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RECYCLE

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



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Impact from Morakot Typhoon that hit the middle of Taiwan Island during the first weekend of August 2009 that had caused a big loss of lives, properties and damages to the land, resulting in that the Prime Minister had to resign. We have no way to prevent such phenomenon to happen – only to find some way to protect and prevent damages, and to rehabilitate afterward. The wind of high magnitude, variously called as typhoon (Pacific), cyclone (Indian Ocean) and hurricane (Caribbean) may cause substantial damages to the land in various forms – usually far more serious than those caused by ordinary rainfall.

There have been meetings called INTERPRAEVENT that has taken place regularly every one or two years. Next year there will be the **INTERPRAEVENT in the Pacific Rim Conference** (that has been registered as **LANDCON 1004**) that will take place in the last week of April 2010. The main theme is "Natural Disasters Mitigation Including Floods, Storms, Debris flows, Mass movements and Earthquakes." Participants may have a chance to see how Taiwan coped with such problem and how they rehabilitate the land afterward. Announcement for this INTERPRAEVENT Conference is in page 47 of this issue of HOT NEWS. You may learn more details from the conference website at <http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/> and if you have any questions, please contact the organizing secretariat at INTERPRAEVENT2010@gmail.com.

(The photo was taken from the internet, with thanks. See more photos in <http://community.webshots.com/user/waswc1>.)

Editor's Note: 1. Apologies for being late this time, making the message LESS HOT than it should be. Hope the materials in this issue will still be of interest to academics and professionals who seek to learn about what are happening in our world these days. The next HOT NEWS for September should appear within the next few days.

2. Due to some technical reason, some url links are not active. If you are interested in certain such url, please let me know and I can send the active link to you by e-mail. Alternatively, you can access the .doc version of HOT NEWS from our website <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/hotnews.html> Samran Sombatpanit

JOBS - POSITIONS

▲ [Graduate Student/Research Assistant Position, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia.](#)

▲ [Post-Doctoral Researcher Position in Electrical Engineering at the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia](#)

Application Deadline: September 30, 2009

▲ [Research assistant position, Department of Botany and Microbiology, Faculty of Science, King Saud University, KSA](#)

▲ Natural Resource Management Specialist

The Consorzio ITA (Italian Consortium for Remote Sensing of the Environment and Agriculture) is looking for specialists in Natural Resource Management (with at least eight years experience in the field) to join a large EU funded project in sub-Saharan Africa.

Applications and areas of expertise should include:

- Soil degradation & remediation
- Water resource management for cropland and rangeland management
- Use of low spatial resolution satellite imagery for temporal analysis of vegetation cover

Candidates must be nationals of the European Union or the ACP Group of States (Africa, Caribbean and Pacific).

Salary is commensurate with experience and ranging between €6,500 and €9,000 per month.

To apply please e-mail your CV with a letter of interest detailing when and for how long you are available for, to

Alexander Tango at: a.tango@italeco.it

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 25(1) for January-March 2009 is now posted on our website

<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn>. Translated version in various languages will be soon available.

AWARDS/ PRIZES/ FUNDS

▲ Small grants support ecoagriculture projects in Mesoamerica

www.territorioscentroamericanos.org/ecoagricultura

▲ **WWF-US is seeking nominations for the 2009 J. Paul Getty Award for Conservation Leadership.** Each year the J. Paul Getty Award recognizes a leader in conservation in one of three annually rotating themes: political leadership, scientific leadership, and community leadership. This year's category is political leadership in support of biodiversity conservation. The award is a cash prize of \$200,000, which will be used to support scholarships in conservation-related fields named in honor of the winner and J. Paul Getty at a university of the winner's choice in his/her home country. Deadline for submission of nominations is October 2, 2009.

The nomination form can be found on the following link: <http://www.worldwildlife.org/getty2009>

▲ [Small Grants for “Enabling Bio-Innovations for Poverty Alleviation in Asia”?](#)

It is a competitive research grants awarding program supported by Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC, Asia Regional Office, Singapore) in partnership with the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT, Thailand). The project aims to stimulate and enable research on bio-innovation in Asia that addresses poverty alleviation, and to initiate and support the building of a network of researchers and scholars committed to understanding and enhancing bio-innovation towards economically progressive and socially responsible goals.

Grants and Awards: (Click on a grant for more information)

Grants:

[PA DEP Conservation Works!](#)

[PA DEP Coastal Zone Management](#)

[PA DEP Coastal Resources Management Program](#)

[PA DEP Enactment of Ordinances and Implementation of Stormwater Management Plans](#)

[PA DEP Environmental Education Grants Program](#)

[Fund for Wild Nature](#)

[Foundation For Pennsylvania Watersheds Grants](#)

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

[Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program](#)

[Conservation Easement Assistance Program](#)

[Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative](#)

[Chesapeake Bay Trust Mini Grants](#)

[Chesapeake Bay Trust Restoration Grant Program](#)

[Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland DNR Watershed Assistance Grant Program](#)

[Chesapeake Bay - Living Shorelines Grant Program](#)

[American Water Environmental Grant Program](#)

[1675 Foundation](#)

[Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund](#)

[William Penn Foundation Grants](#)

[The Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee \(MUCFC\) Grants](#)

[WWEMA/WWD 2009 Student Scholarship](#)

[PennVEST Loans – Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority](#)

[Pennsylvania Pollution Prevention Assistance Program \(PPAA\) Loans](#)

[Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Grants Page](#)

[Delaware Basin Restoration Initiative Fund 2009 \(HRIF 2009\)](#)

[NY DEC Statewide Water Quality Improvements Projects Program](#)

[Solar Energy Education for Local Governments](#)

[WREN \(Water Resources Education Network\) "Opportunity Grants"](#)

[Building Health Communities Grant Program](#)

[USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal \(WWD\) Loan and Grant Program for Rural Areas](#)

[USDA Technical Assistance and Training Grants for Rural Areas](#)

[USDA Solid Waste Management Grant Program for Rural Areas](#)

[PA Resource Enhancement and Protection Program \(REAP\)](#)

[Gannett Foundation - Community Action Grants](#)

[H2O PA - High Hazard Unsafe Dam Projects](#)

Awards:

[The Nature Conservancy's 2009 Photo Contest](#)

[\\$250 Grants for Growing Greener Stories](#)

FELLOWSHIP-SCHOLARSHIP

▲ Fellowship available on research on conservation and use of genetic resources

The deadline for applications is 8 November 2009.

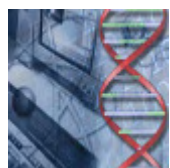
http://www.biodiversityinternational.org/about_us/fellowships/vavilov_frankel_fellowship.html#c2386 or send a request to Andie Dimitriadou at a.dimitriadou@cgiar.org.

▲ Call for candidates for Young Researchers Seminar, 25-30 March 2010, Montpellier, France.

For more information and to apply see: http://www.gip-ifrai.fr/gip_ifrai_eng/.

▲ [Canadian Government Scholarships – International students](#)

Deadline: 6 November, 2009



▲ [2010 KT& G foundation master fellowship at the Graduate School of International Studies \(GSIS\) of Yonsei University.](#)

Scholarships only for Turkish, Iranian, Russian, Kazakhstani and Indonesian students. Application Deadline: November 30, 2009



▲ [ICGEB Italy Doctoral Fellowship Programme 2010](#)

Positions for doctoral studies in molecular genetics and biotechnologies in the faculty of science in Italy, for the 2009-2010 academic year. Application Deadline: Thursday, 3 December 2009.



▲ [The Asian Development Bank - Japan Scholarship Programme](#)

The Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP) was established in April 1988 with financing from the Government of Japan. The objective of the programme is to provide an opportunity for well qualified citizens of the Bank's

Developing Member Countries (DMCs) to undertake postgraduate studies which will assist the economic and social development of their countries.

Application Deadline: 30 November 2009.



▲ [PACN Africa-UK Scholarships 2009](#)

PACN Africa-UK Scholarships provide the opportunity for African scientists who are employed in their industrial, academic or public service sectors to visit the UK. The aim of the Africa-UK Scholarship is to exchange information and facilitate networking with the aim of establishing future long term research collaborations.

PHOTO COMPETITION

▲ IECA's Photo Contest is Your Chance at Fame - Entries Due Dec. 31

IECA's Annual Photo Contest is an opportunity to gain visibility and share your accomplishments (or bloopers!) with the erosion and sediment control community. The contest is FREE - so send in those pictures! Photo Credit: Technology in Action photo by Thomas Carpenter, Erosion Tech LLC, shows transition mats installed on a sand levee to stop wave erosion. The installation survived two major flood events in 2008.

[Submittal Guidelines Here >](#) [Winners from the 2009 Photo Contest >](#)



EXHIBITION-CELEBRATIONS

▲ Earth Science Week 11-17 October



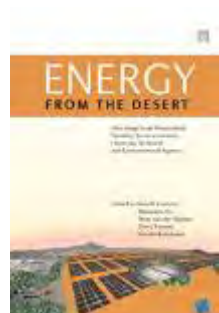
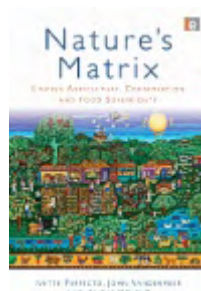
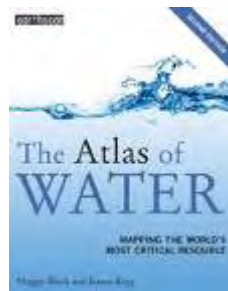
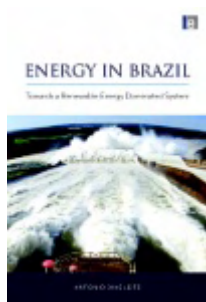
Since October 1998, the American Geological Institute has organized this national and international event to help the public gain a better understanding and appreciation for the Earth Sciences and to encourage stewardship of the Earth. This year's Earth Science Week will be held from October 11-17 and will celebrate the theme "Understanding Climate." The objectives of the week are: To engage students in discovering the Earth sciences. ; To remind people that Earth science is all around us; To encourage Earth stewardship through understanding; To motivate geoscientists to share their knowledge and enthusiasm about the Earth. For more details see: <http://www.earthsciweek.org> (From IUSS Alert 52)

▲ 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

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM **EARTHSCAN** www.earthscan.com



▲ **Nature Unbound: Conservation, Capitalism and the Future of Protected Areas**, by Brockington, D., Duffy, R., and Igoe, J., October 2008, Earthscan, 240 pp.: This groundbreaking volume is the first comprehensive, critical examination of the rise of protected areas and their current social and economic position in our world. It examines the social impacts of protected areas, the conflicts that surround them, the alternatives to them and the conceptual categories they impose.

▲ **Network Discharge Monitoring Reports (NetDMR) – EPA**

This web-based electronic reporting tool will reduce paper reporting. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitted facilities can use this tool to submit monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMR). This tool is currently available for facilities in the District of Columbia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Texas, Utah, and the Gulf of Mexico (offshore rigs). Additional states are expected to be added to the list within a year. <http://www.epa.gov/netdmr/>

▲ **EPA State Review Framework: Compliance & Enforcement through State Government**

The Environmental Protection Agency is providing online comprehensive reports on water quality enforcement data for all 50 states. The reports provide data on federal and state enforcement of National Pollutant Discharge System Permits (NPDES). There are also new tools for the public to search and review the data used to generate these reports. <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/state/srf/index.html>

▲ **UK Update on Efforts on Food Policy**

A copy of the report is available at

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodrin/pdf/food-matters-oneyearon090806.pdf>

DISSERTATION

▲ **University College London:** A PhD dissertation titled '**Tourists, gorillas and guns: Integrating conservation and development in the Central African Republic**' was recently submitted at University College London (UK). Integrated conservation and development programs (ICDPs) typically involve providing park-adjacent communities with conservation-related benefits in the belief these will encourage pro-conservation behaviour, yet the validity of this link remains largely unproven. This study adopts an interdisciplinary approach to evaluate the efficacy of a Central African ICDP at meeting both local development and conservation goals, with a strong focus on how these two areas interact. It provides both applied management recommendations in addition to further contributing to our theoretical understanding of the dual development-conservation approach. For more information you can contact the author of this work, Chloe Hodgkinson (Chloe.Hodgkinson@fauna-flora.org).

MANUAL-HANDBOOKS-GUIDELINES ETC.

▲ **Guidelines of the soil survey and data informatization methods (Linee guida dei metodi di rilevamento e informatizzazione dei dati pedologici) In Italian, with extended English abstract**, Edoardo A. C. Costantini editor. CRA-ABP. Paperback, 280 p., CD-Rom, ISBN 9788890352102. Soil knowledge is an essential element for the environment protection and for agricultural and soil use planning. The guidelines of the methods for soil investigation and data informatization is the reference text for Italy, supported and created under the auspices of the Italian Ministry of Agricultural Food and Forestry Policies. It collects the experiences of several national and regional research and academic Institutes on soil survey at different scales and makes reference to the European and International standards. The book is freely distributed on request to: CRA-ABP Piazza D'Azeglio30 Firenze 50121 Italy (adding 3.95 euros in stamps). (From IUSS Alert 51)



▲ **Soil Science**. Edited By A.E. Hartemink, A.B. McBratney and R.E. White. Earthscan Reference Collections 2009. 1,800 pages. ISBN 9781844076468. This four-volume set, edited by leading experts in soil science, brings together in one collection a series of papers that have been fundamental to the development of soil science as a defined discipline. Some of the papers were first published many years ago, but they remain classics in their fields and retain their relevance to the understanding of current issues. The papers have been selected with the assistance of an eminent international editorial board. The set includes a general introduction and each volume is introduced by a new overview essay, placing the selected papers in context. The range of subject matter is considerable, including traditional subjects such as soil genesis, physics and mineralogy, applied disciplines such as soils and hydrology, land degradation and plant nutrition, as well as more contemporary topics such as soil pollution, land use and environmental change. Overall, the set provides students and teachers, confronted with thousands of journal articles, book chapters and grey literature stretching back over nearly a



century, with a ready-made selection of and commentary on the most important key writings in soil science. It will be an essential reference for libraries concerned with earth sciences, environmental studies, agriculture and forestry. (From IUSS Alert 51)

▲ **Soil and Culture.** By Landa, Edward R.; Feller, Christian (Eds.). Springer, 2009, Approx. 500 p., Hardcover.



