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New items are highlighted in light blue for easy identification

REDUCE



REUSE



RECYCLE

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



PLEASE CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENT BEFORE YOU PRINT THIS HOT NEWS

Songkran Festival and traditional Thai New Year



Celebrations of Songkran Festival on April 13, 2008 in Chiang Mai (N), Bangkok, Nongkhai (NE) and everywhere in the country at the beginning of long traditional Thai New Year holidays. Major activities are pouring water down on the Buddha's image (for good luck), on elderlies (for respect) and throwing water to each other (for fun). This is a favorite event among foreign visitors who mingle closely with local revelers.

By tradition, Songkran Day is determined based on a suriya yatra sacred book which describes the passing of the sun. Songkran is a Sanskrit word, meaning the passing of the sun from one zodiac to another. The passing happens every month, but the most important passage is in April when the sun leaves Pisces to enter Aries, which traditionally marks the beginning of the new year – the time when the new harvest season begins. But technically the sun may not immediately enter Aries due to timing changes. Although a day technically comprises 24 hours, things are different astrologically. There is a lapse before the sun passes into Aries. (From *The Bangkok Post*, April 13, 2008)


Ed. - In the past, official Thai New Year started April 1; it changed to January 1 only in 1941.


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Let's prepare ourselves for the Earth Day, April 22, 2008

	<p>Celebrate Earth Day!</p> <p>Wondering what you can do help reduce your footprint on the earth this Earth Day?</p> <p>EPA has come up with fifteen things you can do to make a difference in your watershed</p>
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<p>Visualize Dam Effects (very good!)</p> <p>Idaho Rivers and Hydropower Reform Coalition has developed a powerful visual tool to explain the effects of dams on rivers and the environment and to explain that dams and hydropower projects can be operated differently to reduce their adverse impacts.</p> <p>The website includes interactive graphics designed to raise public awareness as to the real cost of poorly run hydropower projects to society and the environment. More environmentally friendly dam operation practices are discussed. www.dameffects.org</p>	
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(These two websites are from http://www.fxbrowne.com/html/newsletters/April_2008/news_apr08.htm)

AWARDS/ PRIZES/ FUNDS

▲ The [United Nations Foundation](#) is now accepting proposals for small grants to support **UNESCO World Heritage site conservation and sustainable tourism projects**.

Please refer to the attached documents for applicant eligibility, application procedures and requirements, and the timeline for grant review and award.

Qualified community-based initiatives around the Sian Ka'an World Heritage site or the Belize Barrier Reef World Heritage site are encouraged to apply.

If you have further questions, please contact Lulu Zhou at LZhou@unfoundation.org

▲ Call for Applicants: Fulbright Scholar Awards in Agriculture

Applications continue to be accepted for Fulbright Scholar awards for lecturing, research or combined lecturing/research awards in agriculture during the 2008-2009 academic year. Faculty in agriculture may apply not only for awards specifically in their field, but also for one of the many "All Discipline" awards open to any field.

Visit www.cies.org for descriptions of available awards and new eligibility requirements. Awards are closing daily, so please consult the relevant program officer before applying.

▲ **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>.

▲ **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, but can be more). See some more information in the WASWC Newsletter 22(4) on our website. 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.

▲ **USAID**

US Agency for International Development

Guidelines and Procedures for Fiscal Year 2008 International Food Relief Partnership

Modification 1

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=40111>

▲ **USAID**

US Agency for International Development

Public-Private Alliances

Modification 2

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=40156>

▲ **Call for applications: International Women's Environmental Entrepreneurs Fair**

The World Conservation Union is organizing an International Women's Environmental Entrepreneurs Fair at the World Conservation Congress, taking place from 5-14 October 2008, in Barcelona, Spain. Fifty women from around the world will have the chance to showcase their innovative "green enterprises" at the Congress and to form the basis of a worldwide network of women green entrepreneurs.

The International Women's Environmental Entrepreneur Fair aims to: facilitate and strengthen women's productive enterprises that produce or provide services that are environmentally friendly, and showcase women's professional and business activities that go beyond regional borders and contribute to environmental conservation and the alleviation of poverty.

If you are a woman who belongs to an environmentally friendly entrepreneurial group, if you can recommend one, or if you are sponsoring a group of this nature, please contact the organizers and send in an application. A team of experts and practitioners will select the 50 finalists. Submissions will be accepted from **September 2007 through April 2008**. Finalists will be announced in May 2008.

The application is available at: [genderandenvironment_application](#). Completed submissions should be sent to womenfair@iucn.org.

For more information see: [leng=ingles&id=63">www.genderandenvironment.org/noticias/noticia.php?leng=ingles&id=63](http://www.genderandenvironment.org/noticias/noticia.php?leng=ingles&id=63)

Call for Applications: International Women Environmental Entrepreneurs Fair (Deadline: April 30, 2008)

▲ **World Challenge 2008** is open for nominations!

World Challenge is BBC World's global competition for sustainable enterprise and its back for its fourth season. Once again we're looking to highlight and reward small businesses or projects that have shown enterprise and innovation at a grass roots level. We would love to hear from you about social entrepreneurs who are making a difference without costing the earth. It could be you or someone you know. So if you know of an initiative that's making a difference, **go to www.theworldchallenge.co.uk and fill out the simple nomination form.** The 12 best nominees - chosen by a distinguished jury - will be featured in the 7-part series on BBC World.

Who will take home \$20,000 dollars to reinvest in their business? It is all in your hands!

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▲ **Equator Prize 2008: Celebrating Community Success in Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction.**

This marks the fourth round of the internationally renowned Equator Prize. Awarded biennially, the Equator Prize recognizes community-based initiatives that demonstrate extraordinary achievement in reducing poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in the equatorial belt. Prize winners receive worldwide recognition for their work as well as an opportunity to help shape national and global policy and practice in the field.

Twenty-five community organizations will be honored with the Equator Prize 2008 and US\$5,000 each. Five of these communities will receive special recognition and an additional US \$15,000. Special recognition will be given in the following categories: one for each region of eligibility (Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean), one to the initiative that best exemplifies community approaches to adapt to climate change, and one to the initiative that best exemplifies the conservation of agricultural biodiversity. The Equator Prize will be presented in October 2008, in Barcelona, Spain, at the IUCN World Conservation Congress. All winners will have the opportunity to showcase their work in the "Poble" Dialogue Space at the Congress.

The Equator Prize 2008 nomination process will be open through **May 31, 2008**. Details on the criteria for the Prize, information on the award process, and the online nomination system can be accessed through the Equator Initiative website at www.equatorinitiative.org.

We encourage you to nominate qualified community initiatives that are active in environmental conservation and sustainable development within the equatorial region. **Self-nominations are welcome.**

Please disseminate this announcement widely to your electronic newsletters and networks! With your help and nominations, we can continue to honor and celebrate exceptional communities around the world, support their invaluable work and grow a stronger network of community best practice in biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction. **Warm regards, Eileen and the Equator Initiative Team**

▲ ▲ ▲ **OTHER GRANTS-AWARDS**

[PennVEST Infrastructure Loans/Grants](#)

[PA American Water Environmental Grant Program](#)

[YSI Foundation Minding the Planet 60th Anniversary Grant](#)

[PA Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grants](#)
[Conservation Security Program Sign-up](#)
[Wetland Program Development Grants](#)
[PADEP Growing Greener Grants](#)
[EPA Offers Smart Growth Technical Assistance](#)
[PA Invasive Species Volunteer Monitoring Training](#)
[Southcentral PA Riparian and Ag BMP Initiative](#)
[Rachel Carson Sense of Wonder Poetry, Essay and Photography Contest](#)
[PA Recycling Development and Implemental Grants](#)

FELLOWSHIPS

▲ Scholarships for Young Researchers

The ISTRO Board unanimously agreed to once again help young researchers attend the 18th Triennial **ISTRO conference** by sponsoring four (4) scholarships. Note that young scientists are defined as being under the age of 40, and having demonstrated superior research accomplishments. The Cees van Ouwerkerk scholarship is open to young scientists from all countries. The other three scholarships are open to researchers from all countries except those classified as being "high-income." Eligible "low-income" countries can be found at:

http://www.worldbank.org/data/countryclass/classgroups.htm#Low_income

The scholarships will cover the costs of airfare (lowest cost possible) and the package deal of the ISTRO2009 conference (www.istro2009.ege.edu.tr). This package deal of € 650 includes registration, lodging (shared double room), all meals, banquet dinner, field day tour and CD. Scholarship candidates must be current members of ISTRO themselves and be nominated by current members of ISTRO.

Nominations including supporting material documenting their research activities (e.g., two recent journal or conference publications), a curriculum vitae listing education and all publications, presentations and teaching activities, and the Abstract for a paper to be presented at the 2009 ISTRO Conference must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary- General (Doug Karlen, doug.karlen@ars.usda.gov) by **December 31, 2008**. The selection committee will consist of the three new Board Members (Totka Mitova-Trifonova, John Fielke, and Mekhlis Suleimenov). After the selection, all applicants will be informed by the Assistant Secretary-General who will also notify the Conference Organizers to help make the final arrangements.

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▲ Opportunity to apply for fellowships to study in Australia towards a doctorate; write to:

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or
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Both of the Australian Centre for Agriculture and Law
Faculty of Economics, Business and Law
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www.une.edu.au/aglaw

COURSES

2008

Several training courses in India by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

<http://www.icar.org.in/miscel/inttrg07.pdf>

January-May 2008

Commercial Urban Agriculture Training Course, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

This intensive course, titled "Growing Power, Growing Farmers" is designed for individuals who want to learn how to succeed and profit in the profession of farming in the city. Growing Power's Commercial Sustainable Urban Agriculture program will assist participants to manage their own farming business, covering topics such as financing opportunities, aquaculture, bee-keeping, livestock care, small farm equipment, and marketing and creating a business plan. The course is a series of five weekend seminars during January through May 2008 and will take place at Growing Power's training facilities in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The facilities include seven large greenhouses, a kitchen, training gardens, an aquaculture system, an anaerobic digester, and a food distribution facility.

Workshop dates are as follows: **11-13 January; 15-17 February; 14-16 March; 18-20 April; and 9-11 May.**

For more information see: www.growingpower.org/urban_agriculture.htm or contact Jay Salinas at jay@growingpower.org

May 12-June 5, 2008

▲ REEFS, RESOURCES AND RIGHTS: CONSERVATION AND TOURISM IN FIJI, May 12-June 5, 2008

Instructor: Pete Brosius, Center for Integrative Conservation Research, 310 New College
University of Georgia, 706-542-7681, pbrosius@uga.edu AND Maggie Miller at pacific@uga.edu

Course Description

Like many places in the tropical Pacific, Fiji's coasts, reefs and fisheries have suffered severe degradation in recent decades from the combined effects of development, overfishing, and tourism. The issue of how to respond has placed Fiji at the forefront of a series of global debates about the links between conservation and human well-being.

Two factors are especially salient in Fiji's efforts to promote marine conservation. First, local communities continue to exercise authority over their reefs through traditional resource management institutions. In the last decade the Fiji Locally-Managed Marine Area network (FLMMA), has actively promoted and supported the proliferation of community-based marine conservation initiatives managed according to traditional institutions, and it has been touted globally as an exemplar of effective community-based conservation. Second, Fiji has recently emerged as a major global tourist destination, renowned for its white sand beaches, crystal-clear water, brilliant living reefs, and world-class waves. Resorts of all types have sprung up to satisfy tourist demand, ranging from village homestays, to backpacker camps with dormitory accommodation, to exclusive \$1000-a-day resorts. One of the most notable trends has been the growth of ecotourism, which is presented as a less intrusive, more beneficial and sustainable form of tourism, striving to maintain the smallest possible ecological footprint and simultaneously supporting both conservation goals and local livelihoods. However, the distinction between tourism and ecotourism is not necessarily as clear as we may think: both large and small resorts may have adverse effects on the environment, and both may also promote the commodification of culture. The bottom line is that in Fiji marine conservation is tied up both with community rights and with tourism.

