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Dear friends (particularly those invited to be Guest members before January 2006),

We hope you have enjoyed using the products/ services of WASWC for sometime and one of these days we would have a chance to welcome you as a paying member in WASWC, in case you have not done so. This will assure a continued service in bringing news and other benefits to you wherever you are. Our ultimate wish is to see that scientists, academics and professionals worldwide will connect together and exchange news, technologies and approaches towards better management and care of soil, water and other natural resources far into the future, resulting in a better world than what we see now.

As you can see below, our membership fee is low and quite affordable in all categories. The small fee for each year can be offset by the value/ usefulness of just one free publication that can serve your purpose rightly – and there are several dozens of them that we bring to your notice each year, which you can obtain easily with only one mouse click. This is only one among several products and services that WASWC offers. I am sure there is no problem about the unavailability of the necessary fund from your side to enable your membership registration.

At this point I would like to inform you that the new password to access WASWC websites will be introduced in the early part of May 2007. We therefore encourage you to register yourself now to assure an uninterrupted use of all facilities in our association.

With my best wishes,

Samran Sombatpanit, Editor, Past President and Membership Coordinator (sombatpanit@yahoo.com)

- 1. Individual membership:** US\$5/yr for developing countries; US\$10 for developed countries and people working in international organizations worldwide. Payment of the fee for 4 years at the same time will enable the membership to be valid for 5 years.
- 2. Life membership:** US\$80 for developing countries; US\$160 for developed countries and people working in international organizations worldwide
- 3. Organization membership:** For universities, research and implemental institutions, government agencies, NGOs, societies, associations and international organizations, etc. Persons belonging to an Organization member will receive the same online products and services as the other two above categories: \$100/ yr for an organization with up to 150 persons; \$150/ yr for an organization with up to 300 persons; \$200/ yr for an organization with up to 500 persons; and \$10/ yr for an additional 100 persons or part thereof. Local organizations in developing countries can request to pay at a lower rate.
- 4. Gift membership:** US\$5/ yr worldwide, to be purchased by anyone to give to colleagues, friends, students, etc.

HOT BOOK

We invite WASWC members to co-publish Special Publication No. 3

“No-Till Farming Systems”



In August 2004 I was invited to go to attend a conference organized by AAPRESID in Rosario, Argentina, had a good time listening to many presentations on no-tillage by professionals from South America and North America. After that I had a chance to go over to Brazil as a guest of John Landers, where he showed me no-till farming in Brasilia F.D. and Mato Grosso State. Having been amazed by the fantastic fact that farming involving no tillage could produce satisfactory crop yields and keep the amount of soil loss to be at the minimum, I searched for cooperation from several front-line writers to write a number of articles about no-tillage; got them and had Rolf Derpsch (Paraguay), the Norman Hudson Memorial Awardee for 2005 to lead, and to be accompanied by Don Reicosky (USA), Jose Benites (Argentina), John Landers (Brazil) and Carlos Crovetto (Chile) who were asked to write the various aspects of no-till farming systems.



Now the writing is complete and we are going to publish this as the Special Publication No. 3 of WASWC, which would appear around the middle of this year. It is going to be in an A5 size, with around 140-160 pages, with a number of photos, several of them in color, with the intention to reflex what WASWC has been having since the early volumes: to publish it as information to assist members to understand certain matters of importance but there has not been any publication ever published before. The continued shortage of fossil fuels and the present threat from global warming have prompted many of the ‘earthly’ activities to proceed with less and less amount of such energy source to be used, and we are sufficiently convinced that we have to follow the same trend for crop cultivation - and no one can deny about the role of no-till farming in exactly balancing both effects.



In order to prepare ourselves to get familiar with this type of tillage we would like to make this publication available widely. We therefore would like to invite members of WASWC - both Individual and Organization members - to co-publish the book with us, which can

be arranged in the way that co-publishers will pay only for the printing cost plus postage and their names/ organizations’ names will appear in the book. The condition is only, that each co-publisher will order a minimum amount of 100 copies which can be distributed among members of institutes/ societies/ research and implementing agencies or simply to give as a present during special occasions. An estimation of expenses indicates that the **cost for printing the book plus postage** to send to various continents will be as follows:



Asia	\$5/ copy
Africa, Australia, Europe & the Pacific	\$6/ copy
Western Hemisphere	\$7/ copy

Members are welcome to join us in publishing this book, the deadline to inform us is the first week of May. If you have something to discuss concerning this issue, please do not hesitate to contact us right away. We work for members, so we will help solve the problems as much as we can. The book will be sent to you from July onward.

AWARDS/PRIZES/FUNDS

The Cartier Women's Initiative Award: fostering the spirit of enterprise

Application deadline **April 15, 2007**

Inventive, determined and bold, an entrepreneur needs to be all three. An entrepreneur is someone who takes risks, but whose success benefits all: a prospering business is one that creates jobs, stimulates innovation and fuels growth. Because of the risks involved, entrepreneurship has traditionally been a male dominated field. This waste of resources seems however to be declining as more and more women, worldwide, are drawn to the challenge of starting their own companies.

To nurture this encouraging trend and foster the passion for initiative, **Cartier** and the **Women's Forum for the Economy and Society** have joined forces to launch the Cartier Women's Initiative Awards with the support of **McKinsey & Company** and the **INSEAD**.

An international business plan competition, the awards will recognize, each year, five innovative projects led by women. In addition to the US\$ 20 000 prize money, winners will also receive coaching support for a full year and gain access to various resources needed to set up a successful venture. A unique opportunity to connect with entrepreneurs from around the world, this competition will also enable participants to benefit from quality media exposure.

Open to all industries. Your project must be led by a woman and must be in its initial phase.

The Cartier Women's Initiative Awards are open for applications until April 15th, 2007 and will be given for the first time at the third edition of the Women's Forum for the Economy and Society (October 11-13, 2007).

Register on www.cartierwomensinitiative



Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility of IFAD

The International Fund for Agricultural Development is inviting indigenous peoples' organizations and communities, and organizations that work with them, to apply for grants that fund micro projects and partnerships to promote the development of indigenous peoples and their unique cultural identity.

Grants ranging from US\$10,000 to US\$30,000 will be awarded to applicants from IFAD's developing Member States through the Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility.

You can mail, e-mail or fax your application to IFAD. The closing date for applications is **20 April 2007**. IFAD will not accept applications after that date.

E-mail your application to indigenouspeoples@ifad.org

Mail your application to: Antonella Cordone
Coordinator for Indigenous and Tribal Issues
Policy Division
International Fund for Agricultural Development
Via del Serafico, 107
00142 Rome, Italy
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MDGs Awards

The International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS) and the UN NGO IRENE propose the establishment of the "MDGs Awards" to pay tribute to civil society organizations and public institutions that have undertaken noteworthy initiatives for the achievement of one of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

In 2007 the MDGs Award will be granted to the organization which demonstrates the most outstanding impact on the second MDG: "Achieve universal primary education" . During the Award Ceremony in Brasilia in October 2007, the recipient organization will be awarded a MDGs Trophy and donor recognition from the private sector. Please find attached a brochure of the MDG Awards and the Form to be filled out and returned via fax, post or e-mail to ngonews@un.org no later than **April 30, 2007** (please note – brochure and form also available in French)



Application for the MDGs Awards

- The form for submission is available online. It can be filled in online or send by email, fax or post:
 - **Email :** ngonews@un.org
 - **Fax :** (212) 963 8652
 - **Post:** NGO Section/DESA -1 UN Plaza, Room DC1-1480 - New York, NY 10017
- The form and all necessary all information must be submit by **April 30, 2007**. Any submission received after this date will not be taken into consideration.
- Submissions can be made in all 6 languages recognized by the UN (English, Spanish, French, Russian, Chinese and Arabic), but an English translation has to be accompanied in case of a non English application.
- Please enclose a recommendation letter when sending your application.
- Applicants are encouraged to include the following supporting materials.
 - a) Articles appearing in newspapers, professional journals, newsletters or other publications.
 - b) Digital standard format videos less than 10 minutes in length.
 - c) Photographs and/or other graphic material.
 - d) Brochures or other promotional material
 - e) All submissions received will be acknowledged and assigned a catalogue number by the UN NGO IRENE for documentation purposes.
- Applicants may contact UN NGO IRENE to get assistance to fill their submission form in compliance with the criteria and the regulations of the Award.
 1. Name and acronym of the organization
 2. Contact Information
 - Permanent Headquarter Address:
 - Telephone:
 - Fax:

- Name and position of the contact person:
 - E-mail address :
 - Address of the Website :
3. When your organization has been granted consultative status with ECOSOC?
 4. Summarize the aims, purposes and activities of your organization:
 5. What are the roots of your project? (Initiative, motivation...)
 6. For which MDGs does your organization take action?
 7. Which means have been carried out to reach your goals? (human, financial, technical means)
 8. Please explain the projects your organization has implemented to act toward the achievement of the second MDG “Achieve universal primary education”
 9. Please detail the campaigns your organization carried to support the MDG “Achieve universal primary education”
 10. a) In your opinion, what are the progresses and results accomplished by your organization to “achieve universal primary education”?
 - b) What are the progresses planned by your organization in order to reach the MDG “Achieve universal primary education” by 2015?
 11. Why should the *MDG Award* be presented to your organization?

I assert the information above is exact

Date and signature

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Patagonia Announces Guidelines for Environmental Grants Program

Patagonia, an outdoor clothing and gear company, provides support for environmental work through grants to nonprofit organizations. The company supports small, grassroots organizations with provocative direct-action agendas and multi-pronged campaigns designed to preserve and protect the environment.

Patagonia funds environmental work that is action-oriented, builds public involvement and support, is strategic, focuses on root causes, accomplishes specific goals and objectives, and takes place in countries in which Patagonia does business (i.e., the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Poland, Ireland, Austria, Spain, Scandinavia, Belgium, Korea, Japan, Chile, and Argentina). Please note: Organizations based in a community that has a Patagonia retail store or an international office should submit their request to the store or office. Each store administers its own grants program.

Applicants must have nonprofit 501(c)(3) status or a tax-exempt fiscal sponsor.

Most grants range between \$3,000 and \$8,000 each.

The company accepts proposals during the months of April or August. Proposals must be postmarked no later than April 30 or August 31.

Visit the Patagonia Web site for complete program information and application procedures.

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THE CANON NATIONAL PARKS SCIENCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Training the Next Generation of Conservation Scientists

The 2007 Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program

Overview

The Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program is pleased to announce its 2007 competition. The program is a collaboration among Canon, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the US National Park Service. Thanks to a generous commitment by Canon, the program will be awarding eight US\$80,000 scholarships to Ph.D. students throughout the Americas to conduct research critical to conserving the national parks of the region.

Research projects in the biological, physical, social and cultural sciences are eligible, as well as projects in technology innovation in support of conservation science. Applications must be received by **3 May 2007**.
<http://www.nature.nps.gov/canonscholarships/>

El Programa Canon 2007 para Investigadores Científicos de Parques Nacionales

Anuncio

El Programa Canon para Investigadores Científicos de Parques Nacionales se complace en anunciar su convocatoria para el año 2007. El programa es fruto de la colaboración entre Canon, la Asociación Americana para el Avance de la Ciencia y el Servicio de Parques Nacionales de los Estados Unidos. Gracias a la generosa contribución de Canon, el programa concederá ocho becas de 80.000 dólares cada una a estudiantes de doctorado de las Américas que realicen investigaciones críticas para la conservación de los parques nacionales de la región.

Pueden optar a las becas proyectos en ciencias biológicas, físicas, sociales y culturales, al igual que proyectos de innovación tecnológica aplicada a la ciencia de la conservación. La fecha límite para recibir las solicitudes es el **3 de mayo de 2007**. <http://www.nature.nps.gov/canonscholarships/>



Dear World Challenge User

Now in its third year, World Challenge is back and looking for nominations for projects that make a real difference to local communities. The mission of World Challenge 2007 is simple: to seek and reward innovators and entrepreneurs who are implementing grassroots solutions to some of the toughest problems of our age, from poverty to pollution. It could be you or someone you know.

The lucky winner of World Challenge 2007

will receive a grant of US\$20,000 to invest and help develop their project even further, and two runners up will each receive US\$10,000.

For more information about the types of projects we are looking for, and to complete a nomination form, visit [World Challenge 2007](#).

We will be in touch with you shortly with a nominations update.

Regards, The World Challenge Team.

If you would like to send information about World Challenge 2007 to friends/colleagues please use the 'Spread The Word' button.

Nominations close on **6 May 2007**.

