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## Institute of Soil and Water Conservation in China agrees to be a WASWC Technical Center

During my tour of duty in China in July 2008, after attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> international conference on *ground bio- and eco-engineering: the use of vegetation to improve slope stability* in Beijing I went on to the Institute of Soil and Water Conservation in Yangling, Shaanxi Province (below, [www.iswc.ac.cn/english/index.html](http://www.iswc.ac.cn/english/index.html)). The first task was to present the Distinguished Researcher Award for 2006 to Prof Tang Keli, a retired staff member of the Institute, who had pioneered the development of new methods to study soil erosion on the Loess Plateau and elsewhere in China during her long career. After that we had a discussion and an initial agreement was reached that the ISWC would from now act as a technical center for WASWC. Being a technical center, any WASWC members may use its facilities, e.g. for training in SWC, for academic studies towards a degree, for spending time during a sabbatical leave. Details for each activity will be worked out. Having been established for over 50 years under the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Ministry of Water Resources, with an academic linkage to the Northwest Sci-Tech University of Agriculture and Forestry, plus the reputation for its research and training facilities and human resources that have been ranked among the best in Asia, I feel WASWC is lucky to have gained confidence and generosity from the administrator and researchers of the Institute, so that our members will enjoy the privilege in associating with this prestige institution that has connection with researchers and institutions in China and in many countries of the world. Prof Li Rui ([lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn](mailto:lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn)) is the focal point in this respect and members are urged to contact him to discuss any educational, research and training program that this 'technical center' of WASWC may serve for one's purpose. We will identify more well-performing institutions that deal with soil and water problems and invite to join the list of 'WASWC Technical Centers'. We strive to make WASWC an institution that serves worldwide members efficiently.



**Left:** Administrative building of the Institute of Soil and Water Conservation (ISWC), Yangling, Shaanxi Province, China.

**Right:** Presentation of the Distinguished Researcher Award (2006) to Prof Tang Keli of the ISWC; from left: Prof Li Yushan, husband of Prof Tang Keli; Prof Tingwu Lei, Director of the State Key Laboratory of Soil Erosion and Dryland Farming on Loess Plateau; Prof Li Rui, a former director of the Institute and a WASWC Vice President for China; myself; Prof Tang Keli; Prof Zheng Fenli; Prof Shao Mingan, Director of the Institute.



# HOT JOBS @

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## 1. Economist - Impact Assessment

The *International Water Management Institute* (IWMI) is a non-profit, scientific organization engaged in research and capacity building activities for developing countries. IWMI's mandate is to improve the management of water and land resources for food security, livelihoods and the environment.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Providing exemplary leadership the design and implementation of an overall impact assessment program at IWMI that systematically examines the effect of IWMI research projects and programs as well as the impacts of key technology, policy and institutional interventions on water management and poverty alleviation.
- Effectively communicating the results of impact assessment studies in a range of communication outlets and uses those results to inform and shape IWMI's strategic thinking
- Contributing to the development of a strong impact assessment culture at IWMI by, e.g. devising strategies to build impact assessment and its planning directly into the research cycle
- Establishing strategic partnerships with universities, other CGIAR centers and the CGIAR's Standing Panel on Impact Assessment to expand the knowledge, reach and influence of the impact assessment program.

### Person Specification:

The following table outlines attributes the ideal candidate will possess. These form the criteria against which applications will be assessed.

- PhD in economics or related field with expertise in NRM impact assessment
- A minimum of 5 years of experience and expertise;
- Understanding of the relationships between natural resources and poverty;
- Effective project management skills to oversee a range of activities and motivate people to successfully complete them;
- A solid publication record;
- Evidence of strategic and conceptual thinking – to be able to develop an innovative research agenda;
- Strong client orientation and a commitment to results on the ground;
- Advanced communication skills, both written and oral, including the capacity to write proposals, reports, and academic papers and to communicate research results to stakeholders at different management levels in multiple countries;
- Ability to work as a member of a team, and work closely with researchers of other disciplines

### Salary and Benefits:

This is an Internationally Recruited Staff position with a competitive salary and benefits package, which includes a housing allowance, transport, education, shipping assistance, annual home leave, retirement, and health insurance package. Our policy is to appoint staff initially on two year contracts, subject to renewal, depending on performance and the Institute's needs.

### How to Apply:

- Complete application form [http://www.iwmi.cgiar.org/About\\_IWMI/Vacancies/](http://www.iwmi.cgiar.org/About_IWMI/Vacancies/)
- Attach your résumé.
- Attach a letter of application, which specifically addresses the selection criteria outlined in the person specification above; include the names and addresses of 3 referees who may be contacted if you are short-listed.
- Submit online.

**Application deadline:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 - or until the position is filled.

### Schedule for Selection Process:

We plan to hold telephone interviews for short-listed candidates during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008 and selection interviews in Sri Lanka in the week of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008. Although these dates may be subject to change, it would be useful if candidates could be available around these dates.

## 2. Water Resources Planner

### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Leading IWMI's research agenda in water resources planning and management to enhance the river basin management
- Interacting with key partners and stakeholders

### Person Specification:

- Higher Degree, preferably a PhD, or an equivalent qualification related to the issues of integrated water resources planning and management
- At least 5 years of experience and research in water resources planning in developing and emerging economies;
- Possess a solid publication record;
- Experience in leading and managing successful research teams;
- Demonstrate capacity to apply models and analytical methods to determine water allocation requirements and trade-off analysis at the basin scale within the context of water resources development;
- A sound knowledge of principles and practices of integrated water resources planning and management, basin water resources allocation modeling and trade-off analysis; institutional arrangements; knowledge of performance tools to carry out analysis of river basin organizations;
- Understand the importance of institutional governance and social issues as they impact water resources;
- Understand the ethos and principles of the role of research and development in assisting the livelihoods of the poor.
- Advanced communication skills, both written and oral including the capacity to write proposals, research reports, papers and to develop written scientific material to communicate results to various stakeholders at different management levels in multiple countries;
- Ability to work as a member of a team, and work with researchers of other disciplines;
- Evidence of strategic and conceptual thinking – to be able to develop an innovative research agenda.

## 3. Irrigation Specialist

### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Leading IWMI's research agenda to revitalize irrigation
- Designing and overseeing implementation of research for on-farm low -cost irrigation technologies
- Interacting with key partners and stakeholders to identify

### Person Specification:

- Ph.D. in Irrigation Engineering, Water Resources Management or a field related to irrigation
- At least 5 years research experience in the field of irrigation;
- Practical knowledge of principles and practices of irrigation and a range of irrigation related issues;
- Field-level experience in improving the management of irrigation;
- A track record of publications in refereed international journals;
- Sound Knowledge of irrigation, including principles of operation, analysis of water productivity, agronomic practices, institutional arrangements, interaction of irrigation with other users and the environment;
- Strategic and conceptual thinking - to be able to develop an innovative research agenda;
- Project and people management - overseeing a range of activities, and motivating people to carry out these tasks;
- Advanced communication skills, both written and oral including the capacity to write proposals, research reports and papers and to develop written scientific material and communicate results to a number of stakeholders;
- Successful previous leadership and management of research teams;
- Ability to work as a member of a team, and work with researchers of other disciplines;
- Good understanding of the ethos and principles of the role of research and development in assisting the livelihoods of the poor

## 4. Water Economist

### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Providing exemplary leadership in conceptual and empirical research on the impacts of water valuation and pricing on agricultural output, water management and poverty;
- Mobilizing research funding to expand IWMI's work and influence in these areas: and
- Contributing to strategic thinking and integration of research findings into effective policy recommendations.

### Person Specification:

- PhD in a field of economics related to water pricing, agricultural water use and water policy reform in developing countries.
- At least 3-10 years, depending on level of appointment, of experience and expertise directly related to the position;
- Understanding of the relationships between natural resources and poverty;
- Effective project management skills to oversee a range of activities and motivate people to successfully complete them;
- Background in water/irrigation or experience in other sectors that can be applied to research;
- A solid publication record;
- Evidence of strategic and conceptual thinking – to be able to develop an innovative research agenda.

**Salary and Benefits, How to Apply, Application deadline: All the same as specified in p. 2**

**For further information please visit IWMI <http://www.iwmi.org>**

*IWMI is an equal opportunity employer and is keen to further diversify its staff in terms of both gender and nationality.*

## ▲ PROFESSORSHIP AT KUWAIT UNIVERSITY

Kuwait University, Faculty of Science, Dept of Earth and Environmental Sciences (EES) invites application for appointment at ranks of Associate or Full Professor in the next academic year of 2008/2009 in the following areas:

- Mineralogy/ Petrology
- Stratigraphy/ Palynology
- Petroleum Geosciences/ Petroleum Reservoir
- Environmental Geology/ GIS
- Environmental Geology/ Land Degradation
- Environmental Geochemistry/ Clay Mineralogy
- Geophysics: I. Seismic Exploration and Seismology  
II. Well logging and Potential Field Methods

Contact: Dean at [jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw](mailto:jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw); Phone No. 965-4985602

### ▲ Apply for the UNDP LEAD VIII Programme/S'appliquent pour le Programme de Développement du Dirigeant /para Aplicar el Programa de Desarrollo

The Leadership Development Programme (LEAD) is an entry point for young development professionals interested in a career with UNDP. The LEAD Programme provides qualified individuals with exciting opportunities to develop their experience, knowledge and skills and to serve as development practitioners in UNDP, while contributing to development work. UNDP works through 136 country offices to provide development advocacy, advice and assistance to 166 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Arab States, Eastern Europe, CIS, Latin America and the Caribbean. The LEAD Programme is a key element of UNDP's succession management strategy. It aims to develop a talented pool of young professionals that is drawn upon by the Organization to replenish middle management functions in the short term and senior management functions in the long term. The duration of the Programme is for a period of up to four years, depending on the participants' performance. During the Programme, participants are placed in two assignments, each lasting for an approximate period of two years. To provide opportunities for participants to build their competencies and to apply their expertise, two leadership tracks are formally recognized within the Programme with progressive career benchmarks in each and crossover encouraged. The two tracks are policy advice and development management and business operations. While assignments vary depending upon specific country needs, participants work as entry-level or mid-level managers. The practice areas are Democratic Governance, Poverty Reduction and the MDGs, Crisis Prevention and Recovery, Environment & Energy, and the substantive area of HIV/AIDS.

#### Who can apply for the LEAD programme?

Anyone of any nationality can apply, however since the programme is geared towards recruiting young professionals, preference will be given to candidates who are under 35 years of age. Candidates should also possess a masters degree in development related studies and be proficient in English and at least one other UN language. A minimum of 3 years relevant work experience in development, crisis/post-conflict management would also be an asset.

To apply, please follow the [application procedure](#) described on the [LEAD](#) website.

**The Deadline to apply is 31 August 2008**

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## ▲ Science Director and Impact Director of CPWF (Challenge Program on Water and Food of CGIAR)

Dear Water and Food subscriber,

A new phase and a strengthened team – Opportunities to make a difference

It's an exciting time at the CPWF, with the onset of the successful program's second phase beginning in 2009. New leadership roles of CPWF Science Director and CPWF Impact Director are now being advertised on the [CPWF website](#) with links from the homepage.

The CPWF team

▲ **2 job openings** with the **Alliance for Climate Protection** [jobs@climateprotect.org](mailto:jobs@climateprotect.org)

- **Deputy Director for Community Partnerships**

*Alliance Background:*

The Alliance for Climate Protection, founded by Al Gore in 2006, is a single-purpose organization committed to igniting public action that will help solve the climate crisis. While public awareness of climate problem is now high, a sense of urgency and solvability remain alarmingly low. The Alliance's recently launched We Campaign will bring cultural and political shifts that dramatically alter US and international environmental policy by 2010. Paid advertising, grassroots partnerships, online and offline organizing, and media outreach will combine to create a movement of 10 million citizens and a tipping point that changes the world.

*Grassroots & Community Partnerships Team Summary:*

The Alliance Community Partnerships & Grassroots program works with our branded media campaign to mobilize the public and is linked closely with a dynamic and interactive online team. We develop partnerships with established membership organizations that people already trust and we reach out directly to citizens where they work, live, pray, and play.