This course will examine the link between local communities, tourism and marine conservation through field-based research and service learning in two communities: Waitabu on the island of Taveuni and Soso on the island of Naviti. Additionally, we will also visit a series of resorts in the Mamanuca island chain. We will spend approximately one week in each community, living with local families. Research will focus on two main issues. First, students will look at traditional resource management institutions and the ways in which rights to resources are both defined and contested. Second, they will document local knowledge of reefs and resources, with a view to producing a set of maps that these two communities can use to support their conservation efforts. Integrating ethnographic and GIS methods, students will work with local community members to map reefs and

other marine resources. They will also interview community members and participate in fishing and other marine! subsistence activities with community members in order to document resource use. Finally, they will be responsible for providing their research results in forms that are useful to the community, possibly through digital maps or through production of an interpretive brochure that the communities can use to generate tourism revenue.

May-November 2008

▲ PARTICIPATORY PLANNING MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Uganda: 5-16 MAY 2008

South Sudan: 9-14 JUNE 2008

Kenya: 17-28 NOVEMBER 2008

▲ FACILITATING COMMUNITY MANAGED DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Ethiopia: 9-20 JUNE 2008

South Sudan: 18-29 AUGUST 2008

Uganda: 20-31 OCTOBER 2008

To enroll ... Please contact us for the course brochures which provide further details. To register, simply fill in the application form and email it back to us.

In Ethiopia, Uganda and Kenya: The two-week course is \$1,500 for international delegates and \$1,300 for residents of the host country.

This amount covers tuition fees, training handouts, field/agency visits, full board accommodation, and airport transfers. Participants are expected to cater for travel, medical and insurance covers as well as out of pocket allowances.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Physical address: Westlands, Brookside Grove off Waiyaki Way, Brookside Close

June 1-5, 2008

▲ Training course on Sustainable Management for Renewable Resources in Arid Lands

Date: June 1-5, 2008, Location: Syria

JOB

Hello Samran:

I was not aware of a United Nations University campus in Canada (central Canada - Ontario province). I saw reference to the school while reading something else. I quickly checked it out and see they are advertising for 3

positions. Here is the URL. It may be too late for a HotNews insert but you may know of others (likely candidates to circulate it to). The Dryland job looks interesting; they are giving preference to candidates from developing countries. <http://www.inweh.unu.edu/inweh/Vacancies.htm>

Tom G.

PHOTO COMPETITION

Oikocredit has organised a photo competition entitled "How fair is your world?". Are you interested in participating? Take a photograph of yourself or someone else to show us what fair financing and being a fair trade consumer means to you or them.

The winner will visit one of Oikocredit's project partners in Asia, Africa or Latin America and will be able to see with his or her own eyes how Oikocredit's fair financing can support people to empower themselves.

Instructions:

- The competition is open to amateur photographers only.
- Entries must be received by **31 October 2008**.
- Pictures must be submitted to photocompetition@oikocredit.org accompanied by:
 - name of the photographer, address and contact phone number.
 - a short description of what or who is depicted in the photograph (name, age, country, job) + you or their words on fair financing
- Ensure that the photograph is high-quality, so it can be used in publications or in other ways at a later date.
- Upon sending the photograph, you should receive a confirmation mail with as sender photocompetition@oikocredit.org. If you do not receive this mail, it may have been rejected by your provider. Resend the message in a lower resolution.
- By entering the competition, the entrant verifies that he/she has read and agrees to the [Rules of Entry](#).

NEW INFORMATION SOURCES

(This is a new column; every item is new every time)

BOOKS



Conservation Blogger
A forum for natural resource management news and discussion

Thursday, March 27, 2008

[Monitoring & Evaluation of Soil Conservation and Watershed Development Projects](#)

NEW BOOK Editors: Jan de Graaff, John Cameron, Samran Sombatpanit, Christian Pieri & Jim Woodhill. Published by Science Publishers, Enfield, U.S.A. www.scipub.net, sales@scipub.net, 2007. [excerpts from Review by Keith Virgo, March 2008, Tropical Agriculture Association]

The Editors have tried valiantly to bring a logical order to the 25 contributed papers, by

separating them into four Parts: 1. Principles of M&E, 2. M&E in Practice, 3. Physical Parameters in M&E and 4. Social, Economic & Institutional Aspects. This book, one of several titles sponsored by WASWC, aims to encourage greater effectiveness of soil conservation and watershed management projects, through improved Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) that can inform decision-making. In Part 1, this led me from the rather top-down traditional approach described in Chapter 2, to the greater emphasis in Chapters 3 and 4 on openly involving the primary stakeholders, who will still be there when the project withdraws. In Part 3 some new methods for assessing actual soil losses are described. The socio-economic impacts of project interventions could have received more consideration, given the vast amounts of money that have been invested in watershed management over the last 15 to 20 years. The Editors ably summarise the papers in their Epilogue, which makes useful reading. Topics cover the various challenges, such as improving participation, allowing time and space for M&E, and attributing impacts. They conclude on an optimistic note, pointing to the global Land Degradation Assessment in Drylands (LADA) programme of GEF, which aims to combat degradation through developing tools and methods, carrying out global assessments and assessing and building monitoring capacities. Appendix II provides a comprehensive list of relevant publications dealing with M&E, several with internet addresses for easier access. For practitioners of watershed M&E, this Appendix alone justifies reading the book. Overall, the book is a useful first step in addressing an important topic.

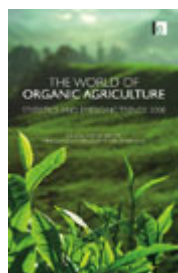
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Book on BioScience Entrepreneurship in Asia

"BioScience Entrepreneurship in Asia: Creating Value with Biology" by Dr. Paul Teng of the National Institute of Education in Singapore is the first comprehensive treatment of biology-based entrepreneurship in the developing world. It assembles current information on value creation using bioscience knowledge, provides current information on government investments in Asia on bioscience industries; and is the only text on plant biotechnology which describes action to obtain and maintain "freedom to operate" for genetically modified products. The book is published by the Imperial College Press. Order copies at <http://www.worldscibooks.com/business/6234.html>.

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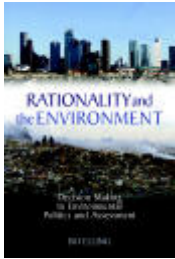
The World of Organic Agriculture

Statistics and Emerging Trends 2008

Edited by **Helga Willer, Minou Yussefi-Menzler and Neil Sorensen**

The new edition of this annual publication (previously published solely by IFOAM and FiBL) documents recent developments in global organic agriculture. **RRP £35.00**

ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:



Rationality and the Environment

Decision-making in Environmental Politics and Assessment

By **Bo Eling**

A powerful and revolutionary examination of the ethical and aesthetic failings of contemporary approaches to environmental management, assessment and decision making. **RRP £65.00**



Human Health and Forests

A Global Overview of Issues, Practice and Policy

Edited by **Carol J. Pierce Colfer**

The first comprehensive introduction to the issues surrounding the health of people living in and around forests, particularly in Asia, South America and Africa. **RRP £65.00**



Environmental Justice and the Rights of Unborn and Future Generations

Law, Environmental Harm and the Right to Health

By **Laura Westra**

This book, with a foreword by Roger Brownsword, is the first systematic examination of how the rights of the unborn and future generations are handled in common law and under international legal instruments. **RRP £29.95**



Public and Private in Natural Resource Governance

A False Dichotomy?

Edited by **Thomas Sikor**

This book provides a new perspective on prominent issues in resource governance, including the state, NGOs, civil society, communities, participation, devolution, privatization and hybrid institutions, highlighting the three-dimensional nature of relations between 'public' and 'private'. **RRP £70.00**

To review or promote the above books please email gudrun.freese@earthscan.co.uk

"Coming Together in a Land of Riches, Power and Life-Giving Forces"

Experiences and knowledge gained through conservation action in the Cordillera del Condor, Ecuador-Peru

On April 10th in Lima, Peru, a book and video about the experiences, knowledge and lessons learned during the execution of the first phase of the project "Peace and Bi-national Conservation in the Cordillera del Condor, Ecuador-Peru" will be launched.

The book **"Tarimiat Nunkanam Inkiunaiyu Tajimat Nunkenum Inkuniamu" - Coming Together in a Land of Riches, Power and Life-Giving Forces** - presents the local actors' visions in their own words as well as those of the project's technical staff. The 127 authors represented in the book are community members, leaders and authorities of the Shuar, Awajun and Wampis communities, which are located in the Cordillera del Condor (Ecuador and Peru), as well as technical staff and representatives of governmental institutions. Each one expressed his or her vision, understanding and path for construction of the Pueblo Shuar Arutam in Ecuador and the Ichikat Muja-Cordillera del Condor National Park in Peru, processes that were supported by the "Peace and Bi-national Conservation in the Cordillera del Condor, Ecuador and Peru".

The videos "TARIMAT - The Land of Our Ancestors (Shuar)" and "JINTA UJAIMU-Opening the Path (Awajun and Wampis)," present ways different people approach the subject of conservation.

This experience stemmed from our interest in improving our processes in conservation projects as technicians, institutions and indigenous peoples, considering different visions and interests. A significant number of testimonies and experiences were collected, reporting the differences, similarities, discords and consensuses that were reached during the implementation of the conservation project and the management of natural resources.

The book and the videos are the result of a coordinated effort between the Organization of Development of the Border Communities of Cenepa (ODECOFROC), the Indigenous Development Organization of the Comaina High Communities (ODECOAC), the Federation of Indigenous Communities Huambisas of the Santiago River (FECOHRSA), the Governing Council of the Pueblo

Shuar Arutam, the Nature Foundation (Fundación Natura), the Indigenous and Traditional Peoples Initiative at Conservation International and the Conservation International programs in Ecuador and Peru.

During the month of April these products will be presented and distributed to the Awajún and Wampis community members in the Cenepa, Comaina and Santiago River basins in Peru; and to the representatives of the 46 groups of Shuar in the Governing Council of the Pueblo Shuar Arutam in Ecuador. Later a presentation will be given in the city of Quito.

More information can be found at <http://iniciativaindigenaperu.blogspot.com>

Kristen Walker (k.walker@conservation.org)

Conservation International

No-Till Farming Systems book

Special Publication No. 3 of the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation - <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn>, www.waswc.org, edited by: T. Goddard, M. Zebisch, Y. Gan, W. Ellis, A. Watson and S. Sombatpanit. Thirty-four contributions from renowned experts and practitioners around the world provide a comprehensive review of the rapid growth of no-till, the barriers that have been overcome and the challenges that still lie ahead. Chapters cover current research and new directions as well as policy needs, adoption and extension. Five other new books on the topic are also reviewed.



ISBN: 978-974-8391-60-1, 544 pages. Depending on the destination, price ranges from US\$15-20 per one set (book + CD described below) including delivery (Asean: \$15; Other Asian countries: \$16; Africa, Australia, Europe, Oceania: \$18; Western Hemisphere: \$20). For details contact Samran Sombatpanit (sombatpanit@yahoo.com, <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn>), WASWC Immediate Past President and Coordinator.

CD on NO-TILL and Other Works from CIMMYT, CIRAD, FAO, ICRISAT, USDA, WASWC, etc.

This CD was planned as a collection of supplementary reference materials, to serve as a companion to the printed book *No-Till Farming Systems* (2008). This CD is entitled the **25th Anniversary Souvenir Edition** of the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC – established 1983) and it is a contribution to the **International Year of Planet Earth**. There are 17 sections, comprising 1,008 files in 106 folders, mostly in PDF, PPT, Word, describing no-till and other related SWC works from many national and international organizations. An application form is also provided for those who wish to join WASWC.