ISBN: 978-90-481-2959-1. Soil has been called the final frontier of environmental research. The critical role of soil in biogeochemical processes is tied to its properties and place—porous, structured, and spatially variable, it serves as a conduit, buffer, and transformer of water, solutes and gases. Yet what is complex, life-giving, and sacred to some, is ordinary, even ugly, to others. This is the enigma that is soil. Soil and Culture explores the perception of soil in ancient, traditional, and modern societies. It looks at the visual arts (painting, textiles, sculpture, architecture, film, comics and stamps), prose & poetry, religion, philosophy, anthropology, archaeology, wine production, health & diet, and disease & warfare. Soil and Culture explores high culture and popular culture—from the paintings of Hieronymus Bosch to the films of Steve

McQueen. It looks at ancient societies and contemporary artists. Contributors from a variety of disciplines delve into the mind of Carl Jung and the bellies of soil eaters, and explore Chinese paintings, African mud cloths, Mayan rituals, Japanese films, French comic strips, and Russian poetry. This is a non traditional volume which will serve the soil science community well while also reaching a broader earth science community such as geologists and geographers, as well as in the arts and social science communities. (From IUSS Alert 51)

▲ **Soils, Society & Global Change.** EU JRC, 2009. This book highlights how our ability to manage soils plays



an important role in global challenges such as climate change, biodiversity reduction, food and water security, and economic and social progress. It explores policy and legal challenges, knowledge management issues, and the crucial role of soil in the successful implementation of the global environmental conventions. The book concludes with the Programme for Action which includes a number of proactive recommendations on how global policies can be improved to protect soil as a resource. (From IUSS Alert 51)

▲ **2009 Open Space Plan – New York State**

This plan, recently released by New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation, provides a comprehensive guide for achieving New York's conservation goals. The 2009 plan contains a list of 135 priority conservation projects and over 300 internet links to valuable information and resources.

Environment DEC, July 2009 <http://www.dec.ny.gov/environmentdec/55779.html>

▲ **Top Ten Hot Trends in Greenroof Design 2009**

Provided by greenroofs.com, this list features innovative greenroof projects from around the world. These examples will inspire you to think of greenroofs in a new way.

<http://www.greenroofs.com/top10hottrends.htm#2009>

BULLETIN-NEWSLETTER-MAGAZINE-BROCHURE

▲ To the Friends of the Southwest Watershed Research Center:

The SWRC Bulletin for Summer 2009 is available now online at:

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/News/News.htm?modecode=53-42-45-00>

Thanks for your support!

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▲ CA-CoP Alert No. 5 (4 September 2009) will be sent to you upon request.

The items in the Alert are:

1. **Soil Health Workshops in South Africa**
2. **Conservation farming strategies in East and Southern Africa**
3. **Socioeconomic and institutional factors influencing adoption of conservation**

farming

4. The Economic, Agronomic and Environmental Impact of No-Till on the Canadian Prairies
5. Energy use and carbon dioxide emissions from cropland production in the US, 1990-2004
6. A website for information on carbon credits for decreasing GHG emissions and carbon sequestration
7. Investing in sustainable crop intensification: The case for improving soil health
8. Conservation Agriculture adoption values updated by country for 2008
9. Increasing the productivity and sustainability of rainfed cropping systems of poor smallholder farmers
10. Relaunch of the [No-Till Farmer Web site](#)

Amir Kassam amirkassam786@gmail.com (Moderator CA-CoP-Listserv)

▲ **Ecology and Farming Magazine** publishes issue focused on organic agriculture in Africa

http://shop.ifoam.org/bookstore/download_preview/E&F45-Teaser.pdf.

Non-members or non-subscribers can purchase the publication via the IFOAM shop at: <http://shop.ifoam.org/bookstore/>.



Dear Colleagues & Friends,

It is my great pleasure to share with you our latest issue of Between the Lines, the Equator Initiative newsletter. This edition highlights the Equator Initiative outreach to Equator Prize recipients from all four award cycles. We are also excited to share with you several in-country award ceremonies that have been held for Equator Prize 2008 winners from Namibia, Peru, and Zambia. There are also additional stories, such as a recent Community Knowledge Service (CKS) exchange in Costa Rica, important Equator Initiative-supported lectures and activities, and much more. The newsletter is available for download at: [Between the Lines July 2009](#)

Thank you, The Equator Initiative Team eileen.de.ravin@undp.org



▲ [PACA Newsletter Issue 9.pdf](#)

▲ **Re-energising livelihoods approaches:** A series of seminars, organised by the Livelihoods Network and funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, is bringing together researchers, policymakers and practitioners to explore sustainable livelihoods approaches. Robert Chambers and Ian Scoones, from the Institute of Development Studies, offer their reflections on the future prospects for livelihoods approaches to development in the July 2009 issue of id21 Sustainable Livelihoods Viewpoints (<http://www.id21.org/viewpoints/PDFs/ChScoones.pdf>) with two pieces titled respectively 'Practising what we preach? The failure to apply sustainable livelihoods thinking where it is most needed - in the North', and 'Re-energising livelihoods approaches: New focus, new priorities?'. For more information you can go to Livelihoods Connect (www.eldis.org/go/livelihoods) or join the debate online at: <http://community.eldis.org/sla>.

PAPERS

▲ [The Efficiency of Payments for Environmental Services in Tropical Conservation](#), by Wunder, S., 2006, *Conservation Biology*, Vol 21 No 1, pp. 48 – 58: Payments for environmental services (PES) represent a new, more direct way to promote conservation. They explicitly recognize the need to address difficult trade-offs by bridging the interests of landowners and external actors through compensations. Theoretical assessments praise the advantages of PES over indirect approaches, but in the tropics PES application has remained incipient. Here the author aims to demystify PES and clarify its scope for application as a tool for tropical conservation.

▲ [Improving the Effectiveness of Interventions to Balance Conservation and Development: A Conceptual Framework](#), by Garnett, S.T., Sayer, J., du Toit, J., 2007, *Ecology and Society*, Vol 12 No 1: There are numerous case studies around the world describing integrated conservation and development projects (ICDPs). Recently some localized syntheses have been published that use sophisticated statistics to identify patterns and causal linkages, but no attempt has yet been made to draw together lessons from across the globe. This paper is an attempt to provide a framework for such an analysis. The language of ICDPs has been adopted by development agencies of all persuasions. There is now some urgency to identify the characteristics of the environment and the community in which success is most likely. This paper is intended as a step in that direction.

▲ [Training Future Leaders in Sustainable Development - Master's Program in Development Practice](#): The challenges of poverty, population, health, conservation, and human rights around the world are interconnected, requiring sustained and comprehensive interventions. Yet professionals in the field of sustainable development often lack the academic training and field experience required to help address these issues comprehensively. Recognizing the need for a new approach, the MacArthur Foundation is supporting the first global initiative to provide rigorous professional training for future leaders in sustainable development. The Foundation has awarded \$7.6 million to nine universities in seven countries to establish new two-year Masters in Development Practice (MDP). The grants are part of a larger \$15 million commitment to see the creation of such programs at up to 15 universities worldwide over the next three years.

▲ **EC-IUCN-DFID**: More than ten years ago DFID, IUCN and EC joined forces to carry out a project aimed at identifying the role of biodiversity in development. As part of this project, called **Biodiversity in Development**, a series of twenty briefing papers were published. These 'Biodiversity Briefs', which are still relevant today but often difficult to come by, are now available on the PCLG website:

- [Biodiversity Brief 1: Links between Biodiversity and Poverty](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 2: Policies and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 3: Sharing the Benefits from Genetic Resource Use](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 4: Incentive Measures for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 5: Regional Approaches to Biodiversity Management](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 6: Food Security and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 7: Health and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 8: Road Infrastructure and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 9: Tourism and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 10: Livestock and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 11: Fish and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 12: Forests and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 13: Crops and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 14: Wildlife and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 15: Protected Areas](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 16: The Convention on Biological Diversity and Related International Agreements](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 17: Guiding Principles for Biodiversity in Development](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 18: EC Development Cooperation and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 19: Biodiversity – What is it, and why is it being lost?](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 20: CITES and Wildlife Trade](#)

JOURNALS

▲ [Free journal access for patent offices](#)



Patent offices in developing countries will be able to consult key science and technology journals under a new scheme.

VIDEO-PHOTOS-PODCAST

▲ **Soil-climate change podcast**. A podcast has been recorded as part of the *International Year of Planet Earth* on soils and climate change. The soil under our feet has a complex relationship with our warming world. Soil

microbiologist Charles Rice explains that soil helps take carbon dioxide out of the air – it absorbs millions of tons each year. But Earth is still warming, and, as it does so, microorganisms in the soil release carbon. Charles Rice: With warmer temperatures, just like our warm bodies, the microorganisms grow faster and so they need more food, so they would feed on that organic carbon. So as they're feeding on that, then they're releasing that carbon back to the atmosphere as carbon dioxide. He said that keeping carbon locked in soil also keeps soil healthy and results in better crops, and there's a multiple win situation. Hear the whole podcast [here](#) (From IUSS Alert 53)

▲ DEC TV Debuts – New York

This site provides videos on outdoor recreation in New York State, such as hiking and kayaking in the Adirondacks, canoeing in Tivoli Bay, fishing for bluefish off Long Island, and many more.

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/dectv/dectv.html>

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



▲ [Production of an Adsorbent for Air Pollution Control from Agricultural Waste](#)

The byproducts of some agricultural industries and activities are representing a problem of their disposal. Adel Mahmoud Zakaria, Professor of Occupational Hygiene at High Institute of Public Health of Alexandria University-Egypt, explores the technical and economic feasibility of an abundant agro-waste in the Arab region and call for developing the research results to produce active carbons from agricultural wastes on industrial scale.



▲ [Home-based technology to transform organic food waste to electric energy and home-based recycling and purification of grey and harvested rain water to drinkable level.](#)

Ugandan scientist, Dirisa Mugampoza, is interested in linking up with investors/industry to develop "Energy Bucket" using home-based technology to transform organic food waste to electric energy- as well as providing portable water in –house through home-based recycling and purification of grey and harvested rain water to drinkable level.

▲ [Erosion Control News: ESCN Goes Bi-Weekly, Adds More Tips](#)

Visit the [ESCN web site](#) to browse through video archives and other neat features.

▲ [Stormwater Equipment Manufacturers Association Website](#)

The association website has been developed to assist end users of stormwater BMPs in specifying and using manufactured products.

▲ [Colorado State Study: High Erosion Rates After Wildfires Affect Forest Rehabilitation](#)

Drag & Drop features useful resources and news provided by members for members and others concerned about erosion and sediment control. If one of these resources is of particular interest to you, just "Drag & Drop" the web link into your Favorites folder or Bookmark it for later reference. If you know of a resource that makes your job easier and would like to share, please send your web links to [Editor](#).

▲ [CISEC, Inc. and Michigan Tech Transportation Institute to Offer CISEC Program Nationwide](#)

The partnership between CISEC, Inc. and MTTI means that more individuals will have access to this professional training and certification program. Partnering with MTTI expands CISEC's ability to reach those in the transportation industry - in particular, roadway construction and engineering professionals.



▲ [Center for Watershed Protection Webcasts – Stormwater Retrofitting](#)

A webcast will be provided on "Stormwater Retrofitting" on October 14, 2009. It will focus on restoring watersheds through stormwater retrofitting practices featured in their Urban Stormwater Retrofit Practices manual. They will also discuss the cost and pollutant removal of stormwater retrofits.

Registration will open in August. <http://www.cwp.org/Webcasts/>

If you missed their June webcast, "Managing Stormwater in the Age of Budget Cuts", it is free and available at <http://www.cwp.org/Webcasts/#archive>

▲ **[Free EPA September Watershed Academy Webcast](#)**

Starting Thursday, September 10th, "Introduction to Water Quality Standards," is the second in a series of EPA Webcasts on the Clean Water Act (CWA). The Webcast will highlight the three major components of state and tribal water quality standards such as designated uses, water quality criteria, antidegradation and will include a case study of how one state is working to strengthen its WQS program. The Watershed Academy is now offering a certificate to everyone who attends at least 1 hour and 30 minutes of the Webcast. To register, visit <http://www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts>.

▲ **Updates to Ecoagriculture Partners' website**

<http://www.ecoagriculture.org/page.php?id=48>

And new photos continue to be added to our photo gallery on Flickr (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/ecoagriculture/>). Most of these photos are being released under the Creative Commons license for like-minded users to communicate and generate dialogue on ecoagriculture. If you have photos of ecoagriculture practices, or agricultural landscapes that you would like to share through our gallery, please contact Sajal Sthapit, ssthapit@ecoagriculture.org.

