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



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Let's Celebrate the Dark!

An international environmental event is being held to raise awareness about energy usage and waste. [Earth Hour](#) will take place at **8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28**. To participate, just turn off all nonessential lighting at the designated time and find out how easy it is to save energy.

From F. X. Browne Inc. Newsletter for March 2009

Editor's Note: WASWC vs. WASWAC, which one do you prefer?

In the second half of last year we could succeed in formulating the Guidelines for Successful Meetings and at the same time had initiated the LANDCON series of meetings that WASWC helps coordinate in order to make technical meetings that take place in various parts of the world conducted with some standards, to achieve reasonable results as stated in their objectives. So far there have been eight meetings that have joined the LANDCON series for this year and four for the next year. There is some hope that, after some time both conference 'organizers' and 'goers' will become familiar with the way we put in the Guidelines (10-point recommendation, <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>), thus will help raise the quality of results from these meetings. Organizers who have joined, though, are urged to improve their performance to make their events better and to conform to the existing recommendation in the future meetings.

Now I would like to ask for your help once again.

In 2003 I raised an issue to ask worldwide members, i.e. whether our association should be called WASWC, WASWAC or WASAWAC. There was a healthy deliberation about it. Some 25 people had at last given a vote that showed the majority of them preferred to 'see' the name of our association as originally written and about half of the voters said they would like the name of the organization to be pronounced WAS-WAC. Anyhow, we made a reservation that we would explore the chance to repeat such deliberation again in the future.

I would like to mention that, as an organization that has been trying to promote the management and care of the world's land resources, we need to make our own name easy to pronounce and remember which will make its proliferation go unimpeded. It happened that, at the time of establishing the association the latter progressed

slowly up and then down, and no one had much concern about the name. Now, as an association that has over 10,000 worldwide readers of our publication each month, we have a good chance to expand our sphere of knowledge dissemination to enable our Mission accomplished faster or at least to effectively decelerate the degradation processes, which is necessary especially in this time that we have to cope with many problems and the threats to make our soil degrade have become more in numbers and higher in intensity.

Now after 5 years have passed, I would like to return to ask all our members what abbreviated 'written' name of our association you would like to use, WASWC (cannot pronounce it from seeing alone) or WASWAC (to pronounce WAS-WAC)? Pls let us know any time up to 2-3 weeks and we will conclude to get a practical and acceptable name to use. As we have only two names to choose from, it won't take too long to conclude. Even if you have got a new name for our association, you are most welcome to share it with us.

I admit that I find it difficult when talking/discussing about our association with some others, as we cannot pronounce it properly from how it is written. A change to a something readable name will help a lot in making the conversation smooth and hence productive. I also admit using the name WASWAC as an alternative to WASWC may not be the best ever, but from our deliberation with many of us, some bright idea may come up and we can choose to use. Members in our association take a liberal view in handling all these things so that we could work to get the 'end' accomplished beautifully.

I thank you all for your kind help.

Samran Sombatpanit

Past President and Coordinator General

Re: Results from WASWC-WASWAC-WASAWAC discussion

December 16, 2003

Dear All,

After one week of discussion we have got the results whether we should change the way we call our Association in both writing and pronouncing. We have gathered opinions from our officers and got relatively good outcomes.

Writing: Out of 25 voices, there are a big majority who do not want to change the name in writing (16 or more), i.e. they want to retain the name of WASWC, mainly because it has been well known already after 20 years of its existence. Other entries are WASWAC (5) and WASAWAC (1).

Pronouncing: On the other hand, there are about half of the voices that prefer calling it WAS-WAC when in conversation (12 or 13). Other entries are WASWC (8), WAS (1), WASC (1), WASK (1) and WA-SA-WAC (1).

The possible conclusions are as follows:

WRITING: There is no doubt about it. The big majority of the opinions to retain **WASWC** in writing indicates we have to do so, and should not write in any other way. The **WASWC** acronym is here to stay.

PRONOUNCING: Having got about half of the voices means calling **WAS-WAC** is favored by several of us – but we can't say yet that this is *the* standard way of calling our Association, as it has become so due to the matter of convenience, not directly from the writing such as the acronyms UNEP, UNESCO or SIDA. So one may call it in any way that one likes and thinks her/ his conversation partners can understand, or one may call it in full as **World Association of Soil and Water Conservation**, or in short as **World Association**, or just **Association**. In our organization the right of expression for every individual is well-protected. But I assure you that, when you engage yourself in any discussion you are always looking for a concise expression, in order not to lose the stamina created during such action. In such situation this **WAS-WAC** way of calling might be a good choice when comparing with others.

I am leaving this issue at this point and let's see what will be after 1 year, 2 years, 5 years, 10 years, and so on. I thank you all for this discussion and wish you a very nice weekend,

With kind regards,

Samran

HOT MEETING

Editor: Following is the annual conference of the Philippine Society of Soil Science and Technology, which will take place in Mindanao Island in May. As our Organization member the PSSST would like to welcome WASWC members who wish to attend the conference and make acquaintance with Filipino scientists for future interactions. Though the time is rather late but you may still submit your abstract/paper that falls in line with the conference theme. **As a friendly gesture to WASWC the organizers have agreed to charge the registration fee to WASWC members of other nationalities the same as for Filipinos, i.e. approx. US\$100 for the 4-day event, with hotel accommodation, meals and snacks during the meeting included.** I therefore encourage our members to attend this conference if you have a chance. This is exactly our policy of connecting people to help each other in managing and caring for the world's natural resources. Apart from the technical side, Mindanao Island is a beautiful and productive land mass of the Philippines. Once you get there you will enjoy its nice scenery and unique culture and the trip will be memorable for a long time. You may contact bswm@pworld.net.ph or asis_tony@yahoo.com for further information.

May 19-22, 2009

Conference on “Enhancing Soil Productivity and Environmental Quality”, organized by the PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF SOIL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INC. (PSSST) <http://www.p3st.org>, Davao City, Mindanao Island, The Philippines

The scientific gathering of the country's foremost soil scientists, soil researchers, and soil practitioners provides an avenue for exchange of scientific ideas. It also mirrors the state of soil science research, development, extension, and policy support in the Philippines. The 12th PSSST Annual Meeting and Scientific Conference is being organized to meet the challenges in enhancing soil productivity and environmental quality. This will give the participants from the academe, government, and private sectors an opportunity to interact and share research outputs and experiences. This will also enable them to upgrade their technical expertise, renew personal acquaintances, and meet new friends of the same scientific interests.



CALL FOR ORAL AND POSTER PAPERS

- Everybody is invited to submit papers for oral and poster presentations. All papers should be from an original research in Soil Science and Technology.
- The title of the paper should be capitalized. Write the full name of the authors and put asterisks after the name and address of the author who will present the paper.
- Abstracts should not be more than 300 words in Arial font 12 points.
- Full paper should be double spaced and maximum of 20 pages including figures and tables.
- Poster paper should be printed in 67 x 90 cm tarpaulin/illustration board, in portrait orientation. The general text should be readable at two-meter distance while figures (drawings, pictures, graphs, or charts) with proper label and caption should be legible at one-meter distance.
- For undergraduate students and PSSST thesis grantees who will present BS thesis, please submit your manuscript in scientific format (not in thesis format).
- Send the abstract or full paper to the Secretariat preferably thru e-mail at pssst_pro06@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 28, 2009—Deadline for submission of paper abstract for oral presentation
- March 15, 2009—Deadline for submission of paper abstract for poster presentation
- April 1, 2009—Deadline for submission of full paper for oral presentation and confirmation to attend the 12th Annual Meeting and Scientific Conference.

REGISTRATION FEE: PhP 4,500.00 (Approx. US\$100)

For reservation and payment of fees, please contact:

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ABOUT THE VENUE

Eden Nature Park is a beautiful resort nestled at the foot of Mount Talomo (2,650 feet above sea level) in Toril, Davao City. It is 95% human-made and a great model of how humans can recreate nature and rebuild a lost environment. It used to be an over-logged area in the '70s and was covered only by a blanket of wild grass until the Ayalas planted more than 100,000 pine trees spreading all over the 80-hectare area. Today, the place provides a relaxing alternative to the bustling city life with its cool weather and unpolluted air. Amenities and sites include: a Fishing Village, Campsite, Swimming Pool, Basketball Court, Rest Huts, Seminar Village, Amphitheater, Flower Garden, Deer Park, Aviary, Prayer Garden, Mountain Trail, Lola's Garden, Hydroponics Greenhouse, Fruit Tree Orchard, Vista Kiosk, Garden Hall, Cafeteria, Playground, and a Seminar Hall. However, it must be noted that the greatest attraction are the cool air and the view of the City.

Venue: Eden Nature Park, Toril, Davao City, The Philippines

JOBS - POSITIONS

▲ **Job opening at World Resources Institute (WRI)** for more information: <http://www.wri.org/job/10698>

The World Resources Institute (WRI) is seeking a Senior Associate to lead WRI's Forest Initiative and refine and expand its activities. In addition, the position will develop and lead a number of new projects—particularly in the Amazon Basin—that contribute to the success of the Initiative. The ideal candidate for this position is one with expertise in the social and economic dimensions of sustainable forest management, complementing the strong technical expertise (e.g., silviculture, remote sensing) of WRI's existing forest team. The Initiative is currently active in the Congo Basin, Southeast Asia, Russia, and the Amazon Basin.

The position is located at WRI's headquarters in Washington, DC and reports to the Director of the People & Ecosystems Program. The successful candidate will be expected to travel internationally. This is a challenging position that offers a unique opportunity to have a major impact on global environment and development issues.

▲ **IUSS Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General** At the Council Meeting in Brisbane I indicated that, after two terms in office, I would step down as Secretary General in 2010. The President, Roger Swift has established, under the Chairmanship of former President Don Sparks, a Search Committee for a new Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General. Brief outlines of the posts are available at the IUSS website, click <http://www.iuss.org/IUSS%20DG-SDG%20positions.pdf>. Colleagues wishing to be considered for the position or to suggest possible candidates should contact Don Sparks at dlsparks@udel.edu - Stephen Nortcliff, Secretary General. (Source: IUSS Alert 47)

▲ **Soil legacy data officer**, Fund-raising officer, Science coordinator for ISRIC www.isric.nl, Wageningen, The Netherlands. Contact Alfred Hartemink at alfred.hartemink@wur.nl. Deadline: March 5, 2009 or when the positions are filled.

▲ **The Program Coordinator for Asia for Rights and Resources Initiative projects**

Position Description: The Program Coordinator for Asia is responsible for ensuring the smooth and effective implementation of Rights and Resources Initiative projects in the Asia region. The Program Coordinator is also responsible for contributing to the global activities and outreach of the Initiative. These responsibilities require effective and proactive decision-making to ensure that the activities in the Asia region do not deviate from the goals and vision agreed to by the RRI regional team.

The Program Coordinator will proactively manage the implementation of RRI activities within a dynamic environment of shifting priorities, overcoming impediments and solving problems, while maintaining effective communication with Program Directors, and effective teamwork with staff and coalition Partners and Collaborators. The Program Coordinator will fulfill these responsibilities through a broad range of duties, including both technical and administrative tasks.

Qualifications: Candidates will have:

- A strong background in human rights, natural resource management or forestry, policy, rural development, and/or environmental or international law. An advanced degree is required; PhD or equivalent level of study is preferred.
- At least 5 years experience working with projects that deal with rights-based forest conservation, rural development, poverty alleviation, and/or human rights.
- Demonstrated ability to initiate and coordinate projects without intensive supervision.
- Demonstrated fluency in English. Fluency in other relevant languages is desirable.
- Strong writing and analytical skills.
- Ability and confidence to effectively and respectfully facilitate meetings that include a range of diverse participants, from representatives of forest communities to high-ranking government ministers.
- Respect for different cultural perspectives and approaches toward accomplishing shared goals.

Exceptional candidates will have:

- Extensive knowledge and understanding of the technical capacities of civil society organizations in Asia
- Experience with and understanding of the national political contexts in Asia
- Particular experience and understanding of RRI priority countries in Asia: China, Nepal, Lao, and Indonesia
- Strong interest in advancing the rights and improving the livelihoods of rural and forest peoples
- Strong interest in helping to strengthen capabilities of developing country leaders

For more information, please visit: <http://www.rightsandresources.org/pages.php?id=106>

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

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

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

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

Newsletter issue 24(4) for October-December 2008 will soon be posted on our website
<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn>. Translated version in various languages will be soon available.

AWARDS/ PRIZES/ FUNDS



A global competition aimed at projects showing enterprise and innovation at grassroots level

about
the world challenge

Now in its fifth year, World Challenge 09 is a global competition aimed at finding projects or small businesses from around the world that have shown enterprise and innovation at a grass roots level. World Challenge 09 is brought to you by BBC World News and Newsweek, in association with Shell, and is about championing and rewarding projects and business which really make a difference.