*Position Summary / Deputy Director for Community Partnerships:*

The Deputy Director for Community Partnerships will work primarily on building formal working relationships with organizations that can expand the Alliance's reach and grow its membership. The goal is to find organizations that reach into as well as beyond traditional environmental groups and that span the cultural, political, and ideological spectrum. The position reports to the Director of Alliances & Grassroots, a senior staff member of the Alliance.

*Position Summary:*

Deputy Director, Partnerships and Grassroots leads a portfolio of key partnerships and grassroots programs while working closely with the Director to provide strategic leadership to the Partnerships and Grassroots team.

*Principal Duties and Responsibilities*

- \* Work closely with Director of Partnerships and Grassroots to develop and execute partnerships and grassroots strategies on national scale
- \* Manage portfolio of Alliance partnerships from start to finish, including sourcing, building relationships, crafting agreements, and managing detailed execution and reporting
- \* Work closely with online, media, solutions, and other internal teams to ensure robust and consistent campaign integration

- **Deputy Director for Grassroots**

*Alliance Background (same as above)*

*Grassroots & Community Partnerships Team Summary (same as above)*

*Position Summary / Deputy Director for Grassroots:*

The Deputy Director for Grassroots will work primarily on individual citizen recruitment, activation, and message delivery. All the tools of traditional grassroots organizing and corporate retail consumer sales will be on the table to serve the twin goals of moving public opinion and recruiting 10 million citizens to the movement. The position reports to the Director of Alliances & Grassroots, a senior staff member of the Alliance.

*Principal Duties and Responsibilities*

- \* Work closely with Director of Partnerships and Grassroots to develop and execute retail/grassroots strategies on a national scale
- \* Provide detailed planning, execution, and reporting of grassroots programs
- \* Work closely with online, media, solutions, and other internal teams to ensure robust and consistent campaign integration; work with staff, interns, and outside consultants or vendors

Application Process: Email Resume and cover letter to: [jobs@climateprotect.org](mailto:jobs@climateprotect.org)



# AWARDS/ PRIZES/ FUNDS

## ▲ Google Earth Outreach - Grant Program

[http://www.google.com/earth/outreach/program\\_details.html](http://www.google.com/earth/outreach/program_details.html)

Google Earth Outreach supports non-profit organizations that share our mission of community service in areas such as education & culture, environment & science, current affairs, global development, public health and social services. As a non-profit organization you can use Google Earth Free to view and create KML files. You can post those KML files on your site or email them to your partners, donors, volunteers, and beneficiaries. You may not use Google Earth Free in the course of providing a paid service to other companies or organizations.

As a part of Google Earth Outreach, we grant Google Earth Pro licenses to qualifying organizations. Google Earth Pro has powerful authoring features which allow for GIS data importation such as .shp and tab files, a movie making module, and a high resolution printing feature.

**In the United Kingdom** - Organisations must be based in the United Kingdom and registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator or by the Inland Revenue to be considered for a Google Grant.

**Other countries/regions** - We are currently accepting applications from eligible charitable organizations based in [Brazil](#), [France](#), [Germany](#), [Italy](#), [the Netherlands](#), [Spain](#), [Switzerland](#), and the [United States](#).

## ▲ GSDI Small Grants Program

The Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association is pleased to announce its Small Grants Program for the year 2008. The award details may be viewed below or in the News List Archive at <http://gsdi.org>

SUMMARY:

- \* Awards for spatial data infrastructure-related activities in lessdeveloped nations
- \* Application deadline of **30 August 2008**
- \* 2500 words maximum
- \* Awards of \$2,500 US in professional services and/or \$2,500 US in cash

See all other details in the previous issue of HOT NEWS.

Proposals are due on 30 August 2008. Please either e-mail or fax them to:

Sponsored Projects Committee, GSDI Association, [grants08@gsdi.org](mailto:grants08@gsdi.org) Fax +1-703-852-7917

## ▲ EU Considers Euro 1B Aid to Help Developing Countries

The European Commission has supported a plan to give Euro 1 billion (\$1.6 billion) to help farmers from developing countries cope up with spiraling prices of agricultural inputs. The support, which would operate for two years, would be in addition to existing development funds and would be taken from unused money from the European Union's agricultural budget. According to the commission, the facility would give priority to supply-side measures, improving access to farm inputs such as fertilizers and seed, possibly through credit, and to safety net measures aimed at improving productive capacity in agriculture.

José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, said: "The impact of high food prices is particularly severe for the world's poorest populations. It may put at risk our progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and exacerbate tensions in poor countries, namely in Africa. This 1 billion Euro facility aims to generate a strong and rapid agricultural supply response." The Commission hopes that the plans can be approved by November, to allow commitment of funds in 2008 and implementation in early 2009.

The media release is available at

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/08/1186&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

## ▲ Manthan Award South Asia 2008 (Best e-content for Development)



Dear Members,

Greetings from "Manthan Award South Asia 2008"!

We are pleased to announce the launch of "Manthan Award South Asia 2008" recognising best ICT & e-Content Practices and Innovations for Development. Nominations are open for 2008 from e-Content innovators, practitioners and creators across South Asian Countries who wish to nominate their products and innovations for this prestigious award.

Nominations are invited in 15 categories: e-business; e-learning; e-culture; e-government; e-health; e-enterprise and livelihood; e-entertainment; e-education; e-environment; e-inclusion; e-localization; e-news; e-youth; m-content; community broadcasting .

To file nominations please visit [www.manthanaward.org](http://www.manthanaward.org) or <http://www.manthanaward.org/NomProduct.asp>

The Manthan Award is an initiative of Digital Empowerment Foundation with strategic support from Department of Information Technology, Government of India, and World Summit Award Austria.

For further details contact:

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## ▲ Asian Scientific and Technical Awards of WASWC 2008

We would like to inform you that WASWC Asia is now looking for the candidate for the Asian Scientific and Technical awards of WASWC 2008. The awards of WASWC Asia are conferred to WASWC member in Asia who contributed the development and progress of soil and water conservation. **(Closing date: September 30, 2008)**

Please see a content of "Awards" on the WASWC website: [www.waswc.org/](http://www.waswc.org/)

If you have further questions, please contact Institute of Environment Rehabilitation and Conservation (ERECON), a host institution of WASWC, [hq-erecon@nifty.com](mailto:hq-erecon@nifty.com) or [waswc@nifty.com](mailto:waswc@nifty.com).

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## ▲ African Fellows Programme: 8th call for Pre-Proposals

The aim of the African Fellows Programme is to support sustainable agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa by catalysing innovative solutions needed to achieve food security. Projects should aim to develop lasting partnerships and strategic alliances that will help in developing local scientific capacity relevant to sustainable agricultural production. African scientists will carry out research projects in a partner European research institute, or university, for periods normally of 6 to 8 months.

**Closing date: 6 August 2008. Contact: t: +44 (0) 1582 763133 ext. 2475 | 2441, f: +44 (0) 1582 467490, e: [rothamsted.international@bbsrc.ac.uk](mailto:rothamsted.international@bbsrc.ac.uk) | [More...](#)**

▲ **Alcan Prize for Sustainability News** [www.alcanprizeforsustainability.com](http://www.alcanprizeforsustainability.com).

2008 Alcan Prize for Sustainability: Call for Entries

The 2008 Prize will be open for entries from Sunday 1st June 2008.

Entry forms and criteria will be available online at [www.alcanprizeforsustainability.com](http://www.alcanprizeforsustainability.com)

To confirm your organization is eligible to enter, view: [www.alcanprizeforsustainability.com/eligibility\\_en](http://www.alcanprizeforsustainability.com/eligibility_en)

The closing date is **12th September 2008** at midnight GMT.

Contact Us [manager@alcanprizeforsustainability.com](mailto:manager@alcanprizeforsustainability.com).

▲ The [United Nations Foundation](http://www.unfoundation.org) 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:aduda@thegef.org). Refer to him where you have seen this news. **There is NO deadline.**

▲ **Echoing Green** (a funding resource), [www.echoinggreen.org/](http://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** (until **December 5, 2008**) US Agency for International Development

Public-Private Alliances - Modification 2, <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=40156>

▲ **Metcalf Institute Awards \$75,000 Grantham Prize to The New York Times**

From: [University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography](http://www.uri.edu/~oceanography); Published July 9, 2008 03:35 PM

NARRAGANSETT, RI — David Barboza, Keith Bradsher, Howard French, Joseph Kahn, Chang W. Lee, Jimmy Wang, and Jim Yardley of The New York Times are the 2008 winners of the Grantham Prize for Excellence in Reporting on the Environment. The reporting team will receive the \$75,000 prize for "Choking on Growth," their 10-part series about the environmental degradation that has accompanied China's unprecedented development.

Contact Info: Bud Ward, (703) 307-0150, [wardbud@gmail.com](mailto:wardbud@gmail.com)

Website: [Grantham Prize](http://www.granthamprize.org)



## ▲ The Whitley Awards

A Whitley Award is a top nature conservation prize, designed to provide the winner with:

- International recognition that enhances their credibility
- Worldwide media visibility for their project
- Financial support to pursue their ongoing conservation work
- A supportive international network of other Whitley Award winners and Friends through which to solicit advice and support.

At each Whitley Award Ceremony there are up to nine Whitley Awards of £30,000 each, plus the Whitley Gold Award. The Gold Award is worth £60,000 over two years. It is awarded annually to the Whitley Award winner whose work and objectives most impress the Judging Panel each year. The further funding provided by this Award grants a second year of funding to the Gold Award winner. All of the Whitley Award winners are automatically considered for the Gold Award, so there is no separate application process.

Whitley Awards were developed to recognise conservation leaders from around the world who are applying sustained effort to conserve the natural environment. Our scope of interest has in the past included, but is not limited to: protecting endangered ecosystems and species, promoting sustainability, and influencing environmental policies.

Every applicant and project is considered on their own merits. However, there are a number of premises which guide the Whitley Award Judging Panel, and it is recommended that you read this information carefully before applying. Please see the [Application process](#) section for details. To check your eligibility, we also recommend you read our [FAQs](#) section.

If you know of a conservation leader who you believe should apply for the Whitley Award, please ask him or her to visit the website for all details of how to apply. Successful applicants will receive funding in June 2009, and most will need to submit a final report by July 2010. You might be able to think of a colleague working somewhere in your country, or elsewhere in the developing world whom you think is doing great grassroots conservation work and would be a good Whitley Award candidate.

Alternatively, if you have not won a full Whitley Award before, were a small grant winner who has fully completed and reported on your project, and would like to reapply for the Whitley Award, do please give me an email if you want to discuss this.

A reminder of things we look for:

- Proven, passionate leaders who are ambassadors for conservation
- Value for money
- Evidence of proven success and likelihood of future sustainability
- Genuine community involvement
- Based on sound science – though team leader may not necessarily be a scientist (that expertise may be on the team).
- Projects that would benefit from the publicity associated with the award
- There is a strong bias towards the funding of nationals of countries that are biodiversity rich but resource and capacity poor.

Please remember that WFN currently does not fund undergraduate projects, expeditions, MScs, or pure-research PhD work.

**Applicants must be able to communicate in English, and be capable of compiling a written report to describe and quantify the success of their work with appropriate academic references.**

**The next deadline for the Whitley Awards is Friday **31st October 2008**. Please ensure you apply in good time to meet the deadline.**

The five easy steps to apply are available at [http://www.whitleyaward.org/application\\_process.php](http://www.whitleyaward.org/application_process.php)

Elsbeth and the Equator Net Team

### ▲ WildlifeDirect funds for good field conservation projects

WildlifeDirect was established by Richard Leakey in response to the chronic under funding of conservation in Africa, particularly for protected areas. We are based in Nairobi, Kenya and registered as a charity in USA and UK. We raise funds through the internet by providing an easy mechanism for a community of concerned people to give donations to specific conservation projects. To advertise and promote the projects we provide the website platform for conservationists to tell their stories through online weblogs, diaries or blogs on our website [www.wildlifedirect.org](http://www.wildlifedirect.org). These voices from the front line are a compelling reason for any visitor to get interested and to support the project.

Individuals interested in supporting a project can donate directly to the cause through the website with the satisfaction of knowing that we do not deduct any overhead charges. This website creates communities – donors and concerned individuals can also interact directly with the person writing the blog. Hence the name, WildlifeDirect.

