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## --- PHOTO OF THE MONTH ---



**Loy Kratong** is an old tradition of Thailand and some countries in Southeast Asia, dating back since several centuries ago. It was thought during the earlier period to be a rite to ask for forgiveness of the water body that people had been using it for various purposes, but it had later been modified to many other meanings, such as to carry one's unhappiness away (with the water), to wish for something favorable for oneself or for the territory or for having a good boyfriend/girlfriend like in the above photo. (Photo from the internet)

'Loy' means to float; Kratong is something light that can float on the water. It is normally made from banana leaves, decorated with some colorful flowers and equipped with at least one candle that emits light to the surrounding, making the river or canal or any other water body to look bright and calm. Often, people put some coins in the kratong to make merit – but that has become counterproductive: once a kratong is released from someone's hand to the water, a person will immediately jump from a nearby pier to grab it and searched for the money.

November 2 (yesterday) marked the Lay Kratong Day for 2009 (B.E. 2552), which falls on the full moon day of the 12<sup>th</sup> month of the year when the water level was the highest. Many Thais went out to celebrate this event. Even our beloved King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who has been having his medication at the riverside Siriraj Hospital, he also went to celebrate 'loy kratong' with several close relatives.

## Editor's Note: Members' opinions on LANDCON e-LIBRARY

From last month's survey of members' opinions about the production of LANDCON e-LIBRARY, we can see clearly the big majority of members have favor for it; only one (No. 64) said 'NO' loud and clear and one (No. 33) agreed but reminded not to violate the right of publishers and authors of papers and presentation materials. From the opinion of 86 persons, I have composed a Project Description for the LANDCON e-LIBRARY, which covers most of the operation plans and concerns (see page 3). We invite you to read through and think how you want to involve with this project, e.g. advisor in the IT part, informer/supplier of papers or proceedings, co-publisher of the e-LIBRARY. Then we will announce the price of the DVD set for various groups of users after about one month.

We sincerely appreciate all opinions, especially No. 10, which expressed much concern about the way the project will be handled and the sustainability of the project. Following are the replies to those comments:

Thank you for the latest copy of HOT NEWS. Just a brief comment on your proposal below. A hot current topic especially in land-based sciences is Knowledge Management (KM). We are trying to promote KM in the UN agencies. But it can be very unwieldy and cumbersome. Remember there is a lot of poor science out there. So a few points to consider:

(1) How will you moderate what goes in and what is assigned to the rubbish heap? If you say everything goes in then that will make the Library unwieldy and possibly redundant to Internet search engines - so why bother?

Answer: We will not be selective, but will put in the papers that we receive from organizers/authors, considering the papers that were presented at any meeting MUST have come through some attempt of the authors and these may be useful esp. when some others want to learn from and top up to do further investigations. As said earlier, we want to preserve/salvage/rescue papers that were presented at certain meetings but might not have found their way to store in books or journals. Therefore, readers have to judge by themselves about the 'quality' and 'credibility' of each paper they read from this e-LIBRARY, similar to when they do with physical libraries. I expect that the usefulness will lie MAINLY in the matter of geography, nature of research and methods applied for the investigation. When citing a paper, one would refer to the meeting that the paper was presented, with reference to the e-LIBRARY that the paper has come to stay. A merit of having e-LIBRARY at this time is that, during this digital age, one can contact authors of various papers easily by e-mail and some synergy may be created with the minimum of cost.

As a matter of fact, we are not planning to make the e-LIBRARY complete and comprehensive, as we do not have resources to do it. We only plan to make papers from certain meetings to be available and utilized for this connecting period between 'paper' and 'digital' eras. We think that, once the papers are stored in the DVDs, there are a lot of opportunities for people to think of managing them in some way to add the value. When I say 'people', it may be people of the next several generations, because when these DVDs are distributed to many places in the world in the thousands (as expected), the papers would stay and would not get lost.

Last, though we think of using certain search system, the one to use would be something rather basic, if at all.

(2) Who will host the e-library? There is a lot of politics in this question, as well as kudos.