In association with



WWF's J. Paul Getty Award for Conservation Leadership

www.worldwildlife.org/about/gettyaward/

WWF would like to invite you to submit nominations for the 2007 J. Paul Getty Award for Conservation Leadership. Each year the J. Paul Getty Award recognizes a leader in conservation in one of three annually rotating themes: political leadership, scientific leadership, and community leadership. This year's category is scientific leadership in biodiversity conservation.

In addition to recognizing today's top conservationists, the Award also helps build conservation leadership for tomorrow. The award prize of \$200,000 will be used to establish graduate fellowships named in honor of the winner and J. Paul Getty to support students in conservation-related fields at a university of the winner's choice in his/her home country. WWF will work with both the winner and the designated university to design an appropriate fellowship program for graduate students.

The winner, working with WWF, will establish eligibility criteria based on his/her own specific interests or the needs of his/her country. Fellowships will in general contribute to graduate students' educational costs for a period of two years. Costs per fellow, and possibly the number of fellows, will vary each year depending on actual costs at the fellows' universities, currency exchange rates, etc.

Please find attached the nomination form for the 2007 J. Paul Getty Award for Conservation Leadership. We welcome nominations for scientists who have made recent and significant contributions to biodiversity conservation through their research and other efforts. Nominees may be from any part of the world. However, preference will be given to scientists from developing countries, particularly those working in one of WWF-US's priority places. A map of our priority places is included with the nomination guidelines.

An independent, external panel will review all eligible candidates to select five finalists. From the pool of finalists, a second panel of impartial jurors will select the winner of the award. **The deadline for nominations is May 15, 2007.**

Please feel free to share this form with others at your organization. If you have any questions or comments, please contact WWF at gettyaward@wwfus.org.

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We are looking for the best video on water conservation, with a prize of \$250

Don't you hate it when people take 20 minute showers, leave the water running while they brush their teeth, and run the dishwasher when it's only half full? Well, so do we. That's why we're rewarding those water conservers out there. Send us a short (less than 4 minute) video showing us how YOU conserve water in your day-to-day activities. We'll reward the best video with \$250. Deadline: **June 15, 2007**. Find out more at: www.thepeoplespeak.org/peoplespeak/Contests

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APPLY FOR A ROLEX AWARD

SEE DETAILS IN PREVIOUS ISSUES OF HOT NEWS

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

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

[read about the winners of the last series](#)

And learn about Laureates for 2006 Rolex Awards announce on October 2006 by clicking

<http://www.rolexawards.com/laureates/laureates-2006/index.html>

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Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund

CALL FOR PROPOSALS for **CLEAN ENERGY INVESTMENT FUNDS**

The European Commission has committed EUR 80 million to the Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund ("GEEREF" or "the Fund"). Triodos Investment Management in conjunction with E Co, are appointed to structure and financially close the fund and build an investment pipeline.

Triodos and E Co are now looking to receive proposals from fund management companies, financial institutions, project developers or individuals that intend to develop a clean energy investment fund or intend to expand an existing fund into the clean energy sector. Developers of clean energy projects in one or more countries are also invited to propose their plans as a basis for a clean energy investment fund. Proposals are expected to meet the following indicative criteria:

- Financially sustainable business plan generating a fair return for investors
- Specified environmental and socio-economic impacts
- Focus on small and medium sized clean energy projects (< 30MW) and companies
- Requiring long term patient investment capital
- Locally grounded, professional fund management team, preferable with a track record in the clean energy sector, or at least the capacity to become qualified or to liaise with other parties for that purpose
- Realistic pipeline that gives evidence of the viability of the business plan.

GEEREF expects to make its first commitment by **July 2007**. Prior to the financial closing, the Fund may provide technical and financial support to potential fund managers to develop regional funds.

Please contact: Triodos Investment Management, Bas Rekvelt, bas.rekvelt@triodos.nl, www.triodos.nl or E Co (Europe), Paul van Aalst, paul.van-aalst@EandCo.net, www.EandCo.net

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Google Grants Program Provides In-Kind Advertising Services to Nonprofits

Deadline: **Open**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FORESTRY FUNDING NEWS ALERT # 10: June 2006, Welcome to the June issue of our forestry funding news alert. This electronic newsletter is compiled by the FAO Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) team. It is a compilation of news related to forestry funding for fund seekers worldwide. All back issues of the newsletter can be found on the CPF Sourcebook's discussion platform at <http://www.fao.org/forestry/foris/community/main/listthreads?forum=1>.

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Department of State (DOS)

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration

Overseas Processing Entity Kathmandu Grant

www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=12572

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Department of State (DOS)

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor

Global Human Rights Defenders Emergency Fund

Grant

www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=13212

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US Agency for International Development (USAID)

Sudan USAID-Khartoum

Gender Equity through Education

Grant

www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=13208



US Agency for International Development (USAID)

Partnership for Health and Development Communication Leader with Associate Cooperative Agreement (PHDC)
Modification 2

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=13070>



US Agency for International Development (USAID)

Tanzania USAID-Dar es Salaam

Economic Growth Objective of the Strategic Framework

Grant

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=13051>



Fund from the Global Environment Facility (GEF, www.thegef.org) is open for you to send proposal for small grants of US\$15,000 each (at least). See some more information in the WASWC Newsletter 22(4) on our website by the end of February. You may contact 'Al' (Alfred Duda) at aduda@thegef.org. Refer to him where you have seen this news. **There is NO deadline.**



Echoing Green (a funding resource), www.echoinggreen.org/

Launched in 1987, Echoing Green's mission is to spark social change by identifying, investing and supporting the world's most exceptional emerging leaders and the organizations they launch. Through a two-year fellowship program, we help our network of visionaries develop new solutions to society's most difficult problems. These social entrepreneurs and their organizations work to close deeply-rooted social, economic and political inequities to ensure equal access and to help all individuals reach his/her potential. To date, Echoing Green has invested nearly \$25 million in seed and start up grants to over 400 social entrepreneurs and their innovative organizations.



Announcing the Finalists for the Equator Prize 2006!

It is with great pleasure that we announce the finalists for the Equator Prize 2006! After an extensive process of evaluation, the Equator Initiative's Technical Advisory Committee has selected an exceptional subset of 25 finalist initiatives, from a total pool of 310 nominations from 70 nations.

http://www.undp.org/equatorinitiative/documents/pdf/BetweenTheLines_Issue11_English.pdf

Anunciando los finalistas del Premio Ecuatorial 2006!

Los finalistas del Premio Ecuatorial 2006 ya están designados y estamos llenos de entusiasmo. Los 25 finalistas, seleccionados entre más de 310 nominaciones, se destacan como iniciativas ejemplares para la reducción de la pobreza y la conservación y el uso sostenible de la diversidad biológica.

http://www.undp.org/equatorinitiative/documents/pdf/BetweenTheLines_Issue11_Spanish.pdf

Présentation des finalistes du Prix Equateur 2006!

C'est avec beaucoup d'enthousiasme que nous vous présentons les finalistes du Prix Équateur 2006! Sélectionnés parmi plus de 310 candidatures, ces 25 finalistes représentent des initiatives exemplaires dans leur action contre la pauvreté et pour la conservation et l'utilisation durable de la biodiversité.

http://www.undp.org/equatorinitiative/documents/pdf/BetweenTheLines_Issue11_French.pdf

FELLOWSHIPS

UNEP-WCMC Chevening Scholarships in Biodiversity

[Chevening 2007](#)[About Chevening](#)[Chevening Scholars](#)[Guidelines 2007](#)[Living in Cambridge](#)

The UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre, in collaboration with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office of the British Government, is pleased to offer four UNEP-WCMC Chevening Scholarships in Biodiversity, beginning in October 2007.

Successful candidates will have the opportunity to spend a year at the Cambridge-based Centre, where they will work alongside our experts to build the knowledge base on biodiversity and provide information products and services to decision makers ranging from UNEP to the international environmental agreements to the private sector.

As with all Chevening scholarships, candidates are expected to be of a high academic calibre. Applicants for this prestigious award will be expected to prove their commitment to a future working in national and regional policy development and resolving biodiversity-related challenges.

Closing date for applications – **21st April 2007**

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by end of May 2007

<http://www.unep-wcmc.org/latenews/jobs/chevening/Advert07.htm>

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PhD Studentships at University of Sussex Linked to ESRC STEPS Centre

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) is a new interdisciplinary, global initiative aimed to link environmental sustainability with better livelihoods and health, and to make science and technology work to reduce poverty and increase social justice. Three PhD studentships linked to the Centre are available to start in October 2007. Applicants should be EU citizens, resident in the UK for at least three years, with a Masters Degree or equivalent. Applicants will develop their own research topic, preferably addressing one of more of the Centre's themes (dynamics, governance, designs) or domains (food and agriculture, health and disease, water and sanitation). The three-year studentship includes payment of fees, a living allowance and fieldwork expenses. Closing date: **31 May 2007**. For more information see www.steps-centre.org.

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Research In Afghanistan

Dear all,

I am attaching an outline for a possible student research project - probably most appropriate for an MSc. There are more in the pipeline. I realize I am probably too late for this summers cohort but can you circulate this information to anyone who you think may be interested. It MAY be possible to get an air fare out of Mercy Corps.

Once there is someone interested we can refine the research methodology. I am attaching a draft research outline, some background on the area, background to the Kunduz River Basin Programme and a project summary.

Paul D. Smith, Manager

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(Ed.: Documents mentioned in this note can be sent to interested persons upon request. Tell Paul or me.)

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Young soil scientists wanted

ICSU is celebrating its 75 years and organizes a conference: "Global Scientific Challenges: Perspectives from Young Scientists", that will be held April 4-6, 2007 in Germany. This conference will bring together approximately two hundred young scientists from across the world, and from different disciplines, to discuss and debate some of the key challenges for science in the 21st century. Participants should ideally be under 35 years old (with an absolute age limit of 40 years). Participants should have a PhD or MSc or have completed at least 2 years of post-graduate research studies. For more information click [here](#)

Please contact the Secretary General, [Stephen Nortcliff](#), for further information. s.nortcliff@reading.ac.uk

COURSES

July 23-August 3, 2007

International Course on Demand side Management of Groundwater, India,

This course is being organized by FAO building upon the experiences of APFAMGS Project which had shown remarkable results in approaching the groundwater management issue from a completely different angle with enormous participation of the farming community. More details can be found at www.apfamgs.org

The course is mainly intended for participants from the developing countries. Limited sponsorships would be available based on the profile and responsibilities of the participants. I request you to widely circulate this announcement, place it on your website and also help us in securing the right participants for the course.

With regards, Rao PS - FAO India

July 25-27, 2007

Training in Erosion and Degradation of Agricultural Soils of Spain (in Spanish – foreigners are welcome)



Universitat de València
Departament de Geografia

Valencia, 19 de marzo de 2007

Estimado compañero,

El próximo mes de julio tendrá lugar el curso sobre “**Erosión y Degradación del Suelos Agrícola en España**”, (25, 26 y 27 de julio de 2007) que está dirigido a estudiantes universitarios. El curso tiene una duración de tres días por lo que hemos buscado fondos para conseguir que la inscripción, manutención, documentación y alojamiento tenga un coste asequible (70 €) para aquellos estudiantes que deban desplazarse de otras provincias.

El curso está concebido para que el alumno asista a clases teóricas y prácticas como puedes ver en el tríptico. Si algún estudiante requiere más información puede ponerse en contacto conmigo (artemio.cerda@uv.es) o bien con la secretaria del CEMACAM Font Roja (fontroja@obs.cam.es). Ruego deis la máxima divulgación del curso.

Atentamente,

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October 29-November 11, 2007

Course on Landscape Functions and People: Bangkok, Thailand

This course, sponsored by Wageningen International and Recoft, familiarizes participants with the current practices for landscape-level planning approaches and provides opportunities to develop practical skills and experiences in the use of tools applicable for landscape level planning, monitoring, and implementation. The course will equip participants to:

- Understand the context, principles and relevance of landscape-level approaches for natural resources governance in today's world
- Understand how landscape-level planning processes can be developed and how they can be facilitated
- Become familiar with a variety of "tools" for landscape-level approaches and gain experience in applying and adapting these in real-life situations
- Understand how landscape-level approaches can contribute to improved decision-making, sustainable management, and monitoring of natural resources

The course costs US\$280, and the application deadline is September 15, 2007. Applicants for the NFP fellowships must have their material in by the **June 1**.

For more information, see [course](#)

www.wi.wur.nl/UK/newsagenda/agenda/Landscape_functions_and_people_applying_strategic_planning_approaches_for_good_natural_resource_gove.htm

JOBS

GVEP International – Executive Director

GVEP International is inviting applications for the position of Executive Director from candidates who have:

- A commitment to poverty alleviation and empowerment of the poor,
- Experience and excellence in managing a complex multicultural organisation,
- Significant experience both in the private sector and in the development arena in key positions
- A proven ability to raise funds,
- Excellent communication abilities and interpersonal skills.
- Fluency in English and either French or Spanish will be a distinct advantage

The Executive Director will report to the Chair of the GVEP International Board of Trustees which is international in composition. The position will be based in London but will involve international travel. A competitive remuneration and benefits package will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

Letters of intent and full CVs should be submitted electronically to laure.ego@gvep.org no later than **April 30, 2007**. Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted. [For detailed job description please click here](#).