WASWC's publications are available widely and inexpensively. This CD, if purchased separately, costs US\$5/copy, with delivery to any post address worldwide. You are most welcome to reproduce and use all materials in any form, without restriction. To get your copy(ies) please contact Samran Sombatpanit at sombatpanit@yahoo.com.

BULLETIN-NEWSLETTER

	<h1>The River Basin Bulletin</h1>	
A DHI Water & Environment News Bulletin		April 2008

Contact: bph@dhigroup.com

Newsletter: **Agroforestry for food security in the South for the fight against climate change**

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) describes the opportunity in this way: “**more than a billion hectares are available for conversion to high-productivity agroforestry systems that have the capacity to reduce poverty and deforestation in a significant manner and to sequester carbon on a large scale**”.

Our Newsletter relating to Pro-Natura International activities in the field of Agroforestry and Sustainable Farming is attached.

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WEBSITES

WOCAT

We are happy to announce that the updated basic questionnaires on SLM Technologies (QT) and SLM Approaches (QA) and the updated map questionnaire (QM) are all available now. Please download them from the WOCAT website (www.wocat.net/quest.asp).

The revision of the **basic version of the QT and QA questionnaires** is related to several types of changes. Some questions, definitions, and comments needed reformulation to become clearer, some questions were newly added to respond to users need related to global issues and ecosystem services, and some questions were omitted altogether. The changes in the questionnaire implicated an adaptation of the **templates to the 4-page summaries** used in the global WOCAT overview book ‘where the land is greener’. They can be used to present and compile technologies and approaches for national / regional overviews in an attractive manner. They can be downloaded from here: <http://www.wocat.org/guidel.asp#4page>

The new **mapping questionnaire** was developed together with LADA. The assessment of degradation and conservation capture as much as possible the same issues, e.g. extent, degree/effectiveness, rate/trend, impact on ecosystem services, etc. The new ‘mapping unit’ is a combination of FAO’s land use system (LUS) with administrative units (e.g. districts).

The corresponding databases are in development. We will keep you informed.

Additionally, the **proceedings** of the latest annual WOCAT workshop and steering meeting (**WWSM**) held in the **Philippines** are in print now and will be sent to the participants soon. You can download the pdf version from the WOCAT website on <http://www.wocat.org/wsproc.asp>.

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The 1st International Conference on Role of Geographical Information Systems in Africa, Al-Jafara Shabia, Libya

The conference was organized by the Libyan Center for Remote Sensing and Space Science in collaboration with the Post Graduate Academy. The conference brings together a number of experts, researchers and scientists in the area geographical information systems from the Great Jamahiriya, Egypt, Tunisia, Syria, Iraq, U.S., Britain, Germany, Italy, Malta, Poland, France and India. More than 45 scientific research papers on the role of geographical information systems in promoting sustainable development in Africa will be delivered during the conference.

Reported by Dr Jon Corbett, Assistant Professor, Community, Culture and Global Studies, University of British Columbia Okanagan, 3333 University Way, Kelowna, B.C., Canada, V1Y 6A2

Rising Food Prices, What Should Be Done?

A new policy brief released by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) discusses the measures that should be taken about rising food prices. These include: 1) in the short term, developing-country governments should expand social protection programs for the poorest people-both urban and rural 2) developed countries should eliminate domestic biofuel subsidies and open their markets to biofuel exporters 3) developed countries should eliminate agricultural trade barriers and 4) to achieve long-term agricultural growth, developing-country governments should increase their investments in agricultural research and extension, rural infrastructure, and market access for small farmers. The policy brief is available at <http://www.ifpri.org/pubs/bp/bp001.pdf>

FAO: Amidst Rising Food Prices, Urgent Measures are Needed

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations said in a press release that urgent measures are needed to reduce the adverse effects of higher food prices on the poor. The UN agency stressed the important role that agro-industry has to play in overcoming the problems that result from high commodity prices. Factors such as reduced production because of climate change, higher consumption of meat and dairy products in emerging economies, increased demand for biofuels production and the higher cost of energy and transport have led to recent surges in world food prices. FAO Director-General Jacques Diouf, addressing the first Global Agro-Industries Forum in New Delhi, said "Agro-industry helps preserve foodstuffs, add value and reduce post-harvest losses; it enables products to travel longer distances, including to the rapidly expanding cities." He also stressed how agro-industry generates demand for agricultural products, holds vast potential for off-farm rural employment and adds significant value to farm production, whether for domestic or export markets. Read more at <http://www.fao.org/newsroom/en/news/2008/1000823/index.html>

Indian Prime Minister Awarded FAO Agricola Medal

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Director General Jacques Diouf conferred the UN organization's highest award, the Agricola Medal, on Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in recognition of his contribution to agricultural development and the reduction of hunger and poverty. The award was given on the occasion of the Global Agro-Industries Forum meeting held in India from 8-11 April, 2008. Dr Manmohan Singh has introduced many flagship schemes such as the National Food Security Mission, National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, Bharat Nirman, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and National Policy for Farmers.

"With your deep understanding of India's economy you have made modernizing and revitalizing your country's agriculture one of your highest priorities," FAO Director-General Jacques Diouf Dr Diouf said. Previous recipients of the Agricola Medal include King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, Pope John Paul II, and heads of nations from French, China, Egypt, Spain, Turkey, and Germany.

More information about the FAO Agricola at: <http://www.fao.org/newsroom/en/news/2008/1000824/index.html>.

Profile of Dr. Manmohan Singh, the Prime Minister of India is available at <http://www.pmindia.nic.in/>. Contact Bhagirath Choudhary at b.choudhary@isaaa.org for more information on agricultural development in India.

IAASTD Report to Set Global Food Agenda

An inter-governmental report that will set the new agenda for global food production is expected to be released on April 15, 2008. The International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology (IAASTD) seeks to bring together Northern and Southern perspectives to drive the agricultural agenda for the next 50 years. A plenary meeting is currently underway in Johannesburg, South Africa.

IAASTD says the report will incorporate a global assessment as well as five sub-global assessments. It acknowledges that the challenges in Africa are not identical to the challenges in Asia or Latin America. By taking a 'bottom-up' approach, the report aims to take into consideration the concerns of those most threatened in terms of food security and livelihood. The IAASTD is a three year collaborative international effort that is evaluating the relevance, quality and effectiveness of agricultural knowledge, science, and technology.

Visit http://www.agassessment.org/index.cfm?Page=About_IAASTD&ItemID=2 for more information.

New Technologies, Innovations to Improve Agric in Developing Countries

Policy makers, researchers and representatives from farmer organizations and the private sectors from all over the world gathered in Addis Ababa in Ethiopia to discuss technological, institutional, and organizational innovations that are transforming agriculture and improving people's lives. Organized by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), the conference "Advancing Agriculture in Developing Countries through Knowledge and Innovation" highlighted success stories, like a farmer-led, market-driven extension system in India that helps farmers diversify into high-value crops and the smallholder farmer's fruitful adoption of insect resistant cotton in India and China.

Kwadwo Asenso-Okyere, head of IFPRI's International Service for National Agricultural Research, pointed out that although many developing countries face major barriers to agricultural growth and rural development, successful agricultural innovations are occurring for the benefit of poor smallholders, food-insecure households, and other vulnerable groups. IFPRI Director General Joachim von Braun noted that new initiatives to accelerate agricultural innovation and improve farmers' access to technology and markets are vital for growth and poverty reduction in developing countries. The press release is available at <http://www.ifpri.org/pressrel/2008/20080407.asp>

Scientists Collaborate to Combat UG99

Scientists from all over the world met at the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) in Aleppo, Syria for the two-day "Stem Rust Baseline Survey Workshop on Standardizing Protocols and International Collaboration". The workshop aims to standardize protocols and strengthen international cooperation to combat the stem rust (strain Ug99). Ug99 (after Uganda where it was first recorded in 1999) has defeated the resistance in varieties that were resistant to stem rust in the past. It was found in Yemen in 2006 and has recently been reported in Iran. It now threatens wheat production in the Near East and West Asia region.

The workshop was jointly organized by ICARDA, the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, and the Cornell University through the Borlaug Global Rust Initiative.

The complete press release is available at <http://www.cgiar.org/newsroom/releases/news.asp?idnews=720>



E-Newsletter - April 10, 2008

International Sectoral Approaches Discussed at Bangkok Climate Talks
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Further reading:

[International Sectoral Agreements in a Post-2012 Climate Framework](#)

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Highlighting our BELC Members

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From melting ice sheets in Antarctica to coal plants in China, this section will focus on the most talked about issues in the climate debate.



Dear Friend,

Visiting [WaterPartners](#) project sites around the world, I've often thought, "If people could only see what it's like to live without safe water . . ."

While I can't take you there physically, I would like to extend an invitation to you to visit our new [WaterPartners Village](#). It breaks down barriers of space, time, language and culture so that people can better understand the daily reality faced by more than a billion of their fellow world citizens who do not have access to safe water.

That reality is quite stark. Every 15 seconds, a child dies from a water-borne disease. But it doesn't have to be that way. WaterPartners, a U.S.-based non-profit organization, is working with communities around the world to bring safe water to those in need.

You can help. It starts with awareness, which leads to advocacy. Advocacy creates action, and action changes the world.

Meet our thirsty villagers Dahnay, Miguel and Araja in Second Life, MySpace, Facebook, Flickr and YouTube. Experience for a few moments what it would be like to live in their world. You can also see how WaterPartners is making a real-world difference in people's lives through project profiles and success stories on our website at [Water.org](#).

WaterPartners envisions the day when everyone in the world can take a safe drink of water. Join us in achieving that vision by visiting [Water.org](#) today.

Sincerely,

John Fitzpatrick

Director of International Programs, WaterPartners

A CALL FOR YOUR ATTENTION (sometime for help)

▲ Dear Samran Sombatpanit

We are doing a research project titled "Investigation of impact of using managed water harvesting system in increasing crop yield" In semi-arid area in Zanjan, the northwest of IRAN with 350 mm rain fall. If WASWC members have information or experiment about this subject, please help us.

F.B. Movahhed (bayat_nrrcz@yahoo.com)

▲ My name is Dan Harris and I'm a 25 year old New Zealander looking for information on participatory NGOs or organisations in South America.

I'm a graduate in Development Studies with a basic grounding in hydrology and at the moment I'm in Guatemala studying Spanish so I can be of more use when I start volunteering. The reason I'm writing to

you is because I'm looking for voluntary work with NGOs or other organisations in South America that take a genuine participatory and holistic approach to development and I was hoping you might be able to recommend some to me.

I've had difficulty finding NGOs that are explicitly participatory and also involved in work in the field, as a result I joined this forum. Since you are all involved in the field I thought you might know of some good Organizations in the region. At the moment I'm planning to go to either Venezuela, Colombia or El Salvador next but I have sufficient time and funds for anything to be a possibility.

Any advice or information would be greatly appreciated.

Dan (newhazardlights@gmail.com)

- First Reply from Kishor (punk.kish@gmail.com)

Try Fundación Para La Superación de la Pobreza in Chile. See www.fundacionpobreza.cl

▲ The Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels: Ensuring Biofuels Deliver on their Promise of Sustainability – **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

The **Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels** is an international initiative bringing together farmers, companies, non-governmental organizations, experts, governments, and inter-governmental agencies concerned with ensuring the sustainability of biofuels production and processing. The Roundtable is hosting a series of meetings, teleconferences, and online discussions with the aim of achieving global, multistakeholder consensus around the principles and criteria of sustainable biofuels production by June 2008.