▲ **G8 works toward global food security**

http://www.g8italia2009.it/static/G8_Allegato/LAquila_Joint_Statement_on_Global_Food_Security%5B1%5D_0.pdf. http://www.g8italia2009.it/G8/Home/G8-G8_Layout_locale-1199882116809_Summit.htm.

▲ **Worldwatch Institute evaluates innovations in agriculture and environmental management**

<http://www.ecoagriculture.org/announcements.php?id=323>.

▲ **Australian Conservation Foundation launches policy proposal for sustaining food and farming systems**

http://www.acfonline.org.au/default.asp?section_id=281.

▲ **The World Bank focuses on ecosystem-based approaches to climate change**

http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSPContentServer/WDSP/IB/2009/07/08/000333037_20090708013334/Rendered/PDF/493130ESW0whit10Box338946B01PUBLIC1.pdf.

▲ **Ecoagriculture Partners and the Worldwatch Institute release Ecoagriculture Policy Brief 3, "Mitigating Climate Change through Food and Land Use"**

http://www.ecoagriculture.org/documents/files/doc_297.pdf.

▲ **Uganda Explores Next Generation Cotton** alm62@cornell.edu.

▲ **Scientists Team Up to End Malnutrition in Africa**

<http://www.danforthcenter.org/newsmedia/NewsDetail.asp?nid=170>

▲ **Scientists Help Afghanistan Fight Deadly Wheat Disease** <http://www.icarda.org/>

▲ **Bio-business Prospects in Indonesia**

<http://www.ciel-sbm-itb.com/icies/>

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

▲ **DIGISOIL Questionnaire**

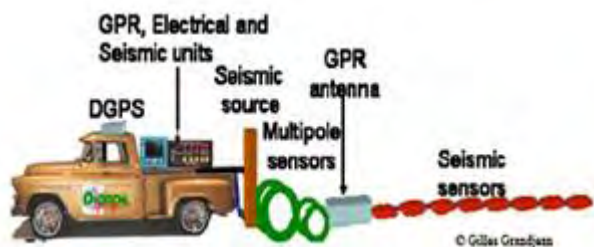
Dear Colleagues,

The DIGISOIL Consortium (FP7 funded project) involving the SOIL Action of the Joint Research Centre, is currently in the process of developing a **new technology for the assessment of soil properties and soil degradation indicators** that can be used for producing high quality geo-referenced soil maps.

The technology consists of :

- a hardware machine usually a truck or a quad integrating a platform that employs proximal and ground-

based soil scan systems (sensors) that can measure accurately (0.5 – 2 m) the signals from the soils;
- a software which transform the signals into soil properties.



Following these measurements, the technology leads to detailed geo-referenced maps of soil properties. Moreover, from the maps, it is possible to offer end user-targeted services, such as fertilizer recommendations and/or analysis of soil risks degradation intensity. Before deploying the technology, and in order to better target it to the end user, we are launching a survey which aims to assess the economic feasibility of such an undertaking and its relevance to the end user. To this aim, as a potential end user, we kindly ask you to indicate whether you are interested in making use of this technology and if so, which services you wish to employ. **You should fill out first the following questionnaire which takes less than two minutes.**

Thanks a lot in advance for your precious contribution. Your input is really important for our Survey!!!

The access to the survey is provided through the following link:
<http://eussoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/Digisoil/Survey.html>

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▲ Dear Dr. Samran,
FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAO-RAP), Land and Water management group is planning to organize an E-conference on integrated land and water resources management in rural watersheds as shown in the attached draft concept note. I think the topics are relevant to WASWC members and would like to invite WASWC to join in organizing the E-Conference in collaboration with FAO and other organizations. Please let me have your opinion on this. Thank you in advance.

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CONCEPT NOTE

E-conference on Integrated Land and Water Resources Management in Rural Watersheds

5 October- 8 November 2009 (tentative)

Organized by: FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
In Partnership with: (UNESCAP, APWF, IWMI, GWP, -----)

1. Background

Rapid degradation of rural watersheds in the Asia-Pacific has been a major concern of the governments and civil societies in the region. Segmented land and water resources management is one of the root causes. Facing exaggerated land and water scarcity due to continuous population and economic growth, and anticipating adverse impacts of climate change in the coming decades, there is an urgent need to promote integrated land and water resources management in rural watersheds to ensure their sustainability while improving local livelihoods. For this purpose, the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO-RAP), in partnership with concerned development partners, is organizing an E-conference on Integrated Land and Water Resources Management in Rural Watersheds.

2. Objectives

Major Objectives of the E-conference are to: a) review current implementation of integrated land and water resources management at different scales within rural watersheds; b) share good practices and successful experiences within and outside the region; c) identify major constraints and gaps; and d) facilitate in building a regional consensus on the roadmap. The E-conference is also aimed to facilitate the establishment of an informal regional network of government departments, institutes, development partners, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and others interested in exchanging experiences and promoting integrated land and water management in rural watersheds.

3. Expected Output

A synthesis report on integrated land and water resources management in rural watersheds in the Asia-Pacific will be produced based on the outcomes of the E-conference which will provide policy and technical guidance to member countries and concerned partners working in land, water and watershed management.

4. Structure

Five topics identified for the E-conference are:

Topic 1: Strategic planning for integrated land and water management – concepts, approaches and methodologies for integrating land and water resources management and incorporating land and water management into integrated watersheds management, especially coordination between upstream and downstream

Topic 2: Legal and policy settings for integrated land and water management – land tenure, water rights, water pricing, management and investment policies, combined application for integrated land and water management and adoption of conservation policies

Topic 3: Institutional arrangements for integrated land and water management – water users' organization, river basin organization, and land and water management institutions within government departments, coordination mechanism and their capacity building

Topic 4: Technical measures and tools for integrated land and water management – technical measures and tools for management, conservation and utilization of land and water resources and systems

Topic 5: Enabling environment for integrated land and water management – social mobilization, multidisciplinary cooperation, multi-sector coordination and information sharing at regional, national and local levels

Each topic will be reviewed and introduced by an introductory paper with a set of identified reference materials prior to email discussions on four indicative questions:

Q1: What are the current status and challenges?

Review the current situations of each topic area, major issues to be addressed and facing challenges, such as land and water degradation in terms of quantity and quality, population pressure and economic growth, impacts of climate change, etc.

Q2: What practices and experiences could be shared?

Share good practices and successful experiences within and outside the region in each of the topic areas, such as Conservation Agriculture (CA), soil and water conservation, Integrated Plant Nutrient Management (IPNM) – balanced fertilization, Good Agriculture Practices (GAPs), Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM), RBDP, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), irrigation modernization, etc.

Q3: What are the major constraints and gaps?

Identify major constraints and gaps existing in current interventions and institutional coordination for each topic area, such as segmented management, inefficient implementation of river basin development plan, underinvestment of water infrastructure, and ineffective response to climate change, etc.

Q4: What to do and where to go?

Facilitate regional consensus on options needed for integrated land and water resources management in rural watersheds, such as adoption of conservation policies, strategic planning, policy innovations, development and dissemination of technical measures and tools, streamlining climate change adaptation into sustainable watershed management, etc.

Discussions on each question under each topic will follow the typological classification of different scale of watersheds, including:

***Micro-watersheds**, at small system or farm level, with a geographic area less than 50 km²*

***Meso-watershed**, at medium-large system or mountain valley level, with a geographic area between 50-20,000 km²*

***Macro-watershed**, at river basin (including trans-boundary rivers) level, with a geographic area larger than 20,000 km²*

5. Expected Participants

The conference is open to all interested persons from government departments, academic institutes, universities/colleges, development organizations, NGOs, local land and water practitioners as well as farmers.

6. Timing

Opening of website:	September
Posting of introduction paper and reference materials:	September
Registration of participants:	September
Email discussion:	5 October - 8 November
Posting of synthesis report:	November

Tentative programme of the E-conference is attached as Annex 1.

7. Implementation

Working Language of the E-conference will be English.

Prior to the E-conference, resource persons/agencies will be identified to prepare a general introduction paper and recommend a set of relevant reference materials for each of the five topics to guide the email discussion.

Duration of the E-conference in total is five weeks and one week each for the selected topics is allocated. Participants can send their reviews, comments, and suggestions related to the topic under discussion either directly by email or by attachments. Supplementary case studies are especially welcomed. Later contributions to closed topics may not be accepted and included.

An E-conference moderator will be recruited to design, create and test the conference website; prepare and post the second announcement; moderate and facilitate the email discussion; and prepare the synthesis report.

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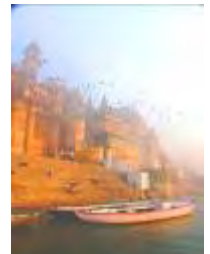
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IMPORTANT

We can publicize your stuff sent to us in Word. If you send to us in pdf, we will be able to put only a few words in our WASWC Newsletter or HOT NEWS.

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

LANDCON Series of Meetings*

No.	Meeting topic	Place	Time
0902	Conference of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA): Environmental Connection 09 www.ieca.org	Reno, Nevada, USA	Feb 9-12, 2009
0903	Conference on Land Degradation in Dry Environments jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw	Kuwait City, Kuwait	Mar 8-14, 2009
0905a	Global Change, Challenge for Soil Management: From Degradation – Through Soil and Water Conservation – To Sustainable Soil Management www.sfb.bg.ac.yu/erosion2009/	Tara Mt., Serbia	May 26-30, 2009
0905b	Conference on “The sustainable development of water resources”, organized by Hydrotechnics Faculty of “Politehnica” University of Timisoara, Romania gcr@mail.dnttm.ro	Timisoara, Romania	May 27-28, 2009
0906a	The 10th international meeting on Soil with Mediterranean Type of Climate http://www.cnrs.edu.lb/10IMSMTC.pdf	Beirut, Lebanon	Jun 22-26, 2009
0906b	Conference on “Challenges and Opportunities of Bioindustrial Watershed Development for the Prosperity of the Farming Community”, organized by the Soil Conservation Society of India www.soilcsi.org/	Bengaluru, India	Jun 25-27, 2009
0909	International Conference on Desertification in memory of Professor John B. Thornes http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornes/doku.php	Murcia, Spain	Sep 16-18, 2009
0910	Conference on “Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity”, organized by Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), roose@mpl.ird.fr , www.chercheurs.auf.org	Port au Prince, Haiti	Oct 19-24, 2009
0911	International Seminar on Upland for Food Security, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Soedirman, Purwokerto, Central Java. Contact Budi Prakoso prabud2001@yahoo.com	Purwokerto, Central Java, Indonesia	Nov 7-8, 2009
1002/ 1003	An international conference, the title will be announced later chauthu_9lvh@yahoo.co.uk	Hanoi, Vietnam	Feb or Mar 2010
1004	Interpraevent in the Pacific Rim Conference http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/	Taipei, Taiwan	Apr 26-30, 2010
1005	First Conference on Soil and Roots Engineering Relationship habibibibalani@gmail.com	Ardebil Province, Iran	May 2010
1010	A conference at the Institute of Soil and Water Conservation www.ms.iswc.ac.cn , lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn	Yangling, Shaanxi, China	Oct 2010
1101	SWAT SEA II Workshop and Conference nguyenkimloi@gmail.com	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	Jan 4-8, 2011
11...	A conference organized by the Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists www.iaswc.com/index.html	Dehra Dun, India	2011???

*See details in this issue of HOT NEWS. Organizers of these conferences have pledged to follow the Guidelines for Successful Meetings (<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>) that WASWC had deliberated and achieved in 2008, to facilitate the attendance of academics and professionals so that the meetings that we recommend are of high quality, worth the expenses they have to pay if they decide to go to attend. If your meeting

will meet at least 7 in 10 points (by self-appraisal) in the Guidelines, you may register the event in the LANDCON series and receive certain technical support from WASWC at no cost. To register, write to Samran Sombatpanit at sombatpanit@yahoo.com.

MEETINGS 2009

January-November 2009

Darwin 200 Symposia

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

2009

NCSE Online Biodiversity Conference: To celebrate the bicentennial of the birth of Charles Darwin, the National Council for Science and the Environment invites you to participate in the virtual continuation of the 9th National Conference on Science, Policy, and the Environment, "**Biodiversity in a Rapidly Changing World**", through the updated website. The website features streaming videos of keynote addresses by Cristian Samper, Director, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, and Thomas Friedman, New York Times columnist and Pulitzer Prize winning author, and much much more.

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), www.ufz.de/comland2009 **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 13-16, 2009

14th European Congress on Biotechnology

The 14th European Congress on Biotechnology will be held in Barcelona, Spain from 13 to 16 September 2009. This is a biotech event at a pan-European level run by and for Europe's biotechnology community. The congress brings together the world's best biotechnologists to discuss cutting-edge science with CEOs, executives, entrepreneurs, policy-makers and regulators from all disciplines of biotechnology. The overall theme of the 14th European Congress on Biotechnology will be SYMBIOSIS, Science, Industry & Society. The focus will be on bringing the benefits of biotechnology to society. The European Congress on Biotechnology is Europe's biotech meeting point, the place for cross-disciplinary exchange, research - industry collaborations, and a strong scientific programme. Please see the website at: <http://www.ecb14.eu> and the press release at: <http://www.belgobiotech.be/Events.cfm?EventID=379> for more information.

September 14-18, 2009

19th International Symposium on Environmental Biogeochemistry, Hamburg, Germany

[ISEB2009SecondCircular.pdf \(241KB\)](#)

The topic of this conference is 'Environmental Changes and Sustainability of Biogeochemical Cycling'.