BBC World News viewers vote for their favorites and the 3 winning projects share \$40,000 in cash prizes.

Nominations close **May 22, 2009**. <http://www.theworldchallenge.co.uk/index.php>

▲ Call for nominations: **Dokuchaev** and **von Liebig** Award



Two awards are presented by IUSS at each World Congress of Soil Science (WCSS) to recognize outstanding contributions in two specific areas:

- IUSS-Dokuchaev Award for basic research in soil sciences
- IUSS-Liebig Award for applied research in soil sciences

These two awards are differentiated by the type of contribution rendered, not by professional membership grouping. Eligible are members of the International Union of Soil Sciences.

Only one award can be given to one person or group of persons during one year. Further information please contact Winfried Blum at herma.exner@boku.ac.at (Source: IUSS Alert 46)

▲ **Ashoka Global Competition to Improve Rural Communities/Ashoka Competicion Global: Soluciones para Comunidades Rurales** from "Equator Net" nina.kantcheva@undp.org

En español mas abajo

Même si l'annonce de ce concours n'est qu'en anglais et en espagnol, vous pouvez soumettre une candidature en anglais, en espagnol, en français ou en portugais.

Mesmo que o anúncio para esta competição é em Inglês e Espanhol só, você pode apresentar uma candidatura em Inglês, Espanhol, Francês ou Português.

Ashoka's Changemakers Announces Global Competition for Innovations to Improve Rural and Farming Communities

Deadline: **May 13, 2009**

With funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

(<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/>), Ashoka's Changemakers

(<http://www.changemakers.net/>) has launched "Cultivating Innovation: Solutions for Rural Communities," a new collaborative competition designed to find innovative solutions that help to improve the quality of life in rural and farming communities.

The competition is open to all types of organizations (charitable organizations, private companies, or public entities) from all countries. Changemakers will consider all entries that demonstrate system-changing solutions in agriculture and in the lives of rural citizens in sub-Saharan Africa, India, and around the world. Entries must indicate growth beyond the stage of idea, concept, or research. At a minimum, entries should be at the demonstration stage and indicate success. The judges are only able to evaluate programs that are beyond the conceptual stage and have demonstrated a proof of impact, even at small scale. The winners of the competition will be those entries that best demonstrate innovation, social impact, potential for replication, and sustainability.

Entries may be submitted in English, Spanish, French, or Portuguese. Online submissions will be accepted until May 13, 2009. At any time before this deadline, competition participants are encouraged to revise their entries based on questions and comments they receive in the Changemakers community online discussion. A panel of judges will select ten to fifteen finalists, and the Changemakers community will then vote online to select three awardees to each receive a cash prize of \$5,000. In addition, the best entry submitted by the early entry deadline of March 30, 2009, will win a cell phone and digital camera.

Visit the Changemakers Web site for complete competition information.

Bienvenidos al Desafío "Cultivando Innovaciones: Soluciones para comunidades rurales", un concurso colaborativo on line, que busca identificar soluciones innovadoras para mejorar la calidad de vida de las comunidades rurales y agrarias <http://changemakers.net/es/agricultura> .

Este Desafío, desarrollado por Ashoka Changemakers y la Fundación de Bill & Melinda Gates, se encuentra abierto a cualquier tipo de instituciones (organizaciones sin fines de lucro, empresas privadas o entidades públicas) de todo el mundo.

Tienes tiempo hasta el 13 de mayo de 2009 para presentar y compartir aquellas ideas emprendedoras capaces de cambiar sistemas que promuevan un verdadero crecimiento sostenible en las comunidades agrícolas.

Ante cualquier consulta no dejes de comunicarte con nosotros, escribiéndonos a changemakersla@ashoka.org

ORIENTACIONES

Consideraremos aquellas propuestas que:

- reflejen el tema del desafío: "Cultivando Innovaciones: soluciones para comunidades rurales". Las presentaciones deben mostrar soluciones que cambien el sistema de agricultura y las vidas de los ciudadanos rurales.
 - indiquen el crecimiento más allá del estadio de la idea, concepto o investigación. Como mínimo buscamos propuestas que al menos estén en una etapa en la cual puedan demostrar su impacto o éxito. Si bien apoyamos todas a las ideas, sin importar en que etapa estén, los jueces sólo podrán evaluar aquellas propuestas que puedan probar su impacto, incluso en aquellos casos en que este sea pequeño;
 - sean enviadas en inglés, español o portugués y que
 - completen el formulario de presentación y lo envíen antes de la fecha de cierre.
- Durante este tiempo, los participantes podrán revisar y editar sus presentaciones. Tendrán también la oportunidad de sumarse a la discusión on line a fin de compartir reflexiones, brindar más información sobre su

trabajo, y generar colaboraciones con otros colegas, organizaciones sociales y líderes en el sector. Cuanto más temprano puedas ingresar, mayor será la visibilidad e intercambio que podrás generar. Puedes realizar comentarios y hacer sugerencias a las iniciativas presentadas. También puedes recomendar e invitar a participar a otras organizaciones que estén trabajando en esta temática. Por otra parte, una vez que hayas subido tu presentación, podrás encontrar en nuestro Centro de Medios distintas herramientas que te ayudarán a difundirla y compartirla entre tus contactos.

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

▲ ▲ ▲ **Grants and Awards**

Grants and Awards From F. X. Browne Inc. Sustainable Environments Newsletter March 2009

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

[Small Business Energy Efficiency Grant Program](#)

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

[Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program](#)

[2009 Community Conservation Partnership Grant Program \(C2P2\)](#)

[Conservation Easement Assistance Program](#)

[PennVEST Infrastructure Loans/Grants](#)

[Foundation For Pennsylvania Watersheds Grants](#)

[People's Choice Awards for Nonpoint Source and Stormwater PSAs](#)

[NJ Brownfield Redevelopment Area Funding](#)

[EPA CARE Grants](#)

[PA WREN Community Watershed Education Grants](#)

[PA DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Grants](#)

[Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative](#)

FELLOWSHIPS/ SCHOLARSHIPS/ STUDENTSHIPS

▲ Dear Dr. Samran,

I am looking for a post doc to work on my projects (**landslide /mathematical modeling**) in Malaysia. If you have friend or somebody that you know from third world country or developed country and willing to work in Malaysia with the amount of salary given (see attachment) please give their name and e-mail to me or ask them to contact me as soon as possible. The candidate must have been awarded a Ph.D. degree (for less than 5 years) with some research experience. Attached is the information about the post-doc post. Habibah habibah@usm.my

POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Established as the second University in the country, Universiti Sains Malaysia is located at Minden approximately 9.7 kilometers from the city of Georgetown, Penang. The University which is based on the School System offers courses ranging from the Liberal Arts, Basic Sciences, Applied Sciences, Engineering, Medical Sciences to Management

The University now invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the post of **Post-Doctoral Research Fellows in Landslide Modeling**

Qualification/Experience

Candidates for the post of Postdoctoral Research Fellow should have been awarded a Ph.D. degree (less than 5 years) with some research experience in the field, especially at University level.

Candidates should have some publication in refereed journals at both national and international level.

Salary Range: Salary is disbursed in the form of honorarium ranging from MYR 43,236 to MYR 82,392 per annum (3 Malaysian Ringit equal approx. US\$1)

Other benefits: Return passage, paid annual leave of 30 days, free medical benefits for fellow in accordance with University Medical Scheme.

Tenure: Selected candidates will be appointed on contract for one year initially and renewable for further periods subject to satisfactory service and mutual consent.

Application: Application form can be downloaded at

<http://www.ips.usm.my/images/download/Application%20Form%20post%20doc.pdf>

Send a full curriculum vitae, three references, copies of degree certificates and academic transcripts (Bachelor, Masters and PhD) and relevant key publications in international journals to Assoc Prof Habibah Lateh, School of Distance Education, Universiti Sains Malaysia, 11800 USM Penang, Malaysia. (email: habibah@usm.my)

▲ [International Fulbright Science and Technology Student Fellowships for Master and Ph.D](#)

▲ [Grants for Computer Science Meetings in African Countries](#), Deadline: 1 April 2009

▲ [Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship??for developing countries](#)

▲ [Master Degree Scholarships in Hydrology and Water Resources, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia](#)

▲ **Graduate scholarships from China Agricultural University, Beijing, China**

Here is Wang Xiaoyan from China Agricultural University. We have just finished the long holiday for Spring Festival and start the new semester this week.

Here is the information about the new round of Graduate student scholarship recruitment in China Agricultural University (CAU). The scholarship is open for applicants to all the graduate programs available in the colleges of CAU! I hope it will be useful for you or your colleagues.

And also, We also welcome the applicant for PhD study in our conservation tillage research center (www.cn-ct.net), College of Engineering. We are working on agricultural engineering, agricultural mechanization, and especially conservation tillage, no tillage, reduced tillage technology and its impact on soil and environment. If there is some students interested in these areas, please contact with me directly.

If the applicants are interested in other areas in CAU, please contact with the corresponding professor first or Contact with me. I and the international office will try my best to help setting up link between the applicant and CAU professors.

Here attached is the application package to share with you. Please pass the information to those people interested in, please read the attachments. If someone is interested in, this is really a good chance to apply.

The University has set up a special committee to do the review or screening of the applicants. The competition will be quite strong. The application deadline is May 20th, 2009 for the academic year starting from September, 2009. Please be sure to mail your application to International Office at soon as possible. And also it will be helpful for a successful application If you can contact some advisors or departments first.

We have three types of scholarships as in the attachment "Scholarships.doc". Among them, The **Special Graduate Student Scholarships for International Students (Supported by Chinese Government Scholarship Program)** (see "Graduate Student Scholarships for International Students.doc") will cover:

1. Up to **25 scholarship students** will be accepted to China Agricultural University for the 2009-2010 academic year (normally the academic year in China starts from September).
2. The Graduate Student scholarships only support the students who apply to be fully registered as graduate students (Master or Doctoral students) in CAU.
3. The Graduate Student scholarships only support the students who are currently not enrolled in the same level of Graduate programs.
4. Details of the scholarship (Subject to the policies of CSC Full Scholarship):
 - Waive of registration fee, tuition fee, fee for laboratory experiment, fee for internship, fee for basic learning materials and accommodation;
 - Living allowance is offered: CNY 1,700 per month for Master Degree students, CNY 2000 per month for doctoral students;
 - Fee for outpatient medical service and Comprehensive Medical Insurance of Foreign Students in China. The

outpatient expense generated in the CAU's hospital or the hospitals appointed by CAU. The students should afford a certain percentage of the expense in accordance with CAU's relevant regulations.

- One-off settlement subsidy: CNY 1,500 per person after registration. International travel expenses not included.

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[Scholarships.doc \(34KB\)](#), [Admission to Graduate Programs of China Agricultural University 2009.doc \(36KB\)](#), [Application Form for Beijing Government Scholarship.doc \(557KB\)](#), [APPLICATION FORM FOR CHINESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP.pdf \(185KB\)](#), [Application Form for Foreigner Wishing to Study in CAU.doc \(119KB\)](#), [Application procedures for internaitoinal students and scholars.doc \(38KB\)](#), [Catalog of graduate Programs for International Students.doc \(62KB\)](#), [FOREIGNER PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM.pdf \(137KB\)](#), [Graduate Student Scholarships for International Students.doc \(58KB\)](#), [Master-Degree and Doctoral Programs of China Agricultural University.doc \(45KB\)](#)

▲ Chevening Scholarship Application

The scheme aims to help young professionals prepare for a role in national and regional policy development and decision-making to resolve biodiversity-related challenges. Over a period of one year, and with support from the Centre's staff, they will:

- Review and analyse available information on the status of biodiversity and its conservation and sustainable use, focusing on particular species, ecosystems or conservation approaches
- Develop reports, tools and/or other outputs relevant to the identified area of work with specific recommendations for their implementation and use by policymakers and practitioners

Successful candidates work alongside UNEP-WCMC staff, helping to enhance the Centre's knowledge base on biodiversity and its conservation, and supporting preparation of information products and services to decision makers ranging from UNEP to the private sector, and from governments to the international environmental agreements.

All studies will be based in Cambridge and there will be no opportunities for fieldwork. The Centre does not award formal qualifications and the scheme is not intended for those seeking higher degrees.