February 27th, 2008

- Southern African Regional Workshop -- Johannesburg, South Africa, March 12th and 13th. Downloads -- > [Agenda](#), [Invitation 1st of 2](#), [Invitation 2nd of 2](#)
- Read the [synthesis of the 6th Virtual Meeting of the Working Group on Environment](#) (1st Feb 2008 - Conservation and Biodiversity).
- Download the [RSB newsletter](#) (December 2007).
- Consult the Report of the [Steering Board in person meeting](#) (6-7 nov 2007, Lausanne)
- Regional Outreaches of the RSB! Please visit our special pages to download all the presentations and outputs from [Belo Horizonte, Brazil](#) and [Shanghai, China](#).

The October version of sustainability principles is available for stakeholder consultation - please [download them here](#), or make comments directly on the [Bioenergy Wiki website](#).

The Working Groups will continue refining these principles during this second round of feedback, but it's now time to start working on the criteria! Interested parties can begin drafting criteria for meeting these principles through four open Working Groups, divided by topic: [GHG lifecycle analysis \(GHG\)](#), [Environmental Impacts \(ENV\)](#), [Social Impacts \(SOC\)](#), and [Implementation \(IMP\)](#). If you have not already done so, please sign up for as many groups as you like here: [online WG registration](#). Each Working Group has its [own page on the Bioenergy Wiki](#), to host online discussions and share background documents.

We want as many people from as many countries and stakeholder groups as possible to participate in the Roundtable discussions! Please download our information sheet and share it with anyone who might be interested in participating in the Roundtable --> [Click to download](#).

Our aim is to have global consensus on the principles and criteria of sustainable biofuels production by June, 2008. The Roundtable's multi-stakeholder [Steering Board](#) will be responsible for overseeing this standards drafting process, according to the ISEAL Alliance Code of Good Practice for Standard Setting (downloadable [here](#)). If you have any questions about the Roundtable, please e-mail Sébastien Haye (sebastien.haye@epfl.ch)

Meet the [Roundtable Team](#). [Background Papers and Further Reading](#) Website: <http://energycenter.epfl.ch/biofuels>

▲ The **United Nations Development Program (UNDP)** in Mexico and the **World Conservation Union (IUCN)** are undertaking a research project on Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change from a Gender Approach. Part of the process is an open consultation which aims to gather information about the initiatives, studies, projects and works related to these subjects. The questionnaire, herewith attached, seeks to identify the scope of work of the organizations consulted, as well as to know if they can provide information about experts in any of the issues pertaining to the research project. Interested organizations are kindly asked to fill out the questionnaire and send it to Paula Zúñiga Díaz (paula.zuniga@iucn.org).

▲ **Call for researchers - please help in Katavi National Park, Tanzania** - Tanzania's Katavi National Park, with a size of 4,471 sq km, is the third largest park in the country. Located on the western side towards Lake Tanganyika, the park is endowed with high densities and diversity of herbivores, carnivores, birdlife as well as insects. Unexplored and wild, Katavi has a mosaic of habitats which enable it to accommodate one of the highest mammalian biomasses among East African protected areas. Unfortunately, the absence of research studies on park resources and ecological processes hinders science-based management decisions. The current park management is therefore calling for interested researchers to work in Katavi and help inform the long-term management of this jewel in the Tanzanian protected areas system. A number of research priorities have been identified. For more information and documentation, please contact Dr. Titus Mlengeya, wildvet_tanzania@yahoo.com, www.tanzaniaparks.com.

▲ I wanted to introduce you to the **Group on Science and Innovation Policy (GOSIP)**. This is a moderated forum for sharing information on important developments on science and innovation policy worldwide. The information shared includes news items, books, reports, research papers, websites and updates on the activities members. To subscribe send an e-mail to: InnovationPolicy-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
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▲ Invitation to contribute to *Viewpoints*

The *Natural Resources Forum* is inviting your views on the following question for the *Viewpoints* section of the August 2008 issue: ***"How can sustainable land management contribute to mitigating climate change?"***

The *Viewpoints* section of the journal is a series of policy debates to help stimulate and advance the dialogue on critical issues related to sustainable development. The aim of *Viewpoints* is to offer a platform for academics, practitioners and experts to share their individual perspectives and to feature these perspectives alongside other thoughtful responses in the journal.

Each entry should be **200 words or less** addressing the above question. When submitting a contribution, please also provide your name, title, affiliation and contact details.

Our Editorial team will work closely together with *NRF*'s Editorial Board Members and Advisors to select those contributions that address an important dimension of the debate. We encourage responses from different regional perspectives and from a broad range of disciplines, ensuring the right balance of perspectives.

The deadline for submission to the *Viewpoints* for the August 2008 issue is **April 31, 2008**. The Editorial team looks forward to receiving many contributions.

Hiroko Morita-Lou, Editor-in-Chief, Natural Resources Forum, Division for Sustainable Development - UN/DESA, Two UN Plaza, Room DC2-2264, New York, NY 10017, Tel: (212) 963

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http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/publications/nat_res_forum.htm

▲ Springer publishers will publish a series of books on each of the science themes of the **International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE)**, www.yearofplanetearth.org). The themes include soils, climate change, Earth and life, resource issues, hazards, megacities and oceans. The aim of the books is to present contemporary and innovative research authored by the world's top scientists.

If you are interested to author the soils book for the IYPE series (a single authored as well as multiple-authored edited book is possible) please contact Dr Doe at Springer: Dr. Robert K. Doe, Editor, Geosciences Springer, robert.doe@springer.com The series (8 to 9 books of all themes) will be widely marketed etc - more details can be obtained from Springer.

▲ **Tebtebba Foundation** - a well known indigenous peoples-run research and policy organization based in the Philippines (for more information see: www.tebtebba.org) - is launching an initiative that intends to use positive developments within the global system and other opportunities available to operationalise the human rights based approach in order to strengthen the protection and enhancement of biological and cultural diversity of indigenous peoples.

Amongst the various activities to be carried out under this initiative, it is envisaged to commission review papers on indigenous ecological management practices, including the adaptive ones in the face of globalisation and similar global trends, such as climate change, economic integration, instantaneous communication, urbanisation and others.

In this regard, Tebtebba Foundation is looking for a couple of young people, preferably doc and post doc students, preferably but not necessarily indigenous, who have worked on the topic, both in the South and the North, and are very knowledgeable about the existing literature, willing to prepare review papers on the topic. Could you suggest a few names as well as their contacts?

If you have any suggestions, please send them to Vanda Altarelli - v.altarelli@yahoo.co.uk - who is assisting Tebtebba in her personal capacity.

▲ AN IDEA ABOUT SOILS MUSEUM

Following is a note from Alfred Hartemink, Deputy Secretary General of IUSS responding my report that the Soils Museum, a long-term project of the Land Development Department (LDD) in Bangkok since the 1990s had been completed.

Dear Samran,

Good to hear that the museum at LDD is finished, I would like to see it. Yes indeed there are soils museums in various countries. It would be good to have at least some pictures of all existing museums and some additional information. I will then put it on the web.

Best wishes, Alfred (iuss.isric@wur.nl)

WASWC members are welcome to share this information and see how this can be done in one's institute-agency. So far, soil museum is a very effective means of disseminating knowledge and experience on soils and agriculture among people in every locality. Expertise exists in many countries; specialists from Thailand can also help if needed. Other few places known to me that have soil museum are: ISRIC at Wageningen, The Netherlands; Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Yangling, Shaanxi, Soil Science Institute, Nanjing and Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environment and Soil Sciences, Guangdong, China; National Institute for Soils and Fertilizers in Hanoi, Vietnam; Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana and Central Soil and Water Conservation Research and Training Institute at Dehra Dun in India, and certainly many more. With the availability of internet-website, the idea of establishing soil museum anywhere can spread quick to many others who may need one. Members are therefore urged to contribute to the better understanding of soil and the urgent need for soil conservation through this new avenue.

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SonTek/YSI People in the News – Steve Maier

(San Diego, CA) [SonTek/YSI](http://www.sontek.com), the international leader in the manufacturing of acoustic Doppler instrumentation for water velocity measurement in oceans, rivers, lakes, harbors, estuaries, and laboratories, is pleased to announce a new addition to its expanding Research and Development team, to support the company's rapid growth.

Steve Maier has joined SonTek as Senior Embedded Systems Engineer. Steve has spent the past 21 years of his career employed with Teledyne RD Instruments working with Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers, Doppler Velocity Logs, and Acoustic Doppler Flow Meters. Early in his career at TRDI, Steve started out as a Test Technician and eventually moved into Engineering where he ran the Software and Firmware Engineering groups. During that time, he was responsible for designing many of the algorithms (Bottom Track and Profiling Modes) that are in use today.

With his high-level expertise in Doppler signal processing and his extensive applications knowledge, Steve will be leading SonTek in many different areas of new product development.

"We had an exceptional R & D group that was primed to lead the industry, and now with Steve Maier coming on board, it just got better" says SonTek Director of Research and Development, John Romeo. "This is great news for SonTek customers everywhere" concludes Romeo.

In addition to working as part of the R & D team, Steve will also work along-side SonTek Founder and current YSI Technical Advisor, Ramon Cabrera, who also shares over a 20-year history in this industry.

Additional information and other product news can be found at www.sontek.com.

For more information, contact us at: inquiry@sontek.com



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MEETINGS 2008

Note: For the following events, please kindly refer to the WASWC HOT NEWS for January 2008 at <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/hotnews.html>.

- Lysimeter workshop, April 23-25, 2008
- Agroenvirons, April 28-May 1
- Historical and Temporary Perspectives on Rural Water Governance, July 6-11
- 3rd Global workshop, September 30-October 3, 2008
- Rainforests and Agroforestry, October 5-9, 2008

April 14-15, 2008

International Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Disaster Mitigation

Date: 14-15 April 2008 Location: Jakarta, Indonesia

April 15-17, 2008

Soil science conference of Malaysia 2008 (Sustaining soil ecosystems with emphasis on coastal soils) Location: Malaysia

April 20, 2008

Mine Design, Operations & Closure Conference Fairmont Hot Springs Resort (15 miles from Butte) Montana

April 21-May 2, 2008

The Seventh Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is now open.

The Seventh Session will take place at United Nations Headquarters, in New York, from 21 April to 2 May 2008. The special theme will be "Climate change, bio-cultural diversity and livelihoods: the stewardship role of indigenous peoples and new challenges."

Pre-registration is open to indigenous peoples' organizations, academic institutions and NGOs with ECOSOC consultative status. **If you would like to participate, please visit the Seventh Session webpage where you will find all online registration forms:**

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

For additional information, please contact the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues at indigenouspermanentforum@un.org.

April 26-27, 2008

International Meeting on Water Management in Arid Zones. "Role of Unconventional Water Resources"

Dates: 26-27 April, 2008 Location: Laayoune; Morocco

April 27, 2008

Food Biotech Seminar in Indonesia

A biotech seminar entitled "Transgenic Food: Is it Safe for Health?" will be held on **27 April 2008** at the Faculty of Medicine Auditorium of the Sudirman University, Purwokerto. The event is organized by the Indonesian Biotechnology Student Forum (IBSF); Faculty of Medicine, Sudirman University; and Indonesian Biotechnology Information Centre (IndoBIC). The seminar aims to provide insights on the application of transgenic technologies

in food products, and information on its benefits in the areas of health and medicine to the members of the academe and students of the Faculty of Medicine, Sudirman University.

