeco/>

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of Abstracts: 15th January 2010

Notification of Acceptance: 15th February 2010

Submission of Full Papers: 22nd May 2010

Please note the official conference site is not yet operational.

June 28-July 1, 2010

International symposium on Innovation and Sustainable Development in Agriculture and Food, 28 June - 1 July 2010, Montpellier, France

This meeting of participants from diverse disciplines and geographic areas will examine whether science and society can reinvent agricultural and food systems to achieve sustainability.

Partners for the event include CIRAD, INRA, Montpellier SupAgro, Agropolis Fondation.
For more information on the meeting and abstract submission see: <http://www.isda2010.net/>.

June 28-July 2, 2010

The deadline for abstract submissions for ESA's **Living Planet Symposium**, to be held from 28 June – 2 July 2010 in Bergen, Norway, is 15 November. The meeting will provide a forum for scientists to discuss the latest results and technologies related to Earth observation satellite data exploitation.

Read more at: http://www.esa.int/esaEO/SEMCNO5RN1G_index_0.html

June 28-July 2, 2010

International Conference: 18th Commonwealth Forestry Conference

Edinburgh, Scotland, 28 June-2 July 2010

Financial support application deadline: 14 December 2010

Organized and hosted by the UK Forestry Commission, this conference will explore how restoring the Commonwealth's forests can contribute to the global challenge of tackling climate change. It will also examine how forest restoration can be used to tackle issues involving community livelihoods, food security, biodiversity, energy, and governance. Some financial support is available for developing country participants, with details on how to apply for support [here](#). For more information about the event, [click here](#).

June 29-July 1, 2010

Call for Abstracts: 2010 International Climate Change Adaptation

Queensland, Australia, 29 June – 1 July 2010

Submission deadline: 18 January 2010

This conference will focus on climate impacts and adaptation, bringing together scientists and decision makers from developed and developing countries to share research approaches, methods, and results. The event is co-hosted by Australia's National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility and the CSIRO climate Adaptation Flagship. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

July 3-7, 2010

24th **International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB)** <<http://www.conbio.org/2010>>: The 2010 meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) will be held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on July 3rd-7th, 2010. The theme of the meeting is "Conservation for a Changing Planet." Because of the focus on environmental change, the meeting will highlight the importance of multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to conservation.

July 4-7, 2010

The 9th European IFSA Symposium: 4-7 July 2010 in Vienna! **Building sustainable rural futures - The added value of systems approaches in times of change and uncertainty**

The following five themes give an overview of the issues that will be addressed at the 9th European IFSA Symposium: 1. Knowledge Systems, learning and collective action; 2. Transition, resilience, and adaptive management; 3. Energy production, CO2 sink and climate change; 4. Sustainable food systems; 5. Landscape and rural land use

Within each theme there are several workshops addressing specific aspect of the theme. Please select the workshop most suitable to your interest and submit an abstract to the convenor of that workshop by 15 October 2009. CA has a great deal to contribute to this Symposium.

July 5-9, 2010

AOGS 2010 will be held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre, India, on July 5-9, 2010. The details of the meeting can be viewed at the website: <http://www.asiaoceania.org/aogs2010/index.asp>

Although the deadline for session proposal is due on Dec. 1, it is still some room for additional proposals before Dec. 15. Please discuss with your colleagues whether you would like to propose a session. If you would like to convene a session at the Hyderabad AOGS in 2010 please submit your suggestion through the web site:

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

This call for sessions closes Dec. 15, 2009

Ching-Hua Lo, SE Section President, AOGS

July 21-23, 2010



[Flyer_Symposium Hanoi 2010.pdf](#)

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

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

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

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August 1-6, 2010

19th WCSS – Papers can still be submitted!

The 19th World Congress of Soil Science will be held in Australia, 1-6 August 2010 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The submission dates are now as follows: Oral Papers - The final close date for papers to be considered for oral presentation at the Congress is now 30 November 2009. Poster Papers - Papers to be considered for poster presentation will now be accepted until 31st January 2010. Early registration is now also open.