Subject areas:

In order to maximise opportunities for building experience, candidates are particularly sought to work on the following areas of the Centre's activities:

- **Policy-relevant research on climate change and biodiversity issues**, including: the impacts of mitigation policy on biodiversity (reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, biofuels); developing adaptation plans for biodiversity in developing countries; relationships between biodiversity and carbon storage.
- **Enhancing the World Database on Protected Areas**, including: review of information on particular countries and regions; analysis and assessment of particular protected area related issues; gap analysis; impacts on local peoples; and protected area management effectiveness.
- **Delivering indicators for assessing progress in achieving the 2010 global biodiversity target**, including: helping to develop and test global and regional indicators; reviewing links between indicators and assessing their relevance to policy; and clarifying links between global indicators and national datasets.
- **Providing information services related to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species**, including: analysis of information for particular taxa and/or regions.
- **Research, synthesis, analysis and mapping of marine and coastal biodiversity issues** including: sustainable use of marine and coastal goods and services; responses to current and emerging issues such as climate change, assessment of the marine environment, high/deep-seas issues, and the 2012 MPA target.
- **Biodiversity informatics**, especially geospatial aspects, web mapping, service oriented architectures, distributed metadata catalogues, distributed modelling and data management tools, also development of standards compliant web mapping services and transactional web feature servers. A minimum of twelve

months software development experience plus ESRI or Open Source GIS knowledge is required for this area of work.

Candidates may propose other areas of work based on their own areas of interest and experience provided that this is consistent with the Centre's aims and objectives. A review of the Centre's website (www.unep-wcmc.org) will help to identify relevant areas.

Eligibility

Applications will be considered from candidates from any country other than those in the European Union (except for the 2004 Accession States), North America and Canada. **Priority will be given to candidates from developing countries and countries with economies in transition.**

Successful candidates will be:

- Graduates with proven academic skills.
- Committed to return to their country and contribute to the socio-economic development of their country through implementing new skills and knowledge acquired in the UK.
- Able to show at interview that they possess the personal qualities to benefit from their scholarship and use it to succeed in their chosen career.
- Clear about how their scholarship will benefit their country on their return.
- Able to demonstrate good English Language skills (with an IELTS of 6.5 where applicable).

Funding

Each scholarship is currently worth £9,754 per annum, including all allowances. In addition, one economy class airfare to and from the UK will be paid. The scholarship is currently supported by UK Government's *British Chevening Scholarships Programme*, and The Salters' Company.

How to apply

To apply for the Chevening Scholarship Programme 2009-2010, please visit our website: www.unep-wcmc.org to download an application form. Forms can also be obtained by contacting:

The Chevening Administrator, UNEP-WCMC, 219 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 0DL, United Kingdom
Tel: +44 (0) 1223 277314, Fax: + 44 (0) 1223 277136, Email: chevadmin@unep-wcmc.org

Completed application forms should be returned to the UNEP-WCMC by post or email, together with:

- Your up-to-date CV, including publication list
- A covering letter explaining why you wish to spend a year at the Centre
- Letters from two referees (professional or academic) in support of your application.
- Copies of your qualifications
- Your IELTS result (if applicable).

Further information about the Centre can be found at www.unep-wcmc.org

Closing date for applications: **3rd April 2009.**

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by end of April 2009 for interview

Scholarships begin in the first week of October.

▲ PhD Positions in Environmental Soil Physics in Nordic countries

A group of Nordic researchers has joined forces in a mutual project on the long-term effects of subsoil compaction on important soil functions. The project will run from 2009 to 2012 and includes Aarhus University (AU, Denmark), Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU, Sweden), University of Helsinki (UH, Finland), and Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB, Norway). The climate of the Nordic countries is characterized by wet conditions in the autumn, winter, and spring. Most traffic situations in arable agriculture therefore imply a high risk of soil compaction. It has been shown that the risk/probability of subsoil compaction with commonly used machinery in modern, Nordic agriculture is nearly 100% for spring slurry application and more than 60% in sugar beet harvesting. Soil compaction modifies soil structure and affects a range of important ecological functions. Compaction may induce preferential flow in macropores, which has been shown to facilitate transport of otherwise immobile pollutants such as phosphorus and pesticides to receiving water bodies. Soil compaction is known to reduce soil aeration, hence increasing the risk of emissions of the greenhouse gas N₂O through denitrification at anaerobic sites. There is, however, an urgent need to increase our knowledge of the compaction effects on the extent of these key environmental functions.

The new project will address the above-mentioned soil functions by investigating existing, long-term soil compaction field experiments. We hypothesize that soil compaction:

(a) increases the frequency of preferential flow events in macropores, and therefore increases the leaching of otherwise relatively immobile agrochemicals, and

(b) affects the structure and functioning of subsoil denitrifier communities, which may increase the contribution of subsoil denitrification to the N₂O soil-atmosphere flux.

A total of ~12 senior researchers will share forces in an intensive and coordinated programme of field and lab measurements of soil physical, chemical, and microbial characteristics, N₂O emission, and hydraulic functions.

Three PhD students will be attached to the project and hosted by AU, SLU, and UH universities, respectively. We therefore are looking for strong PhD candidates to work within this international team of researchers. The available positions are:

PhD. position 1: *Soil pore characteristics and its hydraulic properties as affected by traffic-induced compaction and distortion* (Aarhus University, Denmark)

This PhD. study will focus on mechanical stress effects on soil distortion and modification of the soil pore system as quantified by water flow and solute transport processes. The experimental work includes standard physical characterization of compacted and reference soil as well as measurements of near-saturated and saturated hydraulic conductivity, irrigation studies with tracers, and quantification of colloid leaching. Therefore, we wish to employ a PhD. student with a background in soil physics, soil mechanics, soil hydrology, or related fields. More information on this position may be found at www.stair.agrproject.dk or by contacting Per.Schjonning@agrsci.dk. The deadline for application is March 31, 2009, with the position to start as soon as possible thereafter.

PhD. position 2: *Compaction effects on water flow, solute transport and denitrification* (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden)

This PhD. study will focus on compaction effects on pore size distribution, hydraulic properties, and denitrification. The work includes experimental and modeling studies of compaction effects on (i) water and solute transport and (ii) denitrification. Applicants should have a MSc degree or equivalent in Environmental Science, Hydrology, Civil Engineering, or similar subject, with good knowledge of soil physics. The applicant should be able to communicate well in written and spoken English, and modeling and programming skills are also desirable. The deadline of application is April 30, 2009. The position will be announced at www.slu.se. For more information please contact Professor Nicholas Jarvis (Nicholas.Jarvis@mark.slu.se) or Dr. Thomas Keller (Thomas.Keller@mark.slu.se).

PhD. position 3: *Persistence of subsoil compaction – long-term effects of field traffic on soil functioning and greenhouse gas emissions* (University of Helsinki, Finland)

This PhD. study will focus on the persistence of subsoil compaction as quantified by the long-term effects of compaction on soil physical properties, biopores, crop yield, and greenhouse gas emissions. The experimental work includes standard soil physical measurements, determination of greenhouse gas emissions and biopores, irrigation studies with dye, and gas diffusion measurements. The PhD. work can also exploit our developments on soil strain measurement to determine 3D soil displacement during heavy loading. Therefore, we wish to employ a PhD. student with a background in soil physics, soil mechanics, agricultural engineering, or related fields. More info: Professor Laura Alakukku (laura.alakukku@helsinki.fi). The deadline for application is March 31, 2009, with the position to start as soon as possible thereafter.

The new Nordic project has been named “**POSEIDON**” and is organized in a matrix of four national coordinators (Denmark: Per Schjonning, overall project coordinator; Sweden: Thomas Keller; Norway: Trond Børresen; Finland: Laura Alakukku) and two topic coordinators (soil aeration and greenhouse gas: Peter Dörsch; hydraulic conductivity and non-equilibrium water flow: Nick Jarvis). For more information on the project, please contact Per.Schjonning@agrsci.dk.

▲ **Monsanto Offers Scholarships to Canadian Students**

http://www.monsanto.ca/about/news/2009/03_12_09.asp for more information.

▲ **Young Researcher Scholarships**

A total of 10 application packages were received for the four ISTRO Scholarships to attend ISTRO Triennial Conference in Turkey in June this year. The information provided by all of these “young scientists” is very impressive and will make the decision very difficult. Unfortunately, at least three additional potential applicants did not learn about the scholarship opportunities until several weeks after the closing date of December 31, 2009. Regretfully, we could not accept their applications, but if you know any of these individuals, please let them know that these are on-going programs for each of our Triennial meetings and that they should begin thinking now of applying for the 2012 meeting that will be held in Uruguay. (From ISTRO Newsletter, www.istro.org)

COURSES/ TRAINING/ LECTURES

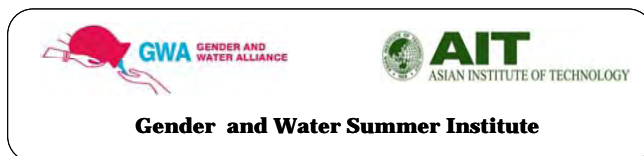
▲ **May 7, 2009**

Earthwatch Lecture – Conserving Biodiversity in the Americas

RGS, London, UK, events@earthwatch.org.uk

http://www.earthwatch.org/europe/get_involved/events08/lecture09-americas/

▲ **May 31 to June 13, 2009**



Course Information for Participants May 31 to June 13, 2009.

Course Title: Gender and Water Summer Institute (GWSI) “Gender Mainstreaming in Water Resource Management: Perspectives, Policies and Practice”

Course Organizers: Gender Water Alliance (GWA), Dieren, The Netherlands and Gender & Development Studies, School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand

Requirements, Application and Request for Subsidy Forms are available for download at:

Gender and Water Alliance website www.genderandwater.org

Or by request at: gender.and.water@gmail.com

As space is limited, this application must be completed by March 31, 2009 to:

Gabrielle Groves, Programme Officer, AIT Asian Institute of Technology
P.O. Box 4, Klong Luang, Pathumthani 12120, Thailand gender.and.water@gmail.com

▲ **July 13-18, 2009**

I'd like to cordially invite all interested people to the Second Summer School "Applied Geoinformatics for Society and Environment (AGSE)" in Stuttgart, Germany.

- HFT Stuttgart / Stuttgart University of Applied Sciences
<http://www.hft-stuttgart.de/PhotogrammetryGeoinformatics>
- Conference Homepage: <http://www.applied-geoinformatics.org>

The overall scope of this conference is to offer an interdisciplinary, international forum for sharing knowledge about the application of Geoinformatics with focus on developing countries.

The content is twofold and participative. There will be professional training and workshops about current topics in the fields of Photogrammetry and Geoinformatics as well as reports (presentations) from the participants about applications and developments in their countries.

Dr. Franz-Josef Behr franz-josef.behr@hft-stuttgart.de

▲ **June 29-July 17, 2009**

3-week course "Participatory GIS – principles and applications" given at ITC in the Netherlands from 29 June until 17 July. This is an advanced module at Master level which will deal with current challenging research.

- Investigating the ontologies of spatial knowledge in cognitive maps, especially local or indigenous knowledge;
- Handling the complex ethical issues of participation in spatial planning through PGIS;
- Designing institutional structures for PGIS in planning to make it institutionally sustainable, yet still close to the community;

- Testing and assessing new technologies including mobile GIS tablet PC, dynamic GIS, multi-media, full-scale displays, virtual reality;
- Using visualisation software & hardware appropriate to the user-specificity and ambiguity in cognitive maps;
- Evaluating the effectiveness of PGIS applications such as in resource claims, NRM, disaster risk management and urban neighbourhood spatial management.

<http://www.itc.nl/education/courses/modules/M08-PGM-105.pdf>

<http://www.itc.nl/education/default.aspx>

▲ The IISD group (International Institute for Sustainable Development) at Colorado State University have a course on community-based mapping. Their website is <http://www.colostate.edu/Orgs/IISD/>

PHOTO COMPETITION

▲ Don't forget to send your good photos concerning soil, water and other natural resources to sombatpanit@yahoo.com to enter competition in WASWC, with 3 books to the 3 winners in 3 months! There is NO deadline.

EXHIBITIONS

▲ Hortiflora Ethiopia is to be held from March 25 to 27 2009 in Addis Abeba.

http://www.floracultureinternational.com/newsletter/fci_news_feb_09.pdf

▲ **WELCOME TO 1st WORLD ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SCIENCE EXPO 2009, Bangkok, Thailand, May 22-25, 2009**

<http://www.waese2009.com/>



○ The out-door and in-door exhibitions showcase cutting edge alternative energy sciences and technology in related fields such as the Bio Solar House, Solar Farm, Wind Farm, Bio Dome, Bio Gas, Waste to Energy, Nuclear Energy, Natural Gas and Alternative Energy Car.

○ Conference features the engineers, their works and demonstrates various technology in alternative energy sciences

○ Business Forum explores the business mechanisms behind the world's burgeoning alternative energy industry. Network with energy businessmen, industrialists, international genius, talent scientists, and researchers.

○ Traditional Thai Wedding ceremony of a hundred couples in the alternative energy theme to support the global warming issue.