For more information on this event, email Syamsul Komar at skomar@biotrop.org or Dewi Suryani at dewisuryani@biotrop.org of Indonesia Biotechnology Information Center (IndoBic)

May 2008

Kurdistan conference on biological sciences

Location: University of Dohuk, Iraq

May 5-17, 2008

MEETING AT THE UN COMMISSION ON SUSTAINBLE DEVELOPMENT
(<http://gppn.stakeholderforum.org/>)

1. Water and Climate Change – Adaptation, Risk Assessment and Water Resource Management (Week 2)
2. Up to and Beyond 2015: The Challenge for the Water and Sanitation Agenda (Week 2)
3. The Global Public Policy Network on Water Management – presenting global stakeholder inputs to the CSD-16 water and sanitation review.(Week 1)

May 6-8, 2008

1ST WORLD CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACT ON STRUCTURES OF CULTURAL HERITAGE on 6-8 May 2008, Macau, SAR, CHINA, Venue: Tourist Activities Centre, Macau

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Special Session:

To be devoted to Leslie E. Robertson “the World Builder who has always built in future” on the occasion of his LXXX anniversary

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R Sundaram, Structural Engineer World Congress, India

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Ulrich Cubasch and Heike Huebener

21st century global climate change and regional impacts as simulated by European climate models

Lyne Fontaine, Public Works & Govt Service, Canada

Canada Prince of Wales Fort and Climate Changes

Heike Huebener and Ulrich Cubasch

Expected future climate change in southern Morocco and possible impacts on local traditional buildings (Kasbah).

Stephen J Kelley, Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc, USA

The effects of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans represent an interesting case study of the complexities of global climate change and our built heritage.

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May 10-11, 2008

**UNITAR-Yale Conference on Environmental Governance and Democracy:
Institutions, public participation and environmental sustainability: Bridging
research and capacity development, Yale University, New Haven**

The *Conference on Environmental Governance and Democracy* will take place at Yale University, New Haven, USA, from 10 -11 May 2008, in the margins of the 16th Session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD). The event brings together academic experts and practitioners from governments, inter-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector. Participants will take stock of contemporary research and knowledge gaps at the intersection of institutions, public participation and environmental sustainability. The objective of the Conference is to develop a research program and network to strengthen institutional approaches for effective and context-sensitive public participation in environmental governance. Discussions will cover various levels of environmental governance, including international, national, regional, local, and corporate governance.

For additional information please refer to the Information Note and consult the Conference website:

<http://www.yale.edu/envirocenter/envdem/index.htm>.

Scholars and practitioners interested in participating in the event and submitting a paper should submit an Expression of Interest Form by 25 January 2008. The deadline to submit a synopsis for a Case Study Paper is 31 January 2008.

The Conference is organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and Yale University, in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (Secretariat of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters), the University of Cape Town, the French Institute of Forestry, Agricultural and Environmental Engineering (ENGREF-AgroParisTech), the World Resources Institute (WRI), and the Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future. Financial support for the event is provided through the UNITAR Programme on Environmental Governance and Democracy, the Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Fund of the MacMillan Center at Yale, and the Oscar M. Ruebhausen Fund of Yale Law School.

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May 10-13, 2008

The Secretariat of the **International Workshop on Evaluating Climate Change and Development** announced its **Call for Papers and Presentations**. The International Workshop will take place **May 10-13, 2008** at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in **Alexandria, Egypt**. The International Workshop aims to identify good practices,

methodologies, and information gaps in evaluation of climate change and development projects and programs. By doing so it aims to realize the potential of evaluations to contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

REGISTRATION is now open and accessible via www.esdevaluation.org. There are no fees, but participants are expected to cover their own travel and expenses. The organizers will award funding to some participants from developing countries, selected by a process to be announced later.

PROPOSALS for papers or presentations should address methodological issues in evaluating either climate change mitigation or adaptation. Research studies and non-evaluative assessments may also be considered, provided they are relevant to the evaluation of climate change issues. These may include reports on methodologies, measurements, and indicators or studies on the relationship between mitigation/adaptation and development.

Proposals should be submitted by September 15, 2007. Submit an outline or abstract (up to 500 words; in English) by emailing the Secretariat at IntWorkshop@theGEF.org. Include author contact information and professional affiliation. The Selection Committee will notify authors of its decision by November 5, 2007. Attached is a [short flyer](#) with additional details on the workshop and the call for papers and presentations.

May 14-17, 2008

International Conference on Livestock and Global Climate Change.

Location: Hammamet, Tunisia

May 18-23, 2008

15th Conference of the

International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO)

Soil and Water Conservation, Climate Change and Environmental Sensitivity

The Organizing Committee is pleased to invite you to participate in the 15th Conference of the International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO) to be held in Budapest, Hungary, May 18-23, 2008. Attendees will include scientists, university lecturers, policy makers, and stakeholders from public and private institutions and non-governmental organization throughout the world. Four days of oral and poster presentations and a mid conference excursion will make the conference an event to be remembered.

Conference topics include: Soil Conservation, Climate change, Land degradation, Land use change, Water management, Soil erosion, Salinization, Desertification, Soil rehabilitation and management, Socio-economic aspects of land degradation, and Legislative and Institutional aspects of soil and water conservation. All interested persons are invited to give oral or poster presentations. Submission of papers require that one of the authors is registered at the Congress.

Venue: Budapest Congress & World Trade Center, H-1123 Budapest, Jagelló út 1-3.

Conference languages: English, French

Excursions: Mid-week technical excursion to Lake Balaton catchment (included in the registration fee)

Soil erosion problems of the Lake Balaton Catchment, the National Soil Monitoring System, and a visit to the terraced vineyards of Badacsony

- The Great Hungarian Plain – Pre-conference excursion (2 days)

- The Vineyard Regions of Northern Hungary - Post-conference excursion (2 days)

Preliminary programme

18th May – Sunday: Arrival & Registrations

Welcome Reception (in the evening)

19th May – Monday:

Official opening and participant presentations

20th May – Tuesday:

Participant presentations

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21 May – Wednesday:
Mid-conference excursion
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22 May – Thursday:
Participant presentations
Conference dinner (in the evening)
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23 May – Friday:
Participant presentations and closing
ceremony

Registration fee

Through 30 Nov., '07 **390 €**

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- . • Conference program, Book of Abstracts & Conference Proceedings (on CD)
- . • Reception cocktail
- . • Coffee breaks
- . • Lunches
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Participation fees for pre- and post-conference tours to be announced.

For registration go to: www.isco2008.com/

Accommodations

A list of hotels of various price categories will be provided on the website. www.isco2008.com/
It is recommended to book accommodation in one of the suggested hotels because bus transfer to conference site will be ensured from these hotels.

Deadline for **September 30, 2007**
receipt of abstracts

Notice of Sept. 30, 2007
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Mailing address: Geographical Research Institute, Hungarian Academy of Sciences H-1112 Budapest, Budaörsi út 45 Hungary. isco2008@imperialroads.hu

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We are looking forward to welcoming you in Budapest in May 2008 at the 15th ISCO conference!

May 24, 2008

Biodiversity for Poverty Reduction Day at CBD CoP9

The IIED-facilitated Poverty and Conservation Learning Group (PCLG)[1] together with the CBD Secretariat and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) will host a one day meeting on **Saturday May 24th, 2008** during the ninth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological

Diversity to review experience to date in linking biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction - in policy and in practice.

The event is intended to help build links between conservation and development communities, to share different perspectives, and to explore the implications of lessons learned. The day will be divided into two sessions – the morning focussing on international and national policy initiatives, the afternoon on practical implementation. The day also provides an opportunity to launch a variety of relevant publications or other resources.

The agenda for the day is under development and we are interested to receive proposals from potential presenters and participants. Please send a brief abstract outlining your proposed presentation as soon as possible and by **25th April 2008** at the latest to: pclg@iied.org.

Format and Current Proposals for Each Session

Opening: Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary (to be confirmed)

1. Policy Session

This will be a formal workshop style session with a series of presentations followed time for discussion. Translation facilities will be available. The focus will be on experience in linking conservation and poverty reduction in international and national policy processes. Potential presentations to date include:

- The G8 Economics of Biodiversity Loss Study (Pavan Sukhdev confirmed)
- NBSAPs and PRSPs – mainstreaming biodiversity and poverty reduction (CBD Secretariat, confirmed)
- The Conservation and Poverty Principles (confirmed)
- Lessons learned on integrating livelihood concerns into CITES decision-making (to be confirmed)

2) Practical experience session.

This will be a more informal and interactive session involving a larger number of short, concurrent presentations based on posters and handouts and small group discussions. Translation facilities will not be possible for this format. In addition to the presentations, this session offers a great opportunity for networking and finding out “who’s doing what”. Potential presentations to date include:

- The Wetlands and Poverty Reduction Project
- TRAFFIC work on links between wild meat, refugees and relief agencies
- Equator Initiative award winners
- Birdlife International local conservation groups
- The Protected Areas Equity and Livelihoods Taskforce

For more information please see www.povertyandconservation.info or contact Dilys Roe (dilys.roe@iied.org)

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May 27-31, 2008

BALWOIS 2008 Ohrid, Macedonia

May 28-30, 2008

Second International Conference on Environmental Economics and Investment Assessment, Cadiz, Spain, 28-30 May 2008

This conference will address the topic of Investment Assessment and Environmental Economics in an integrated way in accordance with the principles of sustainability and considering social and environmental impacts of new investments. It is organized by the Wessex Institute of Technology, UK, University of Cádiz, Spain, and the National Technical University of Athens, Greece and sponsored by the Wessex Institute Transactions on Ecology and the Environment.

For more information, contact: jsolanki@wessex.ac.uk, or see: http://www.biodiversityeconomics.org/events/blank_2.html.

May 28-30, 2008

National Conference on Urban Ecosystems, Orlando, Florida, USA, 28-30 May 2008

The Conference will bring together members of the business, government and conservation communities, to solidify and expand partnerships and assess progress and plan strategies for building communities of the future. The conference will begin by laying a foundation of Nature and the Human Network, exploring how each system evolved and how each functions today. The conference will address national, regional and local issues required to build this new framework. Conference sessions will provide forums for developing and articulating federal agency ideas for managing Nature and the Network, such as the redesign of the US Forest Service State and Private Forestry. Other agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Economic Development and Department of Transportation will hold forums to discuss their new ideas and then share these ideas within the conference audience as a whole. **Discounted registration is available until May 1.** For more information and to register see: http://www.americanforests.org/conference/conf_08.ph.

June 1-5, 2008

Call for e-Biosphere 09: The International Conference on Biodiversity Informatics, London

Bio-Net, along with the Encyclopedia of Life and other leading organizations, is organizing e-Biosphere 09: The International Conference on Biodiversity Informatics, which will be hosted by the Natural History Museum in London from 1-5 June 2009. The new field of biodiversity informatics brings together data on species, higher taxonomic units, and their geographic distributions; specimens preserved in museums, herbaria and other repositories; and observations on organismal properties such as digital images and gene sequences. The conference will provide a platform for database developers and researchers to collaborate, as well as presenting an opportunity for officials from government agencies and NGO's to learn how biodiversity informatics provides a new scientific basis for policy decisions in conservation, agriculture, sustainable development and land management.

The conference Steering Committee has held its first meeting and is now forming subcommittees. They are inviting expressions of interest from other biodiversity initiatives and stakeholders who might be interested in:

- Becoming a principal co-sponsor of the conference and joining the Steering Committee
- Having a representative on one of the subcommittees organizing the Conference
- Being an exhibitor at the conference
- Demonstrating software systems in the exhibit/poster display areas
- Sponsoring an event at the conference; and/or
- Playing another role in the e-Biosphere 09 Conference

Please send your expressions of interest to inquiries@e-biosphere09.org and also send a copy to Richard Smith at bionet@bionet-intl.org. For more information on Bio-net see: www.bionet-intl.org.

June 8-10, 2008

LAND USE AND LAND DEGRADATION: Land Degradation Processes, Dynamics of Land Degradation: Taiwan / Japan. Conference web site: <http://www.taolin.com.tw/comland/comland.html>

Field Trip I: 5th-7th June 2008; **Seminar:** 8th-10th June 2008; **Field Trip II:** 11th-13th June 2008

Overview of Symposium

The main theme of the symposium is land degradation and land use change in a dynamic environment. Land degradation in response to land cover and land use change are critical issues through out the world. Regional differences give rise to a diverse array of impacts and scenarios, requiring different approaches for effective management. This symposium will provide a platform for dissemination of research findings and will promote discussion of these topics.