A comprehensive list of tours can now be seen on the website. These include Pre- and Post-Congress Tours, in addition to an interesting selection of shorter Congress Excursions available just before or after the week of the Congress. See www.19wcss.org.au (From IUSS Alert 55)

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

August 2-4, 2010

Qualitative GIS: emerging issues and possible futures

An international conference at Cardiff University

The conference will take the form of a series of presentations; round-table discussions; break-out groups and networking sessions through which the group will consider the challenges to progressing qualitative GIS and identify how to move forward in collaboration with one other.

Keynote speakers

Mei-Po Kwan, Distinguished Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University

Marianna Pavlovskaya, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Hunter College, CUNY

Registration details

Registration opens on 1st March 2010. Places are limited to 60 people.

To register your interest, and receive further details, please contact us using the details below. Registering your interest will give you priority booking when registration opens.

WISERD, Cardiff University, Glamorgan Building, King Edward VII Avenue, Cardiff, CF10 3WT

wiserd@cardiff.ac.uk (Tel: +44 (0) 2920 87484) (Fax: +44 (0) 2920 874520)

August 2-3, 4-6, 2010

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

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

DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF THE SWAT MODEL

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

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

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

CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference Proceedings will be published.

- Deadline for abstract submission: April 30, 2010
- Deadline for paper submission: June 30, 2010

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

ACCOMMODATIONS: For Hotel information visit the Conference Website.

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Workshop Registration, August 2-3, 2010

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

Workshops include: Participants Students

Introductory SWAT US\$300 US\$200

Advanced SWAT US\$300 US\$200

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

Conference Registration, August 4-6, 2010

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

How to Register

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

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

What to Expect

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

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nwkim@kict.re.kr. Conference Website: <http://www.swat-k.re.kr>; <http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat>

August 23-28, 2010

23rd IUFRO World Congress, Seoul, Korea, 23-28 August 2010

Registration deadline: 30 April 2010

Abstract submission deadline: 31 December 2009

IUFRO's upcoming World Congress will explore the theme Forests for the Future: Sustaining Society and the Environment. Organizers are inviting submission of abstracts for presentations during technical and poster sessions. Abstracts should address one or more of the Congress themes, some of which include:

- Forests and Climate Change
- Forest Environmental Services
- Asia's Forests for the Future
- Forests, Communities, and Cultures

To find out more, [click here](#).

August 31-September 3, 2010

15th WORLD FERTILIZER CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CENTRE FOR FERTILIZERS (CIEC)

Jointly organized by

Romanian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences (AAFS)

National Research and Development Institute for Soil Science, Agrochemistry and Environmental Protection (INCDPAPM – ICPA)

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Bucharest

And The International Scientific Centre for Fertilizers (CIEC)

REGISTRATION

The registration fee is estimated to be approximately 350 Euros. Confirmation of cost will be made in the second announcement by December 2009 and at the website: www.icpa.ro/ciec
PRESIDENT of the CONGRESS LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
Mihail DUMITRU, Director General, National Research - Development Institute for Soil Science, Agrochemistry and Environmental Protection (INCDPAPM – ICPA)

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

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



September 6-8, 2010

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

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



September 6-8, 2010

The Third IASTED African Conference on Water Resource Management (AfricaWRM 2010) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, September 6-8, 2010, Gaborone, Botswana 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 For more information on Botswana, visit the official tourism site: Tourism of Botswana. Technical Committee: If you are interested in joining the IASTED Technical Committee or any of the technical committees related to this conference, please submit your name, address, phone, fax, email, areas of specialty, a list of your most recent publications, and a brief CV by email to calgary@iasted.org.

September 8-29, 2010

Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the **Convention on Biological Diversity - CBD COP 10** <http://www.cbd.int/meetings>: The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) will be held in Nagoya, Japan on 8th-29th of October 2010. This meeting is expected to assess achievement of the 2010 target to reduce significantly the rate of biodiversity loss, adopt an international regime on access and benefit-sharing and celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity 2010.