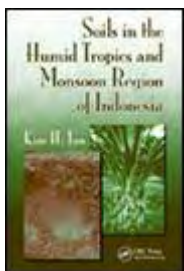
○ Great experience with the Thai Night Green Party

○ **Special Service**

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

NEW INFORMATION SOURCES

BOOKS



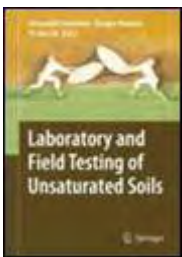
Soils in the Humid Tropics and Monsoon Region of Indonesia, by K.H. Tan. CRC Press, 2008. ISBN 10: 1420069071 Highlighting the vast differences in tropical climate, from hot and humid to cool and arctic, this book explores the climate, soil zones, and altitudinal variation in soil formation. The author explores the changes in geomorphology, especially in climate and vegetation above sea level, that have yielded zones of different soils. The book makes accessible hard-to-find information translated from Dutch archives. Informally divided into two parts, it begins with coverage of the development of soil science in Indonesia. The author reviews the geography and geomorphology of the archipelago, climate, vegetation, and mineralization and humification processes as factors of soil formation. The second part examines

the major soils, their genesis, properties, taxonomy, land use, and evaluation. The discussion moves from lowlands, to uplands, then mountains, and concludes with andosols found in the mountains as well as in the lowlands. Focused and timely, this book knits new knowledge with old but important information that has been previously difficult to access. (Source: IUSS Alert 46)



Hormones and Pharmaceuticals Generated by Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations: Transport in Water and Soil, by Shore, Laurence S.; Pruden, Amy (Eds.) Springer, 2009. ISBN: 978-0-387-92833-3. This book examines how hormones, antibiotics and pharmaceuticals generated from concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) of cattle, poultry, swine and aquaculture are transported in water and soil. Little is known of the environmental fate of the tons of physiologically active steroid hormones released each year. In their own regard, in the last 20 years considerable attention has been given to a wide variety of natural and anthropomorphic agents known as endocrine disrupting compounds (EDCs). Until the contribution of steroid

hormones to the environment are better defined, it will be difficult to quantify the exact impact of EDCs. While some advances in the understanding of the fate of these compounds in water has been made, little is known about the processes that govern their transport in soil or how they eventually reach groundwater. As this book discusses extensively, it is somewhat of a mystery how steroids, with their lipophilic nature, strong binding to humic acids and extensive metabolism by soil bacteria, can be transported through even a few centimeters of soil, let alone 20 to 40 meters to the groundwater. With respect to antibiotics, the emphasis is on their fate and transport in the environment and on the emergence of antibiotic resistant bacteria. Impacts on soil ecology, including the impact of antibiotics on the metabolism of other active agents, is also discussed. (Source: IUSS Alert 46)



Laboratory and Field Testing of Unsaturated Soils, by Tarantino, Alessandro; Romero, Enrique; Cui, Yu-Jun (Eds.) Springer, 2009. ISBN: 978-1-4020-8818-6. This collection focuses on recent advances in laboratory and field testing of unsaturated soils. Leading researchers from fourteen countries to represent global research in the area of experimental unsaturated soil mechanics have been invited to contribute to this book. Twelve reports are presented dealing with measurement and control of suction and water content, mechanical, hydraulic, and geo-environmental testing, microstructure investigation, and applications of unsaturated soil monitoring to engineering behaviour of geo-structures. The main motivation behind this book is the rapid growth of experimental unsaturated soil mechanics over the last couple of decades.

Several innovative laboratory and field techniques have been introduced in mechanical, hydraulic, and geo-environmental testing. However, this information is widely dispersed in journals and conference proceedings and researchers and engineers beginning to work in the field of unsaturated soil mechanics may find it difficult to identify suitable equipment and instrumentation for research or professional purposes. (Source: IUSS Alert 46)



Principles of Soil Conservation and Management, by H. Blanco & R. Lal. Springer, 2008. ISBN: 978-1-4020-8708-0. "Principles of Soil Management and Conservation" comprehensively reviews the state-of-knowledge on soil erosion and management. It discusses in detail soil conservation topics in relation to soil productivity, environment quality, and agronomic production. It addresses the implications of soil erosion with emphasis on global hotspots and synthesizes available from developed and developing countries. It also critically reviews information on no-till management, organic farming, crop residue management for industrial uses, conservation buffers (e.g., grass buffers, agroforestry systems), and the problem of hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico and in other regions. This book uniquely addresses the global issues including carbon sequestration, net emissions of CO₂, and erosion as a sink or source

of C under different scenarios of soil management. It also deliberates the implications of the projected global warming on soil erosion and vice versa. The concern about global food security in relation to soil erosion and strategies for confronting the remaining problems in soil management and conservation are specifically addressed. (Source: IUSS Alert 46)



GlobalSoilMap.net (a new digital soil map of the world) is a new global project that aims to make a new digital soil map of the world using state-of-the-art and emerging technologies for soil mapping and predicting soil properties. It was launched in New York in February. The new digital map will consist of primary functional soil properties at a grid resolution of 90 by 90 m. It will

be freely available, web-accessible and widely distributed. GlobalSoilMap.net was initiated by the IUSS Working Group on Digital Soil Mapping in 2006. The consortium, which is led by ISRIC - World Soil Information (Wageningen, Netherlands), includes the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (Ispra, Italy), the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (Canberra, Australia), the University of Sydney (Sydney, Australia), the Chinese Academy of Sciences (Nanjing, China), the Earth Institute at Columbia University (New York, USA), the US Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (Morgantown, USA), IRD (Montpellier, France), the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (Embrapa, Rio de Janeiro) and CIAT-TSBF (Nairobi, Kenya). For more information visit www.globalsoilmap.net which also has a press release. (Source: IUSS Alert 47)

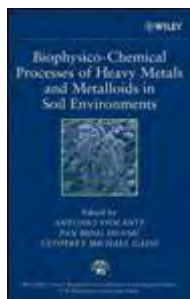


Amazonian Dark Earths: Wim Sombroek's Vision, edited by W.I. Woods, W.G. Teixeira, J. Lehmann, C. Steiner, A. WinklerPrins, and L. Rebellato. Springer, 2009. ISBN 978-1-4020-9030-1. Amazonian soils are almost universally thought of as extremely forbidding. However, it is now clear that complex societies with large, sedentary populations were present for over a millennium before European contact. Associated with these are tracts of anomalously fertile, dark soils termed *terra preta* or black earths. These soils are presently an important agricultural resource within Amazonia and provide a model for developing long-term future sustainability of food production in tropical environments. The late Dutch soil scientist, Wim Sombroek (1934-2003) was instrumental in bringing the significance of these soils to the attention of the world over four decades ago. A free association of international scholars termed the Terra Preta Nova Group came together in 2001 and has been very productive, including this volume. Its introductory comments and 28 chapters written by 73 authors relate the latest findings in landscape history, indigenous practices, soil development, soil chemistry, anthropology, and archaeology, and the implications of those to modern social and land stewardship issues. (Source: IUSS Alert 47)



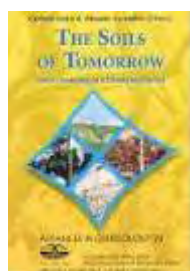
Soil Memory: Soil as a Memory of Biosphere-Geosphere-Anthroposphere Interaction, by V.O. Targulian, S.V. Goryachkin (eds.). Moscow, 2008 692 p. (In Russian with the extended English introduction and summary). The concept of soil memory is one of the promising areas in the development of pedology. Its core is the perception of soils and earth's soil cover, or pedosphere, as particular carriers and accumulators of information on the evolution and interaction of all the Earth spheres. Soil and pedosphere are considered to be a memory of interactions in the biosphere-geosphere-anthroposphere. Basic concept and empiric developments of soil memory (the ability to record factors and processes of pedogenesis in soil solid phase) are elucidated in the special scientific monograph for the first time. The memory of

different models of pedogenesis and its combination with sedimentation is analyzed in application to the natural and anthropogenic environments. Potential information capacity of the main hierarchical levels of soil memory from the level of individual soil particles up to the level of soil cover as well as the problem of polymorphism and isomorphism of memory in respect of environment are discussed. Special chapters are in concern with detail analysis of mineral and biogenic memory carriers, such as sand and silt particles, clay minerals, secondary carbonates, Mn-Fe nodules, cutans, soil porosity, humus, biomorphic particles, etc. You can order and read more about this book by clicking <http://urss.ru/cgi-bin/db.pl?lang=en&blang=ru&page=Book&list=65&id=55805>. (Source: IUSS Alert 47)



Biophysico-Chemical Processes of Heavy Metals and Metalloids in Soil Environments, A. Violante, P.M. Huang, G. M. Gadd (Eds), John Wiley & Sons. 2008. ISBN 978-0-471-73778-0. This volume, which consists of 15 Chapters, is organized into three sections dealing with: (i) Fundamentals on Biotic and Abiotic Interactions of Trace Metals and Metalloids with Soil Components, (ii) Transformations and Dynamics of Metals and Metalloids as Influenced by Soil-Root-Microbe Interactions, and (iii) Speciation, Mobility and Bioavailability of Trace Metals and Metalloids, and Restoration of Contaminated Soils. This book, contributed by a multidisciplinary group of soil and environmental scientists, provides the scientific community with a critical evaluation of the state-of-the-art on the fundamentals of reactions and processes of these elements in soil environments. The book is an important guide to scientists interested in

environmental sciences, soil chemistry and mineralogy, soil biochemistry, soil microbiology, and plant nutrition and physiology for understanding the biophysico-chemical processes of these pollutants in soil environments. The latest advances in spectroscopy to study various aspects of heavy metal and metalloid interactions with soil inorganic and organic components are reviewed. (Source: IUSS Alert 47)



Carmelo Dazzi & Edoardo Costantini **"The Soils of Tomorrow: Soils Changing in a Changing World"** Advances in GeoEcology 39, ISBN 978-3-923381-56-2, US ISBN 1-59326-249-3. 728 pp. 2008. List price 139.00€. Contact info@catena-verlag.com

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▲ **Linking Conservation and Poverty Reduction: Landscapes, People and Power**, by Fisher, R., Jeanrenaud, S., Maginnis, S., Jackson, W., Barrow, E., Ingles, A., Friend, R., Farvar, T., Mehrotra, R., et al., 2008, Earthscan

This book looks at the rationale for addressing the links between conservation and poverty reduction, arguing that such a focus is both ethically essential and a source of opportunities. It emphasizes the importance of multiple scales and negotiating trade-offs between scales and tackles the complex issue of institutional landscapes and the way in which changes at various institutional levels can lead to different and more positive outcomes.

▲ **Book on Environmental Impact of GM Crops**

CAB International has released a new book *Environmental Impact of Genetically Modified Crops* edited by N. Ferry and A. Gatehouse of the University of Newcastle. The book addresses major concerns on environmental impact as well as food safety. It also discusses the future of agricultural biotechnology in the context of sustainability, natural resource management and future global population and food supply.

Details of the book chapters are available at http://www.cabi.org/bk_BookDisplay.asp?PID=2087

PROCEEDINGS

▲ **WWSM13 and Symposium Proceedings**

The Proceedings of the [WOCAT symposium](#) (3 Mb) and of the [13th WOCAT Annual Workshop & Steering Meeting \(WWSM\)](#) (4 Mb) that were both held in Switzerland in October 2008 are now available on the [WOCAT Website](#).

A hard copy of the 13th WWSM proceedings will be sent to all WWSM participants by the WOCAT secretariat in Bern. Or click [Proceedings_WOCAT Symposium_2008.pdf \(3189KB\)](#) (Thanks to Godert and Romy for sending.)

REPORTS



▲ **Addressing soil degradation in EU agriculture: relevant processes, practices and policies**, JRC, 2009. This report presents the findings of a stock-taking of the current situation with respect to soil degradation processes, soil-friendly farming practices and relevant policy measures within an EU-wide perspective. This overview includes the results of the survey on the national/regional implementation of EU policies and national policies, a classification of the described soil degradation processes, soil conservation practices and policy measures, and finally the outcome of the Stakeholder Workshop which took place in 2008. The report can be

freely downloaded http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ESDB_Archive/eusoils_docs/other/EUR23767.pdf. (Source: IUSS Alert 47)

▲ Helga Willer and Lukas Kilcher (Editors) (2009): **The World of Organic Agriculture - Statistics and Emerging Trends** 2009. IFOAM FiBL Report. IFOAM, Bonn, FiBL, Frick and ITC, Geneva. 304 pages. Printed copies (25 Euros + postage) of 'The World of Organic Agriculture' can be ordered from FiBL, IFOAM and ITC at shop.fibl.org, www.ifoam.org and www.intracen.org/eshop/welcome.asp. Electronic copies (20 Euros) are also available there. ISBN IFOAM 978-3-940946-12-6; ISBN ITC 92-9137-364-8; ISBN FiBL 978-3-03736-036-4

▲ **The Role of NTFPs in Poverty Alleviation and Biodiversity Conservation**, by Warner, C., McCall, E., Gardner, S., 2008, IUCN Viet Nam

Aimed at non-timber forest products' practitioners and managers, this publication explores the role that non-timber forest products can play in poverty alleviation and the conservation of biodiversity.