The symposium will be held in Taiwan and Japan, a particularly appropriate venue since these countries lie in a region that is regularly subject to the threat of earthquakes and typhoons and characterised by high population density, so that the problems of landuse and land degradation are especially prevalent and dynamic.

Please submit abstracts or questions to Guorun Gsladottir <ggisla@hi.is> or Paul Hudson (pfhudson@mail.utexas.edu).

Paul F. Hudson, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas at Austin (2007-2008 Fulbright Fellow and Visiting Researcher, Department of Physical Geography, Utrecht University, The Netherlands)

June 8-11, 2008

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE CONFERENCE 2008

Abstracts: Close April 30th 2008

Title: Te Tatau Pounamu - The Greenstone Door: Traditional knowledge and gateways to balanced relationships

Dates: 8 - 11 June 2008

Venue: The University of Auckland, New Zealand

Theme: The Conference focuses on traditional indigenous concepts, values, ideals, models and strategies for sustaining balanced and healthy relationships within and across families, communities, nations, nation-states, local, regional and global borders, territories and environments. The Conference will provide opportunities to discuss indigenous strategies for sustaining relationships between collectives Andover generations, for resolving conflict, for peace-making, reconciliation and restorative justice. There will also be opportunities to share what has been learned from diverse contexts around the world about how indigenous models, values, concepts and processes have been incorporated into state or government initiatives and with what impact for indigenous peoples. The international conference with associated community workshops and satellite meetings enables us to bring together in dialogue a wide range of participants, perspectives, voices, frameworks and models for understanding indigenous frameworks.

The Conference email address is: indigenous-conference@auckland.ac.nz and website address is: www.indigenous-peace-conference-2008.ac.nz

June 9-10, 2008

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June 17-18, 2008

Technical and vocational education in Palestine ... Reality, Challenges and ambitions Location: Gaza, Palestine

June 17-19, 2008

International conference: Using Evaluation to Enhance the Rural Development Value of Agri-environmental Measures, Pärnu, Estonia, 17-19 June 2008

The aim of this conference is to bring together a range of stakeholders with an active interest in the evaluation of agri-environment measures, including governmental officials and independent evaluators and experts. The conference will be jointly organized by Estonia (Agricultural Research Centre, the Ministry of Agriculture) and Finland (the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Ministry of Environment, University of Helsinki).

The objectives of the conference will be to improve understanding of the linkages between rural policies, farm practices and environmental outcomes; review and analyze the tools and methods available for the evaluation of agri-environment measures; and to identify those evaluation tools most useful for improving the integration of biodiversity conservation into agri-environment measures, particularly for the support of High Nature Value farming systems in the context of the 2007-2013 programming period.

Participants are invited to pre-register and to submit a presentation or workshop proposal addressing any of the themes of the conference at the conference website: pmk.agri.ee/conference or by e-mail at conference@pmk.agri.ee. The call for pre-registrations, presentation, and workshop proposals closes 1 February 2008. The detailed program will be available soon after and call for registrations opens in March 2008.

June 23-25, 2008

Universidad Internacional de Andalucía ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOPS 2008

“INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL TURBULENCE”

Baeza, Spain Contact: Dr. Lourdes Soria (baeza@unia.es)

June 24-25, 2008

International Conference on "Management of resources in Muslim countries and communitieschallenges and prospects" Location: Malaysia

June 29-July 5, 2008

International Grassland and Rangeland Congress

The International Grassland and Rangeland Congress will be take place in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, June 29-July 5, 2008. Information on the Trade Show/Exhibits, Tours (Pre-congress, Post-congress and Mid-congress), Workshops and Delegate Sponsorship can be found at www.IGC-IRC2008.org. This forum will be the first time that these two important International Congresses have met together to allow international exchange and discussion on the multi-function of grasslands and rangelands in a changing world. The Congress will focus on discussing scientific and technological aspects of Grassland/ Rangeland management, and on the challenges involved to overcome major limitations for implementing sustainable development. Any person from the research, university, government and industry sectors from around the world will find the 2008 IGC/IRC most stimulating and worthwhile. The first joint Congress will be a significant milestone in the history of IGC and IRC, and in research and development of grasslands and rangelands in the world. China has breathtaking scenery and outstanding hospitality. It is an ideal country to host the Congress with 392.8 million hectares of grasslands and rangelands in which more than 6,000 plant species grow. Diversity is most characteristic of China's grasslands, with alpine meadow, steppe, desert, tropical and sub-tropical ecosystems, and people of 56 nationalities who use the grasslands in many different ways depending on their culture. Agricultural and pastoral systems are being developed and modernized, with attention to landscape management, amenity values, plant and livestock production, and product processing and marketing.

June 30-July 2, 2008

Universidad Internacional de Andalucía ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOPS 2008

“HABITAT FRAGMENTATION AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPES: THE ROLE OF ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY AND BIOLOGICAL CORRIDORS”

Baeza, Spain Contact: Dr. Lourdes Soria (baeza@unia.es)

July 2-3, 2008

'First International Conference on Flood Recovery, Innovation and Response', London, England. Contact Carly Rose (Flood Repair Network Administrator) at C.Rose@wlv.ac.uk, Phone: +44-(0)-1902 518530

Call for papers will be issued shortly. Please visit the Flood Repair Net website for further details:
www.floodrepair.net

July 2-4, 2008

International Conference on Research for Development (ICRD 2008) 2-4 July 2008, Bern, Switzerland

The ICRD was first announced on 15 January 2008. We are pleased to inform you that the second announcement is now available at <http://icrd.unibe.ch>.

There was a great response to our call for contributions, so that we were able to compile a most ambitious and challenging programme:

Keynote speakers on each day, addressing five principal research themes, and researchers from the international North-South community, presenting their experiences and the results of their work in three parallel sessions devoted to each conference theme. An extended poster session will allow optimal interaction with the contributors present.

All participants, whether confirmed as contributors or interested persons, are invited to register formally by 15 May 2008. You will find the details and the registration form on our website. We apologize for any cross-mailing.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the conference.

Sincerely yours

Hans Hurni, Director NCCR North-South

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July 7-11, 2008

Media Scholarships Offered To Attend the 11th International Coral Reef Symposium

Open to reporters, editors, science writers and freelance journalists in print, broadcast and online media

WASHINGTON, DC — SeaWeb, a global, non-profit organization, is offering travel scholarships for media to attend the world's preeminent summit on coral reef science and management. At this year's International Coral Reef Symposium in Fort Lauderdale, Florida from July 7 to 11, the media will have access to leading ocean experts from around the world and to press briefings on the latest scientific findings, as well as a field trip to see firsthand the threats to coral reefs.

About the Symposium:

Held only once every four years, the International Coral Reef Symposium will host more than 2,500 international scientists, policy makers, managers and conservationists. This year's symposium occurs during the 2008 International Year of the Reef. Key focuses of the symposium include the challenges that climate

change, overfishing and pollution pose to coral reefs. Symposium sessions will be held in a question-driven format, with reports and breaking news on:

- The emerging link between ocean acidification and coral reef health
- Diseases killing coral reefs around the world
- Recovery of coral reef ecosystems following bleaching episodes
- Effectiveness of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

For more information, please visit www.nova.edu/ncri/11icrs/index.html.

About the Application Process:

Scholarship applications should be submitted to SeaWeb by Friday, March 7, 2008 to cknutson@seaweb.org. A limited number of scholarships are available to media from North America, the Caribbean, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific Islands. The scholarships, which will be applied to travel and/or accommodation expenses, will be based on need, point of origin and the ability of the media organization to help defray costs. Interviews may be conducted to obtain additional information following application. Scholarship recipients will be announced by early April 2008.

To apply, please submit the following (not to exceed three pages):

- Brief CV or bio, including concise descriptions of key coverage as it relates to coral reefs, oceans, science or the environment.
- Three clips or samples of coverage, especially any pieces relevant to this issue.
- Freelancers should include a list of outlets that routinely publish your articles and provide contact information or letters of interest from two outlets that are interested in news from the symposium.
- List of coral reefs issues are of interest to you.
- Description (not to exceed one page) of why you would like to attend the symposium, how your coverage would benefit, story angles you would like to pursue, and details on your media outlet and audience.

Contact Info: Corinne Knutson, Coral Program Coordinator, SeaWeb
Tel: 619.269.1284; cknutson@seaweb.org; [SeaWeb](http://seaweb.org)

July 14-18, 2008

Second International Conference on **Ground Bio- and Eco-engineering: The Use of Vegetation to Improve Slope Stability**, Beijing, China. <http://icgbe2.cirad.fr/>,

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July 14-18, 2008

The International Association for the Study of the Commons, 12th Biennial Global Conference, Gloucestershire, England, 14-18 July 2008

The theme of this conference will be: 'Governing shared resources: Connecting local experience to global challenges'. The conference will focus on the exchange of ideas between the developing and the

developed world, between practitioners and researchers, and between old and new conceptions of commons. The conference will provide a range of opportunities for those with the 'hands-on' experience of resource management to engage with researchers trying to understand, synthesize and develop new theories about the collective management of shared resources. The conference is organized around the following 6 themes:

- Understanding the benefits of commons
- Property rights: recognition, protection and creation
- Community and governance
- Analyzing the multi-functional nature of complex commons
- Evolution and enclosure of commons
- Social movements, networks and collective action

For more information see: www.iascp.org/iasc08/2008themes.html.

July 22-24, 2008

FAO Technical Workshop for the Alleviation of Poverty in the Tropics

A Technical Workshop towards the Alleviation of Poverty in the Tropics, sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome will be held on **22-24 July 2008**. About 80 public, private and civil society stakeholders across the four primary interest groups in policy, science and technology, field practice and financing and donor support, and those who have influence, commitment and capacity to make a difference will be invited. The forum will be held to: 1) describe the principles of conservation agriculture (CA) and to widen attention of potentially-supportive decision makers in policy-making, science & technology, practice, and financing; 2) discuss, suggest and agree on the chief forms of interlinking decisions and action which would provide positive encouragement of, and support to, farmers to make and sustain their transition to beneficial CA systems as most appropriate to their different agro-ecological and socio-economic situations; 3) pave the way for comparable fora to develop and function at continental, national and local levels; and 4) favor the development of an inter-connected community of practice around the subjects pertaining to and the benefits deriving from conservation agriculture.

For details of the training workshop, contact Theodor Friedrich (Theodor.Friedrich@fao.org), FAO, Rome; Amir Kassam (kassamamir@aol.com), TAA, UK; and Francis Shaxson (fshaxson@gotadsl.co.uk), TAA, UK.

July 26-30, 2008

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 2008 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

The preliminary program with complete descriptions of conference plenary sessions, the list of oral and poster presentations and symposia, tours, workshops, and special events is online at

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July 26-30, 2008 (same venue as above)

SWCS Annual Conference with the International Symposium on Global Land Cover and Land Use Change

Demetrio Zourarakis is organizing the International Symposium on Global Land Cover and Land Use Change for the 2008 SWCS annual conference. I would like to ask you for your considered opinion in response to this initial call. If you or colleagues have active interest in the topic and would consider taking part in the July 2008 symposium, I ask you to kindly reply to Dr. Zourarakis (Demetrio.Zourarakis@ky.gov).

It will be especially helpful if you can forward this request to colleagues or interested scientists/institutions working on Land Use Change who have the potential to participate and contribute to the symposium. Scientists from Mexico and continents other than North America would be especially beneficial to reach with this call.

Given the extent of research taking place on Land Use Change, one idea is to use this symposium as a spring board for a stand alone conference, focused on soil and water conservation, in the future.