#### How to get started

Write an email expressing interest to Paula Kahumbu, Conservation Director, WildlifeDirect, [paula@wildlifedirect.org](mailto:paula@wildlifedirect.org)

We will evaluate eligibility of the project. If eligible, further information is requested to set up the blog which takes only a few minutes. The entire process currently takes about 2 weeks depending on how quickly the applicant can provide information.

Visit [WildlifeDirect.org](http://WildlifeDirect.org) to see how it works.

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### ▲ Future for Nature Award 2009 "To protect species of *wild animals and plants*....."

The Future for Nature Foundation (formerly called Golden Ark) is pleased to announce the 2009 Future for Nature Award for the protection of species of wild flora and fauna. The Foundation will issue three prizes of €50.000 each to talented persons who have distinguished themselves with internationally outstanding species protection efforts.

With this "call for candidates" we invite you to apply for the Future for Nature Award or to propose other persons. The Award winners will be selected by an independent, international selection committee, consisting of eminent conservationists. The Future for Nature Award will be issued spring 2009 at Burgers' Zoo, the Netherlands . For specific information and the application form please visit our website: [www.futurefornature.net](http://www.futurefornature.net)

#### The Future for Nature Award.....

- ☐ Is a reward for outstanding achievements in the protection of species of wild flora and fauna;
- ☐ For 2009 consists of three prizes of **€50.000**;
- ☐ Is to stimulate award winners to sustain their dedicated work, to raise their profile, to extend their professional network and to
- ☐ strengthen their funding basis.

#### Main eligibility criteria:

- ☐ Activities of the conservation leader have clear, substantial and long lasting benefits for the conservation status of one or more species of wild flora and/or fauna;
- ☐ Applicants should not be at the end of their career;
- ☐ the preference is for talented, relatively young candidates at the early or mid stages of their career;
- ☐ Practical conservation relevance and long term benefits of current and future work or project of the candidate;
- ☐ Conservation leadership, actual and potential contributions of applicant in promoting conservation.

#### How and when to apply:

For further information about the Future for Nature Award Foundation, the Future for Nature Award and Applications, please read the information on the website <http://www.futurefornature.net/introduction>. **The deadline for applications is 31 August 2008.**

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▲▲▲ OTHER GRANTS-AWARDS **from F. X. Browne, Inc. website**

[http://www.fxbrowne.com/html/newsletters/July\\_2008/news\\_jul08.htm](http://www.fxbrowne.com/html/newsletters/July_2008/news_jul08.htm)

[PennVEST Infrastructure Loans/Grants](#)

[National Park Service Rivers, Trails, Conservation Program Grants](#)

[Delaware Estuary Watershed Grants](#)

[REAP Farm Conservation Tax Credit Applications](#)

[EPA Water Quality Trading Funding](#)

[PA Boating Facilities Grant Program](#)

[PPL Educational Grants Program](#)

## 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](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](http://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](mailto: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.

Becky J. Roland, Secretary (OA)

Soil and Water Quality Unit, National Soil Tilth Laboratory, 515-294-5014, [Becky.Roland@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Becky.Roland@ars.usda.gov)

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

Professor Paul Martin, Director

[paul.martin@une.edu.au](mailto:paul.martin@une.edu.au)

Direct phone: 0416015161

or

Dr Ian Hannam

[ian.hannam@ozemail.com.au](mailto:ian.hannam@ozemail.com.au)

Both of the Australian Centre for Agriculture and Law

Faculty of Economics, Business and Law

University of New England Armidale, 2351 NSW Australia

[Www.une.edu.au/aglaw](http://www.une.edu.au/aglaw)

# COURSES

## ▲ Introductory Course in Bioinformatics at AGERI Egypt

The Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa (AARINENA), in cooperation with Egypt's Agricultural Genetic Engineering Research Institute (AGERI), will organize an introductory training course in bioinformatics. The training will be held at AGERI, Giza, Egypt from November 23 to December 2, 2008. Fourteen candidates will be selected from AARINENA member countries and 3 from APAARI. Research assistants, junior researchers, university lecturers, assistant lecturers and bioengineers working in the area of biotechnology are welcome to apply.

Contact Dr. Dina El-Khishin ([khishin@ageri.sci.eg](mailto:khishin@ageri.sci.eg)) or visit <http://www.ageri.sci.eg/> for more information.

## ▲ IWES courses are supported by the Australian Water Association.

- \* New Integrated Water Resources Management Course
- \* IWES Gold Coast 2008
- \* WaterAid
- \* What is IWES? Who Attends IWES? "IWES"; [send@m2news.com.au](mailto:send@m2news.com.au), [www.iwes.com.au](http://www.iwes.com.au)

## ▲ 2008

### Rodale Institute offers online course on transition to organic agriculture for free

The Rodale Institute's Organic Transition Course is a 15-hour online program designed to help US farm managers understand the national organic standards and use them as a framework for making the transition to organic production. The course is hosted by the Rodale Institute's farm manager, Jeff Moyer, and covers the fundamental principles of organic agriculture, practical details about organic crop and livestock production, marketing opportunities available to organic producers and recordkeeping. The course can be taken anywhere participants have access to a computer connected to the Internet. There are no set course hours, registration fees or tests to take.

The Rodale Institute works with farmers to provide the know-how, tools and techniques they need to succeed in sustainable agriculture; policy-makers the information they need to best support farmers; and consumers with the resources they need to make informed decisions about the food they buy and eat. FREE

For more information on the course see: <http://www.tritrainingcenter.org/course/>.

For more information on the Rodale Institute see: <http://www.rodaleinstitute.org/>.

## 2008

▲ Several training courses in India by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)  
<http://www.icar.org.in/miscel/inttrg07.pdf>

## October-November 2008

### ▲ FACILITATING COMMUNITY MANAGED DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

**South Sudan: 18-29 AUGUST 2008**

**Uganda: 20-31 OCTOBER 2008**

### ▲ PARTICIPATORY PLANNING MONITORING AND EVALUATION

**Kenya: 17-28 NOVEMBER 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.

Nicola Kiara

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P.O. Box 66873-00800, Nairobi, Kenya

Tel: 254-20-4442610, 4440991; Fax: 254-20-4448148; [training@iirr-africa.org](mailto:training@iirr-africa.org)

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

## PHOTO COMPETITIONS

▲ 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#).

▲ Also don’t forget to send your good photos concerning soil, water and other natural resources to [sombatpanit@yahoo.com](mailto:sombatpanit@yahoo.com) to enter competition in WASWC, with 3 books to the 3 winners in 3 months!

## EXHIBITIONS

### ▲ Soil Exhibition opened 19th July – Smithsonian, Washington, USA

There are more living creatures in a shovel full of rich soil than human beings on the planet. Yet more is known about the dark side of the moon than about soil. These are just a few of the fascinating facts visitors can learn at the National Museum of Natural History’s new exhibition, “Dig it! The Secrets of Soil,” that opened at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History. The 460 sq m exhibition reveals the complex world of soil and how this ecosystem underfoot supports nearly every form of life on earth. “Dig It!” includes interactive displays, hands-on models, videos, and 54 soil monoliths. For further information click [here](#).



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

## ▲ **Environmental Connection—the world's largest soil and water event**

### **Future Locations and Dates for Environmental Connection**

#### **EC09**

Reno Convention Center and the Atlantis Casino Hotel, Reno, Nevada, USA  
February 9–12, 2009.

[Find out about exhibiting at EC09 »](#); [Make your travel plans »](#)



#### **EC10**

Hilton Anatole Hotel  
Dallas, Texas, USA  
February 14–18, 2010

#### **EC11**

Coronado Springs Resort  
Orlando, Florida, USA  
February 21–25, 2011

This is the premier educational event for the erosion and sediment control industry. **Environmental Connection** combines intense, full day training courses with topic-focused technical sessions and the largest expo of its kind.

Over 4 days, **Environmental Connection** provides peer-reviewed education, products and technology which address eight technology sections:

- [Slope Stabilization](#)
- [Stream Restoration](#)
- [Vegetative Establishment](#)
- [Stormwater Management](#)
- [Wetlands Technology](#)
- [Erosion and Sediment Control](#)
- [Beach and Shoreline Stabilization](#)
- New: Wind Erosion Technology

## **How can you be a part of this event?**

To become an exhibitor at the next **Environmental Connection** contact IECA's Director of Events and Sales at [events@ieca.org](mailto:events@ieca.org) or call 800-455-4322 x 15 (+1 970-879-3010 outside the US)

To find out more about the conference, [join our mailing list](#). More information will be available beginning in June. If you have additional questions, contact IECA at [ecinfo@ieca.org](mailto:ecinfo@ieca.org) or call 880-455-4322 (+1 970-879-3010 outside the US).

# NEW INFORMATION SOURCES (Every item is new every time)

## BOOKS

▲ **"Mapping Communities: Ethics, values, and practice"** can be downloaded for free at: [http://www.eastwestcenter.org/publications/search-for-publications/browse-alphabetic-list-of-titles/?class\\_call=view&pub\\_ID=1719](http://www.eastwestcenter.org/publications/search-for-publications/browse-alphabetic-list-of-titles/?class_call=view&pub_ID=1719)

We do include at least one case study where mapping was less successful than it could have been because participation wasn't as full as it should have been.

Jeff Fox, Senior Fellow, East-West Center

## ▲ Water & Development Publications (TKK-WD)

**TKK-WD-01: Modern myths of the Mekong -book** 

This book presents a critical account of the various simple truths, or modern myths related to development and water resources management in the Mekong Region. Book includes 14 chapters (185 pp.) and can be downloaded from [here](#)

**TKK-WD-02: Modern myths of the Mekong - summaries** 

The chapters published in the Modern myths of the Mekong book are summarised in this summary volume. The summaries are also translated to all Mekong main languages: Mandarin Chinese, Khmer, Lao, Burmese, Thai and Vietnamese. You can download all the volumes from [here](#).

### Modern myths of the Mekong -book



This book presents a critical account of the various simple truths, or modern myths related to development and water resources management in the Mekong Region. The electronic version of the book is available free of charge in these pages.

**Order a hard copy for free** for the universities and research institutes located in the Mekong Region countries. Write to [matti.kummu@tkk.fi](mailto:matti.kummu@tkk.fi). Friends, you are encouraged to write and ask for it while the stock lasts. I got one copy lately from Matti Kummi; there are a lot of info that we may use in our works, especially it gives answers whether the Chinese dams affect the flow of water downstream in the lower region.

**Read the review** of this book on our website <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn>, NEW BOOKS page.

*Hearty congratulations to the Editors team.*

▲ **THE NEW PEASANTRIES: Struggles for Autonomy and Sustainability in an Era of Empire and Globalization** by Jan Douwe van der Ploeg

'A timely and original contribution.'

**Robert E. Rhoades, Distinguished Research Professor, University of Georgia, US**

Both industrialized and developing countries are witnessing complex and richly chequered processes of 're-peasantization', with peasants now numbering over a billion worldwide.

The author's arguments are based on longitudinal studies that span 30 years and provide original and thought-provoking insights into rural and agrarian development processes. The book combines and integrates different bodies of literature: the rich traditions of peasant studies, development sociology, rural sociology, neo-institutional economics and the recently emerging debates on Empire.

▲ [RECONCILING HUMAN EXISTENCE WITH ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY: Science, Ethics, Economics and Law](#)

**Edited by Laura Westra, Klaus Bosselmann and Richard Westra, with foreword by David Suzuki**

'An ecological master plan that shows how we can not only survive but also flourish.'  
*James P. Sterba, President of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division*

Written and edited by members of the Global Ecological Integrity Group - an international collection of the world's most respected authorities in the area - this book considers the extent to which human rights (such as the rights to food, energy, health, clean air or water) can be reconciled with the principles of ecological integrity. The issue is approached from a variety of economic, legal, ethical and ecological standpoints.