Program coordinator

Ecoagriculture Partners (www.ecoagriculturepartners.org) is a small, rapidly-growing international non-profit organization working to facilitate landscape management approaches that simultaneously enhance agricultural production, support rural livelihoods and conserve ecosystem services. EP seeks a Coordinator for our program activities in Eastern and Southern Africa, to join our committed team by July 1, 2007 or earliest available. The Program Coordinator will:

- Provide support to partners in ecoagriculture landscape planning and action in selected landscapes;
- Assist in organizing Ecoagriculture Leadership Courses and other capacity-building activities;
- Support and engage with the regional and national Ecoagriculture Working Groups;
- Provide input to national ecoagriculture 'hotspot' mapping;
- Participate in and help to organize regional dialogues with regional partners on ecoagriculture-related policy and planning issues;
- Support the adaptation and development of ecoagriculture landscape assessment and planning methods in the Eastern and Southern African context;
- Ensure effective coordination among the various elements of EP's program in the region;
- Manage grants, grant proposals, reporting, budgeting and planning for regional projects;
- Manage contracts with regional consultants and grantees for all Ecoagriculture Partners programs;
- Develop and maintain excellent collaborative relationships with key partners in private, public and community sectors.

Required:

- At least five years of relevant experience in land use planning and policy, particularly in developing countries;
- Experience working with the private sector and with farmer or community conservation organizations;
- At least three years of experience working in related topics in East and Southern Africa,
- Experience with multi-stakeholder processes and policy discourse.
- Demonstrated commitment to, and achievements in, promoting market initiatives that achieve both conservation and agricultural livelihood benefits;
- Masters' degree in relevant field;
- Strong skills in team-building and participatory processes;
- Expertise in land use, regional or landscape planning and policy analysis.
- Highly organized
- Excellent English writing and communication skills.

Desirable:

- Experience and competence in working in diverse, cross-cultural teams;
- Experience in project planning, budgeting and management,
- Competency to read and speak French.

Salary and benefits:

- Competitive salary, depending upon experience;
- Health and retirement benefits, life and disability insurance, 20 days vacation, holidays;
- Initial 2-year position, renewable;
- Posting in Nairobi or Kampala negotiable;
- Staff will be hosted in the offices of a regional partner institution.

Please send your C.V., a cover letter indicating your background and experience, and names and contact information for three references in an email with subject line 'Program Coordinator for Eastern and Southern Africa' by **April 30, 2007** to Seth Shames, sshames@ecoagriculture.org

NEW INFORMATION SOURCES

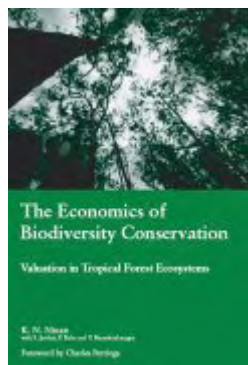
(This is a new column, everything is new)

Many or most of these sources can be had for free. WASWC members are encouraged to read through the following lists and make your requests or purchases, whatever the case would be; this will help accelerate more exchanges of information among all players in natural resources management.

BOOKS

▲ Selected Natural Resource Conservation Approaches & Technologies in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh

By BANCAT (Bangladesh Conservation Approaches and Technologies) Team, with 30 SWC technologies and 9 approaches described, US\$10/ copy + postage. Contact skhisha@yahoo.com, shoaibju@yahoo.com & sombatpanit@yahoo.com



▲ THE ECONOMICS OF BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION Valuation in Tropical Forest Ecosystems

By K N Ninan with a foreword by Charles Perrings

This groundbreaking work is the most comprehensive and detailed examination of the economics of environmental valuation and biodiversity conservation to date. It offers original comparisons of the different 'values' of biodiversity, trade-offs, incentives for conservation, case studies of coffee growing and wildlife conservation and practical policy options.

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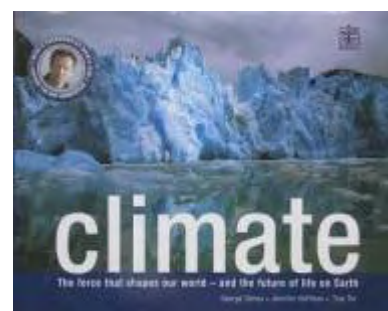
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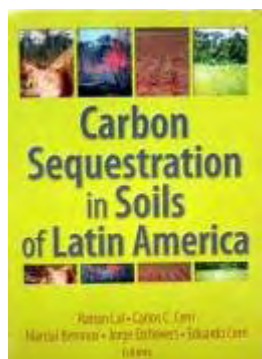
▲ climate: the force that shapes our world – and the future of life on Earth, by George Ochoa, Jennifer Hoffman and Tina Tin,

Published in 2005 by Rodale Books International,

www.rodalebooks.co.uk, an informative and richly illustrated large format book that prepares us for the effects from global warming. 288 pp., ISBN 1-4050-8782-X. GBP25/ copy. In the Foreword by Monty Don, *"This book explains how the climate works – with some of the most powerful forces of nature known to humanity. The fact that these are altered by our own actions may be one of the most important discoveries ever made. The truth is that we are facing disruption of our climate on a scale we scarcely imagine."* Review of this book by Will Critchley is in the second part of WASWC Newsletter issue 22(4).



Information on how to order is available from its website.



▲ **Carbon Sequestration in Soils of Latin America**, edited by Rattan Lal, Carlos C. Cerri, Martial Bernoux, Jorge Etchevers, and Eduardo Cerri. 2006. 554 pp., Softcover, ISBN 13: 978-1-56022-137-1, \$. Food Products Press, an imprint of The Haworth Press, Inc., www.haworthpress.com/store/product.asp?sku=5755. (Prof. Rattan Lal (lal.1@osu.edu) of the Carbon Management and Sequestration Center, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio 43210, USA, is a past president of WASWC.)

▲ **No Tillage: The relationship between no tillage, crop residues, plants and soil nutrition**, by Carlos C. Crovetto (crovetto@entelchile.net), Chequén, Concepción, Chile. 2006. 216 pp., Softcover, ISBN 956-310-176-6, \$. This is an updated version of Carlos's earlier edition, **Stubble over the Soil: The vital role of plant residue in soil management to improve soil quality** (1996). Carlos, a Life member of WASWC, practices no tillage and advocates strongly that more and more land should be put to cultivation without tillage. In the Acknowledgement, he said: *"To all those farmers to million of hectares under*



no-till in the world, I dedicate this epistle with admiration and respect. The amazing success these farmers demonstrate constitutes an undeniable example of what can be done in the world when mankind does not lose his faith and understands the supreme value of his land.” The book is under review but, however, a short article of Carlos on can be read at the WASWC website http://waswc.ait.ac.th/WASWC_Publications.

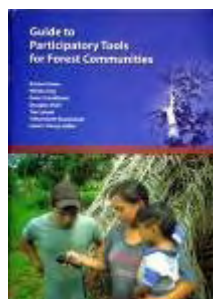
MANUALS



▲ **Field Guide to the Future: Four Ways for Communities to Think Ahead**, by Kristen Evans, Sandra J. Velarde, Rocio P. Prieto, Sheila N. Rao, Sandra Sertzen, Karina Davila, Peter Cronkleton and Wil de Jong, 2006, 87 pp., ISBN 979-24-4654-0. Co-published as a book and a CD by CIFOR, ASB and ICRAF. The purpose of the field guide is to make thinking about the future easy and empowering, specifically for natural resource dependent communities and the people who work with them. Contact asb@cgiar.org

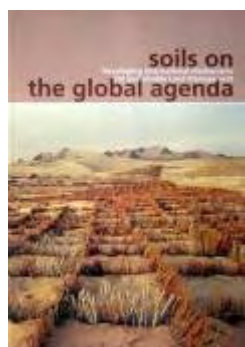
for your copy, which you are encouraged to make photocopies to distribute among your colleagues. Also visit www.asb.cgiar.org/ma/scenarios for more information and updates.

▲ **Guide to Participatory Tools for Forest Communities**, by Kristen Evans, Wil de Jong, Peter Cronkleton, Douglas Sheil, Tim Lynam, Trikurnianti Kusumanto and Carol J. Pierce Colfer, 2006, 38 pp., ISBN 979-24-4656-7. Published by Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR). The guide provides people who work with forest communities a brief overview of various tools, discussion of concepts, and guidance in the selection and use of participatory tools that people linked with CIFOR have adapted and developed for use with forest communities. Ask for your copy to CIFOR, Jalan CIFOR, Situ Gede, Sindang Barang, Bogor Barat 16680, Indonesia. Phone: +62-251-622622; Fax: +62-251-622100; cifor@cgiar.org, www.cifor.cgiar.org.



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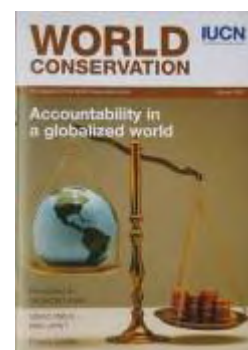
▲ **Report of the Regional Workshop on Rehabilitation of Agriculture in Tsunami Affected Areas: One and a Half Years Later**. Published by FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Maliwan Mansion, 39 Phra Atit Rd., Bangkok 10200, Thailand. 2006, 116 pp., ISBN 974-7946-90-4. This is a well edited and highly informative report from the June 2006 workshop that can be quite useful for countries affected by the great waves of tsunami in December 2004, and can be requested at no cost from Yuji Niino at FAO-RAP@fao.org.



▲ **Soils on the Global Agenda: Developing International Mechanisms for Sustainable Land Management**, Eds: Hans Hurni, Markus Giger and Konrad Meyer. This is a compilation of papers presented at the IASUS Working Group of IUSS at Eurosoil Conference in Freiburg-in-Breisgau, Germany and a subsequent workshop at ISRIC, Wageningen, The Netherlands. 2006, 64 pp., ISBN 978-3-906151-93-X. US\$10 or CHF15 per copy. Contact the Centre for Development and Environment, University of Berne, Switzerland at cde@cde.unibe.ch. Both this publication and its previous volume from 2002 can be downloaded from www.cde.unibe.ch, where additional information is available.

JOURNALS-PROCEEDINGS-NEWSLETTERS-MAGAZINES

▲ **WORLD CONSERVATION**, a 36-page newsletter in the newest format of IUCN, The International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (www.iucn.org). Available 3 times a year, anyone can access and download it from its website www.iucn.org/worldconservation, or you can write to

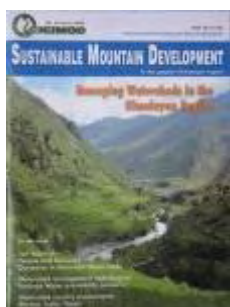


worldconservation@iucn.org and ask for printed copies to read somewhere away from your computer. Back issues are also available online back to 2002. Present issue for January 2007 has the following articles, mostly short to medium in length: *New leader at the helm* (new DG, Ms Julia Marton-Lefèvre, dgooffice@iucn.org); *Accountability*; *Accountability in a globalized world*; *Beyond reporting*; *Mind your own business*; *Finding common ground*; *View from Rio*; *The jury is still out*; *Banking on green returns*; *Island states – easy prey?*; *Tourist trap*; *From reef to retail*; *Responsible competitiveness*; *Carrots and sticks*; *Protected or neglected*; *Who should manage paradise?*; *Forest crimes*; *Sea change*; *Purse strings*; *Key players*; *Partnership power*; *Freedom of information*, *State of the Union*; *In print – some of the latest IUCN books*. From the account of its Editorial: “With more than 50 IUCN websites and hundreds of newsletters, journals and updates coming from different parts of the Union, World Conservation has now evolved to examine some of the broader issues of conservation, development, economics and society in the 21st century. ... However, World Conservation remains, as always, a voice for the Union’s member organizations, Commissions, staff, partners and friends. In the months and years to come, we hope that the magazine will become a place to air a wide variety of views, controversial or consensual, and to stimulate debate.” (Ed: WASWC members are encouraged to subscribe to this magazine, either online or in print – at no cost, to get informed about the state of the environment of our only planet and find an opportunity to bring your organization to join this well respected 59-year old global Union, which has its vision as **“A just world that values and conserves nature.”**)

▲ **ESSC Newsletter**, a quarterly newsletter of the European Society for Soil Conservation (ESSC).