Thanks with regards, Sarah Workman (sworkman@uga.edu)

2008 Annual Conference: July 26-30 in Tucson, AZ ; Soil and Water Conservation Society

http://www.swcs.org/en/conferences/2008_annual_conference/

July 28-31, 2008

1st Conference on Hydropedology - USA

The conference will be held from 28-31 July at Penn State University, USA. The International Union of Soil Sciences' Working Group on Hydropedology (WG-HP) is organizing this inaugural conference to advance the emerging interdisciplinary field of hydropedology and to promote its synergistic collaborations across scientific disciplines, including soil science, hydrology, geomorphology, and other related bio- and geosciences. Hydropedology addresses interactive pedologic and hydrologic processes and landscape-soil-hydrology relationships across space and time, aiming to understand pedologic controls on hydrologic processes and properties, and hydrologic impacts on soil formation, variability, and functions. Such synergistic approach is needed to advance the integrated studies of the earth's Critical Zone, i.e., the critical interface between the solid earth and its fluid envelopes (generally viewed as that part of the earth from the top of vegetations to the bottom of aquifers). Abstract submission deadline is March 31, 2008. More information click [here](#)

August 7-11, 2008

Conference: Applying Ecological Economics for Social and Environmental Sustainability, Nairobi, Kenya, 7-11 August 2008

The International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE) is co-hosting its 10th Biennial Conference, along with African Society for Ecological Economics and the United Nations Environment Program. The conference will highlight the vision, methods, and policy adjustments needed to enable ecological economics principles be applied to the design and management of environmentally and socially sustainable development processes in the face of increasing global change and interdependence. More information about the conference will follow on the conference's official website.

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

August 12-14, 2008



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August 12-15, 2008

International Geographical Union's Congress in Tunis

COMLAND Session: "Land Degradation and Environmental Change"

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

Please submit abstracts or questions to Guorun Gladstir <ggisla@hi.is> or Paul Hudson (pfhudson@mail.utexas.edu).

Paul F. Hudson, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas at Austin (2007-2008 Fulbright Fellow and Visiting Researcher, Department of Physical Geography, Utrecht University, The Netherlands)

August 17-23, 2008

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

August 25-29, 2008

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25-29 August 2008, Vienna, Austria

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CALL FOR PAPERS

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

Venue: Technical University, Vienna

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

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

Registration: (registration fees in Euros)

Payment received	until 31 Jan. 2008	until 31 May 2008	after 31 May 2008 and onsite
regular participants	EUR 250.-	EUR 300.-	EUR 350.-
Students	EUR 100.-	EUR 150.-	EUR 200.-
Accompanying persons	EUR 55.-	EUR 55.-	EUR 55.-

PROGRAMME (preliminary):

Symposia:

- Soil Organic Matter
- Soils and Climate Change
- Soil Erosion
- Soil Compaction
- Soil Desertification and Salinisation
- Soil and Water – Theory
- Soil and Water – Practical Applications
- Soil Ecology – Soil as a Living Space
- Forest Management and Soils
- Advances in Soil Monitoring
- Management of Contaminated Soils - Practical Applications
- Management of Contaminated Soils - Concepts and Policy Development
- Buffering Function of Soils
- Organo-mineral Interactions
- Soil Information Systems, Regionalisation of Data, Including Soil Associations
- Soil Indicators
- Land Use and Soil Protection
- Urban and Anthropogenic Soils
- Soil Forming Processes and Soil Morphology
- Soil Classification
- Society's Demands for and Perceptions of Soil Conservation
- Soils and Societies in History
- Education in Soil Science and Raising Public Awareness
- Rhizosphere Processes
- Soils and GMOs
- Memory Function of Recent and Paleosoils
- Pedometrics and Digital Soil Mapping
- The Influence of Soil Quality on Human Health and Food Security
- Soil Fertility and Environment
- Time Scales of Pedogenic Processes for Predicting Soil Changes in Time
- Micromorphological and Mineralogical Features (Evidence) of Soil Environmental Change

Workshops:

- International and EU Politics
- Humus as an Ecological Indicator

- EU Forest Soil Monitoring – BIOSOIL
- European Soil Database
- Contaminant Dynamics in Periodically Flooded Soils
- Critical Zone – Weathering
- "RISK-BASE" – Towards a risk-based management of the soil-sediment-water-system at river-basin scale
- "ENVAOSSO"
- Greenhouse Gas Budget of Soils – Hotspots of Emissions /COST 639
- Frontiers in Soil Protection Research: New Perspectives and Challenges (ESSC)

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

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

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September 1-3, 2008

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

in conjunction with SIRC 2008: the 20th Annual Colloquium of the Spatial Information Research Centre
<http://www.business.otago.ac.nz/SIRC/index.html> At the University of Auckland, New Zealand

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September 1-4, 2008

11th International River Symposium. 1-4 September, 2008. "A Future of Extremes". Brisbane, Australia.
[Website](#)

September 4-5, 2008

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

September 16-18, 2008

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

September 17-19, 2008

Growdiesel International Summit, New Delhi, India

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

The main objective of the Summit is to provide an improved up-to-date understanding of the next generation feedstocks and technologies in Algae Biofuel Industry. The Summit will be an excellent platform to gain and disseminate information regarding recent research, development and commercialization activities in the field of Algae, mass production systems, Photobioreactor technologies and other important areas of Algae Biofuel Industry. In view of Biofuels emerging as a trillion dollar futuristic industry, the summit shall bring out many value added opportunities for the

entrepreneurs, investors, venture/PE companies, Renewable fuel Sector, co-organisers, speakers, industry experts and sponsors.

The technical & financial topics of the summit will cover the entire Algae Biofuel Industry.

I request your whole hearted support to this summit by availing any one or more of the following opportunities:

1- Co-host, sponsorship & strategic partnership opportunities The summit is being widely promoted globally among those of Biofuel/energy/investment companies. Being the first Summit of its kind, it shall offer great social/branding opportunity for sponsors.

2- Exhibition opportunity: The Summit offers a grand opportunity for technology developers, inventors & algae/Biofuel companies to exhibit their technologies/products to highly focused participants.

3- Speaking opportunity by submission of a paper: The Summit offers a great knowledge sharing platform for technology developers, inventors & algae/Biofuel companies to present & interact with decision makers from industry & financial institutions from around the world. Confirmations are pouring in from top industry experts to speak in highly stimulating techno-commercial sessions. Please confirm your spot by sending the enclosed reply form.

4- Participation opportunities: To encourage close interaction limited numbers of participation opportunities are available as delegates. Please confirm your seat early by filling the reply form NOW. A draft Brochure is enclosed herewith with list of topic and speakers as on 12th March 2008. You may also visit Summit website at www.astaxanthin.in

You are also requested to help us by forwarding this communication to your friends and colleagues who are active in this field.

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

September 17-23, 2008

5th International Conference on Land Degradation, Bari, Italy

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

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September 29-October 1, 2008

Universidad Internacional de Andalucia ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOPS 2008
“MID-HOLOCENE CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION” Baeza, Spain

Contact: Dr. Lourdes Soria (baeza@unia.es)

October 5-9, 2008

International scientific conference: Tropical Rainforests and Agroforests under Global Change, Bali, Indonesia, 5-9 October 2008

Tropical rainforests are disappearing at an alarming rate, causing unprecedented losses in biodiversity and ecosystem services. Despite an increased recognition of the value of these goods at national and international levels, rainforests continue to be seriously threatened by human-induced global change such as agricultural intensification and climate change. Understanding these processes needs an integrated scientific approach linking ecological, economic and social approaches at different scales, from the household and village level to landscapes and regions.

This conference will deal with these issues. It is being organized by the Collaborative Research Center for Stability of Tropical Rainforest Margins in Indonesia. Post conference field trips will include a visit to explore the tree diversity of primary forests of Lore Lindu National Park (Central Sulawesi), a visit to the Sulawesi Throughfall Displacement Experiment plots, and excursions in Bali (organic agriculture, coral reefs, National Park Management, etc.). The deadline for registration is **1 December 2007**.

Contact Wolfram Lorenz at lorenz@gwdg.de; info@globalchange-2008.org; www.globalchange-2008.org

October 5-14, 2008

We are happy to invite you to contribute to the **World Conservation Congress**, the premier environmental event of 2008 that will take place in Barcelona, Spain from 5-14 October 2008. The first half of the Congress will be the World Conservation Forum, from 6-9 October. This will be the place to debate pressing environmental issues and solutions for sustainable development. The Forum seeks to reach agreements, share solutions and create new partnerships for a diverse and sustainable world.

Building on IUCN's long history of bringing together diverse stakeholders and providing scientific leadership, the Forum will bring different sectors together from all over the world to share knowledge and experiences, develop innovative and inspiring solutions and make commitments to help us to move forward together on the path to sustainability.

If you would like to be part of this exciting event and organize one or more event(s) at the Forum, please visit www.iucn.org/congress to find out more. You will be able to submit proposals under this website as of June 1. If you have further questions, please send them to: congressforum@iucn.org

Enrique Lahmann, Congress Manager

Estimado/a Señor/a,

Me complace invitarles a contribuir al Congreso Mundial de la Naturaleza, el mayor evento ambiental del 2008, que se celebrará en Barcelona, España, del 5 al 14 de Octubre de 2008. La primera parte del Congreso, el Foro Mundial de la Naturaleza, tendrá lugar del 6 al 9 de Octubre y será el lugar para debatir asuntos decisivos y soluciones para el desarrollo sostenible. El Foro pretende lograr acuerdos, compartir soluciones y crear nuevas alianzas para un mundo diverso y sostenible.

Aprovechando la vasta experiencia de la UICN para conjuntar diferentes actores y brindar liderazgo científico, el Foro reunirá diferentes sectores, de todo el mundo, para intercambiar conocimientos y experiencias, desarrollar soluciones innovadoras e inspiradoras y lograr acuerdos para ayudarnos a avanzar juntos en el camino de la sostenibilidad.

Si desea formar parte de este gran acontecimiento y organizar uno o más eventos durante el Foro, favor visitar www.iucn.org/congress para obtener mayor información. Será posible enviar sus propuestas electrónicamente en este sitio a partir del 1 de Junio. Si tiene preguntas adicionales por favor contáctenos en congressforum@iucn.org

A la espera de sus contribuciones.

Enrique Lahmann, Gerente del Congreso

Madame, Monsieur,

J'ai le plaisir de vous inviter à participer au Congrès Mondial de la Nature, le principal événement environnemental de 2008, qui aura lieu en Barcelone, Espagne du 5 au 14 octobre 2008. La première partie du Congrès, le Forum Mondial de la Nature, aura lieu du 6 au 9 octobre et sera l'endroit où débattre les sujets décisifs et les solutions pour une forme de développement durable. Le Forum veut favoriser les accords, le partage de solutions et la création de nouvelles alliances pour un monde divers et durable.

Fort de la grande expérience de l'UICN à réunir les différents acteurs environnementaux et à mettre à leur disposition les dernières avancées des connaissances scientifiques, la Forum réunira différents secteurs, du monde entier, afin d'échanger connaissances et expériences, développer des solutions innovantes et arriver à de nouveaux accords pour avancer, ensemble, sur le chemin du développement durable.

Si vous souhaitez faire partie de cet événement et organiser une ou plusieurs activités durant le Forum, vous pouvez visiter www.iucn.org/congress pour en savoir plus. Vous pourrez soumettre votre proposition sur ce site web à partir du 1er juin. Si vous avez des questions, n'hésitez pas à les envoyer à : congressforum@iucn.org

Enrique Lahmann, Responsable du Congrès

October 6-7, 2008

International Geographical Union Conference on Land Use Change, Biodiversity and Climate Change, October 6-7, 2008 at Nesamony Memorial Christian College, Marthandam, Kanyakumari District, Tamilnadu-629165, India. This is the southernmost point of the Indian Subcontinent. (Digital brochure is available upon request)

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October 9-11, 2008

Universidad Internacional de Andalucía ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOPS 2008
"PLANT BIOMASS FOR FOOD AND ENERGY: FUTURE AND REALITY"

Baeza, Spain

Contact: Dr. Lourdes Soria (baeza@unia.es)

October 15-18, 2008

IV International Symposium on Transboundary Waters Management, Thessaloniki, Greece

Organised by UNESCO Chair INWEB in cooperation with UNESCO IHP, IGRAC, SAHRA and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Aims of the symposium:

Assess the state of the art and recent progress made in the sustainable management of transboundary waters by different disciplines such as law, socio-economics and water science.