September 10-11, 2010

Croatia Branch Plans Conference on Soil Tillage

The Organizing Committee of the Croatia Soil Tillage Research Organization – CROSTRO and International Soil Tillage Research Organization – ISTRO, invites all ISTRO members and other interested persons to an international scientific conference entitled “Soil Tillage, An Open Approach” in Osijek, Republic of Croatia, from the 9th to 11th of September 2010.

September 13-15, 2010

GeoENV 2010 - the **8th International Conference on Geostatistics for Environmental Applications** 13-15 September 2010, Ghent, Belgium. On this biennially held conference, scientists across a broad range of disciplines share their experiences on the application of geostatistics to environmental problems. The focus of the conference is on a wide range of topics involving new evolutions on geostatistical methodology, spatial statistics, multiple point geostatistics, spatio-temporal statistics, ecology, natural resources, hydrology, ground water modelling, soil inventory and mapping, health, epidemiology, ecotoxicology, environmental pollution and risk assessment, forestry and agriculture, remote & proximal sensing www.geoenv.ugent.be (From IUSS Alert 51)

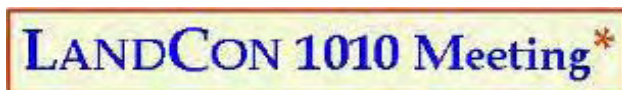
October 8-29, 2010

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>

September 27-October 1, 2010

6th International phosphorus workshop. 27 Sept-1 Oct, 2010. Spain. The International Phosphorus Workshop constitutes an important forum for discussion of the main issues related to the loss of phosphorus from soil and its impact on the environment, especially the surface waters. The workshop is held every three years, the present one following those held in 1995 (Wexford, Ireland), 1998 (Antrim, Northern Ireland), 2001 Plymouth (UK), 2004 (Wageningen, The Netherlands) and 2007 (Silkeborg, Denmark). Most of attendees in this last workshop were in favour of holding the next one in Seville, the ad hoc organizing committee being presently formed by Antonio Delgado (University of Seville), José Torrent (University of Córdoba) and Fernando Gil (University of Santiago de Compostela). Further details are here: <http://www.ipw6.us.es/> (From IUSS Alert 52)

October 11-15, 2010



World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)

FIRST WASWC COUNCIL MEETING

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

and

International Conference on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas

The 1st Announcement

I. INVITATION

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

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

degradation has already threatened and is threatening the socio-economic and culture development at regional and global scales.

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

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

II. THEMES

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

III. ORGANIZATION

1 Sponsors

World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)

Soil and Water Conservation Society of China (CSWCS)

2 Organizers

Bureau of science and technology for resources and environment,

CAS Soil and Water Conservation Department, MWR

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

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

Beijing Normal University

Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences

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

Mechanisms in the Main Soil Erosion Regions of China

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

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

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

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

IV. VENUE AND DATE

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

V. SECRETARIAT

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

November 5-7, 2010

Conference on Asian Borderlands – Enclosure, Interaction, and Transformation, Chiang Mai, Thailand: 5-7 November 2010. This conference draws from James C. Scott’s book, *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia*, which explores the mountainous regions of the Himalayas and its lower ranges where many groups of

people live across multiple national borders. It intends to encourage scholarship that looks across Asian borders, and invites papers that develop new perspectives on this study. For more information, [click here](#).

November 8-12, 2010

I am pleased to inform you that the **16th International Soil Conservation Conference (ISCO 16)**, scheduled for November 2010 in Santiago, Chile, has now established an active website with most of the information needed by potential contributors and participants.

Please visit <http://www.iscochile2010.cl/> for pertinent details, and inform your associates, colleagues and ISCO friends accordingly. Expedient publicity in your organization's bulletins and newsletters will be particularly appreciated.

I urge you to participate in this very timely conference and look forward to seeing you in Santiago.