▲ **Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Integrating Ecosystem Conservation and Poverty Reduction Objectives in Wetlands**, Wetlands and Poverty Reduction Project, by Senaratna Sellamuttu, S., de Silva, S., Nguyen Khoa, S., Samarakoon, J., 2008, Wetlands International

This is the policy brief (9 pages) from the WPRP study, which was driven by two objectives: to develop a framework and methodology for assessing the outcomes of conservation-poverty reduction initiatives and to apply it to such initiatives in wetlands to understand conditions and methods that can support the integration or balancing of ecosystem conservation with poverty reduction.

▲ **South Africa's Working for Water Programme: Searching for Win-win Outcomes for People and the Environment**, by Buch, A., Dixon, A.B., 2008, Sustainable Development, Wiley

Drawing upon recent field research undertaken in the Western Cape, this paper explores the realities of people's participation in the government's Working for Water (WfW) programme. It argues that, whilst WfW has produced some positive tangible social development outcomes, these are neither substantial nor sustainable. Of arguably greater significance is a range of hitherto overlooked intangible social development outcomes, which if recognized, supported and integrated more fully into the programme could lead to a more sustainable future for South Africa's people and environment.

▲ **The OECD has just released 'Natural Resources and Pro-Poor Growth: The Economics and Politics'.**

This publication is intended to help decision makers in developing countries:

- Take stock of the contribution that natural resources can make to pro-poor growth;
- Understand the importance of policies that nurture sustainable management of these resources;
- Address the governance challenges associated with natural resources management.

The report is divided into two parts: Part I provides an overview of the economics and politics of natural resources. It describes the unique features of natural resources and resulting management challenges, the role of sustainable natural resource management in supporting pro poor growth, and the politics and governance of natural resources. Part II examines these issues with respect to seven specific natural resource sectors: fisheries, forests, wildlife and ecotourism, soil productivity, water security, minerals and renewable energy.

MANUAL-HANDBOOKS ETC.

▲ **Tools and Publications:** "Green" Management of Stormwater Runoff Key for Long-Term Water Quality. As communities become environmentally conscious and involved, they modify and reach beyond old development-impact reduction methods to more interlinked, efficient and cost-effective strategies at site, neighborhood and regional levels, writes EPA Development, Community, and Environment Division (DCED) Acting Director Lynn Richards in her "Managing Stormwater Runoff: A Green Infrastructure Approach" paper in the Planning Commissioners Journal (Winter 2009), calling decisions "about where and how our towns, cities and regions grow" the first and perhaps the most important for long-term water quality. Resource:

<http://www.smartgrowth.org/news/article.asp?art=6969&state=52>

▲ **Watershed Forestry Resource Guide Website**

The Center for Watershed Protection has launched the Watershed Forestry Resource Guide Website. It provides resources, tools and links related to forests and watersheds <http://www.forestsforwatersheds.org/>

▲ **Simple Energy Saving Solutions**

This guide provided by Mother Earth News gives tips on how to cut energy consumption, lower utility bills, and to utilize renewable energy. [http://www.motherearthnews.com/uploadedFiles/Marketing/ae_HOMEENERGY\(3\).pdf](http://www.motherearthnews.com/uploadedFiles/Marketing/ae_HOMEENERGY(3).pdf)

▲ **Carbon Footprint Calculators**

This website provides multiple carbon footprint calculators. Pick the one that provides information specific to your needs. <http://hes.lbl.gov/hes/carbon-calculators.html>

▲ **Energy Saver Tools**

This website offers multiple tools and resources for improving energy efficiency in your home or business. <http://www.touchstoneenergysavers.com/savertools.php>

▲ **Stormwater Runoff Calculator**

A new website has been set up for a storm water runoff calculator, which can be used as an awareness tool for consideration and design of alternative approaches to storm water management. This calculator can give estimates on how to keep post-development stormwater runoff equal to or less than pre-development stormwater runoff. The "StormUlator's" web site can be found at [http:// www.stormulator.com](http://www.stormulator.com).

BULLETIN-NEWSLETTERS

▲ **Conservation Agriculture – Community of Practice (CA-CoP) CA-CoP Alert No. 2 (10 March 2009)**

1. New Delhi Declaration on Conservation Agriculture, IV WCCA, 6 February 2009

The Fourth World Congress on Conservation Agriculture issued a Declaration at the end of the meeting.

New Delhi Declaration on Conservation Agriculture

2. Fourth World Congress on Conservation Agriculture (IV WCCA)

The Presentations, Abstracts and the Proceedings of the IV WCCA are now available.

IV WCCA Presentation

IV WCCA Abstract

IV WCCA Proceedings

3. Proceedings of the Third World Congress on Conservation Agriculture, 3-7 October 2006, Nairobi, Kenya

Proceedings of the Third World Congress on Conservation Agriculture, 3-7 October 2006, Nairobi, Kenya, have been published. Hard copies can also be obtained from: African Conservation Tillage (ACT), P.O Box 10375, 00100 Nairobi, Kenya. Tel: +254 20 4444252 Fax: +254 20 4451391, www-act-africa.org, info@act-africa.org

4. The Smallholder Conservation Agriculture Promotion (SCAP)

The Smallholder Conservation Agriculture Promotion (SCAP) is a regional project financed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and partly by Agence Française de Développement (AFD). The project was launched recently and is being implemented by the African Conservation Tillage Network (ACT) in collaboration with Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD) & World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF). Project activities are currently in Burkina Faso, Guinea and Niger and are hosted in the 4 IFAD loan projects: PICOFA, PDRD (Burkina Faso), PPILDA (Niger) and PPDR-HG (Guinea). Targeted project areas comprise of arid, semi-arid and humid tropics.

5. Addressing Soil Degradation in EU Agriculture: Relevant Processes, Practices and Policies, 2009

This report presents the findings of a stock-taking of the current situation with respect to soil degradation processes, soil-friendly farming practices and relevant policy measures within an EU-wide perspective. This overview includes the results of the survey on the national/regional implementation of EU policies and national policies, a classification of the described soil degradation processes, soil conservation practices and policy measures, and finally the outcome of the Stakeholder Workshop which took place in 2008. The report can be freely downloaded [here](#).



▲ A new issue of **Pedometron Newsletter** has been published in December. This issue of the newsletter contains exciting information from the first ever joint meeting of the Soil Science Society of America and the Geological Society of America! This was a particularly exciting meeting for those of us in the soil science community who straddle the line between geology and soil science. It also celebrates the life of Roy Simonson, a great soil scientist who passed away in 2008. Additional information includes happenings at the German Society of Soil Science, information on new opportunities to publish, and lists of new books and journal articles that came out recently. I hope everyone finds something of interest in this issue! Any and all submissions for future newsletters are welcomed! These may include short articles, book reviews, and news items. Please send such materials to Eric Brevik at Eric.Brevik@dsu.nodak.edu and may subscribe with him too. (Source: IUSS Alert 47)

▲ PCLG News: Promoting mutual learning on conservation-poverty linkages

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VIDEOS-PHOTOS

▲ ISAAA Video on "Knowledge, Technology and Alleviation of Poverty"

This video produced by the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA) South Asia Office presents the major findings of the Global Status of Commercialized Biotech/GM Crops in 2008 and addresses the growing interest biotech crops have experienced in the past years, including substantial advances in Africa. The video discusses in detail the three questions global society has begun to ask about biotech crops. First, can they contribute to more affordable food? Second, can they help mitigate climate change and contribute to sustainability? And finally, can they contribute to global food security and the alleviation of poverty?

View the video at <http://www.isaaa.org/Resources/videos/gs2008/default.html>. For a copy of the video contact ISAAA South Asia Office at b.choudhary@cgiar.org.

▲ Video Shows Green Practices to Manage Stormwater Runoff

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Botanic Garden produced an online video, "Reduce Runoff: Slow It Down, Spread It Out, Soak It In," that highlights green techniques such as rain gardens, green roofs and rain barrels to help manage stormwater runoff. [View the video](#). [More resources on stormwater management](#). Source: US EPA

LIBRARIES

▲ [Stormwater Library](#) Site has resources for stormwater professionals. [View Site](#). Includes link to a research study conducted by James Scholl of Malcom Pirnie presented at the WEFTEC 2007 conference that looks at the myriad of local stormwater management programs across the country - focusing on major differences in organizational structures, funding sources and the impetus for their development. [View Research Study](#). Sources: Stormwater Library and Environmental Expert.com

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

▲ **Earth Learning Idea** (ELI) was developed as an internet-based support network for teacher trainers and teachers of earth science across the globe, by providing educational resources that will promote interactive teaching and the development of investigational and thinking skills, whilst provoking educational debate - minimizing costs by using voluntary effort and commitment wherever practicable. ELI was established in 2007 as a run-up to the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE) with its primary activity in the 2008 IYPE. By early November their website had over 8500 visits from 115 countries. The response was so encouraging that ELI will continue the project into 2009. See the Earth Learning Idea website at www.earthlearningidea.com (Source: IUSS Alert 47)



▲ **What is a soil** (in French): We are pleased to announce that a presentation of the soil research programmes run by the IRD (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement) is now available on-line <http://www.mpl.ird.fr/suds-en-ligne/sols/index.html>. It is part of a series of thematic presentations entitled "Suds en ligne", devoted to the IRD's research programmes. This presentation has been awarded the "International Year of Planet Earth" label, in recognition of the scientific value of the soil studies undertaken by IRD towards the sustainable development of our planet. (Source: IUSS Alert 47)



▲ **Wetlands and Poverty Reduction Project (WPRP)**: The Wetlands and Poverty Reduction Project was completed at the end of the year 2008. The lessons learned from this project will be incorporated into the upcoming new Wetlands and Livelihoods Project, funded by DGIS for 2009 and 2010. In this project Wetlands International will build further on the achievements of WPRP, the successful partnerships and field demonstrations of innovative approaches. Next to a continued emphasis on the linkage between sustainable managed wetlands and people's livelihoods, there will be a focus on health issues and on stimulating partners to engage with the private sector.

▲ **India debuts 'agricultural Wikipedia'**

Indian scientists have launched an 'agricultural Wikipedia' to act as an online repository of agricultural information in the country. The website currently contains information on nine crops — rice, wheat, chickpea, pigeon pea, vegetable pea, lychee, sugarcane, groundnut and sorghum — but its creators say that all agriculture-related topics will be eventually covered. [More...](#) Source: [SciDev.net](#)

▲ **FAO to Host E-mail Conference on Biotech**

For other FAO biotech-related activities go to <http://www.fao.org/biotech/>

▲ **International Greek Biotechnology Forum** For further information, visit <http://www.igbf.gr/>

▲ [Africa's Soil Erosion to be Mapped Digitally](#)

To try and stop the growing famines plaguing the African continent, a digital soil-health surveillance system has been launched to help scientists map areas at risk of soil degradation. [Read full story](#). Source: [Digital Journal.com](#)

▲ [Ottawa River will be Cleaner Thanks to Great Lakes Legacy Act](#)

The Ottawa River will soon be much cleaner thanks to an agreement signed recently between U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Ottawa River Group. They agreed to a \$43 million cleanup of contaminated sediment in the river. [Read the full news release](#). Source: US EPA news release

▲ [Vegetation Along India's Coasts Can Reduce Soil Erosion](#)

The construction of a sea wall is not the only solution to avoid tsunamis and sea coast erosion, but taming the sea waves and its sediments also plays a vital role. [Read the full story](#). Source: [The Times of India](#)

▲ [Five Star Mining Fined for Filling in Wetlands Near Petersburg](#)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 has signed a consent agreement and final order with Five Star Mining, Inc. Petersburg, Ind., for filling in about seven acres of forested wetlands at its Prosperity Mine without a permit. [Read full news release](#). Source: US EPA news release

▲ [DEP Grant Funds Largest Green Roof in the State](#)

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) awarded a \$1.4 million Urban BMP Research and Demonstration grant to Escambia County to assist with the construction of a green roof and a pervious pavement parking lot. When complete, the green roof will total 33,160 square feet, the largest in Florida.

[Read the full story](#). Source: [WMBB News](#)

▲ [Big Bucks Protect River Banks From Erosion](#)

A major project is now underway along Queensway to beef up the Skeena River's bank against erosion during high water periods. Approximately 4,000 truck loads of rock will be placed by the time the work is finished. The Kitimat-Stikine regional district received nearly \$1.9 million last year from the federal and provincial governments to do the work. [Read the full story](#). Source: [Terrace Standard.com](#)

▲ [Four New England Developers Pay Fines for Clean Water Violations](#)

Four New England site operators have agreed to pay fines for violations of federal regulations designed to prevent pollution from stormwater runoff at construction and industrial sites. [Read the full news release](#).