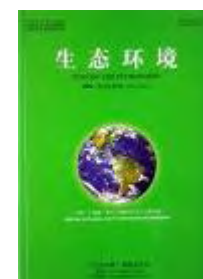


Editor-in-Chief: Mike Fullen (m.fullen@wlv.ac.uk). This 72-page newsletter illustrates all important SWC events and up-to-date literature in European countries. WASWC members are welcome to join the ESSC at a fee of euro 25 a year or euro 70 for three years. Members living in transition countries may pay at a reduced fee of only euro 10 a year and euro 25 for three years. Apply for your membership with Wim Cornelius (wim.cornelius@ugent.be), Department of Soil Management and Soil Care, University of Ghent, Coupure Links 653, B 9000 Gent, Belgium. Newsletter is also accessible at www.essc.sk. You can pay the fee with Visa/ MasterCard/ Amex/ Eurocard and normal bank transfer.



▲ **Sustainable Mountain Development** (in the Greater Himalayan Region), a highly informative 64-page quarterly newsletter that covers the research and development works of ICIMOD (International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development) that has mandate for the highlands of Hindu Kush-Himalayan regions of Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bhutan, China and Myanmar. 64 pp., ISSN 1013-7386. It publishes a list of publications in various aspects that you may order. Contact icimod@icimod.org for your copy. More information in www.icimod.org. You may contact Sanjeev Bhuchar (sbhuchar@icimod.org), also a WASWC member, for any information you would like to have.

▲ **Ecology and Environment**, a bi-monthly journal of the Guangdong Institute of Ecology and Environmental and Soil Sciences and Guangdong Society of Soil Science, in Chinese with English abstracts, ca 240 pp., ISSN 1672-2175. 16 Yuan/copy. Contact the editor at editor@jeesci.com. More information at www.jeesci.com.



▲ **CONTOUR**, Newsletter of the Asia Soil Conservation Network (ASOCON), Vol. 17, No. 1 and 2 (2 issues), 32 pp. There are several interesting articles. You may request your copies to Syaiful Anwar at sanwar@cbn.id

WEBSITES (Mixed subjects)

▲ See the following website for a nice article on no-till/direct seeding www.scidev.net/Features/index.cfm?fuseaction=readFeatures&itemid=576&language=1 (Photo: Soybean fields in the *cerrado* of Brazil, cultivated using zero tillage) (From: Don Reicosky, don.reicosky@ars.usda.gov)



▲ See also: Ordóñez, R., González, P., Giráldez, J.V y Perea, F., 2007. Soil properties and crop yields after 21 years of direct drilling trials in Southern Spain. *Soil and Tillage Research*. http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6TC6-4KNKBKH-1&_user=10&_coverDate=05%2F31%2F2007&_rdoc=1&_fmt=&_orig=search&_sort=d&view=c&_acct=C000050221&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=10&md5=2c00826584f60abfdbd62f7de871d7a1
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▲ CIAT's website: http://www.ciat.cgiar.org/tools_and_methods/index.htm
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▲ **HIMCAT network** <http://extranet.icimod.org.np/himcat/>

The **WOCAT** (World Overview of Conservation, Approaches and Technologies) network has also an Asian subnet called the HIMCAT (Himalayan Conservation, Approaches and Technologies). HIMCAT is a regional online platform for sharing knowledge and information among soil and water conservation partners with focus on information from Asia.

The main idea is to strengthen communication, cooperation and collaboration among soil and water conservation specialists in Asia and around the world.

In order to register as a member you have to go to the following link: <http://extranet.icimod.org.np/himcat/>
Click on "new user", and confirm with "ok". After that you can fill out the registration details.

After that you will be registered as a new member and can start using the site.

Dr. Isabelle Providoli, ICIMOD
International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
Natural Resource Management (NRM), Khumaltar, Lalitpur
GPO Box 3226, Kathmandu, Nepal

▲ **Climate Change in South Asia? A Conversation with Sir Nicholas Stern**, [Access story and interview](#)

In Washington for a two-day legislators conference on climate change, Sir Nicholas Stern said that even a moderate rise in temperatures could cause serious changes to the environment in South Asia. Stern led the eponymous Stern Review, which last year examined the economic impact of climate change.

Highlights:

- The Himalayas dwindling ice and glacier cover means more floods and droughts
- Monsoon patterns could be disrupted, affecting livelihoods
- Coastal areas, especially in Bangladesh, face a wave of environmental refugees? if sea levels rise

▲ CIEarth is an award winning software application developed by Helveta Ltd, which enables both literate and illiterate users to map natural resources using a text or icon based interface on a rugged: <http://www.t4cd.org/Technology/CurrentTechnologies/Pages/Technology%20of%20the%20Month.aspx> (Sent by Anja Barth, barth.anja@googlemail.com)

▲ Another award winning software application, which enables both literate and illiterate users to map natural resources using a text or icon based interface on a PDA/GPS can be found at www.cybertracker.org. CyberTracker is free, has been developed and refined over more than ten years and has been downloaded more than 25,000 times in more than 50 countries. (Sent by Louis Liebenberg, louis@cybertracker.co.za)

▲ From February 28, at 1.00 PM Philippine time, one of the biggest 3-D models ever made in the Philippines was inaugurated at the Interpretive Center of Talibon, Bohol Philippines. The 3-D model comprises the vast Danajon Bank covered by 3 provinces and is considered the center of center in term of Philippine marine diversity.

You can view the conduct of the activity at the links below:

- [The Organizer's Perspective: A 3D Experience](#)
- [The Facilitator's Viewpoint "This is the way to do it"](#)
- [Participatory 3D modelling: The Talibon, Bohol, Experience](#) (This one I could not open – Ed.)

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September 12-16, 2007

Vatavaran Environment Film Festival 2007

The CMS Vatavaran 2007 - 4th Competitive Environment and Wildlife Film Festival will be held at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Entries for the festival can be sent till **April 30, 2007**.

Contact: Alka Tomar, Festival Director, Centre for Media Studies (CMS), CMS Research House, Saket Community Centre, New Delhi 110 017. Tel: 011-24992597 / 26522244/55. Fax: 26968282. Email: vatavaran@cmsindia.org; info@cmsvatavaran.org, www.cmsvatavaran.org

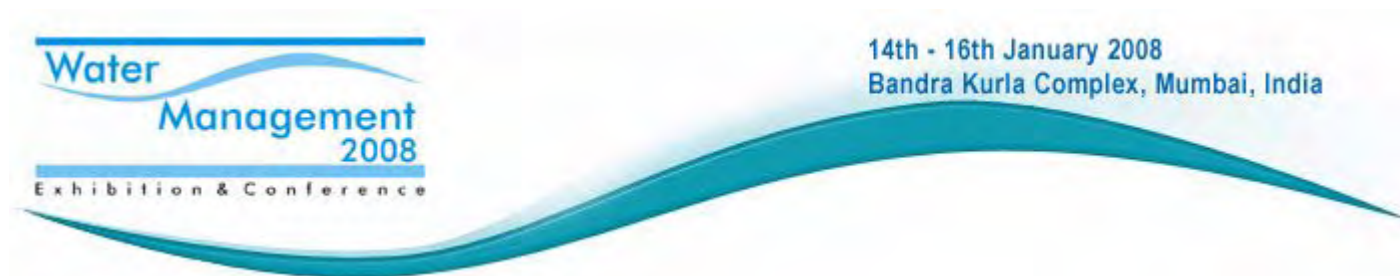
EXPOSITIONS



[United Nations Development Programme](#)

WELCOME to the Virtual Knowledge Fair on Water

The Fair is now open! Please proceed to www.waterfair.org, where you will find access to the various exhibits (videos, experience write-ups, pictures and materials), background information on countries and water-related topics, a Who's-Who about water-practitioners in the regions, photo gallery, a quiz and much more!



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A FRIEND NEEDS YOUR HELP

Ed. – Members are asked to kindly consider if s/he can help the following request.

Mangrove Soil Conservation protecting River Bank Erosion – a CCEC initiative Bangladesh

The CCEC is a local environmental NGO based at Khulna, Bangladesh working towards environmental sustainability of the coastal ecosystems Bangladesh particularly at the southwest coastal Sundarban region with local people participation. Environmental Education Training (EET) among the Primary School teachers of Khulna, Bagerhat Satkhira districts and Biodiversity Conservation Awareness among Sundarban stakeholders are the two major thrust areas of CCEC. However, CCEC is more active on mangrove conservation campaign after the Tsunami devastation on 26 December 2004 at the Indian Ocean causes thousands of deaths in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and other countries. *Recent leaflet and poster with messages on mangroves protection and conservation needs will be sent to anyone upon request.*

You will be glad to hear that the CCEC has formed a 51 member Mangrove Protection Society (MPS) and observed the International Mangrove Action Day, the 26th July with the participation of BDWB towards conserve the mangrove thickets along the river sides of southeast coastal belt of Bangladesh especially at polder 30 in Batiaghata Upazilla under Khulna District.

CCEC plans to extend the activity in polder 32 of Dacope upazilla adjacent to Sundarban, the UNESCO declared World Heritage site. We want your cooperation in raising funds for the conservation movement and allow natural regeneration, restore mangrove species at the outside polder in order to sustenance of the coastal ecosystems besides long term planning for making Green Coastal Belt with mangrove thickets.

May I therefore request you to support CCEC initiative by raising funds to help us join conserve the mangrove thickets, the corporeal symbol of security and the defender of the southwest coastal Sundarban region?

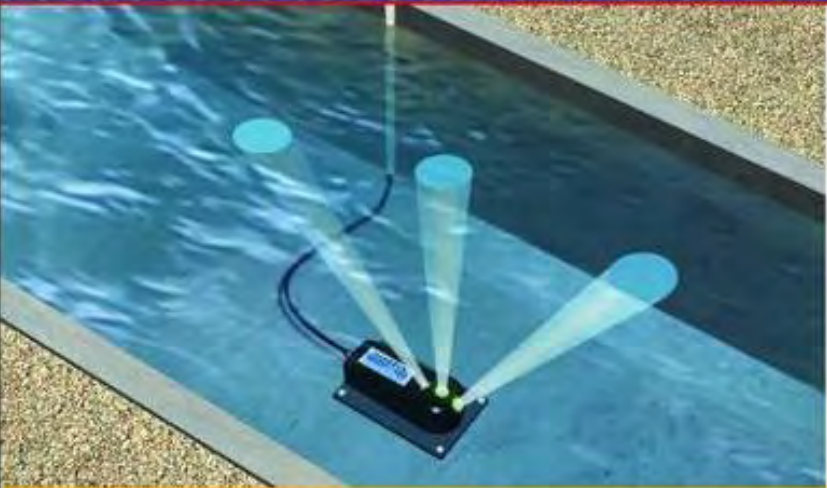
Your cooperation and suggestions can reduce the vulnerability and save millions of Bangladesh coastal communities from sea level rise and global climate change.

Mowdudur Rahman, Director, Centre for Coastal Environment Conservation (CCEC), Tagdir Mohal House No. 93 Road No. 2 Sonadanga R/A, Khulna-9000, Bangladesh. Phone: +880-(0)41-810982; ccec_bd@khulna.bangla.net, mowdudurrahman@hotmail.com

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MEETINGS 2007

April 5-6, 2007

PA Stormwater Conference

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) is planning a 2007 Stormwater Conference on **April 5-6** at the Penn Stater, State College, PA. The conference, rescheduled from February, will build upon DEP's Stormwater BMP Manual Trainings being held throughout Pennsylvania by providing attendees with tools and strategies for implementing the manual's progressive stormwater management concepts into site design and land use planning.
<http://www.cbf.org/Confluence2007>

April 15-20, 2007

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

▲ Session on, SOIL EROSION ON AGRICULTURAL LAND,

<http://meetings.copernicus.org/egu2007/>,

Conveners: Artemi Cerdà, Department of Geography, Univ. of Valencia. Spain, artemio.cerda@uv.es,

<http://www.uv.es/~acerda/>

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Dennis Flanagan, USDA-ARS. National Soil Erosion Research Laboratory West Lafayette, IN, USA, flanagan@purdue.edu

▲ Session on ANTS IN THE SOIL SYSTEM: A HYDROLOGICAL, CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL APPROACH

Convener: Anita Risch, Head of the Research Group Animal Ecology, Unit Community Ecology, Swiss Federal Research Institute, Department Landscape, Vegetation Dynamics, Zürcherstrasse 111, CH-8903 Birmensdorf, Switzerland, anita.risch@wsl.ch

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Martin Jurgensen, School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science, Michigan Tech, USA, mfjurg@mtu.edu

Artemi Cerdà, Department of Geography, University of Valencia. Spain, artemio.cerda@uv.es,

▲ Analysis and Characterization of Black Carbon in the Environment

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

<http://meetings.copernicus.org/egu2007/>

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

▲ Scales and scaling in surface and subsurface hydrology, Vienna, Austria

http://www.cosis.net/members/meetings/sessions/information.php?p_id=248&s_id=4244

Conveners: João de Lima; plima@dec.uc.pt; Allen Hunt; allen.hunt@wright.edu; Witold Krajewski; witold-krajewski@uiowa.edu

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April 18-20, 2007

Conference on Wildlife Conservation and Management: Research Imperatives for Biodiversity Conservation, Nairobi, Kenya,

The purpose of this conference is to enhance the capacity of Kenya in wildlife conservation and management by exploring possible solutions to biodiversity challenges based on experiences elsewhere. The main theme of the conference is large-scale conservation area approaches. Sub themes that will be addressed are: national status of biodiversity and mapping, landscape and seascape approaches, fenced protected areas (Parks & Reserves), endangered species management, communities' involvement, and cross-cutting issues, such as conventions and information and knowledge management. The conference will provide an opportunity for wildlife managers, scholars and researchers, policy makers, donors, local communities, ranchers, and other stakeholders to share experiences and network. The registration deadline is the 10th of March.