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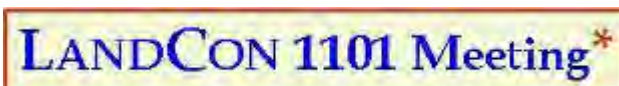
November 25-27, 2010

Conference on Land Reform and Management of Natural Resources in Africa and Latin America, 25-27 November 2010, Cataluña, Spain

This conference will explore land ownership and resource management in Latin America and Africa, taking a long range view of development policies in both countries. The conference is being organized by the Cooperative Center for Rural Development and the Interdisciplinary Group for Development and Multicultural Studies at the University of Lleida, Spain. For more information see: <http://www.congresreformasagrarias.org/>.

MEETINGS 2011++

January 4-5 and 6-8, 2011



Second International SWAT-SEA Workshop and Conference

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

Ho Chi Minh City (former Saigon), Vietnam

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

For more information please contact:

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

Members of the **SWAT-SEA II Scientific and Organizing Committee** are: Jeff Arnold (USDA-ARS, USA), Patrick Debels (Environmental Consultant - Soresma, Belgium), Theo Dillaha (Virginia Tech, USA), Victor Ella (University of the Philippines at Los Banos, Philippines), Trinh Truong Giang (Nong Lam University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam), Ashvin Gosain (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, India), Attachai Jintrawet (Chiang Mai, Thailand), Fanhua Hao (Beijing Normal University, China), Manoj K. Jha (Iowa State University, USA), Loi Nguyen Kim (Nong Lam University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam), Mahmud Raimadoya (Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia), Manuel Reyes (North Carolina A&T State University, USA), Hiroaki Somura (Shimane University, Japan), Raghavan Srinivasan (Texas A&M

University, USA), Samran Sombatpanit (World Association of Soil and Water Conservation), Brett Watson (University of Saskatchewan, Canada), Gebhard Schuler (Research Institute for Forest Ecology and Forestry Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany), Do Trung Binh (Institute of Agricultural Science for Southern Vietnam), Vo Quang Minh (Can Tho University, Vietnam), Husaini Omar (Engineering Faculty, UPM, Malaysia), Rajendra Shrestha (Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand), Kobkiat Pongput, Nipon Tangtham, Piboon Kanghae (Kasetsart University, Thailand), Sakda Sukviboon (Land Development Department, Thailand) and Khamphachanh Vongsana (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR), Hajah Suria Zanuddin and Thippeswamy Holige Mallikarjunaiah (Department of Agriculture, Brunei Darussalam), Bui Cach Tuyen (Vietnam Environment Administration, VEA), Ho Dinh Duan (Hue Institute of Natural Resources, Environment and Sustainable Development), Ha Van Hanh (Hue University of Sciences), Truong Phuoc Minh (The University of Da Nang), Nguyen Hieu Trung (Can Tho University), Le Duc Trung (Vietnam National Mekong Committee)



May 9-14, 2011

6th International Congress of the European Society for Soil Conservation *“Innovative Strategies and Policies for Soil Conservation”*

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

THEMATIC SESSIONS

1 Policies and thematic strategies for soil protection

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

2 Soil mapping and land evaluation for land use planning

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

3 Forest fires impacts on natural resources and cultural heritage

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

4 Sustainable management of wetlands

- 4.1 Utilization of peatlands (i.e. energy, horticulture)

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

5 Policies and strategies for combating desertification scenarios

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

6 Socio-economic aspects of land degradation

- 6.1 Degradation processes at global and regional scales
- 6.2 Socio-economic factors and consequences of land degradation
- 6.3 Policies to combat erosion
- 6.4 Impacts of physical and chemical land deterioration to society
- 6.5 Indicators of soil quality and soil health
- 6.6 Simulation models in sustainable land management.

7 Soil and water management under global climatic change scenarios

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

8 Biofuels and environmental effects

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

9 Conservation and management of soil biodiversity

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

10 Restoration and remediation of degraded lands

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

11 Special session: 'Education in soil conservation and public awareness'

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

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