Attached please find the second circular. The deadline for abstract submission is **April 30, 2009**.

Hamburg is a nice and active town and people enjoy a stay both for the conference and for the town and its way of life, entertainments, cultural and scientific aspects. We are presently arranging a number of social events such as receptions, evening program options and the conference dinner and also the Wednesday excursion where you can decide between (i) urban-harbor issues related to biogeochemistry, (ii) greenhouse gases studies and capturing technologies and (iii) human activity along the North Sea from the 17 to 21 century.

Contact: Oliver Dilly at oliver.dilly@zmaw.de; www.klimacampus.de

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](mailto:Dr.Lorenz.M.Hilty).



LANDCON 0909 Meeting*



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:

The direct link to the new registration website is:

<https://quest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Register/IdentityConfirmation.aspx?e=023d3bf1-20b8-4da8-925c-5a17d8e0e101>

-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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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 21-October 2, 2009

TerrAfrica to hold side events at the UNCCD COP 9, 21 September to 2 October 2009, Buenos Aires, Argentina

<http://www.terrafrica.org/>

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 22-25, 2009

Brazilian Biosafety Congress

Registration is now open for the VI Brazilian Biosafety Congress and International Symposium on Biosecurity and Dual Use Research to be held in Rio de Janeiro on September 22-25, 2009. Fifty percent discounts are available till 30th March 2009. The submission of abstracts has been extended until May 30. Reservation for exhibit stands are also being accepted.

More information is available at <http://www.anbio.org.br> or e-mail secretaria@anbio.org.br.

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 1-2, 2009

Discussions on **TOWARDS A WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2012**, by the **European Economic and Social Committee and the Stakeholder Forum** will be held on **1 and 2 October 2009** in the premises of the European Economic and Social Committee. *Please contact* rioplus20@eesc.europa.eu, asha.bhinda@eesc.europa.eu, or *Robert Kaukewitsch*, robert.kaukewitsch@eesc.europa.eu, Tel. +32.2.282.2366.

October 5-7, 2009

Katoomba XV Meeting in Ghana: The Katoomba XV meeting will take place in **Accra, Ghana, from 6th -7th October 2009**. The Meeting will focus on key challenges for the planning and development of national REDD strategies. This meeting is also timely in terms of helping country representatives fine tune their positions on REDD issues prior to the watershed meeting of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Copenhagen in December 2009, at which it is hoped there will be a political agreement on the basic architecture of REDD in a post-Kyoto regime.

October 5-8, 2009

African Seed Systems Meeting

The Institut d'Economie Rurale (IER) in Mali and the Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) will host the first Program on African Seed Systems (PASS) stakeholders' meeting from 5 to 8 October 2009 at the International Conference Center in Bamako. Over 300 participants are expected to attend including several dignitaries to be led by AFRA President Kofi Annan.

Email Lassana Sacko, head of the IER National Information Center on Biotechnology and Biosafety at lassana.sacko55@yahoo.fr for additional information.

October 5-9, 2009

[Second Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder Meeting on an Intergovernmental Science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services \(IPBES\)](#)

The twenty-fifth session of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environmental Forum has agreed to convene a second intergovernmental multi-stakeholder meeting on IPBES, which will take place from **5-9 October 2009, in Nairobi, Kenya**. Some of the issues that will be addressed during this meeting are: whether IPBES is the best tool to improve biodiversity decision-making, how it will be managed, how it will work, etc. A major input for this meeting will be a document that analyzes the existing mechanisms and institutional gaps for making data and scientific information on biodiversity and ecosystems available to decision-makers. This is a unique opportunity for civil society to insert its views, particularly on the need for a credible, legitimate and relevant scientific interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services. For more information contact: Ruth Watulo (ruth.watulo@unep.org).

October 7-9, 2009.

IGU Commissions on Land Use and Cover Change and Biogeography and Biodiversity, are jointly organizing an International Seminar at Bilaspur (Chattisgarh state of Central India) during October 7-9, 2009. Contact R.B. Singh at rbsgeol@yahoo.com

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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)
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(requested) SELECTO srl, Bari

MESAEP Members		Non members	Students	Accompanying persons
Before June 30, 2009	350	450	180	150
After June 30, 2009 or on-site	400	500	220	180

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 8, 2009

[Conference on sustainable development of water resource in Egypt](#) Location: Shebeen el-koum, Egypt

Documents: [Brochure](#) - [Application form](#)

October 12-13, 2009

5th edition of the [Voluntary Carbon Markets](#) conference and exhibition which is taking place at the America Square Conference Centre, London.

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 12-15, 2009

International Conference on Food Security and Climate Change in Dry Areas

An international conference on Food Security and Climate Change in Dry Areas, organized by the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and Jordan's Ministry of Agriculture, will be held at Amman, Jordan on October 12-15, 2009. For more information visit

http://www.icarda.org/Announcement/2009/IntlConfnc_FoodSecurity/FoodSecurityAndClimateChangeInDryAreas_2009.htm or contact n.haddad@cgiar.org

October 12-19, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENT

14th Annual WOCAT Workshop and Steering Meeting 12–19 October 2009; Morocco

Introduction:

Since 1996, WOCAT has organized International Annual Workshops and Steering Committee Meetings (known as WWSM) with the goal (a) to bring together the main collaborating and funding institutions and the core collaborators, (b) to assess the progress and exchange experiences, (c) to further develop the programme and (d) to plan for the future including budgetary consequences.

Certain “core activities” are assigned to Task Forces consisting of 3-5 participants who look after these issues until the next WWSM. These workshops have proven a useful forum for collaborative planning and information exchange.

The **14th annual WOCAT Workshop and Steering Meeting** will take place from Tuesday 13 October until Monday 19 October 2009. Participants are highly encouraged to attend the entire workshop since this will give the best opportunity to exchange ideas and to further develop the work program while enhancing the collaboration between the different institutions of the WOCAT network. Latest recommended arrival is on Monday October 12th (or earlier if needed), and departure after Monday (Oct. 19th) evening.

The meeting will finish on Monday 19 October with a joint **WOCAT and DESIRE symposium**, which shall enhance the collaboration between the two projects and will bring together various Moroccan and international organizations and institutions.

Some further highlights for the WWSM in Morocco:

1. **Special focus on taskforce (TF) group work** including the following TF's: 1) decision support tool, 2) questionnaires module, 3) impact monitoring, 4) mapping, 5) WOCAT in research, training and education
2. **Progress reports** and planning
3. **A field trip** will be organised to Moroccan study sites
4. A **Symposium** jointly organised with the DESIRE project and open for the broader Moroccan and international professionals and institutions will be held on October 19th.

Please feel welcome to comment on these agenda points or suggest more topics. A more elaborated agenda and workshop programme will be distributed prior to the workshop.

Host:

The 14th WWSM will be organised by the UNESCO-GN Chair, Faculty of Human Sciences, University Mohammed V-Agdal, BP 1040, Rabat.

Venue:

The participants of the WWSM14 will move by bus early in the morning of October 13th to Ifrane, 200km from Rabat, in the Middle Atlas. The field trip will make us return to Rabat on Saturday 17th after 3 stops in the Middle Atlas, in the Saïs area and in the ([DESIRE](#)) Sehoul study site. Sunday 18th will be a free day. Monday 19th will be the symposium day organized in collaboration with the DESIRE project and several Moroccan institutions.

*NB: Please fill the [on-line registration form](#) (see explanation below) **before 1 September 2009**. Otherwise we cannot guarantee your hotel booking.*

Participation:

We invite representatives from all main participating and funding institutions, and individual core collaborators as well as representatives from institutions that recently joined WOCAT and have not yet participated in an annual workshop. We hope to welcome many of you!

Costs and sponsoring:

Registration fees: we will charge a registration fee to be paid to the organizers at the beginning of the meeting. For accommodation, meals and the registration you need to count about 1200 MAD (≈ US\$ 150 or € 110) per day, i.e. about 1350 US\$ or € 990 for the full duration of the workshop on the basis of Double Room occupancy. For single room occupancy an extra charge (200 MAD = 25 US\$ or 18 € per night) will be charged.

Only **very limited sponsorship is available** from the WOCAT secretariat. Approval will depend on the degree of involvement in the WOCAT programme and amount of feedback received by the WOCAT secretariat, e.g. progress reports (see also next page), T's, A's and/or maps contributed to the database; active role in Task Force(s). In principle no more than one participant per national/regional initiative can be sponsored, although more representatives are welcome at own costs. Airfares will only be compensated for reasonable rates, i.e. if bought in time and according to the most economic route. Expensive tickets due to late bookings will not (or only partially) be reimbursed.

Air transfer

For most of you, arrival will be at Casablanca Mohammed V airport; a train from the airport leads you to the railway station in the centre of Rabat, from there you can take a taxi to the hotel. For those of you who can fly through Paris there is the possibility to arrive directly at Rabat airport.

Visa

Please check your visa requirements and contact the Moroccan embassy in your country as soon as possible. You may need an invitation letter; in that case please [let us know](#). Please make arrangements as soon as possible!

Registration

Please fill out the [on-line registration form](#) (click on this link) **before 1 September**. The form requires you to login with your login (Email address) and your password used for the WOCAT Address database. If your name is not yet in the [Address database](#) you'll have to register there first. Once enlisted in the Address database, your contact details will appear automatically on the WWSM registration after log in (you still have to provide your other details, like travel dates, etc.). Registration for the WWSM automatically includes registration for the Symposium.

If you cannot participate we would appreciate if you let us know too. Further information including a detailed timetable with task distribution and materials for discussion will be communicated to you by late September.

Your participation is important to help develop the programme according to your needs. WOCAT operates in a decentralized manner and needs your input and initiative!

Abdellah Laouina (UNESCO-GN Chair, Faculty of Human Sciences, University of Mohammed V-Agdal)
Hanspeter Liniger (CDE - WOCAT Coordinator)
Godert van Lynden (ISRIC, for WOCAT-MG)

October 13, 2009

[Symposium Water management and spatial planning](#) Arnhem Netherlands

October 13-16, 2009

Irish Landscape Conference, Tullamore County, Offaly, Ireland

This conference will evaluate progress on the actions that emerged during the 1999 'Toward Policies and Priorities for the Irish Landscape' conference. The landscape framework considers cultural and natural landscape in an integrated manner using a multidisciplinary approach. The purpose of the meeting is to identify the most appropriate mechanism to secure benefits for communities in Ireland and their landscapes. A range of international, European, national, regional, and local

October 13-16, 2009

Second DIVERSITAS Open Science Conference, Biodiversity and society: Understanding connections, adapting to change, 13-16 October 2009, Cape Town, South Africa

For more information and to register see: [http://www.diversitas-osc.org/docs/publications/Second Announcement-final.pdf](http://www.diversitas-osc.org/docs/publications/Second%20Announcement-final.pdf)

speakers are being lined up to participate in the conference. If you are interested in attending please contact Anne Barcoe at abarcoe@heritagecouncil.ie. A final program will be circulated in the spring of 2009.

October 13-16, 2009

Biodiversity and Society: understanding connections, adapting to change, Cape Town, South Africa

www.diversitas-osc.org

October 13-19, 2009

14th WOCAT Annual Workshop and Steering Meeting will be held in Morocco from 13-19 October 2009.

Deadline for registration is 1 September. After that, you can still participate, but we cannot guarantee the availability of appropriate accommodation. Please use the on-line registration form indicated in the announcement www.wocat.net. We hope to see many of you in Morocco. Kind regards on behalf of WOCAT Management Group and [Secretariat](#) Hanspeter Liniger and Godert van Lynden hanspeter.liniger@cde.unibe.ch

October 14-16, 2009

2009 Borlaug Dialogue on Food, Agriculture, and National Security in a Globalized World, Des Moines, Iowa, USA

The 2009 Borlaug Dialogue symposium will ask experts and decision-makers from around the world how their fields – in policy, industry, science and academia, and development – can ensure adequate access to food and nutrition for, and thus contribute to the security of, all people. To address that question, several hundred participants representing more than 65 countries – including leading policymakers and diplomats, CEOs and senior private-sector executives, and experts from academia, research, and the development community – will engage in a range of conversations addressing food and agriculture in the context of national and international security, poverty, hunger, and food security in global crisis area, as well as the need to harmonizing organic and sustainable agricultural practices with modern technology and genetics.

For more information see: <http://www.worldfoodprize.org/symposium/2009.htm>

October 16-18, 2009

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

IASI, Romania



Present quests of human existence and of the planet Earth poses human – the rational element – to reconsider his position and behavior within terrestrial system and also to involve himself fast and efficient in restoring some environmental equilibrium and components. With this belief, we invite you to a broader crossfield cooperation, which may have useful outcomes to local and regional levels. <http://geography.uaic.ro>, <http://www.pesd.ro/>

General topics:

- environmental geography
- natural and human induced environmental risks
- pollution and environmental technologies
- systemic impact of land use
- people' health
- biodiversity and environmental protection
- geomatics in environmental research
- atmospheric environment

Programme: 16.10.2009 - Paper presentations

17 and 18.10.2009 - Study field trip in the Ukraine (Cernăuți-Hotin-Căminenița)(**Passport required**)

Inscription dead-line: 30 September

Subscription fee: 50 EURO

Study field trip: 50 EURO, Taxes will be paid at Iași

The papers will be published in "Present Environment and Sustainable development" review

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October 19-21, 2009

2009 CABI Global Summit: The CABI (Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International) Global Summit will be held in London, United Kingdom from 19-21 October, 2009. The summit will bring together environment and agriculture ministers and other senior government officials from around the world. Also attending will be donors and representatives from international development and corporate organizations to consider policies, practices and technologies that can help improve food security in a climate of change. For more information, visit https://www.cabiglobalsummit.com/delegate_landing.aspx

October 19-22, 2009

International Peanut Workshop in Mali

The fourth meeting of the International Peanut Genome Initiative (IPGI) on Advances in *Arachis* through Genomics & Biotechnology (AAGB-2009), will be held in Bamako, Mali, Africa on October 19-22, 2009. It will be held in conjunction with the West & Central Africa Regional Peanut Workshop. Organizers include the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, The Peanut Foundation, and Institut d'Economie Rurale.