For more information, see www.kws.org/wildlife-conference-2007-concept-paper.html.

April 23-24, 2007

I trust all is well with you up there, I represent Koetsa holding, a business Intelligence firm that specializes in addressing environmental issues and many more in form of training and conferences .

Well, after intensive research we have pointed the growing problem of water scarcity and quality in Africa and beyond therefore we are hosting the **Water Management Conference 2007**, in Pretoria.

Major issues will be addressed including:

- . Addressing Water scarcity
- . Coping with the impact of climate change on water supply
- . International best practices and technical expertise in agricultural water management etc...

Please find attached the full detailed programme and the registration. Due to the nature of this event and its demand seats are limited, to secure your seat/s please sign and fax back the registration form .

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April 29-May 2, 2007

Join Us at the Conference!

April 29 - May 2, 2007

**Terrigal, New South Wales,
Australia**



Join the International Agrichar Initiative for a conference on Agrichar Science, Production and Utilization, being held in coastal New South Wales, Australia. The International Agrichar Initiative, a program of Renew the Earth, is a new consortium of research and development interests devoted to the sustainability of the world's soils, and to sustainable bioenergy production.

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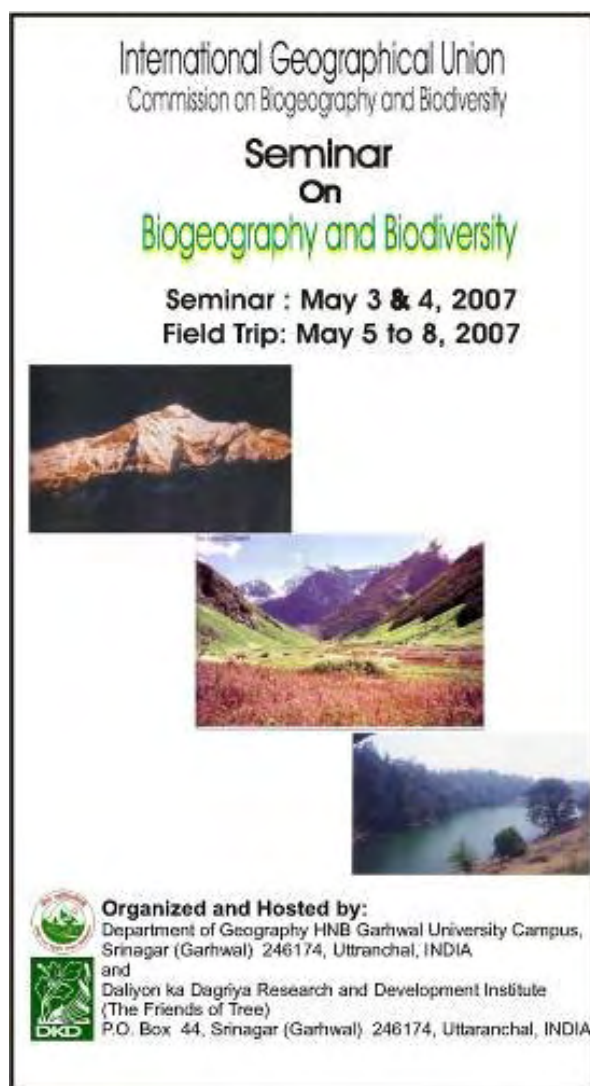
May 2007(?)

COMLAND Meeting in Tanzania

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

May 3-4, 5-8, 2007

International Geographical Union Commission on Biogeography and Biodiversity Seminar on Biogeography and Biodiversity, Srinagar, Uttaranchal, India



Location: Srinagar (Garhwal) is situated in Garhwal Himalaya, approximately 110 km NE of Rishikesh, at the bank of Alaknanda River. During the summer months, temperatures range between 16° and 38° C. In May (pre-monsoon season), weather is usually pleasant. Srinagar was once the capital of Garhwal Kings. Home to H N Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar was the capital of Garhwal before the arrival of British rule. Srinagar received its name from Sri Yantra.

Invitation: Community people, practitioners, technicians, academicians, NGOs, research and other institutions are invited to attend this seminar. The seminar will be a forum for national and international experts on the above subjects. The programme includes talks and discussions followed by deliberations for recommendations. Moreover, poster sessions will be organized during the seminar.

Registration fee for foreigners: Seminar only: US\$150; Field trip (with accommodation & all meals: US\$500. Contact: Dr R.B. Singh, Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, Delhi 110007, India. +91-9412079068, +91-9412922575; Fax: +91-1346252970; rbsgeo@yahoo.com, rbsgeo@hotmail.com. Other contacts: sunesh_geography@yahoo.com, mkparmar04@rediffmail.com, negivs@yahoo.co.in, iguseminar07@yahoo.com, mspgeog@gmail.com, daliyon2002@yahoo.com

May 14-16, 2007

Global Ecotourism Conference, Oslo, Norway

The conference is organized by The International Ecotourism Society (TIES), Ecotourism Norway and The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

This is the inaugural Global Ecotourism Conference, which TIES, in partnership with a national or regional ecotourism association, will be organizing every five years starting in 2007, in the co-organizer's country. As the first major global conference on ecotourism since the UN's International Year of Ecotourism in 2002, the Global Ecotourism Conference 2007 will review and celebrate the achievements in the ecotourism field, as well as assessing challenges facing the industry. This conference brings together national and regional ecotourism associations and networks from around the world, along with other interested organizations and individuals, to discuss common issues and to help strengthen the collective voice of the ecotourism community.

For more information, see: www.ecotourismglobalconference.org/

May 14-25, 2007

*El texto en español se encuentra después del texto en inglés * Le texte en français suit le texte en espagnol*

Sixth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Online Pre-Registration for the Sixth Session of UNPFII

Non-Government Organizations who have ECOSOC status ONLY

Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPOs) and Academics who DO NOT HAVE ECOSOC STATUS and who HAVE ATTENDED UNPFII SESSIONS IN THE PAST

All Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPOs) who have NOT ATTENDED THE UNPFII IN THE PAST and are registering for the 6th Session of the UNPFII for the FIRST TIME

All Academics who have NOT ATTENDED THE UNPFII IN THE PAST and are registering for the 6th Session of the UNPFII for the FIRST TIME

http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/session_sixth.html

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May 16-18, 2007

PA Environmental Professionals Conference

The theme of the 2007 Annual Conference of the PA Association of Environmental Professionals will be "The Legacy of Rachel Carson and the State of the Environment in Pennsylvania." The conference will be held in State College. Participants will explore current ecological, regulatory and pollution prevention issues in Pennsylvania from a variety of perspectives. To mark the 100th anniversary of Rachel Carson's birth in Springdale, PA, the Association will feature events that examine her role in challenging others to think differently about environmental issues. <http://www.paep.org/>

May 20-23, 2007

National Watershed Conference-WI

The National Watershed Coalition (NWC) will host the tenth National Watershed Conference in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The theme of the conference is "Total Watershed Awareness-Extending the Legacy." <http://watershedcoalition.org:80/index.html>

May 21-23, 2007

Annual NEIWPCC Nonpoint Source Conference

The 18th Annual New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference - "Seeking New Solutions to Old Problems: The Nonpoint Source Program at 20 Years," will be held on in Newport, RI. www.neiwpcc.org/npsconference

May 22-25, 2007 (Postponed)

1st International Biodiversity Congress: Working Together for Livelihood Security, Food Security and Ecological Security for Life on Earth, Bangkok, Thailand. Contact: Ram Bhandari, hirinepal@mail.com.np, ibc2007@yahoo.com

May 22-27, 2007

The banner for Eco Summit 2007 features a green logo on the left with a stylized plant and the text "Eco Summit". To the right, the text "Eco Summit" is written in large green letters, followed by "2007" in a similar font. Below the main text, there are four small square images showing different natural landscapes. To the right of the images, the text "Ecological Complexity and Sustainability: Challenges and Opportunities for 21st-Century's Ecology" is written in a smaller font. At the bottom right, it says "Beijing International Convention Center, Beijing, PR China. May 22 - 27, 2007".

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www.ecosummit2007.elsevier.com

May 24-26, 2007

International Conference on Zinc Crops 2007: Improving Crop Production and Human Health, Istanbul, Turkey.

Co-organized by the International Zinc Association (IZA) and International Fertilizer Industry Association (IFA), in cooperation with the Sabanci University and HarvestPlus (the Challenge Program on Food Fortification of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research). Contact: Prof. Ismail Cakmak, Sabanci University (Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences), 349 56 Tuzla, Turkey. Phone: 90-216-4839524, Fax: 90-216-4839550, cakmak@sabanciuniv.edu. Regular updates on **Zinc Crops 2007** will be posted on: www.zncrops2007.info.

June 6-7, 2007

Citigroup, Sun Microsystems, American Electric Power, Timberland and Others to Discuss Climate Change at June Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

BOSTON, Mass. — Top corporations gather in Boston on June 6-7 to discuss the climate change challenge and the best ways to respond to it at this cutting edge conference.

Against the backdrop of growing consumer and investor awareness of climate change, risk and opportunity Ethical Corporation, global CSR magazine and conference organizer, is launching its first Climate Change Strategies and Environmental Communication business conference.

Topics to be covered at this in-depth conference include:

- Climate change strategies: Why be concerned and how to respond
- Corporate reputation and climate change: Are you at risk?
- Emissions reduction and disclosure: How to save money and manage financial risks
- Consumer reaction to climate change: Will your consumers care?
- Why investors want to know your stance on climate change and how to tell them.

Featuring high-level speakers from industry-leading corporations including American Insurance Group, Toyota, Hewlett Packard, Sun Microsystems, Staples, Stonyfield Farm, American Electric Power, IKEA, Citigroup, Timberland and Intel.

The conference has already received the backing of the industry leaders in environmental communications with Bruce Shclein, Vice President of Environmental Affairs, Citigroup commenting: "Citigroup, in addition to taking actions to reduce our own GHG emissions, works with clients and other stakeholders to develop products and services in support of their efforts to manage climate change. Communications is a key element to understanding and responding to this complex issue. This conference addresses the key concerns of business community in the face of global climate change"

To find out more about speakers, topics, exhibition and sponsorship opportunities, or to register for this event [click here](#).

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June 10-13, 2007

10th Annual Agroforestry Conference, Quebec City, Canada

The Université Laval in Quebec City will host the 10th North American Agroforestry Conference from the 10th to the 13th of June 2007. Titled "When Trees and Crops Get Together: Economic Opportunities and Environmental Benefits from Agroforestry," the conference aims to stimulate the development of more sustainable rural land management practices based on the integration of trees into the landscape. It welcomes researchers from the entire continent, but gives special attention to advisors working with producers, development officers, teachers, and students of agroforestry in North America.

To register and for more information, visit www.agrofor2007.ca.

June 10-14, 2007

International Symposium on Integrated Coastal Zone Management, City Hall, Arendal, Norway www.imr.no/iczm

Themes:

- Coastal habitats
- Impacts on coastal systems
- Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)
- Coastal governance

Contact: Bente Lundin, iczm2007@imr.no or call +47 37 05 90 10

June 11-15, 2007

Second Conference: Sharing Indigenous Wisdom: An International Dialogue on Sustainable Development. www.sharingindigenouswisdom.org

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Green Bay 2040, Airport Drive Green Bay, WI 54313, U.S.A. Phone: +1-(920) 494-7300; Fax: (920) 494-9599; www.radisson.com/greenbaywi

For more information contact: Dale Kakkak, dkakkak@menominee.edu and/ or Nathan Fregien, nfregien@menominee.edu. www.SustainableDevelopmentInstitute.org

June 11-15, 2007

The 10th International Symposium on Soil and Plant Analysis will be held in Budapest, Hungary,. For further information, please visit: <http://www.spcouncil.com/symposium.htm>. Contact Yash Kalra at YKalra@NRCan.gc.ca

June 13-17, 2007

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

Please visit [5th IWhA Conference Web site](http://www.iwha2007.org). You may also contact iwha2007@tavicon.fi.