▲ [PARTNERSHIPS FOR EMPOWERMENT: Participatory Research for Community-Based Natural Resource Management](#)

**Edited by Carl Wilmsen, William Elmendorf, Larry Fisher, Jacquelyn Ross, Brinda Sarathy and Gail Wells**

'This text (is) sorely needed.'  
*Kathleen Martin, assistant professor of ethnic studies, California Polytechnic State University*

Sustainable management of forests and other natural resources is often crucially based on understanding the needs and realities of local communities. The key to this community-based natural resource management (CBNRM) is the generation of accurate knowledge, for which participatory research is emerging as the most effective tool. This book analyses the current state of the art of participatory research in CBNRM.

▲ [POVERTY REDUCTION THAT WORKS: Experience of Scaling up Development Success](#)

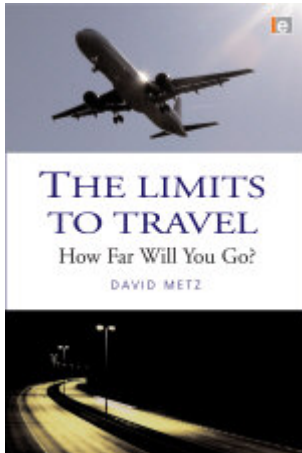
**Edited by Paul Steele, Neil Fernando and Maneka Weddikkara**

'Provides an excellent framework...draws attention to critical issues that practitioners need to think about.'  
*Bill Tod, Regional MDG Adviser, SNV Asia*

This book looks at twenty of the most innovative case studies of poverty reduction and Millennium Development Goal localization from fifteen countries - covering diverse issues ranging from housing and tourism to socio-economic empowerment of women, health insurance and markets for livestock produce.

It analyses why some initiatives may be successfully scaled up, presenting a wealth of knowledge and ideas for practitioners and researchers working on poverty reduction. Published with UNDP.

## ▲ The Limits to Travel



Hardback, June 2008, 176 pages, ISBN: 9781844074938 £39.95 Contact: [earthinfo@earthscan.co.uk](mailto:earthinfo@earthscan.co.uk)

**Related Subject Areas:** [Cities and Infrastructure](#), [Politics, Governance and Law](#), [Energy](#)

### The Limits to Travel - How Far Will You Go?

David Metz

‘A highly readable but challenging perspective on the established conventions of transport policy, planning and economic appraisal ... a fascinating tour d’horizon of topical transport issues.’

David Quarmby CBE, chairman of the Independent Transport Commission

‘David Metz again challenges conventional thinking in transport through a fundamental reinterpretation of the limits of travel time and human mobility, arguing that there should be maximum limits set for mobility if we are to avoid unacceptable environmental damage.’

David Banister, professor of transport studies, Oxford University

As affluence grows, it gets easier to travel faster and further. But research shows that, despite this, the average travel time in all societies remains steady at roughly an hour a day. The implication is that people are choosing to increase the distance they regularly travel, rather than opting for shorter journey times. While this clearly offers advantages in terms of reaching more desirable locations, the disadvantages are numerous - not least that of anthropogenic climate change, to which transport is the fastest growing contributor. However, the stability of travel time does not form part of the present conceptual framework of transport policy makers and professionals - consequently, misconceived decisions lead to unintended outcomes.

In this intriguing book, David Metz examines the inadequacies inherent in the current thinking, along with the resulting problems, such as pollution, congestion and noise. He highlights the impact of the rapid increase in car use in China and India, and explores the general travel experience, public vs. private transport, and transport technology. In considering to what extent travel could be avoided, he arrives at a new paradigm to underpin sustainable transport policies, based on the fundamental characteristics of human mobility and focusing on quality, not quantity, of travel.

**About the author(s)** David Metz is visiting professor at the Centre for Transport Studies, University College London, and former chief scientist at the Department of Transport, UK.

#### Contents

Faster and Farther \* Detriments and Damage \* The Economics of Travel Reconsidered \* Global Travellers and Global Oil \* Policy Failure \* Travelling Together \* Individual Effort \* Technology Futures \* Travelling Hopefully \* Index

## ▲ Soil Atlas of Europe – you can download for free

The Soil Atlas of Europe can be downloaded for free. Click [here](#).

The user has to download each page separately (128 pages in total). The PDF versions provide a better quality version compared with the JPEG files. There are 20 plates of maps which are included as 2-page PDF files, pages 40-79. User may navigate and select the files to download either by browsing the whole Atlas or by selecting one of the sections in the Contents. Each Page has a Title and belongs to one of the 7 sections of the Atlas (Introduction, The Soil of Europe, Soil Maps of Europe, European Soil: A Global perspective, A Soil Database of Europe, Key threats to soil in Europe, Additional Information).

### ▲ Agriculture and the Environment – Recent indicators

This is the fourth volume of the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) series “Environmental Indicators for Agriculture” and is published as two reports: Environmental Performance of Agriculture: At a Glance - covering a summary of the main conclusions. Environmental Performance of Agriculture in OECD Countries since 1990 - providing complete coverage of the OECD agri-environmental indicators by environmental themes and across the 30 member countries since 1990. More about this: [here](#).

## REPORTS

### ▲ Several Reports from OECD are available at [www.oecd.org](http://www.oecd.org).

The new report has a section on soil and soil management which you can download directly from the go to “Information by environmental theme” You can also interrogate the supporting database by going to “Data”. In addition you can download the proceedings of two OECD expert meetings related to **Soil Erosion** and **Soil Carbon**, look under “Previous Publications”.

Also for each country section there is usually some text on soil quality trends, see the example of Canada attached, and go to “Information by country”. More info from [Kevin.PARRIS@oecd.org](mailto:Kevin.PARRIS@oecd.org).

## BULLETIN-NEWSLETTERS

### ▲ Quarterly Bulletin Southwest Watershed Research Center Tucson

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/News/docs.htm?docid=17311>

From Dr. Mark Nearing, Research Leader

USDA-ARS Southwest Watershed Research Center, 2000 E Allen Rd., Tucson, AZ 85719

(520) 670-6481 ext. 152, [mark.nearing@ars.usda.gov](mailto:mark.nearing@ars.usda.gov)

### ▲ "Between the Lines" Equator Initiative Newsletter

It is my pleasure to share with you the most recent issue of *Between the Lines*, the Equator Initiative newsletter. This edition highlights the work of the Equator Initiative at the recent Community Dorf dialogue space at COP 9 in Bonn, Germany, interesting Equator Initiative sponsored discussions and presentations, and the great work of some of our partners around the world, along with coverage of other events and activities. This newsletter also introduces the policy topic of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Ecosystem Degradation (REDD), and its relationship to local and Indigenous peoples.

The newsletter is available for download at: <http://www.equatorinitiative.org/equatorknowledge/publications.htm>

Eileen de Ravin and the Equator Initiative Team ([eileen.de.ravin@undp.org](mailto:eileen.de.ravin@undp.org))

### ▲ CPWF Newsletter Aug/Sep 2008 (Water & Food Edition 27)

There are many interesting news in it. Click <http://www.waterandfood.org/newsletter/> and enjoy reading.

You may contact [CPWF-Secretariat@cgiar.org](mailto:CPWF-Secretariat@cgiar.org) and ask to add your e-mail in their mailing list.

See more info about CGIAR Challenge Program on Water and Food in <http://www.waterandfood.org>

### ▲ SODIS Newsletter No.1 - July 2008

Solar water disinfection (SODIS) - treating drinking water using only PET bottles and sunlight

Compiled by the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (Eawag)

Department for Environmental Sanitation in Developing Countries (Sandec)

A layout version of this newsletter (approx 400kb) can be downloaded here:

<http://www.sodis.ch/files/080702%20SODIS%20newsletter%20issue%201.pdf>

Contact [info@sodis.ch](mailto:info@sodis.ch) if there is any problem.



## ▲ PACA Newsletter Issue 2

Please find attached the second issue of the PACA Newsletter ([PACA Newsletter Issue 2.pdf \(509KB\)](#)) or write to request from [abrolip@gmail.com](mailto:abrolip@gmail.com)) that we hope you will find useful reading. It also contains a coverage of the June 17th event, "Is Conservation Agriculture the Way Forward for India?" hosted by PACA where much meaningful deliberations were carried out by senior agriculture professionals. We hope to have detailed proceedings of the event ready over the next two weeks.

We look forward to hear your response to the newsletter content. Should you not be interested to receive further copies, kindly reply to this mail with UNSUBSCRIBE mentioned in the subject header.

Best wishes,

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## JOURNAL

### ▲ International NGO Journal (INGOJ)

International NGO Journal (INGOJ) publishes high-quality solicited and unsolicited articles, in English, in all areas of Non Governmental Organization (NGO) activities. INGOJ is founded to publish proposals, appraisals and reports of NGO projects. The aim is to have centralized information for NGO activities where stakeholders including beneficiaries of NGO services can find useful information about ongoing projects and where to obtain particular assistance. Also prospective donors will easily find information about different NGOs and decide which to fund on specific projects.

Our objective is to inform authors of the decision on their manuscript(s) within four weeks of submission. Following acceptance, a paper will normally be published in the next issue.

Instruction for authors and other details are available on our website [www.academicjournals.org/INGOJ](http://www.academicjournals.org/INGOJ). Prospective authors should send their manuscript(s) to [ngo@academicjournals.org](mailto:ngo@academicjournals.org), [ngo\\_acadjourn@yahoo.com](mailto:ngo_acadjourn@yahoo.com) or [ngo.acadjourn@gmail.com](mailto:ngo.acadjourn@gmail.com)

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### Publication Alert

We will be glad to send you a publication alert showing the table of content with link to the various abstracts and full PDF text of articles published in each issue. Kindly send us an email if you will like to receive publication alert.

## WEBSITES (mixed subjects – some may be of your interest)

▲ **The GIS Certification Institute** has developed a Code of Ethics as well as Rules of Conduct. They are available at: [http://www.gisci.org/code\\_of\\_ethics.aspx](http://www.gisci.org/code_of_ethics.aspx)

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▲ **Study: Crop Production Costs will Increase Dramatically Next Year**

Soaring fuel prices will cause a dramatic increase in crop production costs next year, according to a University of Illinois (UI) study. Because of spiraling fertilizer prices, Gary Schnitkey, an agricultural economist from UI, estimated that the costs for soybean and corn production will jump by about a third. Fertilizer, the biggest non-land expense for corn and soybean farmers, is tethered to the same cost spiral that has driven steep gasoline and heating price increases over the last few years. Schnitkey expects fertilizer prices to surge 82 percent for corn and 117 percent for soybeans.

According to the study, farmers will also see hefty cost increases next year for inputs ranging from seed to fuel for tractors and other machinery. The study projects non-land production costs for corn will total \$529 an acre next year, an increase of 36 percent from 2008 and nearly 85 percent higher than the average of \$286 per acre from 2003 to 2007. Soybean input costs, on the other hand, are estimated to rise 34 percent from last year's at \$321 an acre.

Read the complete article at <http://www.news.uiuc.edu/news/08/0723costs.html>. For more information, contact Gary Schnitkey at [schnitke@illinois.edu](mailto:schnitke@illinois.edu)

▲ **FAO Launches New Global Soil Database**

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has unveiled a new global soil database that will help better map current and future land productivity as well as the present carbon storage and carbon sequestration potential of the world's soils. FAO says that the database will also help identify land and water limitations and assist in assessing land degradation and soil erosion risks.

"The more information we have about soil properties, the more we can evaluate the quality of our natural resources all over the world and their potential to produce food now and in future scenarios of climate change", said Alexander Muller, FAO Assistant Director General for Natural Resources and Environment Management. Based on the soil database, the FAO has produced a Global Gap Map which will help identify where soil carbon storage is greatest and the physical potential for billions of tons of additional carbon to be sequestered in degraded soils. Efforts to use agriculture to capture green house gasses have involved above ground sequestration mainly by planting trees. Although the amount of carbon captured using this approach is substantial, there are growing interests in finding ways to increase carbon sequestration in soil.

For more information, read <http://www.fao.org/newsroom/en/news/2008/1000882/index.html> The World Soil Database can be accessed at <http://www.iiasa.ac.at/Research/LUC/luc07/External-World-soil-database/HTML/index.html>

▲ **Forests of the Future as Sustainable Water Supply**

The forests of the future will serve as a sustainable supply of clean water, researchers say in a new federal report supported by the United States Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture. As both urban and agricultural demands for water continue to increase, and the role of clean water from forests becomes better understood as an "ecosystem service" of great value. Many factors - changing climate, wildfires, insect outbreaks, timber harvest, roads, and even urban sprawl - are influencing water supplies from forests. Preserving and managing forests may help sustain water supplies and water quality from headwaters in the future, the report concludes.