Review current major international programmes concerned with the assessment and management of transboundary water resources.

Promote interdisciplinary approaches for integrated transboundary water resources management.

Read more: http://www.inweb.gr/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=241&Itemid=146

October 20-22, 2008

Farming with Grass - a special conference hosted by the Soil & Water Conservation Society

Clarion Meridian Hotel and Convention Center Monday, October 20, 2008 2:00 PM -

737 S Meridian Ave

Wednesday, October 22, 2008 2:00 PM

Oklahoma City, OK 73108-1601

Central Time Zone

USA

More info at www.swcs.org

October 20-23, 2008

The 10th Asian Regional Maize Workshop

Makassar, Indonesia, 20 - 23 October 2008

The Indonesian Agency for Agricultural Research and Development (IAARD) and the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) are pleased to announce the **10th Asian Regional Maize Workshop** to be held in Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia, 20-23 October 2008. Scientists and maize production specialists of all disciplines, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and seed industries are invited to participate and submit contributions under the thematic areas listed below.

Venue: Sahid Jaya Hotel, Jalan Dr. Sam Ratulangi 33, **Makassar 90132, South Sulawesi, Indonesia**

Theme: Maize for Asia: Emerging Trends and Technologies

The following specific thematic areas are envisioned:

- **Market Trends for Maize in Asia** (socioeconomic, physical and political environment; changing demand and supply for maize; food, feed, industry, biofuel)
- **Farming Systems for Maize in Asia** (resource conserving technologies, sustainable agricultural practices, GIS, rice-maize systems, site-specific nutrient management)
- **Maize Breeding Trends and Progress** (conventional breeding, applications of biotechnology, etc.)
- **Abiotic and Biotic Stresses** (trends and progress with research on drought, low-N, acid soils, water-logging, cold tolerance, tolerance to diseases and insects, integrated pest management)
- **Value-added maize:** (improving the value of maize: QPM, micronutrients, specialty traits, etc.)
- **Policies and Priorities for Poverty Alleviation:** (factors affecting impacts, access to seed, socio-economic factors, gap analysis, etc.)
- **Demand for and Supply of Maize Technologies:** (Who are the clients and what maize research products do they need? What needs are being met and what gaps persist? Current and needed trends in partnerships: Public-private sector, NGOs, NARS-IARCs, etc.)

Language of the workshop: English

Workshop proceedings: Abstracts of all workshop presentations, as well as of invited full papers, will be published electronically. A high standard of contributions and presentations at the workshop is expected. Potential participants are invited to submit high quality abstracts electronically through e-mail to the Workshop Secretariat for consideration by the review panel. Screening of abstracts by a committee of peers will be based on the research quality and relevance to the themes of the workshop. Authors should indicate if they wish to make oral or poster presentations. Due to the limited time available, the oral presentations will be selected based on the quality of the abstracts and to give a diversity of presentation topics and presenters. Those abstracts which are accepted but could not be scheduled in oral presentations will be presented as posters. Only participants with accepted papers will be eligible for sponsorship to attend the workshop.

Call for abstracts and calendar: Please submit your abstracts by e-mail to the Chair of the Technical Committee at k.pixley@cgiar.org and phzaidi@cgiar.org by the following deadlines, which will be implemented strictly:

30 April 2008:

Receipt of abstract submission form ([word file 36kb](#) | [pdf version 19kb](#)) and a concise Abstract (250 words plus one table or figure) containing a brief summary of the objectives, methods, and results of the research

31 May 2008:

Notice of provisional acceptance of Abstracts sent to authors.

1 October 2008:

Final manuscript of invited papers due.

Guidelines to authors: will be distributed together with the Notice of Acceptance of Abstracts. Guidelines for preparation of oral and poster presentations will be provided with final full paper acceptance.

Sponsorship: Funding available to sponsor participants from the region is very limited. Support provided through CIMMYT to attend

will depend entirely on the acceptance of the full paper by the Organizing Committee. Independently sponsored participants are welcome, but their inclusion on the program will also depend on acceptance of their full papers by the Organizing Committee.

Organizing committee: IAARD-CIMMYT

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October 20-25, 2008

During the last WWSM in November 2007 in the Philippines, two weeks in October (13-18 or 20-25) were pre-selected for the next **WWSM**. The WOCAT global management now decided that the second option is preferable.

We are therefore happy to announce that the next annual WOCAT Workshop and Steering Meeting (WWSM) will take place from **October 20 – 25, 2008 in Switzerland**. Please reserve these dates. The place will be announced in due time.

Hanspeter Liniger, Godert van Lynden, Rima Mekdaschi Studer, Christine Hauert and Gudrun Schwilch
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November 1-6, 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

November 9-17, 2008

Soil Classification - Chile

This conference will be held in Santiago, Chile, from 9 to 17 November 2008. The aim of the meeting is to bring together scientists and researchers in the field of soil classification to discuss recent progress in the World Reference Base for Soil Resources and other classification schemes. The conference is jointly organized by the IUSS, the Chilean Society of Soil Science, the Chilean Ministry of Agriculture, the Universities of Chile, Concepcion and La Serena, and the Centre of Advanced Studies in Arid Zones. Please check the website www.scc2008.uchile.cl

December 2-4, 2008

International symposium on regulatory and safety issues in the commercialization of biotechnology research in the developing world

Date: 2-4 December, 2008

Location: Dhaka, Bangladesh

December 10-12, 2008

GEO-CHIANGMAI Thailand, focusing on **New Developments** in

- **Soil & Rock Engineering**
- **Engineering Geology &**
- **Environmental Geotechnique**

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2007-Prof Xinghua Wang, Changsha University- venue –Changsha China

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Keynote Speakers:

-Prof A A Balasubramaniam, Griffiths University, Australia

-Prof Han-Yong Jeon, Inha University, Korea

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE!

Abstracts are invited in any of the following themes:

- Geo mechanics
- Soil mechanics

- Geotechnical investigations & interventions
- Structured foundations
- Earthworks design
- Lateral earth support structures
- Ground subsidence & heave
- Geosynthetics, geomembranes & geotextiles
- Landslides and slope stability
- Anchored structures (soil & rock anchors)
- Design of rock structures
- Environmental impact analysis
- Geologic hazards predictions and risk mapping
- Construction methods, qc and assurance
- Case histories & practical examples
- Other related topics

Important Dates:

Abstracts to be received by 01 August 2008
 Notification of acceptance by 30 August 2008
 Text to be received by 20 October 2008
 Conference dates: 11-12 December 2008

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Other events in 2008 from F. X. Browne, Inc. website

(Click on an event for more information)

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[PA Dirt and Gravel Road ESM Workshops](#)
[Schuylkill Watershed Congress](#)
[NJ Precautionary Principle Conference](#)
[Northeast PA Regional Contractors/Engineers Workshop](#)
[PA Society of Women Environmental Professionals Conference](#)
[NJ Environmental Commission Training to Protect Natural Resources](#)
[Lehigh Valley Watershed Conference, Shad Symposium](#)
[PennFuture's Annual Watershed Workshop](#)
[KY Urban Water Management Conference](#)
[PA Environmental Regulations & Technologies Conference](#)
[PA Rural Water Association Conference](#)
[NJ Environmental Federation Conference](#)
[Green Infrastructure Course-WV](#)
[Delaware River Watershed Education Youth Eco-Leadership Summit](#)
[Enhancing the States' Lake Management Programs Conference](#)
[National River Rally](#)
[ME River Management Symposium](#)
[World Environmental & Water Resources Congress 2008](#)
[National WQ Monitoring Conference](#)

MEETINGS 2009++

January 5-7, 2009

Thailand 2009 - Call for Papers Deadline Approaching

Thailand 2009: An International Perspective on Environmental and Water Resources

Conference Co-Organizers

AIT & EWRI

REMINDER: Thailand 2009 - Call for Abstracts

Abstract Submission Deadline: **April 4, 2008**

[Download Call for Papers Brochure](#)

[SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT NOW!](#)

CONFERENCE TOPICS:

CLIMATE AND NATURAL HAZARDS

WATER RESOURCES AND WATER SUPPLY

ENVIRONMENT, ECOLOGY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

...AND OTHER RELEVANT TOPICS

Thailand 2009: An International Perspective on Environmental and Water Resources Conference is scheduled to be held January 5-7, 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand at the AIT Conference Centre. The conference will consist of a three-day technical program, inclusive of opening keynote session, a closing panel discussion session, and three concurrent technical session tracks in between the opening and closing sessions. The conference will also include social and networking events as well as tours of Bangkok.

This conference will cover a wide variety of topics related to environmental and water resources. While technical sessions will include topics on both developed and developing countries, much of the focus of this conference will be on water resources and the environment in developing countries, especially in Asia and Africa. The emphasis will be focused on global effect of regional issues and solutions. Participants, including paper presenters and attendees, will include engineers, scientists, planners, economists, and legal professionals from all over the globe. The deadline for abstract submission is fast approaching. Abstracts should describe the theme and content of the proposed paper and should address one or more of the conference topics. A list of conference topics can be found by visiting the conference website at: <http://content.asce.org/conferences/thailand09>. In addition, your abstract must be 500 words or less, written in English; include the full paper title; list the affiliation; mailing address, phone and fax numbers and e-mail address of the author(s) and indicate the primary contact. Abstracts should be submitted electronically via the conference website and are due by April 4, 2008.

Thailand 2009 is being organized by the Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI) of the American

Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT). Thailand 2009 is the second EWRI-led international conference which follows EWRI's first successful international conference held in New Delhi, India in 2006 jointly with IIT (Kanpur). EWRI is planning a third international conference which is scheduled to be held in 2010 in Chennai, India where EWRI will work jointly with IIT a second time.

For more information about the Thailand 2009 Conference, visit the conference website at:

<http://content.asce.org/conferences/thailand09>.

January 5-8, 2009



The **International Soil and Water Assessment Tool Workshop and Conference in Southeast Asia (SWAT-SEA)** will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, during January 5-8, 2009. **SWAT-SEA** is expected to bring together 300+ people from SEA region and around the world representing academia, government, non-governmental organizations, and private industry, including a large contingent of undergraduate and graduate students. Contact Dr Attachai Jintrawet at attachai@chiangmai.ac.th and attachaij@gmail.com.

First Announcement is in the website: <http://www2.mcc.cmu.ac.th/swat/index.php>

February 4-7, 2009

4th World Congress on Conservation Agriculture (IV WCCA) will be held on 4-7 February 2009 in New Delhi. The First Announcement is placed at the website www.icar.org.in/wccagri/index.html; www.wccagri.ernet.in for information to all those who are interested in agriculture and natural resources.

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February 23, 2009

International Conference on Implementing Environmental Water Allocations Port Elizabeth South Africa

March 16-22, 2009

5th World Water Forum. 15-22 March, 2009. Istanbul, Turkey. [Website](#)

August 1-6, 2010

The **19th World Congress of Soil Science** will be held in Brisbane, Australia, 1-6 August 2010.

Contact Philippa Tolmie at philippa.tolmie@nrw.qld.gov.au

The **20th WCSS Congress** will be held in Seoul, Korea in 2014.

You may ask sombatpanit@yahoo.com about your membership status, i.e. up to which year you have paid.

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