June 17-21, 2007

International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM), Park City, Utah

ISSRM will sponsor a symposium on "Landscape Continuity and Change - Social Science Perspectives and Interdisciplinary Conversations" in Park City, Utah, from the 17 to the 21st of June, 2007. There will also be a special pre-symposium Graduate Student Forum held on the Utah State University campus in Logan, Utah, the weekend before the main conference. This event will provide graduate students with a chance to network with peers, discuss strategies for successful graduate research and training, and get advice on professional and career opportunities. Themes for the main symposium include: the contributions of social science to environmental and natural resource management; planning from community to regional scales; landscape implications of social and economic change; and social and economic implications of landscape change. The early registration deadline is March 15th.

For more information see, www.issrm2007.org.

June 25-27, 2007

The Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) is pleased to announce that it is coordinating the 29th annual Southern Conservation Tillage Systems Conference in Quincy, Fla., on June 25-27.

The theme of this year's conference, "The Next Step after Conservation Tillage," focuses on the use of perennial grasses in rotation with row crops. Many of the best soils in the U.S. were in native grasses that built up soil organic matter before being turned under and planted to annual crops. Long-term studies show that these soils have lost organic matter and soil nitrogen and other quality factors over the last 100 years as they continue to be cropped with annual crops.

For more information about the SCTSC and details for paper submission, visit http://www.conservationinformation.org/?action=events_sctscconf or call CTIC at (765) 494-9555. To visit past conferences' web sites and proceedings, visit <http://www.ag.auburn.edu/aux/nsdl/sctcsa/>.

CTIC, a not-for-profit organization located in West Lafayette, Ind., is THE reliable source of information and technology for environmentally responsible and economically viable agricultural conservation. To learn more, visit <http://www.conservationinformation.org>.

June 25-30, 2007



Changing Soils in a Changing World: the Soils of Tomorrow

June, 25 -30 2007 Palermo, Italy

Third Announcement

BACKGROUND

Soil is the thin layer of the Earth that fulfils fundamental functions in terms of life in general and particularly in terms of need and well being of human societies. More and more demands are being imposed upon the soil by different human activities. These activities are growing and competing with each other, without taking account of the diversity of soils, of their function and of their potentials. As a consequence soils are degraded in different ways depending on their vulnerability.

The second half of the twentieth century was particularly disastrous: erosion, urbanisation, landslide and flooding, local and diffuse contamination, salinization, entisolization, were the main problems linked to an unbalanced ratio Man/Soil. In both the western and the eastern countries of Europe, the headlong rush into agricultural, industrial and urban development wreaked destruction upon soils and their functions. Little has been done in reality to mitigate soil degradation and to improve the condition of soil already heavily degraded. This is largely due to ignorance, in all spheres of society, of what the soil really is and of why it is necessary to preserve its functions. Such ignorance has its roots in the absence of any soil awareness.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the 5th ESSC International Congress is to promote exchange and discussion about the problems that affect the soils due to the pressure of Man on Soils and Landscape that year after year is becoming more and more evident and to stimulate the soil awareness in the civil society. The Congress is open for soil scientists, educators, policymakers. It will consist of invited lectures, scientific sessions with oral and poster presentations and scientific and cultural excursions.

DEADLINES

January, 31 2007	Deadline for abstract submission
February, 28 2007	Deadline for registration at reduced fee
March 31 2007	Notice of acceptance of abstracts
April, 30 2007	Last announcement and final program
For registration and abstract submission, please refer to website: www.esscpalermocongress.it The Organizing Committee will take into account the possibility of publishing the congress proceeding in a volume printed by CATENA VERLAG. All participants are kindly requested to submit their papers/presentation, in compliance with the instructions indicate on web site.	

TOPICS AND INVITED SPEAKERS

Lectio Magistralis	Ahmet MERMUT	Saskatchewan	Canada
Topic 1: Soils and Society	Victor TARGULIAN	Moscow	Russia

Topic 2: Soil Erosion	Eric ROOSE	Montpellier	France
Topic 3: Soil Organic Matter	Nicola SENESI	Bari	Italy
Topic 4: Soil Degradation and Desertification	Marcello PAGLIAI	Florence	Italy
Topic 5: Soil Pollution and Contamination	Steve McGRATH	Rothamsted	United Kingdom
Topic 6: Soil Conservation and Soil Quality	Lars BERGSTRÖM,	Uppsala	Sweden
Topic 7: Policies for Environmental Conservation in a Global Society	Winfried BLUM	Wien	Austria
Topic 8: New Approaches and Technologies for Soil Assessment	Paolo SEQUI	Rome	Italy

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

25th June, Monday

Morning:	Arrival of participants and registration
16:00–18:00	ESSC Council Meeting
18:00–19:00	Opening ceremony
19:00–20:00	Lectio Magistralis
20:00	Welcome party

26th June, Tuesday (Topic 1 & 2)

08:30 – 13:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:45	Opening lecture
09:45 – 10:00	Coffee-break
10:00 – 12:30	Thematic session (Topic 1)
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:15	Opening lecture
15:15 – 17:45	Thematic session (Topic 2)

17:45 – 18:00	Coffee-break
18:00 – 19:00	Poster sessions (Topic 1 & 2)

27th June, Wednesday (Topic 3 & 4)

09:00 – 09:45	Opening lecture
09:45 – 10:00	Coffee-break
10:00 – 12:30	Thematic session (Topic 3)
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:15	Opening lecture
15:15 – 17:45	Thematic session (Topic 4)
17:45 – 18:00	Coffee-break
18:00 – 19:00	Poster sessions (Topic 3 & 4)
19:00 – 20:00	ESSC General Assembly

28th June, Thursday (Topic 5 & 6)

09:00 – 09:45	Opening lecture
09:45 – 10:00	Coffee-break
10:00 – 12:30	Thematic session (Topic 5)
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:15	Opening lecture
15:15 – 17:45	Thematic session (Topic 6)
17:45 – 18:00	Coffee-break
18:00 – 19:00	Poster sessions (Topic 5 & 6)

21:00	Congress dinner
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29th June, Friday (Topic 7 & 8)

09:00 – 09:45	Opening lecture (invited speaker)
09:45 – 10:00	Coffee-break
10:00 – 12:30	Thematic session (Topic 7)
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:15	Opening lecture (invited speaker)
15:15 – 17:45	Thematic session (Topic 8)
17:45 – 18:00	Coffee-break
18:00 – 19:00	Poster sessions (Topic 7 & 8)
19:00 – 19:30	Conclusions of the Congress

30th June, Saturday

07:30 – 19:45	One day scientific and cultural excursion (2 choices)
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1 st choice	scientific and cultural excursion to Sparacia farm and Temple valley of Agrigento;
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2 nd choice	scientific and cultural excursion to Belice area and Selinunte archaeological area;
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SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL EXCURSION

1st option

SPARACIA FARM AND TEMPLE VALLEY IN AGRIGENTO

Cultural and pedo-agronomical aspects of the Mediterranean environment. Vertic soils of the Mediterranean environment. Experimental installations for measuring soil water erosion at microplot, plot and basin scale in a hilly Sicilian area.

The trip goes on to Agrigento with the visit of the TEMPLES VALLEY, where there is one of the best preserved Greek archaeological zones in the world. An English speaking guide will show the Concordia, Venus, Zeus and Hercules temples. At the end of the visit return to Palermo

2nd option

BELICE AREA AND SELINUNTE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK

Cultural and pedo-agronomical aspects of the Mediterranean environment. Problems of land management due to land managers wrong decisions. Environmental problems due to soil consumption. The trip goes on with the visit of the important ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK OF SELINUNTE. It consists of various temples, set in a semi-deserted zone, since the old town is not inhabited nowadays. There are the remains of the old city, destroyed by an earthquake in the antiquity. At the end of the visit return to Palermo

WEBSITE: www.esscpalermocongress.it

July 2-5, 2007

European Federation of IT in Agriculture 2007 Conference, EFITA/WCCA 2007, „Environmental and rural sustainability through ICT“, Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland, UK, www.efitaglasgow.org

July 2-6, 2007 (Click below for information)



July 2-13, 2007

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

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

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

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July 12-15, 2007

3rd International Conference on Social and Organizational Informatics and Cybernetics: SOIC 2007

Orlando, Florida, USA. SOIC 2007 Secretariat, Torre Profesional La California, Av. Francisco de Miranda, Caracas, Venezuela soic2007@cyber-inf.org

July 16-19, 2007

I invite you to participate in the **International Symposium on Organic Matter Dynamics in Agro-Ecosystem** which will be organized on July 16-19 2007 in Poitiers, France. Acquiring knowledge about soil organic matter is essential for sustainable use and conservation of resources, for which climate change and increasing demands for bio-energy become crucial global challenges. As you will see, the symposium programme will feature a variety of panel discussions and keynote addresses touching on a range of issues concerning soil organic matter research in this system.

Detailed information regarding the symposium (sessions, invited speakers preliminary schedules) and other practical information can be found on the symposium website:

http://www.inra.fr/Symposium_OMD_2007

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July 21-25, 2007



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

Professional Development, Oral and Poster Presentations, Symposia,
Technical Workshops, Educational Tours & Networking Opportunities

The 2007 SWCS Annual Conference Program Committee and the Florida Chapter SWCS are proud to bring you "Conservation Challenges in a Changing Landscape" July 21-25, 2007, at Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, Florida.

This year's conference offers 141 oral presentations, 78 posters, 16 symposia, seven tours, nine workshops and dozens of opportunities (from the Busch Gardens Networking/Social Night to the Regional Networking Roundtable Breakfasts and the Exhibitor/Poster Reception) to learn and make connections with attendees, exhibitors and speakers in a variety of traditional and non-traditional settings and sessions.

Online registration is up and running. The early registration deadline is June 14. The complete 16-page preliminary program is available for download at www.swcs.org

Contact Saddlebrook at 1-800-729-8383 to make hotel reservations. Be sure to reference the Soil and Water Conservation Society conference to receive the group rate.

Sponsor opportunities and exhibit space still available. Contact SueAnn at SWCS for more information.

Register now by clicking on the YES button below.

WHEN	Saturday, July 21, 2007 8:00 AM - Wednesday, July 25, 2007 5:00 PM Eastern Time Zone
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WHERE Saddlebrook Resort
5700 Saddlebrook Way
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543
USA

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July 23, 2007

'Sino-US Cooperative Efforts in Soil and Water Conservation'

2007 SWCS International Activities Committee - Special Symposium

Describing investigations of basic erosion processes at field and watershed scales and the development of proper farming and land management practices that minimize soil erosion and its adverse environmental impacts.

The China Symposium is a result of leadership by Chi-hua Huang, USDA-ARS National Soil Erosion Research Lab at Purdue, and colleagues who have arranged two 1.5 hour sessions for our up-coming annual conference in July. The two 90-minute consecutive sessions will take place Monday, July 23 beginning at 1:30 p.m. (running until 5:00 p.m.).

If Dr. Huang's dedication to success is an indicator, the symposium sessions will run with ease. Dr. Huang has commitments of 5 scientists coming from China to present their research in conjunction with USDA-ARS colleagues. The Chinese scientists represent The Institute of Soil and Water Conservation of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Beijing Normal University. Please join me in thanking Dr. Huang for the time he has dedicated to making this opportunity a reality. Thanks is due also to ARS leadership for facilitating both the cooperation efforts and helping make the research results available to us all.

Chi-hua writes that among the five coming from China, three are senior professors who have spent time in ARS laboratories. The most exciting thing is that the Chinese are working on gully erosion research that we are somewhat lagging behind here in the US and they are also developing a Chinese USLE based on the technology developed here.

Contact information for: Chi-hua Huang, 275 S. Russell St, Purdue University; West Lafayette, IN 47907-2077; Ph: 765-494-6143 Fax: 765-494-5948, chihua@purdue.edu

The [2007 Annual Conference](#) will be held from July 21-25 in Tampa, Florida. The conference theme is "Conservation Challenges in a Changing Landscape."

Online registration is now available.

[Register.](#) [Read the Preliminary Program.](#)

Register by June 14 Get early registration rates!