Among the findings of the report include:

- Forests cover about one-third of the nation's land area, and although they have roles in timber production, habitat, recreation and wilderness, their most important output may be water.
- Forests provide natural filtration and storage systems that process nearly two-thirds of the water supply in the U.S.
- Demand for water continues to rise due to population growth, while forest acreage is declining and remaining forest lands are threatened by climate change, disease epidemics, fire and global climate change.

- Forest vegetation and soils, if healthy and intact, can benefit human water supplies by controlling water yield, peak flows, low flows, sediment levels, water chemistry and quality.

To read more, visit <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ncs/newsarch/2008/Jul08/WaterSupply.html>.

### ▲ All Eyes on Forest Monitoring

Deforestation is a growing global concern, and with it comes the loss of carbon stored in forests. Earlier this year, many countries and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reconfirmed their commitment to jointly prepare the next Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA), a comprehensive data collection on the state of the world's forests which is scheduled for release in 2010. FRA 2010 will strengthen the capacity of all countries to monitor their own forests.

"Deforestation continues at an alarming rate of about 13 million hectares annually at the global level. By combining remote sensing technology with field data collection, we improve the quality of both methods. This provides more accurate information on forest trends and new information on the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation," concludes Jan Heino FAO Assistant Director-General for Forestry. The FRA 2010 survey will include global and regional level on trends in the rate of deforestation, afforestation and national expansion of forests. In addition, FAO, its member countries and partner organizations will undertake a global remote sensing survey of forests. The assessment will cover the whole land surface of the Earth with about 9,000 samples. To read more, visit <http://www.fao.org/newsroom/en/news/2008/1000884/index.html>.

### ▲ Meeting the U.S. Biofuel Goal with Less Land

Results of a University of Illinois study showed that using the giant perennial grass *Miscanthus giganteus* as a feedstock for ethanol production in the U.S. could significantly reduce the acreage dedicated to biofuels while meeting the country's biofuels production goals. *Miscanthus* was shown to outperform current biofuels sources. Using corn or switchgrass to produce enough ethanol to offset 20 percent of gasoline use would take 25 percent of current U.S. cropland out of food production. The researchers showed that getting the same amount of ethanol from the giant grass would require only 9.3 percent of current agricultural acreage.

Field trials showed that *Miscanthus* is tolerant of poor soil quality and capable of accumulating more carbon in the soil compared to annual crop such as corn or soybeans. In addition, the grass requires fewer chemical and mechanical inputs than corn. However, using *Miscanthus* in an agricultural setting has not been without its challenges. The grass must be propagated by planting underground stems because of its sterility. Stephen Long, main author of the study, pointed out that although research has led to improvements in productivity and growers are poised to begin using it as a biofuels crop on a large scale, *Miscanthus* is in its infancy as an agricultural product.

Read the full article at <http://www.news.uiuc.edu/news/08/0730miscanthus.html>

### ▲ FAO Calls for Increased Investment in Cassava Research

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) called for more research into the tropical root crop cassava as a way to help poor countries threatened by spiraling food and oil prices. Cassava is a staple food for millions of poverty stricken people in sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and Asia where it provides as much as a third of daily calories. At a conference in Belgium, members of the FAO-facilitated Global Cassava Partnership for Genetic Improvement (GCP21) reviewed the current state of cassava production worldwide and future prospects.

At present, the average cassava yields are barely 20 percent of those obtained under optimum conditions. Despite growing demand and its production potential, the crop is grown mainly in areas that have little or no access to improved varieties, fertilizer and other production inputs, by small scale farmers often cut off from marketing channels and agro-processing industries.

Members of GCP21 agreed on a number of new projects to realize the crop's full potential in addressing the global food and energy crisis. The projects include establishment of a cassava chain delivery system to channel technical advances to poor farmers, improvement in soil fertility, enhancement of basic scientific knowledge of the crop, including genomics, and training for the next generation of cassava researchers in developing countries.

The media release is available at <http://www.fao.org/newsroom/en/news/2008/1000899/index.html>

For information on the GCP21, visit <http://danforthcenter.org/gcp21/>

### ▲ FAO: Biofuel Production Could Increase Marginalization of Women

A new study of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) found that women in the rural areas may be marginalized because of limited access to the large-scale production of liquid biofuels like bioethanol and biodiesel in developing countries. The study entitled "Gender and Equity Issues in Liquid Biofuels Production-Minimizing the Risks to Maximize the Opportunities", noted that though the biofuel plantations create employment for around 40 percent of female agricultural workers (in Latin America and the Caribbean), they are most likely to experience low wages, poor working conditions and benefits, and exposure

to safety and health risks.

According to Yianna Lambrou, co-author of the study, policies should be adopted in developing countries to strengthen the participation of small farmers, especially women in biofuel production. This is all the more important since the number of households headed by women is growing, with around 40 percent of the total in Southern Africa and 35 percent in the Caribbean. She also suggested that, "women's access to land, capital and technology must be increased since gender inequalities are likely to become more marked as women's vulnerability to hunger and poverty is further exacerbated," Lambrou stressed.

Read the full article at <http://www.fao.org/newsroom/en/news/2008/1000830/index.html> To view the complete study, visit <ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/010/ai503e/ai503e00.pdf>

### ▲ Global Climate Change and Biotechnology

Two eminent experts on food security say that biotechnology can address problems related to global climate change. "Biotechnology can play a helpful role in addressing the long-term sustainability issue and climate change. It is much more relevant for developing countries, than it is for developed countries. This is because of the emerging consequences of climate change, and because of the existing problems on food scarcity and food quality", said Joachim von Braun, director general of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington DC, USA.

Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, an agricultural scientist known as 'The Father of the Green Revolution' in India, adds that "Biotechnology can offer new ways to address climate change. Drought tolerance can be built into crops, for instance rice, by transferring genes." Opportunities abound by combining traditional and modern technologies like genetic modification and marker assisted selection, Swaminathan explained.

The full interviews with both experts are available at [http://www.globalchange-discussion.org/interview/joachim\\_von\\_braun/full\\_interview](http://www.globalchange-discussion.org/interview/joachim_von_braun/full_interview) and [http://www.globalchange-discussion.org/interview/ms\\_swaminathan/full\\_interview](http://www.globalchange-discussion.org/interview/ms_swaminathan/full_interview).

An internet based discussion has been opened on Global Change and Biotechnology. To participate log into <http://www.globalchange-discussion.org>

### ▲ India Estimates Big Rise in Food Production

The Ministry of Agriculture in India announced a record estimated production of wheat, rice, coarse grains, pulses, oilseeds and cotton in 2007-08. It is estimated that the food grain production in 2007-08 touches an all time high record of 227.31 million tonnes as compared to 217.28 million tonnes in 2006-07. In 2007-08, the country will produce at best estimate, 95.68 million tonnes of rice, 76.78 million tonnes of wheat, 39.67 million tonnes of coarse cereals and 15.19 million tonnes of pulses. Oilseed production during 2007-08 is estimated at 28.21 million tonnes with groundnut estimated at 8.87 million tonnes, soybean at 9.43 million tonnes and rapeseed and mustard at 6.43 million tonnes. Production of cotton is estimated at 23.19 million bales of 170 kg each. As compared to 2006-07, rice production is estimated to increase by about 2 million tonnes, wheat by about 1 million tonne, coarse cereals by about 6 million tonnes (mainly contributed by maize) and pulses by about 1 million tonne during 2007-08. The oilseeds production is estimated to increase by about 4 million tonnes (mainly contributed by groundnut) and cotton by about 0.6 million bales during 2007-08 over 2006-07. For more information on food production in India visit <http://www.pib.nic.in/release/release.asp?relid=37747>. Contact [b.choudhary@isaaa.org](mailto:b.choudhary@isaaa.org) for biotech developments in India.

### ▲ ▲ ▲ WEBSITES about FOOD CRISIS (from AVAAZ, [avaaz@avaaz.org](mailto:avaaz@avaaz.org))

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4. Chinese news citing World Bank figures: <http://www.cctv.com/english/20080426/102406.shtml>
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8. The Guardian: "Credit crunch? The real crisis is global hunger", George Monbiot <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2008/apr/15/food.biofuels>

## FILM-VIDEOS

▲ Video film on **EROSION BY RAIN** by Eelko Bergsma, ITC, The Netherlands ([bodem@wanadoo.nl](mailto:bodem@wanadoo.nl))

I am very pleased to inform you that the video film "Erosion by rain" which is made by Eelko Bergsma a few years ago, is now available online. This film is referred to in Chapter 14 (Bergsma E. and A. Farshad. 2007. Monitoring erosion using microtopographic features) of the book "Monitoring and Evaluation of Soil Conservation and Watershed Development Projects", edited by Jan de Graaff, John Cameron, Samran Sombatpanit, Christian Pieri and Jim Woodhill, issued in 2007 (Science Publishers, [www.scipub.net](http://www.scipub.net)).

Recently, we received requests from several people who had read Chapter 14 of the above mentioned book and wanted to have a copy of the video film. Considering that ITC is one of the Organization members of the WASWC, having regular contact with the association through Dr. Samran Sombatpanit (one of the editors of the book and at the same time the immediate president of the WASWC) I requested to place the film online and that is done (thanks to Dr Z.X. Guo of the Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences in Guangzhou, China).

The path to download is: <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn>, then click SOIL EROSION & SWC on the column to the left.

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▲ Video "**Lessons of the Loess Plateau**" is now available from The Environmental Education Media Project (EEMP), Beijing, P.R. China ([www.earthshope.org](http://www.earthshope.org)). Contact Kosima at [kosima@mac.com](mailto:kosima@mac.com) to inquire how to get one. All development personnel should take a look at this video and learn many aspects of how to do the work right and effectively (e.g. take the horse before the cart and not vice versa). A small screen video could be viewed from [www.earthshope.org](http://www.earthshope.org).

The video was shown at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on **ground bio-and eco-engineering: the use of vegetation to improve Slope Stability** in Beijing, during July 14-18, 2008 with a very good reception. See details about the conference in <http://liama.ia.ac.cn>, <http://icgbe2.cirad.fr/>.



## ORGANIZATIONS

*Members are welcome to send short descriptions of your organizations (university, research institute, implementing-extention agency, etc.) to share with other members in this column.*

### ▲ PEW CENTER ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE: History and Mission



The Pew Center on Global Climate Change was established in 1998 as a non-profit, non-partisan and independent organization. The Center's mission is to provide credible information, straight answers, and innovative solutions in the effort to address global climate change.

Working on an issue that is often polarized and politicized, the Pew Center provides a forum for objective research and analysis and for the development of pragmatic policies and solutions. Now in its tenth year, the Pew Center has become a leading voice for sensible action to address the most pressing global environmental problem of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

A nonprofit, tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3), the Pew Center is supported by a range of individuals and charitable organizations. [http://www.pewclimate.org/about/history\\_and\\_mission](http://www.pewclimate.org/about/history_and_mission)



## ▲ IECA's New Denver Office is Open for Business

IECA ([www.ieca.org](http://www.ieca.org)) is proud to announce the opening of its new headquarters office in Denver, Colo. Members are encouraged to stop by and visit the new location.

**IECA's new contact information:** International Erosion Control Association

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For complete details, please see the recent [media release](#).

## A CALL FOR YOUR ATTENTION (sometime for help)

### ▲ INVITATION TO DISCUSSION

from "Ian Scoones" [I.Scoones@ids.ac.uk](mailto:I.Scoones@ids.ac.uk) and "John Thompson" [j.thompson@ids.ac.uk](mailto:j.thompson@ids.ac.uk)

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*(Traduction en FRANCAIS en bas / FRENCH translation below)*

Everyone agrees that one of the central components of achieving an 'African Green Revolution' is to tackle the widespread soil fertility constraints in African agriculture. But what are the policy frameworks that really will increase soil fertility in ways that boost production in a sustainable fashion? Here there is much less precision and an urgent need for a concrete debate.