Source: US EPA Region 1 news release

▲ [Grants Available to Help Local Communities Deal With Polluted Urban and Agricultural Runoff](#)

Local governments have until April 15 to apply for cost sharing grants to help meet state and federal requirements to control polluted runoff from agricultural and urban areas. [Read the full story](#). Source: [WI Dept. of Natural Resources](#)

▲ [2008 Top 10 Hot Trends in Greenroof Design](#)

Summary of the past year's biggest green roof trends. [View Summary](#). Source: [Greenroofs.com](#)

▲ [Shell to Pay \\$1 Million Penalty, Enhance Pollution Controls for Clean Water Act Violations in Puerto Rico](#)

Shell Chemical Yabucoa, Inc. of Puerto Rico has agreed to pay a \$1,025,000 penalty and spend at least \$273,800 enhancing its pollution controls and monitoring to remedy Clean Water Act violations. [Read the full news release](#). Source: US EPA news release

▲ [Obama Wants \\$475 Million for Great Lakes Protection](#)

In the budget blueprint announced by the White House recently, President Barack Obama proposes \$475 million to begin a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. [Read full story](#). Source: The Michigan Messenger

▲ [CAD-Embedded CFD Solves Erosion Problem](#)

Encore Bits LLC of Marlborough, MA solved a difficult erosion problem in an oilfield drill bit by using FloEFD computational fluid dynamics software (CFD) from Mentor Graphics Mechanical Analysis (formerly Flomerics) to improve flow around the bit. [Read full story](#). Source: Product Design & Development Magazine

▲ Study Shows How Some Beaches Are Receding

The beach east of Culloden Point in Montauk is retreating as fast as 3.8 feet a year, according to research compiled and analyzed since 1995 by Larry Penny and Mark Abramson, of the East Hampton Town (NY) Natural Resources Department, and William Walsh, a land surveyor in Montauk. [Read full story](#). Source: The East Hampton Press

▲ Beach Erosion Moves Coastal Construction Line Landward

Across coastal areas in Florida, the CCCL is being reestablished to protect \$150 billion worth of property along the beaches, as well as marine habitats. [Read full story](#). Source: The Walton Sun

▲ Erosion Rates Double Along Portion Of Alaska's Coast

Coastal erosion has more than doubled in Alaska - up to 45 feet per year - in a 5-year period between 2002 and 2007 along a 40-mile stretch of the Beaufort Sea. [Read full story](#). Source: Geology.com

▲ Kids Learn Soil Erosion in MN

Thanks to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), students get a firsthand look at how different soil coverage can have a dramatic impact on the amount of erosion taking place on farm fields. [View the Video of a Rain Simulator](#). Source: MinnPost.com

▲ Cape Canaveral Sea Oats Curb Erosion

One of the largest turnouts ever showed up on the beaches of Cape Canaveral recently to plant thousands of sea oats, in an effort to stave off beach erosion. [Read full story](#). Source: Florida Today.com

▲ Information Sharing Mechanism on Plant Genetic Resources of Lao PDR
<http://www.pgrfa.org/gpa/lao/laowelcomeil.html>

▲ Germany Gives €1.35 Million to Develop Nitrogen Efficient Rice
http://www.fu-berlin.de/presse/fup/2009/fup_09_043/index.html

▲ Plants as Solar-Powered Biofactories
<http://www.pri.wur.nl/UK/newsagenda/news/itaconzuur050309.htm>

▲ Borlaug: It's Time for a Second Green Revolution
<http://agnews.tamu.edu/showstory.php?id=1054>

▲ Chile's President Receives FAO Award
<http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/10457/icode/>

▲ Use and Conservation of Biodiversity with Climate Change
http://www.biodiversityinternational.org/news_and_events/news/article/the_use_and_conservation_of_diversity_must_change_with_climate_change.html?tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=323&cHash=45815b1e86

▲ IITA Develops New Technique to Grow Yams
http://www.iita.org/cms/details/news_details.aspx?articleid=2113&zoneid=81

▲ Monsanto Seeks Approval for the World's First Drought-Proof Corn
<http://monsanto.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=43&item=695>

▲ Obama Signs Memorandum on Scientific Integrity
http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Fact-Sheet-on-Presidential-Memorandum-on-Scientific-Integrity/

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

▲ I am collecting information on 'soil conservation works' (erosion control and others) based on USLE, RUSLE (or WEBB) models and/or factors (parameters) of the models. I will start and do it for Latin America. Probably a colleague will help me for Africa (French). I am going to Purdue for part of my sabbatical next August (I can ask John Laffen, Darrell Norton or Denis Flanagan for help. Can anyone help me for Asia? I can look for some MSc students to help us. We also need figures (budget) on financial support for those conservation works (government or private money). Thanks in advance and please write soon.

Don Gabriels donald.gabriels@ugent.be

OBITUARY

▲ With profound sorrow it is stated here that **Dr. K.G. Tejwani** at 86 has passed away on March 10, 2009, at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi after a struggle for six weeks there. D.C. Das

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



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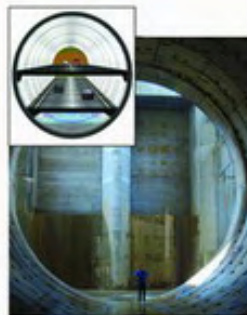
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0902	Conference of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA): Environmental Connection 09 www.ieca.org	Reno, Nevada, USA	Feb 9-12, 2009
0903	Conference on Land Degradation in Dry Environments jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw	Kuwait City, Kuwait	Mar 8-14, 2009
0905a	Global Change, Challenge for Soil Management: From Degradation – Through Soil and Water Conservation – To Sustainable Soil Management www.sfb.bg.ac.yu/erosion2009/	Tara Mt., Serbia	May 26-30, 2009
0905b	Conference on “The sustainable development of water resources”, organized by Hydrotechnics Faculty of “Politehnica” University of Timisoara, Romania gcr@mail.dnttm.ro	Timisoara, Romania	May 27-28, 2009
0906a	The 10th international meeting on Soil with Mediterranean Type of Climate http://www.cnrs.edu.lb/10IMSMTC.pdf	Beirut, Lebanon	Jun 22-26, 2009
0906b	Conference on “Challenges and Opportunities of Bioindustrial Watershed Development for the Prosperity of the Farming Community”, organized by the Soil Conservation Society of India www.soilcsi.org/	Bengaluru, India	Jun 25-27, 2009
0909	International Conference on Desertification in memory of Professor John B. Thornes http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornes/doku.php	Murcia, Spain	Sep 16-18, 2009
0910	Conference on “Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity”, organized by Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), roose@mpl.ird.fr , www.chercheurs.auf.org	Port au Prince, Haiti	Oct 19-24, 2009
1001	An international conference, the title will be announced later	Bangkok, Thailand	Jan 2010
1002/ 1003	An international conference, the title will be announced later chauthu_9lvh@yahoo.co.uk	Hanoi, Vietnam	Feb or Mar 2010
1004	Interpraevent Conference http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/	Taipei, Taiwan	Apr 26-30, 2010
1010	A conference at the Institute of Soil and Water Conservation www.ms.iswc.ac.cn	Yangling, Shaanxi, China	Oct 2010
11...	A conference organized by the Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists www.iaswc.com/index.html	Dehra Dun, India	2011???

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

MEETINGS 2009

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Darwin 200 Symposia

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March 16-20, 2009

Moscow International Biotech Congress

The Fifth Moscow International Congress on Biotechnology: State of the Art and Prospects of Development and the VII International Specialized Exhibition Biotech World 2009 will be held March 16-20, 2009 at the House of Moscow Government. Organizers of the Congress include the Russian Academy of Sciences, Government of Moscow, Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, and Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation. Details of the Congress are available at <http://www.mosbiotechworld.ru/eng/index.php>

March 16-22, 2009

5th World Water Forum. 15-22 March 2009. Istanbul, Turkey. <http://www.worldwaterforum5.org>
expo@worldwaterforum5.org

March 17-19, 2009

Rio9 - World Climate and Energy Event Rio de Janeiro <http://www.rio9.com>

March 22-25, 2009

International congress on biotechnology (in French), Hammamet, Tunisia

March 22-25, 2009

World Potato Congress 2009

The 7th World Potato Congress will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand .
For complete details and to register for the Congress and Partners Program, visit <http://www.wpcnz.org.nz/>

March 22-26, 2009

Fifth International Conference Sciences of Electronic, Technologies of Information and Telecommunications
Date: March 22-26, 2009 Location: Hammamet, Tunisia

March 26-27, 2009

Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels, An initiative of the EPFL Energy Center
Ensuring that biofuels deliver on their promise of sustainability, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
Contact Claire Chappuis rsb@epfl.ch



March 27-28, 2009

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & ECONOMICS

The inaugural meeting of the Society for Environmental Law and Economics will be held on March 27 and 28, 2009, at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law in Vancouver, Canada. Points of contact: [Shi-Ling Hsu](#) and [Brian Czech](#).

March 29-April 2, 2009

8th National Symposium on Erosion Control, in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Co-Hosted by the IberoAmerican Chapter of IECA.

March 30-April 2, 2009

New Approaches to Quality Assurance in the Changing World of Higher Education

Date: 30 March – 2 April 2009
Location: Abu Dhabi, UAE

April 6-7, 2009

Malaysian International Cocoa Conference 2009, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. **Contact:** Mr Kelvin Hj. Lamin, t: +6088-234477, f: +6088-239575/253037, e: micc09@koko.gov.my | [More...](#)

April 12-13, 2009

Energy Farming Summit 2009 on April 12th & 13th, 2009 at New Delhi, India.
info@growdiesemail.com; growdieselevants@gmail.com; www.growdieselevants.com

April 14-16, 2009

1st International conference on biotechnology and environmental safety

Date: 14-16 April 2009 Location: Cairo, Egypt Document : [Slide 1](#) | [Slide 2](#)

April 15-17, 2009

SOCIAL CHANGE

Managing the Social Impacts of Change from a Risk Perspective, Beijing Normal University, Beijing, 15-17 April 2009. See the [SCARR web site](#). For details contact [Jens Zinn](#) or [Peter Taylor-Gooby](#).

April 19, 2009

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL FOOD CRISES OWERRI, Nigeria

April 19-24, 2009

EGU 2009 - Session SSS7 - Call for abstract

The General Assembly 2009 of the European Geosciences Union (EGU) will happen from 19 to 24 April 2009 in Vienna (Austria). <http://meetings.copernicus.org/egu2009/>

A session on “**Soil erosion and sediment control with vegetation and bioengineering on severely eroded terrain**” (SSS7) will be organized by **Freddy Rey** freddy.rey@cemagref.fr, **Esther Bochet**, **Hans Peter Rauch** and **Jean Poesen**.

We encourage you to submit an abstract to this session, with a deadline on the 13th of January 2009. The description of the session content is presented below. For more information and abstract submission please go to: <http://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU2009/session/887>.

Discussions are in process for further publication of papers in a scientific journal.

Freddy Rey, Esther Bochet, Hans Peter Rauch and Jean Poesen.

April 19-24, 2009

Digital soil mapping: novel approaches to the prediction of key soil properties for modelling physical processes. Vienna, Austria, **19-24 April 2009**. The EGU DSM Session focuses on the mapping of key parameters and input variables for modeling soil processes. As we consider more complex models, applied to larger geographical regions, the demand for information on these inputs becomes harder to meet. Digital soil mapping is concerned with the provision of spatial information on soil properties on the basis of ancillary variables, such as proxy and remote sensor data, and limited direct measurements. We are asking for 400-word abstracts (limited to one per presenting author). The deadline for abstract submission is **13 January 2009**. For more information contact Florence Carre at florence.carre@jrc.it

April 20-23, 2009

The ninth annual international conference: environmental economies and globalization, Location: Jordan

April 20-24, 2009

Biotech Symposium in Argentina

The Seventh National Symposium on Biotechnology REDBIO-Argentina, will be held on April 20-24, 2009 in Rosario, Sta. Fe, Argentina. Its theme is "Biotechnology and the future global scenario". This activity is being organized through the Red de Cooperacion Technica en Biotecnologia Agropecuaria para America Latina el Caribe and the Food and Agriculture Organization.

Details of the symposium are available in Spanish at <http://www.redbio.org/eventos.asp?id=70>

April 21-22, 2009

BIGMAP Symposium

The Biosafety Institute for Genetically Modified Agricultural Products (BIGMAP) at Iowa State University (ISU) was established to provide publicly-based assessment and communication of the risks and benefits of the products of agricultural biotechnology. The 6th annual BIGMAP symposium will be held at the Gateway Center, Ames, Iowa, on April 21-22, 2009. To register for the symposium visit <http://www.bio.org/foodag/compliance/bigmap/>.