July 22 to 26, 2007

Conference on Coastal Zone 2007, Portland, Oregon, www.csc.noaa.gov/cz/

The biennial Coastal Zone conference, now in its fifteenth edition, is the largest international gathering of ocean and coastal management professionals in the world. Nearly 1,000 people attend, representing federal, state, and local governments, academia, nonprofit organizations, and private industry. The conference gives these attendees a platform to discuss the issues facing our world's coasts and oceans and a forum for discovering new strategies and solutions.

Coastal Zone 07 will be held in Portland, Oregon, July 22 to 26, 2007. The overall conference theme, “Brewing Local Solutions to Your Coastal Issues,” will be highlighted in oral and poster presentations that use case studies, lessons learned, and success stories.

July 26-29, 2007

Third Annual Lao Ecotourism Forum, Don Chan Palace Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Organized by the Lao National Tourism Administration. This exciting event will bring together and display the highest quality and most innovative ecotourism products and services available in the Mekong Region. Under the theme “Bridging the Mekong Region” tour operators, travel agents, accommodation providers, development agencies, National Tourism Organizations and indigenous people from throughout the Mekong Region will gather under the same roof to network and promote business opportunities in their respective countries. This event is a must for anyone interested in shaping the course of ecotourism development in the Mekong Region.

In addition to the “Mekong Ecotourism Mart” where buyers meet sellers on the first and second day of the Forum, an ecotourism conference, gala dinner, food festival, 5km fun-run, concert, handicraft exhibit and trade show are planned. For international buyers and the media, special pre and post familiarization tours will be offered.

Registration for the Forum opens on 1 March 2007, with online registration and a complete overview of events planned available at www.ecotourismlaos.com/forum2007

July 30-August 4, 2007

I am organizing a session: HS01- Climate Change Dynamics and Hydrology: Vulnerability and Adaptation, together with Prof. Charles Vorosmarty (Univ. of New Hampshire, USA) during **Asia-Oceania Geoscience Society 2007 4th Annual Conference** at Bangkok, Please do participate and submit paper.

Deadline is **February 15, 2007**. Please see enclosed file for full details. As AOGS is a newly established society, they do not have fund to support participants. They have registration fee waiver programme. Please also circulate among your known colleagues.

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August 26-28, 2007

1st IFOAM International Conference on Marketing of Organic and Regional Values, Schwäbisch Hall, Germany

During this two-day conference, experts from all over the world are expected to discuss successful strategies and practical marketing examples, including relevant legal requirements and concepts. The conference will address ways to foster identity and uniqueness of agricultural products and food through marketing strategies, and how to best communicate this information to the consumer. The conference is organized by Organic Services and Ecoland in cooperation with IFOAM and is supported by the Bäuerliche Erzeugergemeinschaft Schwäbisch Hall (BESH) and BioFach. The Conference will be held in English.

Today, organic products are becoming increasingly interchangeable, disconnecting the linkage between producer and consumer and diluting their identity. Organic production is obviously being organized successfully, but in light of continuous growth and the entrance of organic in mainstream markets, it is important to develop new and specific marketing strategies that protect organic product identity, traditional knowledge, and biodiversity, and thus organic farmers and rural communities.

The aim of this conference is to initiate discussion and foster knowledge about the marketing of organic and regional values through the creation of specific marketing strategies that give value to products based upon their uniqueness, and to translate these values into successful marketing strategies for

organic products. The conference will consider various concepts and marketing strategies, including regulatory approaches, to protect regional values and traditional knowledge.

A reception on the evening of August 26th will be the social opening of the conference, followed by the conference dinner on August 27th, which will take participants on a culinary journey with a theme of “pepper meets salt”.

Call for papers

Papers are invited for a list of topics that can be found on the website. Case studies and practical marketing experiences are strongly encouraged; it is hoped to receive a full range of papers spanning from those of a grassroots and political nature, to scientific and professional articles. Complete details can be found on the website. The deadline for submissions is **May 10th 2007**.

For more information, visit: www.ifoam.org/events/ifoam_conferences/regional_values_2007.html

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August 28-31, 2007

Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference 2007: 'Sustainability and Quality of Life', 28th to 31st August 2007, London, UK. Paper session sponsored by the Political Geography Research Group.

Convenors: Daniel Hammett (University of Edinburgh), Libby Porter (University of Sheffield),

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September 1-5, 2007

Global Forum on Soils, Society & Global Change

Celebrating the Centenary of Soil Conservation and Land Restoration in Iceland, Selfoss, Iceland

The Icelandic Soil Conservation Service is organizing a Global Forum to highlight the crucial role of soil conservation and land restoration in addressing key environmental and socio-economic challenges for a sustainable future. Most particularly, it marks the celebration by Iceland of a century of organized soil conservation and land restoration operation in 2007 - one of the longest standing in the world. The Forum is organized in partnership with several universities and international agencies, including the United Nations University (UNU) and Ohio State University (OSU), and Icelandic bodies. It is to be hosted by the Icelandic Government under the patronage of the President of Iceland, His Excellency Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson.

Land degradation, manifesting in the form of soil erosion and desertification is a global problem of major proportions. The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment ranks land degradation as among the world's greatest environmental challenges, affecting climate and biological diversity, reducing environmental security, destabilizing societies, worsening food security, and increasing poverty. The Forum highlights innovative thinking to collectively tackle the inter-related facets of these problems through sustainable land management.

The Forum will emphasize the synergistic role of sustainable soil management in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. In this context, it will also explore interlinkages in successful implementation of the UN conventions focusing on climate change, combating desertification and biological diversity.

The Forum will bring together a group of key stakeholders from around the world, representing a broad spectrum of disciplines. The aim is to use the meeting as a venue for cross-fertilization of ideas in order to fashion a new global consensus on the above-mentioned crucial linkages and develop a common strategy as well as action plans to help achieve sustainable land management during the 21st century.

The main emphasis of the Forum will be on discussions and dialogue; this will be supported through selected seminar presentations. Field excursions will demonstrate the century-long Icelandic expertise and experience, which potentially has a great value to other nations facing similar challenges. The Forum will conclude with a special centennial commemoration event hosted by the President of Iceland.

For more information please contact the forum organizers at globalforum@land.is.

September 10-14, 2007

The Fourth International Conference on Debris-Flow Hazards Mitigation: Mechanics, Prediction, and Assessment, International Convention Center, Chengdu, Sichuan, China
Organized by the Institute of Mountain Hazards and Environment, CAS, China

Full information, including online contact and registration, is available in <http://4thdfhm.imde.ac.cn>.

Or contact: Dr. Peng Cui, Institute of Mountain Hazards and Environment, Chinese Academy of Sciences, P.O. Box 417, Chengdu, Sichuan 610041, China. Phone: +86-28-85214421; Fax: +86-28-85222258, dfhm@imde.ac.cn

September 10-17, 2007

International Workshop on **Environmental Changes and Sustainable Development in Arid and Semi-arid Regions**, Alashan Left Banner - Long Xin Hotel - Inner Mongolia, China

Co-organizers and Co-sponsors:

- COMLAND (Commission on land degradation and desertification, International Geographical Union)
- IAG (International Association of Geomorphologists, Working group on interactions between aeolian, fluvial and lacustrine processes)
- IGCP 500
- INQUA (Project number: INQUA 0503)
- GSC (Geographical Society of China)
- National Natural Sciences Foundation of China
- PAGES

Local Organizer: Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing

Language of the workshop: English

THEMES

- Case studies and theories relating to land degradation and sustainable development in arid and semi-arid as well as sub-humid regions of various continents;
- Comparisons of regional-scale reconstruction of Late Quaternary changes in the deserts of various climate zones (monsoon regions, subtropics and westerlies);
- Natural and human impacts on the landscape in various climate zones;
- Interactions amongst aeolian, fluvial and lacustrine processes in desert margins.

Registration fee: US\$600; see more details in <http://www.iggcas.ac.cn/iw07/index.htm>

Deadlines: Early bird payment (US\$500) up to April 1, 2007

Final payment for regular registration: August 10, 2007

Receipt of abstracts: June 1, 2007

Receipt of full papers for consideration in the special issues of the international journals (see conference publications below): at the workshop.

Contact persons: - **Xiaoping YANG**, Steering Committee member, COMLAND and local organiser of the Workshop (E-mail: xpyang@263.net.cn; xpyang@mail.igcas.ac.cn). Phone: +86 (0)10 62008389. Fax: +86 (0)10 62032495. Postal address: Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences. P.O. Box 9825, Beijing 100029, P.R. China)

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September 17-19, 2007

IV International Symposium on Gully Erosion, Pamplona, Spain

The Department of Projects and Rural Engineering of the Public University of Navarre (Spain) is pleased to invite you to participate in the IV International Symposium on Gully Erosion, to be held at Pamplona (Spain). This symposium aims to review current understanding and information, and to report progress in the following topics on gully erosion:

Importance: e.g. on/off-site gullying impact on soil properties, landforms, and landscape at different times and space scales.

Characterization: e.g. experimental investigation on different kinds of gullies, monitoring techniques of gully erosion, historical reconstruction of processes.

Controlling factors: e.g. effect of anthropogenic activities on gullying, interaction between gully erosion and other land degradation processes, role of vegetation.

Control measures: e.g. prevention of gullying, gully restoration methods.

Processes and modelling: last but not least, we shall greatly appreciate receiving contributions on this important topic: e.g. gully headcut mechanics, channel network evolution, gully erosion thresholds, and so on.

The following people have confirmed their participations as keynote speakers at the symposium:

- **Carlos V. Alonso**, USDA-ARS - National Sedimentation Laboratory, Oxford (MS), U.S.A.
- **Rafael Bras**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge (MA), U.S.A.
- **Mike Kirkby**, University of Leeds, U.K.
- **Jean Poesen**, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.

For more details, please visit the webpage of the symposium: <http://www.unavarra.es/erosion/index.htm>, which will be periodically updated. Kindly tell your colleagues about this symposium.

Abstract deadline: **April 15, 2007**

Dr. Javier Casali

Dr. Rafael Giménez

Program Committee Chairs Members

Contact: Symposium Gully erosion2007symposium.gullyerosion2007@unavarra.es

September 23-26, 2007

3rd International Conference on Mechanisms of Organic Matter Stabilisation and Destabilisation in Soils and Sediments, Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

Themes include: Formation, characterisation and fate of NOM including Black Carbon
Movement of NOM within and between terrestrial/aquatic ecosystems
Application of isotopic techniques in NOM studies
Stabilisation/ destabilisation mechanisms for NOM
Biological significance of NOM pools at various time scales
Modelling NOM dynamics.
Contact information: Jan Skjemstad, www.clw.csiro.au/conferences/organic/

September 25-28, 2007



The poster features a header with three landscape photographs: a dry, eroded hillside, a river flowing through a forested valley, and a river with a large rock formation. Below the images, the text reads: "First Announcement and Call for papers", "INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE", "„EROSION AND TORRENT CONTROL AS A FACTOR IN SUSTAINABLE RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT“", "25-28 September 2007", "Belgrade – Serbia". It lists the initiator as the Faculty of Forestry, Belgrade University, marking 100 years of experience in erosion and torrent control in Serbia. It also mentions joint organization with WASWC and WASER, and its alignment with UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme. Sponsors include the Public Water Management Company SRBIJAVODE and the Ministry of Science and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia.

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October 8-10, 2007

COAST GIS 07: GIS TECHNOLOGIES AND SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURES FOR THE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL ZONES AND THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, www.coastgis07.com

The organizing committee invites you to attend CoastGIS 07, the 8th International Symposium on GIS and Computer Mapping for Coastal Zone Management. The conference will take place in Santander, Spain, between the 8th and the 10th of October, 2007.

This is the 8th of a series of conferences with an important international scope (up to 30 countries from all continents). The CoastGIS conferences began in 1995, and the last host was the city of Wollongong, Australia, during which over 80 papers were presented. Other important venues have been Cork in Ireland, Aberdeen in Scotland, Brest in France, Halifax in Canada and Genoa in Italy.

Over 200 professionals from the GIS and/or coastal management fields are expected to attend, representing a wide range of academic, governmental and commercial interests. The main objective of this conference is to

create a meeting place in which the most relevant issues and the newest breakthroughs in GIS applications for littoral and marine environments will be tackled by internationally renowned experts.

Or contact the organizers at: Tel: +34 942 202055; Fax: +34 942 201860; garrigamc@unican.es

October 17-19, 2007

Bottlenecks, Solutions, and Priorities in the Context of Functions of Forest Resources, Faculty of Forestry, Istanbul University, Istanbul, TURKEY

An international symposium will be held by Istanbul University, Faculty of Forestry in Istanbul between October 17-19, 2007 to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Forestry Education in Turkey with support of Rectorate of Istanbul University, Ministry of Environment and Forestry and International Union of Forest Research Organizations. The symposium aims to provide an international scientific atmosphere with participation of experts from universities, research institutes, public and private sectors and non-governmental organizations in areas relating to the functions of forest resources.