For this reason, the **Future Agricultures Consortium** (FAC) is inviting a wide range of participants to debate some key issues around the way forward for policy, and associated institutional arrangements. To kick the debate off, please take a look at the attached commentary written by Ian Scoones - or visit the webpage covering this debate [www.future-agricultures.org/soilfertility\\_main.html](http://www.future-agricultures.org/soilfertility_main.html). This lays out some key themes and questions.

Given your extensive knowledge and interest in this topic, we thought you would have some incisive ideas and compelling comments to contribute to this important discussion. In the coming weeks, we will be posting all submissions on our Future Agricultures website with each author's name and organisational affiliation (these can be anonymous if you would like, but please tell us this when you send your contribution). Comments should be short, provocative and challenging.

We look forward to a thorough debate which we hope to feed into the variety of initiatives unfolding in this area and feel free to forward this email to anyone you think would be interested. Please send your contribution by e-mail to [soils@ids.ac.uk](mailto:soils@ids.ac.uk) by **Monday 15 September 2008**. If you have any questions please also send them to the email above.

Daniel Smith

Chacun convient qu'un des composants centraux de réaliser un 'Revolution Vert Africain' est d'aborder les contraintes répandues de fertilité du sol dans l'agriculture Africaine. Mais quels sont les cadres de politique qui augmenteront la fertilité du sol de manière à amplifier la production d'une façon soutenable ? Il y a ici beaucoup moins de précision et des besoins urgents pour une discussion concrète.

Pour cette raison, le Consortium Avenir des Agricultures (FAC) invite un éventail de participants à discuter quelques questions clés autour de la manière en avant pour la politique, et des arrangements institutionnels associés. Pour donner un coup de pied la discussion au loin, jetez svp un coup d'oeil au commentaire ci-joint écrit par Ian Scoones - ou visitez la page Web couvrant cette discussion [www.future-agricultures.org/soilfertility\\_main.html](http://www.future-agricultures.org/soilfertility_main.html). Ceci présente quelques thèmes et questions principaux.

Etant donné votre connaissance et intérêt étendus pour cette matière, nous avons pensé que vous auriez quelques idées incisives et pour contribuer à cette discussion importante. Dans les semaines qui viennent, nous signalerons toutes les soumissions sur notre site web avec le nom de chaque auteur et leurs organisation (ceux-ci peuvent être anonymes si vous voulez, mais dites nous svp quand vous envoyez votre contribution). Les commentaires devraient être courts et provocateurs.

Nous attendons avec intérêt une discussion complète et sentez vous libre d'expédier cet email à toutes contactes que vous pensez serait intéressé. Veuillez envoyer votre contribution par l'email au [soils@ids.ac.uk](mailto:soils@ids.ac.uk) pour le **lundi 15 septembre 2008**.

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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>.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Global workshop, September 30-October 3, 2008
- Rainforests and Agroforestry, October 5-9, 2008

### August 5-7, 2008

#### IBIC 2008 in Indonesia

Indonesia Biotechnology Consortium (KBI) announces the 4<sup>th</sup> Indonesian Biotechnology Conference 2008 (IBC 2008) with the theme "Biotechnology for better food, health and environment" to be held on 5 - 7 August 2008 at IPB International Convention Center, Bogor, Indonesia. This event will provide a valuable venue for disseminating information on the most current advances in the application of biotechnology, initiating collaboration efforts between scientists and investors to create new opportunities, and develop established industries. Participants are invited to submit original, unpublished papers on all aspects of biotechnology in agricultural biotechnology, medical biotechnology, environmental biotechnology and marine biotechnology.

For further information on IBC 2008, contact [inaibc08@gmail.com](mailto:inaibc08@gmail.com) or [p2biotek@indo.net.id](mailto:p2biotek@indo.net.id) or visit <http://www.biotechindonesia.org/>



**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 [www.ecoeco.org/](http://www.ecoeco.org/).

**August 12-14, 2008**



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CTF08 Conference Secretariat, PO Box 108, Kenmore, QLD 4069, Australia

**August 12-15, 2008**

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

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

Please submit abstracts or questions to Guorun Gislason [ggisla@hi.is](mailto:ggisla@hi.is) or Paul Hudson ([pfhudson@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:pfhudson@mail.utexas.edu)).

**August 17-23, 2008**

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

**August 18-20, 2008**

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

**August 24-27, 2008**

### **Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference**

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

**August 25-28 2008**

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

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

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

For more information contact: [cochieng@ecoagriculture.org](mailto:cochieng@ecoagriculture.org).

**August 25-29, 2008**

## **EUROSOIL 2008**

### **Soil – Society – Environment**



25-29 August 2008, Vienna, Austria

<http://www.ecsss.net>

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

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

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

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For detailed information on the programme and for the submission of papers, please see the congress website:  
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**August 26-29, 2008**

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**September 1-4, 2008**

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

**September 1-4, 2008**

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

**September 4-5, 2008**

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

**September 4-5, 2008**

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

**September 8-12, 2008**

**6<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Ecological Restoration** – Towards a Sustainable Future for  
European Ecosystems, Ghent, Belgium

**September 9-10, 2008**

**Biofuels Markets Americas**, Buenos Aires , Argentina

**September 11, 2008**

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

**September 11-15, 2008**

**International Hybrid Rice Symposium**

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

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

**September 14-18, 2008**

**International Banana Symposium in China**

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

For more information go to the symposium website at [http://www.promusa.org/symposium\\_2009/home.html](http://www.promusa.org/symposium_2009/home.html)

**September 16-17, 2008**

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

White Sands Hotel and Resort, Dar-es-salaam, Tanzania [www.katoombagroup.org/event\\_details.php?id=1](http://www.katoombagroup.org/event_details.php?id=1)

Contact: [tanzania@katoombagroup.org](mailto:tanzania@katoombagroup.org)

**September 16-17, 2008**

**Carbon Markets USA**, Washington DC , USA

**September 16-18, 2008**

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

**September 17-18, 2008**

**Biofuels Markets East Africa**, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

**September 17-19, 2008**

**Growdiesel International Summit, New Delhi, India**

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

**Ms. Tripti Sharma, Program Coordinator, Growdiesel Consortium, India** [growdiesel@gmail.com](mailto:growdiesel@gmail.com)

**September 17-23, 2008**

**5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Land Degradation, Bari, Italy**

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

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**September 22-23, 2008**

**Corporate Climate Response**, Chicago, USA

**September 22-28, 2008**

**All Africa Congress on Biotechnology**

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

<http://abneta.org/congress/>

**September 23-26, 2008**

**International Scientific Conference Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of the Lithuanian Soil Science Society, Kaunas, Lithuania**

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

Tel: 00 370 752 239; 752 279; 752 212; Fax.: 00 370 752 239 [rimantas.vaisvalavicius@lzuu.lt](mailto:rimantas.vaisvalavicius@lzuu.lt)

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

**September 29-30, 2008**

**Carbon Markets India**, Mumbai, India

**September 29-October 1, 2008**

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

**September 29-October 3, 2008**

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

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

**September 30-October 1, 2008**

**Sustainable Cities and Communities**, Geneva, Switzerland

**October 1-3, 2008**

Please find enclosed information about an International Seminar on Salinity, to be held in Valencia (Spain) 1-3 October 2008. **SEMINARIO UIMP VALENCIA (SPAIN) 2008**

**Director:** Jorge Batlle Sales. **Secretary of the Working Group of Salt-Affected Soils. International Union of Soil Sciences.** [Jorge.Batlle@uv.es](mailto:Jorge.Batlle@uv.es)

**Salinidad y disponibilidad del agua dentro del escenario del cambio climático**

**Valencia (Spain), del 1 al 3 de octubre de 2008**

**October 5-9, 2008**



**[www.banana2008.com](http://www.banana2008.com)**

**REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION**

The aim is to maintain an affordable rate of 340 USD for registration and 102 USD per night for full-board accommodation. Registration and more information is available on the conference website:

[www.banana2008.com](http://www.banana2008.com)

For further information, please contact: Dr. Thomas Dubois, Tel: +256 752787808; [t.dubois@cgiar.org](mailto:t.dubois@cgiar.org) and/or Jeffrey T. Oliver Tel: +234 2 241 2626 (ext 2773), Email: [o.jeffrey@cgiar.org](mailto:o.jeffrey@cgiar.org), URL: [www.iita.org](http://www.iita.org)

### 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.

Contact Wolfram Lorenz at [lorenz@gwdg.de](mailto:lorenz@gwdg.de); [info@globalchange-2008.org](mailto:info@globalchange-2008.org); [www.globalchange-2008.org](http://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.

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](http://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](mailto:congressforum@iucn.org)

### October 6-7, 2008 (and October 8-9, 2008 for the field trip)



INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL UNION  
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MONITORING SOCIETY

### International Conference on LAND USE CHANGE, BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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### About the Conference

To address the issue of land use change and climate change in Kanyakumari and its adjacent areas of Tamil Nadu, it is imperative to have a common platform where members of all disciplines come together and discuss its impact on earth. To provide a forum we propose to organize an International Conference on “Land Use Change, Biodiversity and Climate Change” from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at

Marthandam in Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu. This seminar will focus on global change due to land use change, biodiversity and climate change with special emphasis on South India. It will also study the human response to various ecological changes. It will further concentrate on all aspects of sustainability. Land use change builds bridges among all sciences. It is hoped that the conference will break new ground and foster research among scientists in land use change, biodiversity and climate change.

### **Sub Topics**

- **Land use Change: Physical, Chemical and Biological processes.**
- **Land use Change: Social, Economic and Political Processes.**
- **Land use Change Monitoring: Role of Remote sensing GIS and GPS.**
- **Impact of Land use change on Biodiversity.**
- **Impact of Land use change on Climate change.**
- **Tourism Development and Land use change.**
- **Climate change – Adaptation and Mitigation.**
- **Climate change and Coastal Environment.**
- **Land Resource Management for Sustainable, Biodiversity Development with Reference to Tamil Nadu, India and the world.**

### **Goals of the Conference:**

- Disseminating information on land use change, biodiversity and climate change, methodology, practice and policies.
- Facilitating the exchange of information across disciplines and among individuals, groups and institutions.
- Reaching out to develop collaboration through strengthening the networks and research groups.
  - Highlighting the positive contribution of land use change, biodiversity and climate change, research policy and practice.

### **Location**

Once called the Alexandria of the East, ‘Cape Camorin’, presently Kanyakumari, located on the Southern end of Indian Subcontinent, derived its name from the Virgin Goddess Kanniyakumari. It is a land of harmony where St. Thomas, one of the disciples of Christ, visited and where Swami Vivekananda meditated and enlightened.

### **The host town: Marthandam, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu**

Steeped in tradition, folklore and history, Marthandam tastes sweet thanks to honey that the bee-hives yield round the year, going round the world in bottled majesty. Ever-flowing and never-drying river, *Thampiraparani*, would have already injected goodness into the good old village called *Nalloor* that stands high among the rocks and the palm-fringed banks of the river. One kilometer away from the river, there stand the tall and lofty Church that harmoniously links the caste-ridden inglorious past with the enterprising, educational ENDEAVOURS of the present. Nesamony Memorial Christian College (NMCC), Marthandam, Kanyakumari District, is a testament of educational FAITH to the ceremoniously neglected, underprivileged sections of society. And already, it has sent from its womb hundreds of brilliant, talented, confident youth to conquer greater heights of social glory.

*The Host College: Nesamony Memorial Christian College (NMCC), (Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli) Marthandam, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu*

- **Established in 1964.**
- **Courses UG & PG (Aided & Self supporting).**
- **Co-educational**
- **Students’ strength – 2,750.**
- **Well qualified faculty and well equipped laboratories.**



- **A light to the people of remote and rural regions.**
- **Located near National Highways (NH47), between Nagercoil and Tiruvananthapuram.**
- **Nearest International airport - Tiruvananthapuram (45 km).**
- **Nearest Railway station – Kulithurai (1 km).**

#### **Participants**

- Academicians
- Research scholars
- Practitioners
- Technicians
- NGOs and
- National and international experts

#### **Papers**

- ◆ Papers are invited for presentation in the seminar.
- ◆ The abstract of paper should be typed with double space in Times Roman (12 Font Size), title of the paper, name of author(s), affiliation, text, and references not exceeding one page in MS Word format.
- ◆ The manuscript should be sent to the convener as e-mail attachment latest by **August 20, 2008.**
- ◆ Poster presentations should be indicated in the registration form, the size of the poster should not exceed A0.
- ◆ The programme includes talks and discussions followed by deliberations for recommendations.
- ◆ Poster sessions will be organized during the seminar.