Email the Conference Secretariat at aagb.icrisat@cgiar.org or visit <http://www.peanutbioscience.com/>

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>

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

**Proposal of conference to be organized by the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) in Haiti
from 19 to 24 October 2009**

Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

Place

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

Time

In 2009, from 19 to 24 October, thus avoiding the high tourist season (cost of voyages and hotels) and the end of the cyclone season.

Languages of the conference

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

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

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

T2. Influence of the anti-erosive fight (farming techniques, anti-erosive structures and afforestation) on the water dynamics of the terrains on the basin slopes. Hydrological operation of the basin slopes. Characterization of the cyclones (frequency, height and intensity of the rains) and necessary adaptation of the techniques of SWC. Storage and recycling of the streaming: analysis of the valorization of surface water running through ditches, benches, terraces, gully thresholds, cisterns and hill lakes.

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

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

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

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

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

Structure of the conference

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

Agenda (Planning and Schedule)

- March 3, sending of the notice of meeting and creation of an internet site.
- May 15, deadline for reception of one-page topic summaries.
- May 30, selection of syntheses, oral expositions and posters by the topic commissions. Preliminary program on the internet site.
- Before June 15, sending by email (eric.roose@mpl.ird.fr) of the final texts (<12 pages in Arial format, 12, single space, 2.5 cm of margins, figures, tables and bibliography, all included and ready for Internet.) These texts are to be sent as soon as possible;
- Before July 15, correction by a reading panel of each discipline and preparation of a CD-ROM to be distributed during the conference.
- October 1, publication of a booklet of the summaries, syntheses and program.
- The follow-up committee of the AUF's E-GCES network will hold a meeting during the conference.

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

Publications

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

Scientific committee

- Dr. Eric Roose, Dr. Georges De Noni, of the follow-up committee, Khalef Boulkroune of the AUF, Dr. Christian Valentin, Dr. Jean Albergel, Dr Alain Laraque, Jean Marie Fotsing, Michel Brochet, Chris Reij., M. Stocking, Shaxson,
- National scientific Committee²: Evens Emanuel, representatives of Haitian and Caribbean Universities (UEH, Quisqueya, UNDH.)
- Representatives of the research institutes concerned (IRD, CIRAD³, INRA⁴, CNRS⁵, etc.)
- International French-speaking experts,... others to be specified...???

Steering Committee: Sponsored by three Caribbean universities

- Khalef Boulkroune (AUF), will ensure the management of costs and travel expenses;
- Eric Roose of the network E-GCES / AUF, will supervise the development of the event from Montpellier;
- Hervé Duchaufour, secretary of the steering committee, will lead the event in Haïti;
- Regional representative AUF in Haïti ;
- Representatives of the Haitian and other Caribbean universities concerned;
- IRD representatives and other local institutes..., non-governmental organizations (NGOs), to be specified...
- Representatives of the structures financing LAE projects in the Caribbean.

- Bernard Smolikowski, French Embassi, cooperation section
- Paul Vermande, coordinator of the AUF Network "Développement Durable et Environnement"

Erosión, GCES y restauración de la productividad de las tierras en medios tropicales

Proyecto de coloquio AUF en Haití del 19 al 24 de octubre 2009

Versión 3 del 23/2/2009

Introducción

Muchos países de América Latina sufren una serie de circunstancias que han llevado a la degradación del medio natural. Son medios montañosos de densa población que vive en un territorio tan inseguro al punto de carecer de productos básicos de supervivencia. Estos territorios han llegado a una degradación acelerada de los recursos naturales y de los sistemas forestales, a la erosión y la degradación del potencial de producción de tierras, a la polución con consecuencias a veces dramáticas sobre la biodiversidad, sobre la alimentación de las poblaciones y sobre la economía de esas regiones que finalmente han resultado en un desequilibrio social.

Además, la sucesión cada vez más cercana de los ciclones (tal vez en relación con el calentamiento climático) ha generado el empobrecimiento extremo de las poblaciones rurales y urbanas. Nos podemos preguntar si los numerosos proyectos de lucha anti-erosiva que han sido financiados en las islas del Caribe y otras regiones tropicales finalmente han podido preservar la calidad del agua a nivel de las cuencas y mejorar la productividad de tierras acondicionadas.

Además, la conservación de los suelos no sólo es un problema técnico: el medio humano que se va a beneficiar de los acondicionamientos está directamente implicado. Los aspectos socio-económicos y culturales de los problemas de erosión van a orientar la elección de las soluciones, la aceptabilidad por las poblaciones, la durabilidad de los acondicionamientos.

Para encontrar soluciones aceptables, estos problemas demandan estudios integrados interdisciplinarios que cubren diversas escalas: parcelas que sufren la erosión, a través de las cuencas hasta las orillas de los océanos donde se concentran tanto los elementos contaminantes como las ciudades y los sitios turísticos.

El caso de Haití, pero también el de otras islas caribeñas nos parece bastante revelador: el desbroce de los bosques para la producción de carbón y alimentos ha acelerado la degradación de la fertilidad de los suelos, el abarrancamiento de las cuencas y la polución de las aguas que inundan las llanuras habitadas y contaminan las bahías marinas.

Nosotros proponemos organizar en Haití, medio insular tropical francófono, un coloquio internacional acerca de este tema complejo sobre influencia de la erosión y de la lucha anti-erosiva sobre la restauración de la productividad de las tierras. Este primer aviso tiene como propósito informar a los equipos de investigadores, profesores de las universidades y practicantes de los diferentes programas que estarían interesados en participar en un coloquio de mediana envergadura (50 a 150 participantes).

Lugar

Puerto Príncipe, donde están concentrados los investigadores de las universidades y los ministerios implicados. La presencia de un aeropuerto internacional permite a los investigadores de los países vecinos de América Latina, Europa y Norte América llegar aquí fácilmente. Además, se encuentran en este lugar, investigadores motivados para que un coloquio como éste tenga lugar, y esté co-auspiciado por la AUF, el IRD, las universidades y la cooperación internacional, por lo tanto, los nuevos locales de la AUF en Pétienville reúnen las condiciones ideales para este evento.

Periodo

En 2009, del 19 al 24 de octubre para tomar en cuenta la estación turística alta (costo de los viajes y hoteles) y el término de la estación de los ciclones.

Lenguas del coloquio

El francés es el idioma principal, pero permanecemos abiertos a los especialistas anglófonos e hispano hablantes (aunque no esté previsto la traducción simultánea de manera sistemática), pues hacemos un esfuerzo para que los documentos de soporte de las conferencias sean presentados en lengua francesa.

Temas especialmente proyectados: « impacto de la GCES sobre la alimentación sostenible »

T1. Eficacia de la lucha anti-erosiva sobre la restauración de la productividad de los suelos. Corrección y valorización de los barrancos, balance de los proyectos de la LAE desde hace 50 años: análisis y perspectivas.

T2. Influencia de la lucha anti-erosiva (técnicas culturales, estructuras antierosivas y reforestación) sobre la dinámica del agua de la parcela en la cuenca. Funcionamiento hidrológico de las cuencas. Caracterización de los ciclones (frecuencia, nivel e intensidad de las lluvias) y adaptación necesaria de las técnicas de LAE. Almacenamiento y reciclaje del chorreo: análisis de la valorización de las aguas de superficie a través de canales, banquetas, terrazas, los umbrales de ensenadas, cisternas y los lagos en colinas.

T3. Los aspectos agronómicos de la GCES: gestión de la biomasa, utilización de las literas en superficie, estercolamientos orgánico y mineral, rotaciones y cultivos asociados, acaballamiento sembrado directo bajo litera. Asociación de agricultura – crianza de ganado: influencias positivas y negativas de los sistemas y de las conductas de crianza de ganado.

T4. Rol de los árboles en la GCES en función del balance hídrico regional: reforestación de las cuencas abruptas, agro-silvicultura, agro-vergel, producción de forraje. Selección de especies indígenas o introducidas.

T5. Espacialización de los riesgos de diferentes tipos de erosión (SIG, indicadores, simulación): validación de los modelos a partir de mediciones de terreno.

T6. Aspectos socio-económicos de la LAE: aportes de la GCES en la economía rural de las cuencas, costo de la erosión y de las diversas técnicas anti-erosivas, oportunidades de desarrollo, política de subsidios y de fomento, influencia de la presión territorial y del modo de destacar la aceptabilidad de las técnicas de LAE. Planificación, participación, y valorización de los acondicionamientos.

Otros temas (LAE en medio urbano, espacialización de riesgos de erosión/inundación, aspectos culturales de la LAE, técnicas tradicionales de LAE, erosión y polución de las aguas) que podrían aparecer del análisis de los resúmenes propuestos o de los problemas propios del Caribe.

Estructura del coloquio

Cada tema dispondrá de media jornada para exponer una síntesis (invitación de un experto, 30 a 40 min) y 6 exposiciones orales de (20 min) y posters (4 días de exposición). Con un total máximo de 4 días de las cuales se hará una corta sesión de plenaria oficial de acogida y una síntesis de las recomendaciones presentadas por los presidentes e informantes de cada sesión. En principio, cada sesión se hará en serie con un día de campo (con dos excursiones a elección) en medio del coloquio. Los posters, pausas de café, almuerzos, se harán con ánimos de permitir los encuentros y discusiones entre investigadores, practicantes y financistas.

Programación

- Mediados de febrero, última corrección de la carta de llamado para presentar comunicaciones.
- El 3 de marzo, envío del llamado de las comunicaciones y creación de un sitio Internet.
- El 15 de mayo, plazo de recepción de los resúmenes sustanciales de una página.
- El 30 de mayo, selección de las síntesis, exposiciones orales y posters por las comisiones de los temas. Primer proyecto del programa sobre el sitio Internet.
- Antes del 15 de junio, lo más pronto posible envío por correo (eric.roose@mpl.ird.fr), de los textos definitivos (<12 páginas en formato Arial, 12, simple interlinea, 2.5 cm de márgenes, gráficos, tablas y bibliografía, incluyendo todo, listo para Internet) ;
- Antes del 15 de julio, corrección por un comité de lectura de cada disciplina y montaje de un CD-Rom para distribuir en el coloquio.
- El 1° de octubre, publicación de un cuaderno de los resúmenes, de las síntesis y del programa.
- Durante el coloquio, reunión del comité de seguimiento de la red E-GCES de la AUF.

En diciembre de 2009, comité de selección de las mejores comunicaciones para realizar un trabajo científico sobre el planteamiento (AUF) o propuesta de los mejores artículos en una revista internacional (Cuaderno de Agronomía o Sequía o Revista de Desarrollo y Medio Ambiente).

Publicaciones

- * Cuaderno del programa, del los resúmenes distribuido en el coloquio;
- * CD Rom = los textos completos constituyen las Actas del coloquio;
- * puesta en Internet de los textos completos, seleccionados y corregidos;
- * publicación de un trabajo científico que comprende una selección de las mejores comunicaciones enmarcadas en una introducción para cada tema. Ediciones IRD y AUF ;
- * publicación individual o en grupo de las mejores comunicaciones en las revistas especializadas francófonas (AUF, « Materiales y medioambiente » o anglófonas).

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Inscription y resumes

Para participar al coloquio estan invitados a llenar el formulario adjunto. En el resumen de una pagina, estan indicados la problematica, el medio, los metodos, los resultados, la discusion y conclusion. El regreso del formulario esta solicitado, en forma electronica para el **15 de mayo de 2009**, a : coloque-haiti@auf.org

Los gastos de inscription :

- Estudiantes : 10 \$US
- Profesionales del Sur no apoyados por una institucion del Sur o ONG : 20 \$US
- Otros participantes : 100 \$US si gastos pagados antes del 1ro de julio, 150 \$US despues
- Excurcion : 20\$ US

Por todo otros tipos de informacion, consulte : www.auf.org o www.egces.auf.org

October 20, 2009

Food Security in a Climate of Change Global Summit, 20 October 2009, London, UK

For more information on CABI and the Summit see: https://www.cabiglobalsummit.com/delegate_landing.aspx.

October 20-23, 2009

VIII TALLER INTERNACIONAL
“LOS ÁRBOLES Y ARBUSTOS EN LA GANADERÍA”
POR EL DESARROLLO PECUARIO SOSTENIBLE Y LA SEGURIDAD ALIMENTARIA
Octubre 20-23 de 2009 Centro de Convenciones Plaza América
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October 20-23, 2009



There is a fantastic line up of Keynotes, Presentations, Workshops and Tutorials at FOSS4G 2009. There is also the Climate Change Integration Plugfest (CCIP) for demonstration of standards based interoperability between Open Source and Proprietary geospatial applications based on a Climate Change Scenario.

There is also an academic track <http://2009.foss4g.org/researchpapers/> and ICA Working Group on Open Source Geospatial Technologies is pleased to be involved in the organisation of the academic track for FOSS4G 2009. Many thanks to excellent work by Thierry for organising this track.