Forest resources have a lot of functions such as protecting biological diversity, climate regulation, water production, soil and water conservation, providing natural food, supporting urban life, rural development, creating recreational opportunities, developing game and wildlife, protecting visual and cultural values, strengthening social stability, supporting society's health, producing wood and non-wood forest products, creating employment and income, providing possibilities for export etc., which have effects on the ecological environmental, social-cultural and economical-financial fields. Subjects of the presentations for the symposium should be thought in the context of the above-mentioned functions of forest resources. It is recommended that authors explain causes of bottlenecks and failures taking place during providing of these functions of forest resources; deal with analyses and solutions toward overcoming them from point of view of one or multidimensional perspective, that is, biological, ecological, economical, organizational, political etc. sides rather than contenting with only inventorial aspects.

Symposium Sessions: Bottlenecks in the context of functions of forest resources and analyses relating to them; biological, ecological, economical, organizational, political etc. solutions concerning these bottlenecks (<http://www.orman.istanbul.edu.tr/fored150>, <http://orman.istanbul.edu.tr/fored150>, <http://194.27.134.4/fored150>).

Presentation: Oral and poster; Deadlines: Abstract (800-1,000 words): December 20, 2006 Full Paper: June 1, 2007; Accommodation and Registration details: Will be announced later. Symposium Secretariat: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ferhat GÖKBULAK, Istanbul University, Faculty of Forestry, 34473 Bahçeköy, Istanbul TURKEY. Phone: +90 212 226 11 11, Fax: +90 212 226 11 13, symposium150@istanbul.edu.tr.



October 18-22, 2007

NATO Advanced Research Workshop: Natural Disasters and Water Security: Risk Assessment, Emergency Response, and Environmental Management, Yerevan, Armenia

For all questions regarding participation, program, deadlines, etc. please contact ARW Co-Directors:

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Partner-Country Co-Director, Dr. Trahel Vardanian, Armenia, tvardanian@ysu.am

October 18-23, 2007

4th International Conference on Soils of Urban, Industrial, Traffic, Mining and Military Areas (SUITMA4), Nanjing, China, www.issas.ac.cn/suitma4.htm/

The 4th International Conference on Soils in Urban, Industrial, Traffic, Mining and Military Areas (SUITMA) is scheduled to be held at October, 2007 in Nanjing. The conference will discuss soil changes, problems, remediation, utilization, planning, in relation to urban ecological, environmental and biological health issues. The previous events were in Essen (Germany), Nancy (France) and Cairo (Egypt), respectively. We appreciate your continuous interest in SUITMA and welcome scientists, planners, policymakers, to join the forthcoming event.

The scientific committee of SUITMA4 sets the following major areas as its themes and opens to more topics and interests.

A) Methodologies

1. Soil survey, description, terminology standardization and sampling in urban areas
2. Laboratory methods for urban soils
3. Soil classification and mapping in urban areas

B) Impacts of urbanization on soil resources

4. Land use change under urbanization
5. Pedogenesis and quality changes of urban soils
6. Physical aspects of urban soil changes
7. Chemical aspects of urban soil changes
8. Biological aspects of urban soil changes
9. Historical aspects of urban soil formation and characterization

C) Urban soils in relation to urban ecosystem

10. Ecological impact of urbanization in regional and global scales
11. Urban soils and greenery plants
12. Urban soils in relation to water environment
13. Biogeochemical cycling of life-dependent materials in urban ecosystem
14. Pollution status and control of urban soils
15. Remediation of contaminated SUITMA
16. Ecological assessment of urban soil quality
17. Ecology-based urban land use planning

D) Socio-economic aspects of soil management in urban areas

18. Urban soil management and legislation

E) Other related topics

Registration for Conference

Regular participants: **250USD/200 EUR** (before August 31, 2007)

Students/Young participants (age below 30): 125 USD/100EUR (with valid certificate)

Accompany person: **100 USD/80EUR**.

Registration fee covers conference abstract book, reception party, lunches during conference, tea/coffee, closing banquet. Registration payment after August 31st, 2007 will incur **100USD/80EUR** surcharge.

Accommodation: Hanting Hotel (room charge for participants: **\$25** and **\$27**), 10-min walk from the venue

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November 6-10, 2007

International Conference on Integrated Watershed Management for “Bharat Nirman”, New Delhi, India

Major Themes

1. Land Resource Management
2. Water Resource Management
3. Plant Resource Management
4. Animal Resource Management
5. Human Resource Management
 - Gender, Equity and Rural Institutions.
6. Integrated Watershed Management for Biomass Processing,
 - Agri-business, Rural Employment and Livelihoods.
7. Rural Investments through Public-Private Partnership.
8. Science and Technology
 - Research, Extension and Capacity Building.

Venue: NASC Complex, New Delhi

Duration: (i) The Conference: November, 6-9, 2007
(ii) Field Visits for Delegates: November 10-11, 2007

Important Dates:

Submission of Abstract: 31-11-2006

Receipt of full-length paper: 31-05-2007 with electronic copy

Registration Fee

Foreign Delegates: US\$500 (With late fee: US\$600)

- Students/Research Scholars: US\$250 (With late fee: US\$300)
- Accompanying members: US\$100

Indian Delegates: Rs. 4,000.00 (With late fee Rs. 5,000)

* Students/Research Scholars: Rs. 2,000 (With late fee Rs. 2,500)

Accompanying member: Rs. 1,000 (Indian)

* Students/Research Scholars have to provide a certificate from their Head of the Institution/Department for availing of this special rate.

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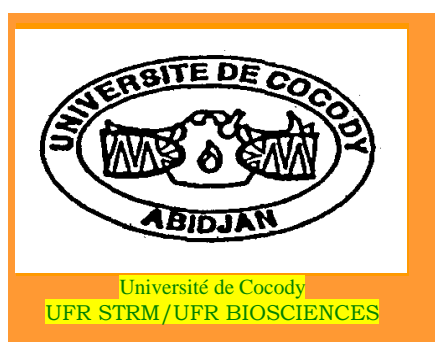
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November 22-28, 2007

3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GROSS NATIONAL HAPPINESS TOWARDS GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION - WORLD VIEWS MAKE A DIFFERENCE Thailand

Rationale: The launching of the concept of Gross National Happiness in the global arena has induced a growing movement calling for transformation of conventional development policies and practices at all levels. By placing 'happiness' at the center of development the current obsession by economic growth, measured by Gross National (or Domestic) Product, has been fundamentally challenged. In a great diversity of world views happiness is the essence of life. Efforts are made to better understand and to monitor happiness. Well-being indexes serve public policy development, in order to counter wealth-dominated, unsustainable, globalization. Bhutan, considered to be a poor country from a conventional view point, but rich in culture and 'natural capital', is inspiring towards global transformation. Whether we can measure happiness or not, the diversity of our world views make a difference on the ground.

Co-organizers: Sathirakoses Nagapradipa Foundation and the Center for Bhutan Studies.

In partnership with a network of Thai NGO's and Youth groups, NGO's from the Mekong region; Social Venture Network Asia and independent business leaders; Ministry of Social Development & Human Security, and 'Well-being Index Network', Government of Thailand.

Objectives: To provide a creative platform for inspirational exchanges on revitalization of ancient cultures and sufficiency life styles in the face of globalization; and cross-cultural communication on transformative world views through story-telling and folk arts.

To facilitate exchanges, interaction, scientific debate on research related to Gross National Happiness and public policy development; to further shape ongoing research frameworks.

To strengthen and innovate social movements and supporting networks that improve people's happiness on the ground, genuine well-being and Human Security involving the diversity of stakeholders (civil society; governments at all levels; corporate sector).

Format of the conference: The organizers support engagement of local, national and international as well as issue-based partnerships based on autonomy; the conference serves as a creative momentum when participants of related activities over the year, and in various parts of the world, can meet and converge.

Previous conferences: The first International Conference 'Operationalizing Gross National Happiness' was convened in Thimphu, Bhutan, February 2004 by the Center for Bhutan Studies [www.bhutanstudies.org.bt]. It coincided with the colourful celebration of Bhutanese New Year.

The second International Conference on Gross National Happiness 'Re-thinking Development. Local Pathways to Global Well-being' was organized in Nova Scotia, Canada by GPI Atlantic [www.gpiatlantic.org] in mid June 2005. Smaller gatherings took place in Thailand at the Asian Institute of Technology in September 2004; and with partners from the Mekong region at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, and Wongsanit Ashram in August 2006. In Japan a conference was organized at Osaka University.

Partnership and sponsoring: GPI Atlantic and Osaka University support the 3rd International Conference in Thailand to secure continuity and accumulation of experiences. All participating international organizations, networks and independent individuals are invited to join the conference-partnership. Development agencies and foundations are welcome to support the conference process and the emerging global process of long term local operationalization.

Organizing Committee and Speakers: The Organizing Committee is Co-chaired by Ajarn Sulak Sivaraksa, President Sathirakoses Nagapradipa Foundation and H.E. Paiboon Wattanasiritham, Minister of Social Development and Human Security, Thailand. Speakers that confirmed are Vandana Shiva, John Ralston Saul and Lyonpo Jigmi Thinley while many more speakers and resource persons will be approached. Your suggestions and help are most welcome.

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December 3-14, 2007

United Nations Climate Change Conference

The Bureau decided to accept the offer by the Government of Indonesia to host the Conference of the Parties (COP 13) and the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 3) in Nusa Dua, Bali. More info: www.unfccc.org.

MEETINGS 2008 ++

International Conference on Conservation Farming Systems and Watershed Management in Rainfed Areas for Rural Employment and Poverty Eradication (ICON-FARM)

February 4-8, 2008 (Monday to Friday)

Theme of the Conference

Conservation Farming Systems and Watershed Management in Rainfed Areas for Rural Employment and Poverty Eradication (see more details in a previous issue of HOT NEWS)

At NASC Complex, New Delhi (INDIA)

Organized by

Soil Conservation Society of India, New Delhi

Important Dates

Submission of Abstract : 30-04-2007
Acceptance of Papers : 31-05-2007
Receipt of full-length paper : 30-09-2007
REGISTRATION FEE (to be submitted by October 31, 2007)

FOREIGN DELEGATES

Delegates :US\$ 400
(Late Submission) :US\$ 450

*Students/Research Scholars :US\$ 200
(Late Submission) :US\$ 225

For each accompanying member: US\$ 100

INDIAN DELEGATES

Members of SCSi : Rs. 3000.00
(Late Submission) : Rs. 3500.00

Non Members : Rs. 3500.00
(Late Submission) : Rs. 4000.00

*For Students/Research Scholars: Rs. 1500.00
(Late Submission) : Rs. 1750.00
For each accompanying member: Rs. 1000.00
(Indian)

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April 21-22, 2008

'First International Conference on Flood Recovery, Innovation and Response', London, England. Contact Carly Rose at C.Rose@wlv.ac.uk.

May 18-23, 2008.

15th International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO) Conference, Soil and Water Conservation, Climate Change and Environmental Sensitivity

Budapest, Hungary. May 18-23, 2008. www.isco2008.com

Contact: Professor Ádám Kertész, ISCO President, Head of Department, Sustainable development, global change and ecosystems, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Geographical Research Institute, Budapest 1112, Budaorsi ut 45, Hungary. Phone: +36-1-309-2686; Fax: +36-1-309-2686, kertesza@helka.iif.hu More general info about ISCO at www.isco.org.

July 14-18, 2008

Second International Conference on **Ground Bio- and Eco-engineering: The Use of Vegetation to Improve Slope Stability**, Beijing, China.

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August 25-29, 2008

EUROSOIL Congress, Vienna, Austria

With 30 symposia, workshops, meetings, pre- and post-congress excursions in Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Switzerland.

All necessary information is now available, including deadlines and registration form, under

<http://www.ECSSS.net>.

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September 18-22, 2008

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

September/ October 2008

IV World Congress on Conservation Agriculture will take place in India. More detailed news will be available in this page in April or May issue this year.

Late 2008

6th International Hani-Akha Culture Conference, Luchun County, Yunnan Province, China, near the border area with Northern Vietnam and Lao P.D.R. Mr Bai Bibo welcomes you to the conference organized in his hometown. Trust our members will be interested in presenting academic papers regarding Alkha-Hani Land and Water Conservation in the Mekong River Basin. Contact Bai Bibo, baibibo@hotmail.com

August 1-6, 2010

The **19th World Congress of Soil Science** will be held in Brisbane, Australia, 1-6 August 2010. Contact Neil McKenzie at neil.mckenzie@csiro.au. The **20th Congress** will be held in Seoul, Korea in 2014.

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