#### **Field Trip (October 8-9, 2008)**

Registration fee for the field trip is US\$500 for foreign delegates including transportation, meals, accommodation and technical materials. Programme of field trip includes visit to Monumental Heritage sites & Kanyakumari District, Biodiversity, Hot spot, etc.

#### **Seminar Registration Fee**

The registration fee will cover the proceeding launches, refreshments, cocktails and seminar kits.

Category	Amount
Individual Foreign Delegate	US\$100
Indian Delegates	Rs. 500
Students Delegates / Research Scholars	Rs. 200

**Field Trip Fee:** Individual Foreign Delegates US\$500

Contact: Prof. H.G. Deva Kumar Samuel, HoD, Department Physics, Nesamony Memorial Christian College, Marthandam – 629 165, Tamil Nadu, India. Mobile : 09443417121, (R) 0091-4651-270346 E-mail: [hgdkskk@gmail.com](mailto:hgdkskk@gmail.com) or Dr. R.B.Singh, NAGI Secretary General, [rbsgeol@yahoo.com](mailto:rbsgeol@yahoo.com)

#### **October 7-10, 2008**

The Urban and Regional Information Systems (URISA) annual conference has a PPGIS track and there is also a one-day workshop on PPGIS immediately preceding the conference.

Conference dates are: October 7-10, New Orleans <http://www.urisa.org/conferences/aboutannual>

#### **October 9-11, 2008**

**Universidad Internacional de Andalucia ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOPS 2008**

**“PLANT BIOMASS FOR FOOD AND ENERGY: FUTURE AND REALITY”**

**Baeza, Spain** Contact: Dr. Lourdes Soria ([baeza@unia.es](mailto:baeza@unia.es))

**NEW: Deadline of application has been extended to September 12, 2008.**

See <http://www.unia.es/environmentworkshops>

## October 15-16, 17-19, 2008

### 2008 International Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) Workshops and Conference, Beijing, China ([2008 SWAT Conference English Web site](#))

#### Dates

October 15-16, 2008 SWAT workshops (beginners or advanced)

October 17-19, 2008 SWAT conference

#### Theme

Development and Application of SWAT Model

#### Conference Venue

Yingdong Academic Halls, Beijing Normal University

[2008 SWAT Conference English Web site](#)

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## 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](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](http://www.swcs.org)

## October 20-23, 2008

### The 10<sup>th</sup> 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 **10<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Maize Workshop** to be held in Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia, 20-23 October 2008.

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

**Theme:** Maize for Asia: Emerging Trends and Technologies

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**October 20, 2008**

## WOCAT Symposium 2008



(World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies)

is very pleased to announce the Symposium on:

**'Promoting Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and its Local and Global Impacts',  
Monday 20 October 2008 in Berne, Switzerland**

The aim of this symposium is to reflect on SLM achievements and to align current and future efforts for enhancing and promoting the positive local and global impacts of SLM. The symposium will bring together various partners and donors interested in SLM and natural resource management. As the symposium will take place on the first day of the 13th WOCAT annual Workshop and Steering Meeting (WWSM13), many WOCAT partners will be present, thus offering an exceptional chance to meet and exchange experiences and visions (NB: WWSM13 participants do not have to register separately for the symposium!).

Attached you can find the detailed announcement with the programme and further information.

For further details and registration, please visit our website at <http://www.wocat.org/symp.asp>. We would appreciate it if you distribute this announcement among your partners and the research community. We apologize for any cross-posting.

We are looking forward to your participation.

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**October 20-25, 2008**

### **13 th WOCAT Annual Workshop and Steering Meeting (WWSM)**

20-25 October 2008, Berne and Gwatt, Switzerland

The 13 th WWSM will be held in Switzerland. The first day of the WWSM will be an open symposium for the main WOCAT partners and all participants of the WWSM. The symposium will take place in Berne (Hotel Bern) whereas the following days of the WWSM will be spent in Gwatt.

**October 28-30, 2008**

**FAO/CTIC Conservation Agriculture Carbon Offset Consultation, 28-30 October 2008, West Lafayette, Indiana, USA.**

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, and the Conservation Technology Information Center are hosting an international discussion about the potential of conservation agriculture systems and sequestering carbon in contributing significantly to the mitigation of climate change. Experts from around the world will meet in the United States in August 2008 to present data about the potential for carbon sequestration through good agricultural practices, such as no-tillage cropping systems, the methods and models for assessment of agriculture-based carbon credit trading, and techniques and practices for verification. Included will be the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat on carbon finance and how it can assist in enabling GHG agricultural mitigation and carbon sink actions and measures, with particular reference to the Clean Development Mechanism (financial mechanism under the Kyoto Protocol).

The outcome of this meeting will be a clear direction about the steps necessary to assess the potential in existing global carbon offset market and how these can enable agriculture in using no-till and/or conservation agriculture through carbon finance.

To that end, participants will outline what carbon markets already exist, their environmental integrity and what information or capacity building is still required for further participation in these markets by potential participants.

Experts in conservation agriculture, carbon sequestration and carbon offset markets are invited to submit an abstract for consideration. More information at:

[http://www.conservationinformation.org/?action=events\\_events\\_carbonoffsetmtg](http://www.conservationinformation.org/?action=events_events_carbonoffsetmtg) or write to Theodor Friedrich at [Theodor.Friedrich@fao.org](mailto:Theodor.Friedrich@fao.org)

### October 28-29, 2008

**Carbon Capture & Storage**, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

### 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](mailto:baibibo@hotmail.com)

### November 4-8, 2008

#### **International Conference for Peanut Genomics and Biotechnology**

In collaboration with the American Peanut Council, the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) is organizing the third international meeting of the Peanut Genomics Initiative on Advances in *Arachis* through Genomics and Biotechnology (AAGB-2008). AAGB-2008 will be held from 4 to 8 November 2008 at ICRISAT Headquarters, Hyderabad, India. The conference will deal with the following themes: Genetic Resources, Allelic Diversity, Germplasm Enhancement, Genomic Resources, Comparative Genomics, Gene Discovery, Biotic and Abiotic Stresses, and Product Quality and Safety.

For further details, visit <http://www.icrisat.org/aagb-2008> / <http://www.peanutbioscience.com/> or contact Rajeev Varshney ([r.k.varshney@cgiar.org](mailto:r.k.varshney@cgiar.org))

### November 5-7, 2008

**5th International Scientific Conference on Sustainable Farming Systems "ECOMIT"** in Piestany, Slovakia on November 5-7, 2008. We kindly ask you to register as soon as possible because the number of the participants is limited. Registration fee is Euro 180 after June 2008.

Outstanding key note speakers from all over the world (<http://www.ecomit.vurv.sk/about-the-meeting/committee/>) will present their vision and state of the art in the field of conservation agriculture, organic agriculture in relation to plants and soil, climate change, water efficiency and water

management, mechanical soil management, soil health and soil biodiversity, energy production and energy use.

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**November 5-9, 2008**

**Society of American Foresters Annual Convention** - Forestry in a Climate of Change, Reno, Nevada, USA

**November 7-10, 2008**

On behalf of the [GCC Network for Drylands Research & Development \(NDRD\)](#) I would like to inform you about two upcoming drylands events that may be of interest to you as well as WASWC members.

**Ninth International Conference on Development of Drylands**

Sustainable Development in Drylands – Meeting the Challenge of Global Climate Change

Organizer: The International Dryland Development Commission (IDDC)

Sponsored by: ALRC (Tottori University), ARC-Egypt, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, CAS, DRI, FAO (tbc), ICARDA, ICRISAT, JICA, JIRCAS, UNCCD (tbc), UNESCO (tbc) & UNU

7-10 November 2008, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt

Further information can be found on either NDRD or ICARDA websites

<http://www.ndrd.org/html/conferences.html>

[http://www.icarda.cgiar.org/Announcement/2008/9th-IDDC/9th-IDDC\\_FirstAnn.htm](http://www.icarda.cgiar.org/Announcement/2008/9th-IDDC/9th-IDDC_FirstAnn.htm)

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**November 8, 2008**

**Development Studies Association Annual Conference**, Westminster, London

**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](http://www.scc2008.uchile.cl)



## **November 10-14, 2008**

### **Second International Forum on Water and Food**

The Challenge Program on Water and Food (CPWF) is hosting the Second International Forum on Water and Food, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from November 10-14, 2008. The Forum comes at an exciting time as the CPWF picks up pace and refines itself to best meet Program goals.

One of the major objectives of the Forum is to highlight the new knowledge generated during the first phase of the CPWF by our community of practice.

In addition to Keynotes from high profile scientists and policymakers, the Forum program will include presentations from selected CPWF projects and concurrent sessions on Science and Impact. Attendees can also expect a packed agenda of presentations in parallel sessions on CPWF project results from our nine benchmark basins.

Specific sessions that explore the impact of our research on livelihoods will add some powerful commentary to the severe water and food challenges confronting our world today.

More info: <http://www.waterandfood.org/> and further contact: [CPWF-Secretariat@cgiar.org](mailto:CPWF-Secretariat@cgiar.org)

## **November 16-19, 2008**

### **The 3rd International Conference on Water Resources and Arid Environments 2008 and the First Arab Water Forum**

**from 16 to 19 November 2008 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**

Further information can be downloaded:

<http://www.ndrd.org/1stCallFinalEnglish.pdf>

If you have any further questions please contact me: [andy@ndrd.org](mailto:andy@ndrd.org)

Please keep up the good work :- ) and with best regards from Hamburg,

Andy, Founder President of GCC Network for Drylands Research and Development (NDRD)

[www.ndrd.org](http://www.ndrd.org)

## **November 17-20, 2008**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> announcement of the **FORTROP II International Conference**, 17-20 November 2008, Kasetsart University, Bangkok, for your information.

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## **November 20-22, 2008**

### **World Biodiversity Congress**

Recognizing the importance of biological diversity, the first World Biodiversity Congress will be held on November 20-22, 2008 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The 4-day event organized by the Century Foundation (India) will provide a forum for formulating and reviewing policies and programs that will result to more productive and sustainable biodiversity utilization and conservation.

Among the topics in the technical sessions include: environmental biotechnology, biodiversity information management, management of land resources, and combating desertification. More information is available at

<http://www.upm.edu.my/WCB2008Thailand.pdf>

## **December 1-5, 2008**

### **International EcoHealth Forum 2008: 2nd Biennial Conference of the International Association for Ecology & Health, Merida, Mexico**

Hosted by the National Institute of Public Health (INSP) of México, this conference will focus on renewing and establishing networks to further the capacity of participants to promote healthy ecosystems and, in turn, healthy people. Conference participants – researchers, policy-makers and practitioners – will learn how project outcomes have been used by other policy-makers, stakeholders and community representatives to effect improvements in ecosystem management, disease prevention and environmental protection. Experiences with research and practice, including methodological gaps as well as opportunities for intervention and policy development will be presented. Conference delegates are invited to plan now to contribute with paper, video, other media, and oral presentations to the development of new approaches and ideas in EcoHealth by being active participants in IEF 2008.

For more information see <http://www.insp.mx/ecohealth2008/index.php>.

**December 1-12, 2008**

**United Nations Climate Change Conference**, Poznan, Poland

**December 2-4, 2008**

International symposium on regulatory and safety issues in the commercialization of biotechnology research in the developing world. Location: Dhaka, Bangladesh

**December 3-4, 2008**

**Corporate Water Footprinting**, San Francisco, USA

**December 4-6, 2008**

The New Water Culture Foundation (FNCA) will have its general conference in Vitoria-Gasteiz (Spain): CONGRESSO IBÉRICO SOBRE GESTÃO E PLANEAMENTO DA ÁGUA - LOS NUEVOS PLANES DE GESTIÓN DE CUENCA. UNA OPORTUNIDAD PARA LA RECUPERACIÓN DE LOS CICLOS DEL AGUA

Location: Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain; Languages: Spanish and Portuguese

Please check: <http://www.unizar.es/fnca/agenda/081204vitoria.pdf>

João Pedroso de Lima [plima@dec.uc.pt](mailto:plima@dec.uc.pt)

**December 11-12, 2008**

This is information of **II International Meeting in Soil Enzymology "Recycling Organic Wastes in Environmental Restoration and Climatic Change"** that the Spanish Group of Soil Enzymology are organizing in Burgos (Spain) next 11-12 December 2008. More information about the event could be obtained from our web page: [http://www.ubucomp.com/actividad/congreso/index\\_i.htm](http://www.ubucomp.com/actividad/congreso/index_i.htm)

We will be pleased if you inform to the members of WASWC about it.