We look forward to your active participation in FOSS4G 2009. Please register at <http://2009.foss4g.org/index.html>

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October 21-23, 2009

ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity, Singapore <http://www.tradechakra.com/events/singapore/asean-conference-on-biodiversity-2009-1664.php>

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, 27-30 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) yangjey@kangwon.ac.kr (Source: IUSS Alert 47).

November 2, 2009

[Sustainable Infrastructure and Built Environment in Developing Countries \(SIBE 2009\)](#) Bandung Indonesia

Nov 2-3, 2009

Food Security 2009: Achieving long-term solutions. Chatham House, London

The Hunger Agenda in a Global Recession will tackle the politics and science surrounding global food security.

[More Information](#)

November 3-4, 2009

Soil Erosion in China Presents Urgent Problems: Proposed China Chapter Hosts Event to Help Find Solutions

By Tony Chu, IECA's China Ambassador

China's Ministry of Water Resources (MWR) Minister Chen Lei, announced that "eroded soil amounts to 4.5 billion tons every year, and 24 million hectares of affected arable land needs to be improved immediately. The MWR reports indicate economic losses brought by soil erosion account for 2.25 percent of [China's] gross domestic product every year."

China's major newspaper, *Xinhua News*, published a nationwide government research report revealing that almost 40 percent of China's territory, or 3,569,200 square kilometers of land, suffers from soil erosion. It showed 1.61 million square km of land is suffering from erosion by water and 1.96 million square km is being eroded by wind. "China has a more dire situation than India, Japan, the United States, Australia and many other countries suffering from soil erosion," the News agency quoted from the report.

To curtail the environmental devastation built up through decades of weak policy implementation and uncontrolled pollution, China is committing an unprecedented amount of resources and investments. This trend will create opportunities for both domestic and international organizations and experts. In part hosted by the proposed China Chapter of IECA, the [Shenzhen Environmental Protection Industry Development Forum](#) Nov. 3-4 in Shenzhen, China will explore the opportunities and solutions available. For more details, please contact [Tony Chu](#) or [Doug Wimble](#).

November 3-5, 2009

[9th Scientific Conference on the role of scientific research in agricultural development "Towards agricultural renaissance for sustainable development"](#) Location: Khartoum, Sudan Documents: [Arabic](#) -[English](#)

November 4-5, 2009

Australian CARBON FARMING CONFERENCE & EXPO

Orange National Field Day Site, Borenore NSW

4-5 November 2009

From: Louisa Kiely [louisa@carboncoalition.com.au]

Sent: Mittwoch, 9. September 2009 15:22

To: Louisa Kiely

Subject: 2009 Soil Carbon Farming Conference and expo

G'day - Hope you are well and things are going smoothly for you - things seem busy for everyone these days! Well, things are moving on apace with Soil Carbon and this year the Conference offers another great opportunity to get involved and see where this is going. This is no longer just a soil scientist issue - market specialists are now also important to the solution. Couple this with the huge breakthrough with Obama's attitude to Agriculture, and many walls are crumbling... And carbon farming remains at the very epicentre of a soil carbon market. It can't be done without farmers!

We are now Farmer Representatives for the Prime Carbon assisted land management change method - which was showcased at last year's conference - and we are actively seeking farmers to baseline for soil carbon and get going on the program. When the market opens, supply will be the issue and this method allows for pending credits to be registered on the National Environment register.

We are the official training organisation for this method. Happy to talk to you about this at any time as well.

Further, we are making the link this year with the Soil Health, human health and Saving the Planet. The link between increased soil carbon, biodiversity above and below ground and resilience is starting to cut through. It is literally the case that without more carbon back into the soils, we may not be able to feed the world populations. I'm sure you feel this imperative as well.

For the croppers we have the Canadians coming with news of their brand new emissions reduction technology. They have machinery modifications which take the emissions from the tractor stack, treat it, and put the remaining down the tube with the seed. We already have a machine here in Australia, so I'll be attempting to get it along! If not, we'll be sure to get a video.

All feedback is good feedback and could you also please let others know about the conference?

If you know of any good Carbon Farmers we can enter them into the Carbon Cockie competition - which is just another way of raising the knowledge level of Carbon Farming.

Also - GREAT NEWS! The Carbon Farming 101 1/2 day seminar has just been approved as a FARM READY approved course. This means farmers can attend for FREE! This is a great way to get the latest information on Carbon Farming prior to the conference. You also receive a copy of the Carbon Farming Handbook - the only one of its kind, and valued at \$55.

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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

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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.

LANDCON 0911 Meeting*

November 7-8, 2009

Upland for Food Security, an international seminar, organized at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Soedirman, Purwokerto, Central Java, Indonesia

Increasing human population resulted in more demand on foods, fibers, energy, and settlements. Many fertile arable soils with easy access have been converted into settlement and industrial areas. Therefore, sustainable food production systems in marginal upland areas are one of the greatest challenges. This seminar will examine local technology, new agricultural technologies, and many recent findings for food production and processing that might aid in efforts to achieve sustainable upland agricultural systems for securing foods, fibers and energy.

Participants: This seminar is open to academicians, researchers, practicals, students, general publics and interested parties. Sessions include:

1. Agronomy & Crop Management
2. Crop improvement & biotechnology
3. Economic & Social Development
4. Food Processing & Nutrition
5. Cropping Systems & Land Conservation

Registration fee: Participants willing to give oral presentation or poster presentation are requested to send an abstract and register in advance to the Organizing committee not later than 1 August 2009. The fee is **US\$125** for foreigner and **Rp 350,000** for Indonesian. The fees for students are half of the stated fees. The fee covers materials and seminar kits and food and drink during seminar. Transportation, accommodation and food and drink not in the seminar are not included. For additional information, send queries to: Dr. Budi Prakoso, Faculty of Agriculture, the University of Soedirman, Purwokerto, Indonesia prabud2001@yahoo.com

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

November 8-12, 2009

18th Symposium of the International Scientific Centre of Fertilizers: MORE SUSTAINABILITY IN AGRICULTURE: NEW FERTILIZERS AND FERTILIZATION MANAGEMENT, Rome, Italy

Symposium secretary: Francesco FORNARO: Agricultural Research Council Research Unit for Cropping System in Dry Environments (Bari) – Italy. E-mail: francesco.fornaro@entecra.it, Fax: +39 0805475023

November 9-10, 2009

[Global Feed Summit "Increased volatility in raw materials prices, cost saving measures & food safety standards"](#) Location: Bali, Indonesia

November 9-11, 2009

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

November 9-11, 2009

BCP Congress in Glasgow The British Crop Production Council (BCPC) will hold an international crop production and protection congress and exhibition on November 9-11, 2009 in Glasgow, United Kingdom www.bcpcongress.com

November 9-12, 2009

2009 International Conference on Horticulture

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

November 10, 2009

[First Conference on the Integrated Water Resources Management](#) Batna Algeria

November 10-11, 2009

[The fourth international conference on "Impacts of Climate Change on Natural Resources"](#) Date: November 10-11, 2009; Location: Ismailia, Egypt

November 2009 - Postponed to Nov 2010

16th ISCO Conference, Santiago, Chile. **Contact:** Claudio Perez Castillo (cperez@inia.cl) and German Ruiz Cardenas (german.ruiz@sag.gob.cl) or Samir A. El-Swaify elswaify@hawaii.edu

November 10-12, 2009

The Institute of Allied Sciences & Computer Applications (IASCA) ITM Universe, Sithouli, Gwalior is organizing an **International conference on “CLIMATE CHANGE & SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES”** from **10-12 November 2009**.

We feel immense pleasure in sending you the details of this conference. This is an enriched rendezvous where we are expecting speakers from over the globe. The world needs to be more savvy about the global climatic change & the management of vital resources.

Hence we are looking forward to your participation.

Dr. J.L. Bhat, Director, I.A.S.C.A.

Address: Opp. Sithouli Railway Station, NH-75, Jhansi Road, Gwalior-474001- INDIA. Tel. No. +91-0751- 2440060 Telefax : +91-0751- 2432988, Mob : 09009932365. iasca@itmuniverse.in, conference.iasca2009@gmail.com, www.itmuniverse.in

November 10-12, 2009

The Genetically Modified Crops Coexistence Conference in Melbourne

The Genetically Modified Crops Coexistence Conference (GMCC) will take place from 10 to 12 November, 2009 in Melbourne, Australia. The conference will cover key issues on coexistence between GM and non-GM agricultural supply chains ranging from the production level to the market place. Topics include: gene flow in agricultural systems; strategies for coexistence and organisational measures across the supply chain; socio-economics of coexistence and cost/benefit analysis of coexistence strategies; legal and policy issues of coexistence frameworks; traceability and control of coexistence.

For further information, please visit: <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 16-18, 2009

Food and Agriculture Organization, Summit on Food Security, 16-18 November 2009, Rome, Italy

In October, three important events will prepare the ground for the Summit, including a high level expert forum on 12-13 October, the Committee on World Food Security, and World Food Day on 16 October 2009.

For more information see: <http://www.fao.org/wsfs/world-summit/en/>.

November 16-19, 2009

6th International Rice Genetics Symposium

For more information, visit <http://ricegenetics.com/>

November 16 to 20, 2009

SWAT workshop at NC by Dr. Srinivasan

Sorry to flood your inboxes but I hope you can advertise the SWAT/APEX training to be held in Greensboro , and Raleigh NC November 16 to 20, 2009.

Dr. Srinivasan will hold the training. As of now we have ten registered participants. The details are in:

<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=13b22402-fe4e-43e3-8ec8-10d6d0ad0277>

Location of Training:

Beginners SWAT - November 16-17, 2009

APEX - November 18, 2009

North Carolina A&T State University

Biological Engineering, Sockwell Hall, Rm. 114

Greensboro , NC 27411

Advanced SWAT - November 19-20, 2009

Jane S. McKimmon Center

North Carolina State University

1101 Gorman St .

Raleigh , NC 27606

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 19-21, 2009

National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI) – Annual Indian Geography Congress will be held at the Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh State of Central India) during November 19-21, 2009. Contact R.B.

Singh at rbsgeol@yahoo.com

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

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 1-5, 2009

[4th global summit on medicinal and aromatic plants](#), 1-5 December 2009 Location: Sarawak, Malaysia

December 2, 2009

[3rd World Aqua Congress](#) New Delhi India

December 5-6, 2009

Call for papers, International Conference on Agripreneurship and Rural Development

This conference on agricultural entrepreneurship and rural development will be held from 5-6 December 2009, at the Banaras Hindu University Campus in Varanasi, India. Organizers are soliciting papers on the following themes: Authors should send one page abstracts describing their research papers, conceptual articles and case studies to the conference secretariat at icard2009@gmail.com by **10 August 2009**. For more information see: <http://www.icard2009.org/>.

December 5-9, 2009

25th Annual Conference of the Soil Science Society of East Africa, 5-9 December 2009 Moshi, Tanzania. The event will draw scientists from Research Organizations, Universities, Non-Governmental Organizations, Community-based Organizations, Farmer Association groups and International Soil-related Organizations operating in Eastern Africa. Papers will be presented in the conference according to the following disciplines: Fertilizer Use Efficiency and Food Security challenges, Climate change challenges to Small scale farming, Combating desertification in Eastern Africa, Land resources data bases in Eastern Africa, Water resources Utilization & Food Security, Effective communication of Soil and Water Research findings, Socio-economics and gender aspects of land management, Organic agriculture. More information e-mail M. Kilasara, Chairman, SSSEA mmkilasara@yahoo.com (Source: IUSS Alert 50)

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 10-12, 2009

International conference on knowledge management for sustainable development will be held in **Kathmandu, Nepal** from **10-12 December 2009**. Detail information about the conference can be found at www.kmsd2009.org, which is regularly updated. You may also write to kmsd.secretariat@gmail.com or rajendra@ait.asia for further information.

December 16-20, 2009

[The Tunisian association of the digital geographic information](#) has honor to invite you for participation in the manifestation of the international congress GEOTUNIS in its fourth session on **December 16/20/2009 in Tunisia.**

“Survey of the hydraulic resources and of desertification by using the geographic information systems, remote detection and numeric designing “

Serval of experts, specialists, researchers, companies and instition concerned with geographic information systems and remote detection will participate in the manifestations congress.

- [For more information you can visit our web site](#)

- [For the major scientific themes of the congress](#)

- [To participate in the geo tehnology exhibition you can visit the following link](#)

In you participation support for scientific cooperation and enrich the experimental researches in

the application of information systems on hydraulic resources and desertification.
We invite you and see you soon.

تتشرف الجمعية التونسية للاعلام الجغرافي الرقمي بدعوتكم للمشاركة في فعاليات المؤتمر الدولي جيو تونس 2009 في دورته الرابعة:

«دراسة الموارد المائية و التصحر باستخدام نظم المعلومات الجغرافية و الاستشعار عن بعد و النمذجة الرقمية»
ايام 16-20 ديسمبر 2009 بتونس العاصمة

سيشارك في فعاليات المؤتمر مئات الخبراء و المختصين و الباحثين و الشركات و المؤسسات المعنية بنظم المعلومات الجغرافية و الاستشعار عن بعد و العلوم ذات العلاقة و لمزيد الاطلاع يمكنكم زيارة موقعنا على العنوان التالي:

للتسجيل يمكنكم الدخول على الرابط التالي

للاطلاع على المحاور العلمية الكبرى للمؤتمر يمكنكم الدخول على هذا الرابط

للمشاركة في المعرض الجيو تكنولوجي يمكنكم زيارة الرابط التالي

في مشاركتكم دعما لا واصر التعاون العلمي و اثراء للتجارب البحثية في ميدان تطبيقات نظم المعلومات الجغرافية و الاستشعار عن بعد و العلوم ذات العلاقة.