April 21-22, 2009

Socio-Economics Conference on GM in Thailand

The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), in collaboration with the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA) and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI, Washington DC), will conduct a two-day international conference titled, "Measures of Hope and Promises Delivered: An International Conference on Socioeconomic and Environmental Impact Assessment of Genetically Modified (GM) Crops." It will be held on April 21-22, 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand.

For more details, contact Dr. Arnulfo Garcia at agg@agri.searca.org or Roberta Gerpacio at rvq@agri.searca.org

April 22-24, 2009

The Third International Conference on Research Challenges in Information Science, Fes, Morocco

April 22-24, 2009

Total Food 2009 : Sustainability of the Agri-Food Chain, Norwich BioSciences Institutes, Norwich, UK.
www.ifr.ac.uk/totalfood2009

April 23-24, 2009

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April 23-25, 2009

SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

Villanova University is hosting an international interdisciplinary conference on Sustainability, April 23-25, 2009. The conference aims to bring together scholars, activists, and government and corporate professionals from across the United States and around the world to learn from each other in exploring the multiple dimensions of Sustainability. Points of contact are [Chaone Mallory](#) and [Paul Rosier](#).

April 27-30, 2009-03-19

LADA Workshop for South East Asia, Land Development Department, Bangkok, Thailand. Contact Rugsun Im-Erb at rungsun@ladd.go.th

April 26-29, 2009

International conference on "environmental development in Arab world...present challenges and future prospects"
Date: 26-29 April 2009 Location: Sharm el-sheikh, Egypt

April 26-29, 2009

The Tenth Asian Bioethics Conference & the Fourth UNESCO Asia-Pacific School of Ethics Bioethics Round-Table "Bioethics in Asia: Bringing Ethics into Practice."
Location: Tehran, Iran

April 29-30, 2009

CIWEM'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2009: WATER & THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

Olympia Conference Centre, London, UK. http://www.ciwem.org/events/annual_conference

May 3-5, 2009

International plant breeding conference "crop research, technology dissemination and adoption to increase food supply, reducing hunger and poverty in Egypt.

Date: 3-5 May 2009 Location: Ismailia, Egypt Documents : Application form | Preliminarily programme

May 4-9, 2009

AAU 12th general conference "Sustainable Development in Africa: The Role of Higher Education"

Date: 4-9 May 2009 Location: Abuja, Nigeria

May 8-9, 2009

International Greek Biotechnology Forum

The 5th International Greek Biotechnology Forum, organized by the Society for Biotechnology, Biosciences and Culture, will be held at Zappeion Megaron, Athens from 8-9 May 2009. The two day event will host some of the most important research and scientific developments concerning bio-medicine, agro-biotechnology, biofuels, and environmental biotechnology. Visit the conference website at <http://www.igbf.gr/>

May 11-12, 2009

2nd International Conference of Natural Resources in Africa "Sustainable Development of Natural Resources in rics", Location: Cairo, Egypt

May 11-12, 2009

Seed Biotechnologies Symposium in UC Davis

The Seed Biotechnology Center at University of California Davis is celebrating its 10th year. To commemorate this event, the center is hosting a symposium that will focus on the topics which are most relevant to the seed industry today. With the theme, Filling the Gap between the Public and Private Sectors, the symposium will bring together scientists from universities, government and private industry to network and discuss technological advancements in plant breeding, seed biology and their applications in agriculture.

More information is available at http://sbc.ucdavis.edu/About_the_Center/Symposium.htm

May 12-13, 2009

The Athens Summit 2009

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Hotel, Athens, Greece
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May 13-14, 2009

Carbon Capture and Storage Conference, Berlin, Germany. Contact: Justyna Korfanty

Tel: +44 (0) 207 981 2503, jkorfanty@acius.net

<http://www.acius.net/wiki.aspx/Conferences/Upcoming?view=overview&id=121>

May 17-20, 2009

Asia Pacific Biochar Conference, Watermark Hotel, Gold Coast Australia

<http://www.biochar-international.org/upcomingibiconferences/2009asiapacificregion.html>

May 17-20, 2009

International Conference on Highlands Agriculture

The International Conference on Highlands Agriculture will be held on May 17-20, 2009 in Karaj, Iran. The conference is sponsored by Iran's Agricultural Research, Education and Extension Organization (AREEO) and the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA). The conference will focus on the integrated management of the resource base to sustain agricultural development and livelihoods in the highlands and mountainous areas of Central and West Asia and North Africa.

Visit the conference website at <http://www.icarda.cgiar.org/Announcement/2008/IntlConfHighlandsAgriculture/HighlandsAgriculture.htm>

May 17-21, 2009

The abstract submission deadline for the **2009 World Environmental & Water Resources Congress** in Kansas City, Missouri, is rapidly approaching and EWRI encourages individuals to submit their content for the conference. If interested in contributing to the Congress, the three points of reference below should be helpful:

- The EWRI 2009 World Environmental & Water Resources Congress [website](#)
- The online [paper management system](#) for EWRI 2009
- A listing of all the [topics and sessions](#) scheduled for the 2009 EWRI Congress

Questions, comments, or concerns regarding registration, your paper, or otherwise? Contact ewri@asce.org.

May 19-22, 2009 (HOT MEETING)

Conference on "Enhancing Soil Productivity and Environmental Quality", organized by the **PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF SOIL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INC. (PSSST)**

<http://www.p3st.org>, Davao City, Mindanao Island, The Philippines. Contact **Ms. CONSTANCIA G.**

MANGAO, Vice President, PSSST, c/o Bureau of Soils and Water Management, Elliptical Road corner, Visayas Avenue, Diliman Quezon City Tel No.: (632) 923-0454 / 920-4382; Mobile: 09193885055

bswm@pworld.net.ph

May 27-30, 2009

First Announcement and Call for Papers **LANDCON 0905a**

Initiated by:

- **World Association of Soil and Water Conservation – WASWC**



- **Faculty of Forestry, Belgrade University, Serbia**



***GLOBAL CHANGE – CHALLENGES FOR SOIL MANAGEMENT**

**FROM DEGRADATION - THROUGH SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION - TO SUSTAINABLE SOIL MANAGEMENT**
May 27-30, 2009 Tara Mountain/Serbia

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

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

Registration fee: 240 EUR; Members of WASWC & ESSC: 190 EUR; Students: 120 EUR

May 27-28, 2009

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

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

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

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

June 1, 2009

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

June 2-4, 2009

Fifth International Conference on Mapping Africa in the English Speaking World

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

June 2-5, 2009

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

June 15-19, 2009

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

June 17-19, 2009

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

June 18-20, 2009

ASEAN Rubber Conference to be hosted by Laos

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry will be hosting the ASEAN Rubber Conference 2009 (ARC 2009) from June 18-20, 2009. The conference is the second international conference on rubber to be held in Laos (a Lao-focused regional workshop on smallholder rubber was organized by NAFRI, NAFES and NUOL in 2006). The conference is expected to bring together a diverse range of stakeholders from around the region and world including, academics, research institutions, policy-makers and the private sector (manufacturers, traders, processors, etc). <http://aseanrubberconference.com/>

June 21-24, 2009

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

June 21-26, 2009

Goldschmidt 2009 Session description.doc [Download File](#)

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

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

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The aim of this session is to bring together researchers from different scientific communities working on different aspects of erosion and weathering across a range of temporal and spatial scales. We seek investigators using the full range of experimental and modeling approaches to investigate geomorphologic, geochemical and biological parameters and their coupling on the weathering and erosion processes, in natural as well as experimental environments. We especially encourage

contributions focusing on how the rates of weathering and erosion processes and the coupling between soil production and sediment transport are influenced by climate variability, tectonic activity and human disturbance, and how paleo-records can help to recover variations of these parameters over geologic time. This session is open to the study of weathering/erosion systems from the past to the present day. It also includes studies on the geochemistry of intra-basaltic weathering horizons and sediments from the flood basalts as such thermally altered palaeosols are considered as analogues of the Martian surface.

June 22, 2009

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

The University of Nottingham, Open Source Geospatial Foundation (UK Chapter) and Open Knowledge Foundation are organising the First Open Source GIS UK Conference on 22nd June (Monday), 2009 at the University of Nottingham. Tyler Mitchell, Executive Director of Open Source Geospatial Foundation will deliver the keynote presentation. The conference website has been activated. Any one interested to be involved in the conference please email Suchith.Anand@nottingham.ac.uk. **NOTE:** Registrations for the First Open Source GIS UK Conference 2009 is now activated at <http://www.opensourcegis.org.uk>. Because of the limitations in the number of computers available at the computer labs, the workshops will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

June 22-26, 2009

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

[A LANDCON 0906a Meeting]

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

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

June 23-25, 2009

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

June 25, 2009

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

June 25-27, 2009

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

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

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

June 28-July 1, 2009

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

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

June 29-July 1, 2009

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

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

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

June 29-July 2, 2009

Fourth International Workshop on "Geographical Analysis, Urban Modeling, Spatial Statistics" GEOG-AN-MOD 09 <http://www.lisut.org/workshop/GEOG-AN-MOD09/> in conjunction with The 2009 International Conference on Computational Science and its Applications (ICCSA 2009) June 29th to July 2nd, 2009, Kyung Hee University-Global Campus, Yongin (Korea) <http://www.iccsa.org/>

Workshop Description The growth of Spatial Data Infrastructures, Geo-portals and private sector initiatives (e.g. Google Earth, Microsoft Virtual Earth, etc.) produced an increase of geographical data availability at any scale and worldwide. This growth has not been fully coupled by an increase of knowledge to support spatial decisions. Spatial analytical techniques and geographical analysis and modelling methods are therefore required in order to analyze data and to facilitate the decision process at all levels. Old geographical issues can find an answer thanks to new methods and instruments, while new issues are developing, challenging the researchers for new solutions. This workshop is aimed at contributing to the development of new techniques and methods to improve the process on knowledge acquisition

June 30-July 2, 2009

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

July 5-8, 2009

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

5th – 8th July 2009, Vienna, Austria

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

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

July 5-9, 2009

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

July 6-8, 2009

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

July 6-10, 2009

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

July 6-11, 2009

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

July 6-11, 2009

Adaptation to Global Change, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

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

Deadline for Abstract Submission: Wednesday, February 4, 2009

- Submit an abstract for COMLAND sessions at the IAG 2009:

<http://www.geomorphology2009.com/abstract.asp>

Dates: July 6-11, 2009

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

Description: Papers will be considered that focus on the ambiguity of the role of land degradation as both a cause and a consequence of global change in a broad sense. The question is to adapt to and prevent or avoid the adverse consequences of global change (although the title of the session only includes adaptation). A related topic may link to the questions of risk and resilience or vulnerability of landscapes and land use systems to land degradation, which is in turn linked to global change.

A wide range of field trips is planned by the IAG / AIG, as well as an intensive three-days course for young geomorphologists. Notice of publication of accepted papers in a leading journal will be announced in due time. Note: Please contact Prof. Arthur Conacher if you intend to submit an abstract.

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

July 8-10, 2009

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

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

The papers should fall broadly within the main themes above. Abstracts of proposed papers (500 words) are due by **April 1st, 2009**. Applicants will be notified by April 30th. Complete papers are due by **May 31st 2009**. Papers will be posted on the conference website in advance of the conference. We anticipate that a number of the papers will be collated into a volume, either a book, IDS bulletin or a journal special issue.

Limited funding for travel and accommodation is available. Preference for funding requests will be given to presenters with no funding from their organisations.

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

Abstracts and papers should be sent to: Stephen Devereux, s.devereux@ids.ac.uk; Rachel Sabates-Wheeler, r.sabates-wheeler@ids.ac.uk.

All other enquiries should be addressed to Deborah Shenton, seasonality@ids.ac.uk; Tel: 01273 915-760. More information regarding the organisers is available on the website of Future Agricultures Consortium www.future-agricultures.org

July 9-11, 2009

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

July 11-15, 2009

2009 SWCS Annual Conference (www.swcs.org)

Dearborn, Michigan, USA

[Hyatt Regency Dearborn](#)

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July 11-16, 2009

[CONSERVATION BIOLOGY](#)

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

July 12-19, 2009

[INVITATION TO A CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE IN 2009](#)

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

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

Contact conference secretariat on 0772-909831, 0752-354252

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

David Tenywa Kasiiba, Chief Coordinator

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

July 14, 2009

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

July 20-24, 2009

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

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

Questions about the symposium?

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

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

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

July 27-31, 2009

[MARINE CONSERVATION](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

August 3-4, 2009 **SWAT Workshops**

August 5-7, 2009 **SWAT Conference**

SWAT 2009 Development and Application of the SWAT Model

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

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

Workshop Registration, August 3-4, 2009

The workshop registration fee includes workshop materials and coffee breaks.