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**December 9-12, 2008**

**Second International Symposium on Papaya**

The International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS) in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is organizing the Second International Symposium on Papaya to be held at Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India on 9-12 December, 2008. The theme of the symposium 'Papayas for Nutritional Security' addresses the need for cultivating papaya from traditional small holdings to commercial orchards to alleviate the problem of malnutrition especially Vitamin A deficiency in many developing countries.

For further information, contact Dr.N.Kumar at [kumarhort@yahoo.com](mailto:kumarhort@yahoo.com)

or visit <http://www.ishs-papaya2008.com/Home%20page.html>

**December 9-12, 2008**

**Global Potato Conference 2008**

Potato is the fourth most important food crop after rice, wheat and maize. Realizing the potential of potato as the future food crop to feed the burgeoning global population, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) designated 2008 as "International Year of Potato ( IYP )". To celebrate the event, "Global Potato Conference 2008" will be held at NASC Complex, New Delhi, India from December 9-12, 2008. The theme of the Conference is "Opportunities and Challenges in the New Millennium". This Conference is jointly organized by the Indian Potato Association (IPA), Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI), Shimla and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi. Obtain more information about the GPC 2008 at

<http://www.gpc2008.in>. For registration inquiries, contact Dr JS Minhas at [minhasjs@excite.com](mailto:minhasjs@excite.com)

**December 10-12, 2008**

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

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

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### December 10-14, 2008

#### International Soybean Conference in India

The International Soybean Processing and Utilization Conference will be held at the Soybean Processing and Utilization Centre, Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering (CIAE) at Bhopal, India on December 10-14, 2008. Bhopal is regarded as the Soybean State of India. The conference will focus on the emerging technologies in soybean processing and utilization as food for nutritional enhancement and health promotion. For additional details email Dr. S.D. Kulkarni of CIAE at [sdk@ciae.res.in](mailto:sdk@ciae.res.in) or [ispuc.v@gmail.com](mailto:ispuc.v@gmail.com).

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

[http://www.fxbrowne.com/html/newsletters/July\\_2008/news\\_jul08.htm](http://www.fxbrowne.com/html/newsletters/July_2008/news_jul08.htm)

[EPA Watershed Webcasts](#)

[EPA Stormwater Webcasts](#)

[PA Dirt and Gravel Road ESM Workshops](#)

[Pennsylvania River Sojourns](#)

[West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Symposium](#)

[EPA Water Quality Standards Academy Course](#)

[PA Watershed Management Workshop for Teachers](#)

[2008 Recycling and Composting Conference](#)

[NJ Clearwater Festival](#)

[NJ Wetlands Manual Training Workshop](#)

[TMDL Development and Implementation Seminar](#)

[National Nonpoint Source \(NPS\) Monitoring Workshop](#)

[Wetlands 2008 National Conference](#)

[PA Noxious, Invasive Weed Management Course](#)

[York County Watershed Weekend](#)

[WEFTEC.08 Conference](#)

### December 14-17, 2008

The second international conference at the **Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Sede Boqer Campus on

#### *Drylands, Deserts and Desertification*

December 14-17, 2008

An international conference Co-sponsored by UNESCO, and Israel's Ministry for Foreign Affairs. See <http://cmsprod.bgu.ac.il/Eng/Units/bidr/desertification2008/default.htm> details:

Please send the filled registration form to: [desertification@bgu.ac.il](mailto:desertification@bgu.ac.il)

#### Themes

##### A. Soil and Vegetation

- Climate change and soil fertility
- Monitoring and indicators of soil states
- Political ecology and indirect drivers of soil erosion
- Agricultural practices and soil degradation
- Water management and soil health
- Soil biodiversity in drylands
- Case studies in soil restoration
- Vegetation and sustainable grazing in drylands
- Drought and salt-resistant crops in dryland agriculture
- Management of vegetative systems in drylands
- Dryland afforestation
- Agroforestry in dryland systems
- Case studies involving restoration of degraded vegetative systems
- Monitoring of vegetation states

- Monitoring soil and vegetation degradation by remote sensing
- Global change and vegetative-system diversity and productivity
- Political ecology and indirect drivers of vegetation degradation
- Biodiversity and conservation in the drylands

#### B. Partnerships and Models for Sustainable Dryland Development

- Using traditional land management practices to address desertification
- Strategies for adaptation to climatic change in the drylands
- Urbanization's role in a sustainable dryland development strategy
- Strengthening community-driven development—the role of appropriate science and technology
- Lessons learned about international aid's role in promoting national and local dryland development policies
- Escaping “poverty traps”—programs which have helped individuals and households extract themselves through economic development in the drylands
- Livelihood diversification—models and examples for expanding the economic robustness of dryland communities
- Contingency planning for food security in drylands
- Culturing desertification: integrating environmental conservation and gender in non-western countries

#### C. Planning and Architecture as Tools for Sustainable Development

- Urbanization's role in sustainable dryland development strategies
- Urban microclimate in arid environments: conditions and design strategies
- Sustainable architectural design and low-energy communities in desert locations
- Building materials in arid regions: environmental and economic life-cycle analysis
- Indoor environmental quality in dust-rich environments—public health and physical planning
- Legislation, standards and policies for implementing sustainable planning and design in arid environments
- Public open spaces in dryland cities—existing standards and future needs, density issues, appropriate planning, water usage

#### Submission Instructions

Outlines of papers (1 page long) should be submitted to: [papers@bgu.ac.il](mailto:papers@bgu.ac.il)

The review process will be ongoing. Final date for submissions is September 1, 2008.

Authors who have submitted paper proposals by September 1 will be notified of decisions regarding the acceptance of their papers by **October 1, 2008**.

## **MEETINGS 2009++**

### **January-November 2009**

#### **Darwin 200 Symposia**

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

### **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

[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**

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](mailto:attachai@chiangmai.ac.th) and [attachaij@gmail.com](mailto:attachaij@gmail.com).

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

See also the 2008 International SWAT conference in October 2008 in Beijing, China: [2008 SWAT Conference English Web site](#)

**February 4-7, 2009**

**IV WORLD CONGRESS ON CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE: SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT**

I am happy to inform you that the 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Conservation Agriculture will be held on 4-7 February 2009 in New Delhi. More information about the Congress is placed at the website [www.wccagri.ernet.in](http://www.wccagri.ernet.in) and [www.icar.org.in/wccagri/index.html](http://www.icar.org.in/wccagri/index.html)

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to please attend the Congress and contribute papers in any of the themes.

I shall be grateful if the announcement is given wide publicity among your professional staff for contribution and active participation in the Congress.

PK Joshi, Organizing Secretary  
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**February 9-12, 2009**

**Conference of the International Erosion Control Association: Environmental Connection 09**, Reno-Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nevada, USA.

Abstract deadline: June 6, 2008

Acceptance for poster presentation: June 30, 2008

Contact: Kate at [kate@ieca.org](mailto:kate@ieca.org). For more hotel and travel information visit our web site [www.ieca.org](http://www.ieca.org).

**February 9-12, 2009**

**International Congress: Global Warming, Biodiversity of Insects: Management and Conservation,**



Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, India. **Contact:** Dr K. Murugan, **t:** 91 422 2422 222 Ext: 483, **f:** 91 422 2422 387, **e:** [kmvkv@yahoo.com](mailto:kmvkv@yahoo.com) | [More...](#)

## February 23, 2009

International Conference on Implementing Environmental Water Allocations Port Elizabeth South Africa

## March 8-14, 2009

**CONFERENCE ON LAND DEGRADATION IN DRY ENVIRONMENTS, 8-14 March 2009**

**SPECIAL: There is NO registration fee for this conference; the Kuwait University takes care of it. All participants are, however, responsible for international travel and accommodation costs.**

"Dr Jasem M A Al-Awadhi" [jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw](mailto:jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw)

Message contains attachments

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Kuwait University is pleased to invite you to attend the **Conference on Land Degradation in Dry Environments** to be held in Kuwait.

The **theme** of the Conference is **"Land Conservation, Climate Change and Environmental Practices"**.

For more information kindly see our website: [cldde.kuniv.edu](http://cldde.kuniv.edu)

Tentative program:

March 8-10, 2009: Conference

March 11, 2009: Field trip to Sabah Al-Ahmed Natural Reserve

March 12-14, 2009: Post-conference field trip to United Arab Emirates (with a fee, to be announced)

Deadline for receiving abstracts: February 15, 2009

Abstracts should be limited to one A/4 pages, written in Times New Roman (TNR) 12, 1.5 spacing with margins of 2.5 cm. Please not include tables, figures and photos in the abstract! The heading to be adjusted left as follows:

- Title in TNR 14, bold; Blank line;
- Author(s) name(s) in TNR 12, Normal, including telephone and fax numbers and e-mail of the first author;
- Two blank lines before text.
- After the text of the abstract leave one blank line
- Suggest a conference topic for your abstract

Those participants, whose abstract is accepted will be invited to submit a paper or extended abstract limited to ten A/4 pages.

Abstracts/ papers should be sent to the following e-mail address: [cldde2009@gmail.com](mailto:cldde2009@gmail.com)

If you have any questions, please email Mrs Meena at: [cldde@gmail.com](mailto:cldde@gmail.com)

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Kuwait.

Dr. Jasem Al-Awadhi ([jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw](mailto:jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw))

## March 16-22, 2009

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

## March 22-25, 2009

**World Potato Congress 2009**

The 7th World Potato Congress will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand on 22 - 25 March 2009, and will be hosted by the Potato Product Group of Horticulture New Zealand. The theme of the Congress is "Nourishing Our Future" with the tagline "Potatoes: sustainable, nutritious, delicious." WPC 2009 will bring together representatives

of the potato industry from around the world to share information, research and knowledge on all aspects of the potato industry.

For complete details and to register for the Congress and Partners Program, visit <http://www.wpcnz.org.nz/>

### June 15-19, 2009

**18<sup>th</sup> Triennial ISTRO Conference**, see details in an earlier issue of HOT NEWS or click [www.istro2009.ege.edu.tr](http://www.istro2009.ege.edu.tr).

### July 12-19, 2009

#### **INVITATION TO A CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE IN 2009**

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

We extend an invitation letter to you and your colleagues to join this vital conference which shall be held in Uganda by 2009, July 12-19<sup>th</sup>. The conference will take place at Munyonyo Hotel. From the 12-19 July 2009.

Contact conference secretariat on 0772-909831, 0752-354252

Email: [bepauganda\\_2004@yahoo.com](mailto:bepauganda_2004@yahoo.com) / [conferencesecretariat39@gmail.com](mailto:conferencesecretariat39@gmail.com) [secretariat@icccu2009.org](mailto:secretariat@icccu2009.org)

David Tenywa Kasiiba, Chief Coordinator

See details in a previous issue of HOT NEWS or contact the organizers.

### November 2009

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

### August 1-6, 2010

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

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

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

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

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



Roger Swift  
President  
International Union of Soil Sciences



Neal Menzies  
Vice-President  
International Union of Soil Sciences



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

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

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

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



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



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

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**3-2. Organization subscription (OS):** is the same as the **Organization membership** but the organization wants to limit its involvement only as a **subscriber**.

**3-3. Organization cooperation (OC):** is the same as the **Organization membership** but the organization wants to limit its involvement only as a **cooperator**, without paying a fee. Any organization can be a cooperator for 1-2 years before deciding to join as OM or OS if desired.

**4. Gift membership:** US\$5/yr worldwide, to be purchased by anyone to give to colleagues, friends, students, etc.

The multi-language membership application form is available from <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/appli-form.html>.



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