نجدد لكم الدعوة و الى لقاء قريب

a l'honneur de vous inviter à Géographique Numérique Association Tunisienne de l'InformationL'
quatrième participation aux événements du symposium international GeoTunis 2009 à la la
session :

**« Apport des Technologies Géomatiques dans l'étude des ressources en eau et le suivi du
phénomène de la désertification »**

Du 16 au 20 décembre 2009 à Tunis.

Tous les spécialistes, les chercheurs, les sociétés et les institutions qui en relation avec le système de l'information géographique et la télédétection et tous les sciences en relation vont participer et :

Pour plus de détails, vous pouvez visiter le site sur : www.geotunis.org

Pour les grands thèmes scientifiques du symposium, vous pouvez accéder à ce lien.

Pour participer à l'exposition géo technologique, vous pouvez visiter ce lien

Dans votre participation, il y a un soutien et enrichissement à la recherche scientifique dans le domaine des applications des systèmes d'information sur les ressources hydraulique et la désertification.

رئيس الجمعية

Président de l'Association : Mohamed Ayari

محمد العياري

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

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MEETINGS 2010+ +

Early 2010

Agricultural Biotechnologies in Developing Countries Conference

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Mexican Government are organizing an invitation-only international technical conference on "Agricultural biotechnologies in developing countries: Options and opportunities in crops, forestry, livestock, fisheries and agro-industry to face the challenges of food insecurity and climate change" in Guadalajara, Mexico in early 2010. The event is co-sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB). To provide any comments or feedback, send a message to ABDC@fao.org. For more information, visit <http://www.fao.org/biotech/abdc/conference-home/en/>

2010

[2nd Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Marine Natural Products \(II EMCMPN\)](#) Cairo, EGYPT

January 11-14, 2010

[International conference on Management of Soil and Groundwater Salinization in Arid Regions](#), Muscat, Oman

January 14-16, 2010

[2nd International Seminar on Medicinal Plants](#)

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

February 7-10, 2010

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

February 8-11, 2010

SMRLO'10

The International Symposium on

STOCHASTIC MODELS in RELIABILITY ENGINEERING, LIFE SCIENCES and OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

February 8-11, 2010, Beer Sheva, Israel

The SMRLO'10 will serve as a forum for discussing different issues of Stochastic Models and Methods in Reliability Engineering, Life Sciences and Operations Research and their applications. The idea of symposium is to assemble researchers and practitioners from universities, institutions, industries, businesses and government, working in these fields. Theoretical issues and applied case-studies, presented on the symposium, will range from academic considerations to operational applications. There will be invited talks, plenary sessions, parallel sessions, posters and exhibitions. The talks will be selected by the program committee and will be included in the symposium proceedings. Selected papers after review and revision will be published in special issues of international journals.

CONFERENCE COUNCIL

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE English

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February 16-20, 2010



EC10

February 16-20, 2010

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WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL CONNECTION?

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-Misty Scharff, CPESC
URS Corporation



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Dear Samran,

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

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

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

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

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

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



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IECA ANNOUNCES NEW DATES FOR EC10

IECA recently announced new dates for the Environmental Connection 2010 conference in Dallas. To help control costs for attendees that may have occurred with the original dates coinciding with the 2010 NBA All-Star Game, EC10 events will now begin two days later than originally planned. The new dates for the conference are February 16-20, 2010, with the expo hall opening running February 17th-19th.

[Click here](#) to view the media release regarding to date change.

SAVE THE DATE!

Download a Save the Date card to post in your office, as refrigerator art or on the already crowded bulletin board. Just remember to reserve February 16-20, 2010 for the World's Largest Soil and Water Event!

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EC10 Call for Presentations

Are you working on something new or cutting-edge? Does your work deserve to be part of the **world's largest soil and water event**? Then submit for EC10!

At EC10, we are inviting attendees to "*Discover New Frontiers*" and are calling on our presenters to bring the latest, freshest content from the field to the classroom. Here are just a few of the suggested topics for submittals:

- TMDL's & ELG's (public input, model opportunities, implementation)
- MS4's minimum control measures for Phase 2
- Green infrastructure

The deadline for abstracts is **May 15, 2009** and complete submission details are available at [IECA's website](#). If you've submitted before here are a couple of new details:

- Submittals that do not meet the May 15, 2009 deadline will be considered for *Environmental Connection 2011*.
- Full-day courses will be considered throughout the year, but only courses submitted by May 15, 2009 will be considered for the EC10 program.

If you are considering submitting, here are some other important dates for your calendar:

- May 15th - Abstracts due
- June 30th - Initial notification of acceptance of abstract sent to authors with guidelines on writing their paper
- July 30th - Papers due
- August 31st - Notification of acceptance of papers sent to authors with presentation guidelines
- September 15th - Corrected papers due
- October 30th - Final presentations due
- February 14th-18th - EC10 in Dallas, TX, USA

Remember, IECA is looking for full-day, half-day and shorter technical presentations (1.5 hours). If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact IECA via [e-mail](#) or at 800-455-4322 or 303-640-7554.

[Submit today!](#) IECA's Staff and Board of Directors

February 21-24, 2010

Watershed Technology Conference: call for papers

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

March 8-12, 2010

Agbiosafeseed 2010

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

March 15-20, 2010

[2nd International conference on biological and environmental sciences](#) Location: Mansoura, Egypt

March 17-20, 2010

The Division 3 - Soil Use and Management of the International Union of Soil Science (IUSS) is performing an '**International Conference on Soil Fertility and Soil Productivity, Two Features to be Distinguished - Differences of Efficiency of Soils for Land Uses, Expenditures and Returns**'. I will use for this conference the big occasion of the celebration of the 200 years anniversary of the famous Humboldt University of Berlin in 2010. The Humboldt University has strong links to Albrecht Thear who is famous for his humus theory in the 18th century and early work on soil fertility. I would be very pleased to gain your interest in this conference, and when you could inform in the thematic interested colleagues and your society. The address of the home page of the conference is <http://www.uni-due.de//soil-fertility-productivity2010/index.shtml>, soil-fertility-productivity2010@uni-due.de

I would be very pleased when you could also inform about the conference the Society for Agronomy and the Society for Plant Nutrition or provide me with the addresses. About other useful addresses I would be very pleased.

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April 20-25, 2010

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

March 22-26, 2010

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

April 7-9, 2010

3rd International Conference on Problematic Soils, Adelaide, Australia

Topics

- Peat and organic soils - Volcanic Soils

- Expansive Soils - Collapsible Soils
- Carbonate rich soils - Lateritic soils
- Residual soils - Tailings
- Deep fills - Dispersive soils
- Unsaturated soils

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

April 20-25, 2010

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

LANDCON 1004 Meeting*

April 26-30, 2010

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

Theme: "Natural Disasters Mitigation Including Floods, Storms, Debris flows, Mass movements and Earthquakes"

New dates: ❖ **30 November 2009**, Deadline for submission of full-paper

❖ **15 January 2010**, Notification of paper acceptance

Important Dates

Deadline for submission of abstract	30 April 2009
Notification of abstract acceptance	31 May 2009
Deadline for submission of full-paper manuscript	31 October 2009
Notification of paper acceptance	30 November 2009
End of early registration	15 January 2010
Finalized technical program	15 February 2010
Symposium	26 April 2010

Call for Paper

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

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- Model: THSR 700T
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Website: <http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/>.

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

April 28, 2010

Water & Environment 2010: CIWEM's Annual Conference London United Kingdom

April 28-29, 2010

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

May 17-19, 2009



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المركز الدولي للزراعة الملحية
International Center for Biosaline Agriculture
Dubai, UAE

*Under the Patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan
Ruler's Representative in the Western Region Abu Dhabi
Chairman Environment Agency Abu Dhabi*

First Announcement

International Conference on Soil Classification and Reclamation of Degraded Lands in Arid Environments

AND

Launching of Abu Dhabi Soil Survey Report

17-19 May, 2010

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Organized by:

**The Environment Agency Abu Dhabi (EAD)
The International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA)**

Background

The soils display extensive spatial and temporal variability in their properties, and therefore, their understanding, soil classification, land use management and reclamation are of prime importance. Soil information provides foundation for potential uses and problems that may arise and therefore is the key for policy and decision making, especially in arid regions facing severe water scarcity. The co-occurrence of the International conference and launching of the Abu Dhabi Soil Survey Report will provide excellent opportunities to the international scientific community to share the world soils information leading to proper land use management, and reclamation of degraded land in arid environments.

Objectives

- To bring forth and introduce Abu Dhabi Soil Survey Report to the Scientific Community at large.
- To discuss and review classification of soils and land use in arid environment.
- To examine advances made in soil salinity mapping, monitoring and land reclamation in degraded irrigated agriculture ecosystems.
- To review impacts of use of marginal water in agriculture and landscaping.
- To identify research development (R&D) needs and utilization of database of soil survey and classification including policy and institutions.
- To bring together scientists, professionals and decision-makers to share knowledge and information on land use and planning.

Conference Structure

The Conference will include:

- Launching of the Abu Dhabi Soil Survey Report.
- Plenary papers by invited speakers on a specific conference topic.
- Submitted papers that have been selected for presentation at the conference.
- Workshop on utilization of soil survey data in land use planning and policy implications.
- A field trip to different soil types to agricultural production areas in Abu Dhabi.

All correspondence concerning organizational matters should be addressed to: Prof. Dr. Ahmed Khidir, Chairman, Organization Committee, ICSC EAD, P.O. Box 45553 Abu Dhabi, UAE E-mail: abashir@ead.ae, Fax : 024463339
 All correspondence concerning scientific program (including abstract and papers) and financial support for presenting papers should be addressed to: Prof. Dr. Faisal Taha, Chairman, Scientific Committee, ICSC, ICBA, P.O. Box 14660 Dubai, UAE E-mail: f.taha@biosaline.org.ae, Fax : +(971 4) 3361155

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 24-26, 2010



First international conference of soil and roots engineering relationship

**Ardebil Province, Iran
24-26 May 2010**

This conference is the first in the series of LANDCON on soil and roots engineering relationship. The aim of this meeting is to bring together scientific researchers, practitioners, geotechnical and civil engineers, biologists, ecologists, rangeland managers and foresters to discuss current problems in soil and root engineering relationship. Papers will be presented orals and posters on Mechanics of Roots, wind loading on roots system, slope instability, soil erosion with water and wind, soil hydrology, mountain plants ecology, land use planning, Modeling root reinforcement, Failure criteria of roots, Root and soil interaction, catchments management, Ground bio-engineering, Eco-engineering and modeling of root reinforcement. www.landcon-ir.com/index.htm;
Landcon.ir@gmail.com

We hope that you will be able to join us at this meeting, to be held in mountain part of Ardebil Province, Iran (800 km NW of Teheran, between Tabriz and the Caspian Sea). We look forward to seeing you in May 2010!

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Call for papers

Avalanches bio-engineering
 Biological richness
 Catchment's management with Plant
 coastline protection with plants
 Debris flow bio-engineering
 Disaster management on soil debris
 disturbance ecology
 Effect of grazing on Vegetation diversity
 Effect of human intervention on root-soil Interaction
 Effect of silviculture on root-soil Interaction
 Effect of wind throw on soil stress
 Effects of wind loading on Roots

Evapotranspiration
 Failure criteria of roots
 Flow mitigation with plants
 Forest Soil Environment
 Forests and Water Interactions
 High-altitude plant ecosystems
 influence of climate change on vegetation
 Landslides bio-engineering
 Legislation for soil bio-engineering
 Mechanics of Roots under wind loading
 Modeling root reinforcement
 Mountain biodiversity

plant establishment
 Plant growth versus engineering
 plant management
 planting cuttings on embankments
 Risk management with GIS
 Riverbank protection with plants
 Rockfall bio- engineering
 Root anchorage
 root and soil ecology
 Root and soil interaction
 root and soil interface
 root architecture
 root density
 Root effect on soil cohesion
 root growth
 root morphology
 Root reinforcement
 Root strength

run-off protection with plants
 short and long-term measures on soil debris
 Slope degradation
 Slope hydrology
 Slope stability modeling
 soil bio-engineering techniques
 soil fixing techniques
 Soil loss protection with plants root
 soil moisture relations and vegetation
 soil nailing
 soil protective techniques
 soil sealing with plant roots
 species selection for soil protection
 torrent control with plants
 unsaturated strength of soil
 Vegetation ecology
 Vegetation structural diversity
 wind erosion and conservation with plant

Deadlines:

Abstract submission: Nov. 15, 2009. Please send only to landcon.ir.abstract@gmail.com. **Acceptance of abstract:** Jan. 22, 2010. **Full paper submission:** March 15, 2010. Email of Full paper sending will be confirmed after abstract acceptance.

Abstract Guidelines:

The [abstract guidelines](#) are in Word format.

Exhibits:

Display tables will be available for equipment developers, manufacturers, consultants, and other organizations to demonstrate their *soil and roots engineering* technologies and equipment. For more information on display space, please contact the conference coordinator.

Presentations

Presentations will be made in the form of oral or posters. Key-note lectures will be 25 minutes long and standard lectures will be 15 minutes long with 5 minutes for questions. Posters will be on display throughout the conference days.