<i>Workshops include:</i>	<i>Participants</i>	<i>Students</i>
Introductory SWAT	US\$300	US\$200
Advanced SWAT	US\$300	US\$200
SWAT Developer's	US\$50	US\$50
Integrated APEX/SWAT	US\$300	US\$200

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

Cancellation Policy: There will be no refunds for cancellations.

Conference Registration, August 5-7, 2009

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

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

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

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

Conference Venue

University of Colorado, Boulder Colorado

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

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

Call for Papers

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

Accommodations

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

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

Best Western Boulder Inn, (800) 233-8469

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

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

What to Expect

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

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August 11-15, 2009

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

AOGS2009 at SUNTEC Singapore

Session Proposal Submission - Closes 1 Dec 2008

Abstract Submission - Opens 15 Jan 2009

Enquiries & Assistance - Please Email

geomeet@asiaoceania.org (Exhibition & Sponsorship) info@asiaoceania.org (All Other Enquiries)

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

August 12-15, 2009

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

August 23-28, 2009

Second World Congress of Agroforestry (WCA2)

23-28 August 2009, Nairobi, Kenya

<http://worldagroforestry.org/wca2009>

Program

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

- Agroforestry's contribution to multifunctional agriculture

- Tree-based rehabilitation of degraded lands and watersheds
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Policy options and institutional innovation
- Markets as opportunities and drivers of Agroforestry

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

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

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

Technical Program: pknair@ufl.edu

August 25-28, 2009

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

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

August 30-September 2, 2009

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

September 1-4, 2009

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

September 1-5, 2009

International Soil Tillage and Ecology Conference

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

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

September 3, 2009

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

September 3-4, 2009

2009 International Cotton Conference

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

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

September 6-9, 2009

International Conference on Land and Water Degradation Processes and Management

(www.ufz.de/index.php?en=16521), MAGDEBURG, GERMANY

Dates: September 6-9, 2009

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

Description:

There is an urgent need to improve our practical and theoretical understanding of land and water degradation processes; in particular the physical, chemical and biological deterioration of soils and water

bodies in various regions of the world. This conference will bridge the gap between land and water and will bring together scientists from various disciplines with different methodological backgrounds.

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

Cooperating Organizations: International: COMLAND

Regional/Local: Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research

September 8-10, 2009

2nd World Seed Conference 2009

The 2nd World Seed Conference, with the theme "Responding to the Challenges of the Changing World: The Role of New Plant Varieties and High Quality Seed in Agriculture", will be held on September 8-10, 2009 at the FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy. The event is organized by the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV).

<http://worldseedconference.org/en/worldseedconference/home.html>

September 13-16, 2009

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

September 16, 2009 (one day)

WORLD RESOURCES FORUM

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



September 16-18, 2009

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

***A LANDCON 0909 Meeting**

Important Dates:

Conference dates: September 16-18, 2009

Abstract submission deadline: 31 January 2009

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

Full text submission deadline: 31 April 2009

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

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

Description: The Area of Physical Geography at Murcia University and the Geomorphology Spanish Society invite you to participate in a special meeting entitled International Conference on Desertification in memory of Professor John B. Thornes.

Professor Thornes (1940-2008), professor of Physical Geography and head of the Geography Department at King's College, University of London, was an exceptional researcher and Physical Geographer. He had a very

special relationship with Spain throughout his life. In 1967 he developed his Doctoral Thesis in the Upper Duero, and since then carried out numerous research projects, especially in the Mediterranean area. Several institutions and universities from different countries have distinguished him with honours, including scientific societies, universities and research centres in Spain. In 1998 the Geomorphology Spanish Society named him "Honor member" and in 2006 the University of Murcia also named him "Doctor Honoris Causa".

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

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

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

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

It is recommended that scientists who plan to attend should send the registration form as soon as possible.

[Download registration form](#). The registration payment must be made through a cash payment or transfer to the bank account No. 00496670492916006326 of the Bank of Santander. The receipt of the transfer or deposit should be sent by mail or fax.

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

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This meeting is endorsed by WASWC and will strictly follow the Guidelines for Successful Meetings

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

September 20-25, 2009

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

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

- Preliminary Agenda (<http://www.nycswcd.net/suitma-2009/agenda.html>)
- Registration Prices (Registration Website still under development) (<http://www.nycswcd.net/suitma-2009/travel.html>)
- Contracted Hotel Prices, Details, and Booking information (<http://www.nycswcd.net/suitma-2009/travel.html>)

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

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

More abstract information, from our SUITMA homepage, at:

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

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or Contact: Jean Louis Morel Jean-Louis.Morel@ensaia.inpl-nancy.fr

September 21-25, 2009

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

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

September 22-25, 2009

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

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

September 28-? 2009

African Crop Science Society Conference

The 9th African Crop Science Society Conference is scheduled to be held on 28 September 2009 at Cape Town, South Africa. The theme of the conference will be "Science and Technology Supporting Food Security in Africa". Aspects such as agronomy, horticulture, crop improvement and physiology, post harvest handling and food sciences and rural socio-economics and agricultural extension will be covered. Visit conference website at <http://www.acss2009.up.ac.za/> for more information or contact G.D. Joubert at joub@absamail.co.za

September 28-October 1, 2009

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

October 7-11, 2009

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

Organized by [MESAEP](#) Mediterranean Scientific Association of Environmental Protection

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

(requested) SELECTO srl, Bari

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

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

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

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

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

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

June 30, 2009 Payment of early registration fee

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

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- Homepage of Mesaep: <http://www.mesaep.org>
- Fresenius Environmental Bulletin: <http://www.psp-parlar.de>

October 12-14, 2009

Agriculture: Africa's Engine for Growth

The Association of Applied Biologists is organizing an international conference that will be held at Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, Herts, UK on 12-14 October 2009. With the theme Agriculture: Africa's Engine for Growth - Plant Science & Biotechnology Hold the Key, the international symposium is designed to bring together scientists from Africa, Europe and the USA to examine how new advances in plant science research and developing technologies can be used to the benefit of African agriculture.

Visit the conference website at <http://www.aab.org.uk/contentok.php?id=83&basket=wwshowconfdets>

October 13-16, 2009

Biodiversity and Society: understanding connections, adapting to change, 13-16 October 2009, Cape Town, South Africa. www.diversitas-osc.org

October 19-22, 2009

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

October 19-24, 2009

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

This meeting is endorsed by WASWC and will strictly follow the Guidelines for Successful Meetings

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

October 24-25, 2009

4th international conference on **PROTECTION OF STRUCTURES AGAINST HAZARDS**

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

October 26-29, 2009

AFRICA GIS

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

October 27-30, 2009

9th Conference of the East and Southeast Asian Federation of Soil Science, 27-20(?) October 2009, Seoul, S Korea .



The main theme of this international meeting is Soils as a Convergent Technology in Tandem with Human and Ecosystem Health-Enhancement of Soil Performances for Well-being. The 9th ESAFS will be comprised of plenary and invited lectures, symposia and technical sessions including poster presentation. The official language in the conference is English. Symposia include: Soil engineering and technology for human

and ecosystem health, Plant nutrition and human welfare, Asia-centric soil informatics, Paddy soils: Better performances for human and ecosystem health. Field Tours include: Designated Districts for Environmentally Sound Agriculture where participants can experience soil survey, research facilities, farming system, temple, ceramic arts, museums etc. Contact persons are Dr. Chung, Doug Young (Chair of Organizing Committee) dychung@cnu.ac.kr and Dr. Yang, Jae E. (Secretary General) yangjay@kangwon.ac.kr (Source: IUSS Alert 47).

November 2, 2009

Sustainable Infrastructure and Built Environment in Developing Countries (SIBE 2009) Bandung Indonesia

November 6-7, 2009

AgEng2009 67th International Conference on Agricultural Engineering LAND. TECHNIK / AgEng2009



Agricultural Engineering - Innovations to meet Future Challenges 6-7 November 2009, Hanover, Germany

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

The programme committee invites you to submit a paper via internet at www.vdi.de/landtechnik-ageng by 9 March 2009. The topics include all important working fields of agricultural engineering such as tractors, power train, electric drives and mobile hydraulics, electronic components, software engineering and data handling, automation technology, locating, tracking and navigation, soil protection, tillage and sowing, harvesting technology, crop protection and fertilizing, energy from biomass, industrial product development and market service. Agricultural engineers should not miss the chance to present their results from research and product development, within the technical innovation background of AGRITECHNICA.

Registration and call for papers at www.vdi.de/landtechnik-ageng or VDI Wissensforum Kundenzentrum, Postfach 10 11 39, 40002 Duesseldorf (Germany), email: wissensforum@vdi.de, Tel: +49 (0) 211 62 14-201, Fax: -1 54.

November 5-7, 2009



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

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

November 9-11, 2009

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

November 9-12, 2009

2009 International Conference on Horticulture

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

November 2009 - Postponed to mid-2010

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

November 10-12, 2009

Melbourne Conference on GM

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

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

November 12-14, 2009

The 2009 International Conference in Morocco

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Call for Proposals

The 2009 International Conference on:

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

November 12-14, 2009 Agadir (Morocco)

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

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

November 18-20, 2009

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

November 20-22, 2009

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

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

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

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

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

Contact: Mahmood A. Khwaja khwaja@sdpi.org

November 22-28, 2009

5th

International Conference of ASSS

22-



28 November 2009, Yaoundé – Cameroon

Theme:

Soils and New Challenges for Sustainable Development in Africa

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

November 28-30, 2009

Global March and International Conference on Environment, Poverty and Peace

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

December 8-10, 2009

16th Annual ECHO Agriculture Conference (EAC)

Fort Myers, Florida December 8 to 10, 2009

Plans are underway for ECHO's 2009 Agriculture conference, to be held December 8-10, 2009 at ECHO and the Crowne Plaza Hotel of Fort Myers. This will be the second year that our conference is held in early December rather than November.

ECHO Agriculture Conferences provide opportunities for networking and enrichment for professionals working internationally with agriculture or related fields. The conference regularly attracts over 200 delegates representing more than 30 countries.

Morning plenary sessions focus on practical ideas that have proven successful in communities around the world. Afternoon workshop sessions give a chance for hands-on demonstrations and small group interactions about topics of interest to particular groups.

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

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

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

December 17-19, 2009

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

MEETINGS 2010++

January 11-14, 2010

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

February 7-10, 2010

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

February 14-18, 2010

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

April 26-30, 2010

Dear Samran

I will hold 2010 ***Interpraevent Conference in Taipei. [A LANDCON 1004 Meeting]**

Hope you can announce the new in the WASWC newsletter.

The attached is first announcement of 2010 Interpraevent Conference.

Please check the website <http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/>

Su-Chin Chen

10/24 [INTERPRAEVENT 2010 Preliminary announcement](#) **NEW**

07/29 Symposium 26 April 2010 **NEW**

07/29 Finalized technical program 15 February 2010 **NEW**

07/29 End of early registration 15 January 2010 **NEW**

07/29 Final date for revised paper 31 December 2009 **NEW**

07/29 Notification of paper acceptance 30 November 2009 **NEW**

07/23 Deadline for submission of full-paper 31 October 2009 **NEW**

07/23 Notification of abstract acceptance 30 April 2009 **NEW**

07/23 Deadline for submission of abstract 28 February 2009 **NEW**

This meeting is endorsed by WASWC and will strictly follow the Guidelines for Successful Meetings

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

May 24-29, 2010



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

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

If you have questions, please contact the following:

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

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

NOTE: You may order Proceedings of Past Conferences (1984, 1988, 1991, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004 and 2008) also at the above [website](http://5geoeqconf2010.mst.edu/) – you may also see the Table of Contents of each Conference Proceedings there.

May 25-27, 2010

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

May 26-28, 2010

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

June 8-10, 2010

Risks in Agriculture Conference, Estonia

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

August 1-6, 2010

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

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

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

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

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

Roger Swift
President
International Union of Soil Sciences

Neal Menzies
Vice-President
International Union of Soil Sciences

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

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

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

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

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

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

September 6-8, 2010

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

October 8-29, 2010

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

January 4-5 and 6-7, 2011

SWAT SEA II will take place in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam from January 4-5, Workshop; and January 6-7, 2011

May 18-22, 2010

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

May 2011

6th International Congress of European Society for Soil Conservation

Dear all WASWC members,

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

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

Theodore Karyotis, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, karyotis@hellasnet.gr

Late 2011 or Early 2012

International Conference on Vetiver (ICV-5), Chiang Mai, Thailand. Contact narongchc@au.edu, www.vetiver.org

2012

Earth Summit 2012 www.earthsummit2012.org, <http://earthsummit2012.blogspot.com/>



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 3. For sending money by wire/bank transfer or check please add US\$8 per transaction to compensate for the charge at the receiving bank in Bangkok. This additional charge is NOT applicable for the payment of membership fee(s) of US\$50 or more.
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