Language:

The official language for the conference is English.

Conference abstracts A book of abstracts will be available for each conference participant. Please submit abstracts (1 page maximum) before Nov. 15, 2009. Please also send the abstract submission form with your contribution and use the specified format for writing your abstract. Please select "[Subject Areas](#)" of your abstract in your email, when you send it.

Conference proceedings

Proceedings will be published in a special edition of a Book. Manuscripts to be submitted for publication in the proceedings will be sent before **March 15, 2010**.

Arrival and information

For arriving to Ardebil city in Northwest Iran you can tow way selection:

- 1-If you take Turkish airline (WWW.THY.com) you can fly to Tabriz International Airport and pick up group of conference will lead you to arrive conference *venue* on May 23, 2010 (before day of conference). Tabriz city to Ardebil city is about 200 Km. Taxis cost 50000 Rials (about 5\$) to the Ardebil city.
- 2-If you take another airline ticket can fly to Tehran International Airport (Imam Khomeini International Airport) about 40 Km to Tehran city and pick up group of conference will lead you arrive conference *venue* on May 23, 2010 (before day of conference). Taxis cost 300000 Rials (about 30\$) to Tehran. Tehran city to Ardebil city is about 800 Km. Flights and buses link Tehran to Ardebil with respectively cost about 800000 Rials (80\$) and 80000 Rials (8\$).

Please announce of your flight to conference coordinator for pick you up with conference leaders in airports (Tabriz or Tehran).

REGISTRATION FEE

Category	Before March 31, 2010		After March 31, 2010	
Registration	Iranian colleague	Foreign colleague	Iranian colleague	Foreign colleague
Professionals	2,000,000 Rials	250 EUR€	2,600,000 Rials	300 EUR€
Students	1,600,000 Rials	170 EUR€	1,900,000 Rials	220 EUR€
Equipment exhibit (during poster session) ‘	7,000,000 Rials /Display table	780 EUR€/Display table	9,500,000 Rials /Display table	930 EUR€/Display table
Banquet (5/26)	Free for registered	Free for registered	Free for registered	Free for registered
Post-conference tour (5/27)	500,000 Rials	60 EUR€	700,000 Rials	80 EUR€

***Registration fee will include: admission to all sessions, three lunches (5/24-26) and three dinners (5/23-25) during the conference, Banquet (5/26) and coffee during the break**

Accommodation

A list of hotels and an accommodation form will be displayed on the conference web site at a later date. Please choose a hotel and fill out the accommodation form. We will book the hotel for you.

Invitation letter:

An invitation letter will be provided upon request from any participant. Such invitation is intended to facilitate attendees to apply for a visa or arrange travel to Iran.



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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. Shamsheer Prakash, Conference Chair prakash@mst.edu

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

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

May 25-27, 2010

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

May 25-29, 2010

Fourth International Scientific Conference

BALWOIS 2010

Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia – 25-29 May 2010

Conference on Water Observation and Information System for decision Support

Scientific presentations, Forum exchange, Workshops, Exhibition, Social program...

Main topics :

- Climate and Hydrology
- Environment and Human Activities
- Water Related Risks
- Integrated Water Resources Management
- Ecohydrology
- Computing and Technology

Contact: secretariat@balwois.com

Conference Web site: www.balwois.com/2010

Project Web site: www.balwois.com

(Pls click) [First announcement /invitation](#)

Dead lines :

- Submission of Abstract : 15/11/2009
- Author Notification of Abstract Acceptance : 15/12/2009
- Submission of Full Paper : 15/02/2010
- Author Notification of Full Paper Acceptance : 15/03/2010

Supported by

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French Ministry of Ecology, French Embassy in Macedonia,
and International Association of Hydrological Sciences*

May 26-28, 2010

[International Soil Science Congress on Management of Natural Resources to Sustain Soil Health and Quality](#) Samsun Turkey

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

May 26-28, 2010

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

June 8-10, 2010

Risks in Agriculture Conference, Estonia

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

June 28-July 1, 2010

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

For more information on the meeting and abstract submission see: <http://www.isda2010.net/>.

July 4-7, 2010

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

The following five themes give an overview of the issues that will be addressed at the 9th European IFSA Symposium.

1. Knowledge Systems, learning and collective action
2. Transition, resilience, and adaptive management
3. Energy production, CO₂ sink and climate change
4. Sustainable food systems
5. Landscape and rural land use

Within each theme there are several workshops addressing specific aspect of the theme. Please select the workshop most suitable to your interest and submit an abstract to the convenor of that workshop by 15 October 2009. CA has a great deal to contribute to this Symposium. [Download an overview of all workshops](#). Also, [Download the call](#).

August 1-6, 2010

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

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

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

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

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

Roger Swift
President
International Union of Soil Sciences

Neal Menzies
Vice-President
International Union of Soil Sciences

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

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

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

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

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

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

August 31-September 3, 2010

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

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

**MEETING THE FERTILIZER DEMAND ON A CHANGING GLOBE: BIOFUELS, CLIMATE
CHANGE & CONTAMINANTS**, Bucharest, Romania, 31 August - 3 September 2010

Jointly organized by

Romanian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences (AAFS)
National Research and Development Institute for Soil Science, Agrochemistry and
Environmental Protection (INCDPAPM – ICPA)

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Bucharest
and

The International Scientific Centre for Fertilizers (CIEC)

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Fertilizers play an increasing role on a changing globe in order to satisfy the nutrient demand of industrial crops without compromising resources for food production, to counteract adverse effects of climate change as for instance drought, floods and salinity and last but not least to avoid contamination of soils with organic and inorganic xenobiotics, or to minimize their uptake on polluted sites by appropriate fertilizer strategies. Special emphasis needs to be paid to nutrient losses from agriculture to water bodies as they compromise the quality of drinking water and marine bodies. Prominent examples are nitrogen and phosphorus, while the input of other elements such as uranium and copper gain increasing relevance.

Next to these 'hot topics' fertilizer research must further aim at improving crop productivity for meeting the greater food demand resulting from the rapid increase in world population. At the same time food quality, soil fertility, the waste of resources and environmental impacts of low fertilizer efficiency still are important issues of fertilizer research and fertilization.

The 15th World Fertilizer Congress, jointly organized by CIEC and ASA will provide a forum to exchange the latest detailed information and achievements on fertilizer research, development, production and application since the 14th World Fertilizer Congress of CIEC (Chiang Mai, Thailand, January 2006), and will also fully discuss future developments.

The 15th World Fertilizer Congress will address the following major subjects:

1. Sustainable fertilizer strategies for industrial crops
2. Fertilizer strategies under peak phosphorus
3. Fertilizer strategies under climate change
4. Agriculture and marine environment
5. Nutrient and heavy metal balances in fertilization
6. Fertilizer management on contaminated soils
7. Food security and food safety
8. New fertilizer development
9. Fertilization in organic farming
10. Production, markets and economics of fertilizers

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORLD FERTILIZER CONGRESS

The objective of the Congress is to bring together scientists from all over the world to discuss different aspects concerning fertilizer use in context of climatic changes, food security and safety, environmental preservation. During the Congress the delegates will share ideas, contributing to the body of knowledge concerning fertilizer use in different part of the world and will establish future relations in order to increase research cooperation.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Tuesday 31 August 2010

OPENING CEREMONY

Wednesday 1 September 2010

Thursday 2 September 2010

Friday 3 September 2010

Registration

Keynote Address + Technical Presentations

Keynote Address + Technical Presentations

Mid-Conference Tour

Keynote Address + Technical Presentations

CLOSING CEREMONY

IMPORTANT DATES

Second Announcement	1	December	2009
Submission of Abstracts	1	February	2010
Note on acceptance of contribution	15	March	2010
Registration with reduced fee	30	April	2010
Full paper due	10	May	2010

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE WORLD FERTILIZER CONGRESS

All proceedings will be conducted in English only. Delegates have to ensure that all papers and presentations are in English before the commencement of the symposium as there will be no translation facilities.

ABSTRACTS

Delegates are invited to submit English abstracts of no more than 300 words (excluding titles and author details).

- All page margins should be one inch.
- All text should be 12-point font and Times New Roman with 1.5 line spacing.
- The TITLE should be short, concise, and indicative of the abstract. CAPITALIZE and **BOLD** all letters in the title and centre.
- The Author's name should follow the title (allow two open lines between title and author name and author name and abstract body). The name should be in bold, but not capitalized. Use an asterisk (*) after the name to indicate the corresponding author. If the corresponding author and the presenter of the paper are different, please indicate. Author names and addresses should be centred.
- Provide an e-mail address and postal address of the corresponding author.
- Abstract body should be justified left and right. The word "**Abstract**" should be directly above the body of the abstract.

The submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee and the decision will be forwarded to the corresponding author before March 15, 2010.

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VENUE

Bucharest, ROMANIA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Bucharest (Romanian: București) is Romania's capital and largest city as well as the most important industrial and commercial center of the country. It is located in the southeast part of the country, at 44°25'N 26°06'E, and lies on the banks of the Dâmbovită River. With 2 million inhabitants in the city proper and more than 2.4 million in the urban area, it is also one of the largest cities in Eastern Europe.

Bucharest has many splendid buildings, beautiful parks, and wide boulevards. Cultural institutions in the city include the Romanian History Museum, the University of Bucharest (founded in 1864), the State Philharmonic, and the Romanian Opera. The Church of the Patriarchate, built in the 17th century, is the seat of the spiritual leader of the Romanian Orthodox Church.

Geography of Bucharest

Bucharest is situated in the south eastern corner of the Romanian Plain, on both sides of the Dâmbovită River, about 48 km (30 miles) north of the Danube. Several lakes can be found across the city, the most well-known are Lake Floreasca, Lake Tei and Lake Colentina. A pleasant place to take a rest is Cișmigiu Gardens with its small artificial lake Cișmigiu, which was a popular place among poets and writers. Besides Lake Cișmigiu, there are several famous gardens in the city, namely, Herăstrău Park and the Botanical Garden. As with many cities, Bucharest has seven hills: Mihai Vodă, Patriarchy Hill, Radu Vodă, Cotroceni, Spirei, Văcărești and Sf. Gheorghe Nou.

Climate in Bucharest

Bucharest has a temperate-continental climate with hot summers and cold winters. The average upper daily temperature is about 29 °C in summer and 2 °C in winter. Usually, in the period 29 August - 3 September days are typically dry and sunny, with temperatures about 26 – 28 °C during the day and approximately 15 °C at night. Short rainstorms may occur. Lighter clothing will be required.

CONGRESS TOURS

Details to be supplied in the second announcement.

REGISTRATION

The registration fee is estimated to be approximately 350 Euros. Confirmation of cost will be made in the second announcement by December 2009 and at the website: www.icpa.ro/ciec

PRESIDENT of the CONGRESS LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Mihail DUMITRU,

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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

September 6-8, 2010

The Third IASTED African Conference on **Water Resource Management (AfricaWRM 2010) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

September 6-8, 2010, Gaborone, Botswana Sponsor: The International Association of Science and Technology for Development (IASTED) Conference Chair: Prof. Otlogetswe Totolo – University of Botswana, Botswana Local Arrangements Chair: Prof. George O. Anderson – University of Botswana, Botswana Host Organization: University of Botswana

For more information on Botswana, visit the official tourism site: Tourism of Botswana.

Technical Committee: If you are interested in joining the IASTED Technical Committee or any of the technical committees related to this conference, please submit your name, address, phone, fax, email, areas of specialty, a list of your most recent publications, and a brief CV by email to calgary@iasted.org.

September 10-11, 2010

Croatia Branch Plans Conference on Soil Tillage

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

September 13-15, 2010

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

October 8-29, 2010

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

September 27-October 1, 2010

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

October 11-15, 2010

LANDCON 1010 Meeting*

World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)

International Conference on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas

(The 1st Announcement)

I INVITATION

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

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

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

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

II THEMES

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

III ORGANIZATION

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

Beijing Normal University

Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences

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

Mechanisms in the Main Soil Erosion Regions of China

National Key Technology R&D Program in the 11th Five year Plan of China: Key Technology of Integrated Measures of Soil and Water Conservation in the Loess Plateau EU FP6 Integrated Project: Desertification Mitigation and Remediation of Land - a global approach for local solutions (DESIRE)

3 Host

Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, CAS & MWR

IV VENUE AND DATE

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

V SECRETARIAT

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November 2010

16th ISCO Conference, Santiago, Chile. **Contact:** Claudio Perez Castillo (cperez@inia.cl) and German Ruiz Cardenas (german.ruiz@sag.gob.cl) or Samir A. El-Swaify elswaify@hawaii.edu

LANDCON 1101 Meeting*

January 4-5 and 6-7, 2011

Second International SWAT-SEA Workshop and Conference (SWAT-SEA II) January 4-7, 2011

Ho Chi Minh City (former Saigon), Vietnam <http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn>

The Second International Conference on the **Soil and Water Assessment Tool - Southeast Asia (SWAT-SEA)** is scheduled to take place in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, January 4-7, 2011. SWAT-SEA 2011 is being organized by **Nong Lam University – Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam** and **North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, USA**. Additional information about the conference is available at <http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn>. This conference is supported by USAID-SANREM, the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation, USDA-ARS, Texas A&M and many other organizations. For more information please contact:

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

The SWAT-SEA II Scientific and Organizing Committee are:

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May 2011

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May 2011

6th International Congress of European Society for Soil Conservation [Frontpage.pdf \(450KB\)](#)

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.

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Late 2011 or Early 2012

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

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