Answer: WASWC is the organization to host it, as far as there is no other agency that volunteers to do. WASWC members including myself will manage the first edition of it and hope some other colleagues will come in and take care of this project for future editions. I have written in the project description that follows that this is going to be done because many papers tend to get lost because of the present trend in 'discarding' those that may not have the quality fit to be edited for journals or books or those with somewhat different nature from the main theme of the meeting. With the arrival of the digital age, the collection of the papers in digital form is simple and possible – unlike those that appeared in degradable paper in the '70s and before that that had to be printed for presentation and well stored for preservation.

(3) Who will pay for the day-to-day management and will anybody have oversight? It may be that a donor can be found - but there is no point in progressing if there is no guaranteed sustainability

Answer: Managing this project will involve only a small fund, as we at WASWC are all working as volunteers, no salary and compensation, as we think we are working for the world's people and resources. We have searched for one donor, and we think we would get a small initial fund to do it. For this type of work, we may need to exercise it in a 'trial and error' style and have to adjust it little by little in order to get to know the 'formula' that fits both operators and users. Even in the worst case, e.g. when the project will not continue, there will be at least thousands of papers (I hope) stored in DVDs that are located in many places worldwide, which mark the stuffs concerning degradation-conservation-rehabilitation that have been available at the beginning of the digital age. This can be a good base that some others may get certain bright ideas what to do next. Frankly, we cannot predict whether the project will sustain; that depends very much on our present performance in handling it, on generosity of paper owners/meeting organizers in supplying the stuffs to us, and on how the users will patronize the enterprise. But we feel it is worthwhile to try! The risk is just minimal, if any!

Having said that, I hope the authors and organizers will be generous in providing requested papers and other stuffs to us. I found from past few years that this is NOT an easy thing because of certain reasons. But how hard it is, we'll try!

(4) There are other publications databases. Check that you are not duplicating. For example, ELDIS - <http://www.eldis.org/>, Scirus - <http://www.scirus.com/srsapp/> SCOPUS - <http://www.scopus.com/home.url>. I use this last one a lot and I doubt that your e-library could match it in its scope.

Answer: Our e-LIBRARY can never match any of the search systems that you cited. As said, our intention is to preserve/salvage/rescue papers that deal with degradation-conservation-rehabilitation in the form that can be accessed easily in areas with and without internet. Otherwise, most of these papers might be lost and what people are doing from now on might be an unnecessary repetition of the works done decades ago. In the next few pages you may see that many people have agreed with us in doing the project, most being the less privileged researchers from developing countries (in terms of wealth levels and research facilities) – with some citing the easiness in accessing them without the use of internet.

But I wish your initiative well.

Answer: Thanks very much and look forward to receiving a good number of your papers that have no copyright problem with the publishers. I assure you that when they are included in the e-LIBRARY set, thousands and thousands of people will have a chance to read them, instead of now, which, I believe, are being read by just a privileged few who are members of the middle- to the upper crust of society.

M.S., UK

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR **LANDCON e-LIBRARY**

To be executed by WASWC from 2010 onward

### *Preamble*

The digital age arrived over three decades ago and has revolutionized almost every aspect of conference organization. Organizers gradually shifted from printing the proceedings on paper to writing on plastic in the form of CDs, then DVDs, which were often provided to participants right at the venue. Such practices are the norm today and result in considerable savings.

Since the initiation of ISCO and WASWC in 1983 there have been many meetings about degradation, conservation and rehabilitation of land and water resources. In most cases, the proceedings have been prepared in digital form and distributed as hard copy or as a CD/DVD disk. Today, close to 100% of proceedings in such fields are produced digitally.

Sadly, irrespective of the method of distribution (paper or digital), the circulation of such proceedings is generally surprisingly limited. Given the substantial resources devoted to conference organization, this represents a major inefficiency in the dissemination of scientific knowledge, and in the achievement of one of the key goals of scientific meetings.

Even worse, dissemination of knowledge and the advancement in the field of research in many cases seem not to be prioritized. Organizers often distribute only a book of abstracts or presentation material, and collect the most promising papers to publish in a recognized journal. The authors of published papers can then cite the journal in seeking academic advancement. Participants often leave scientific venues virtually empty-handed, without a single full paper. All too often, no proceedings in any form are subsequently distributed.

Some critics contend that one of the fundamental goals of scientific conferences today has often been sidelined, and overshadowed by a desire to facilitate publication of academic works in recognized journals. This requirement restricts access of other participants to full papers, particularly those in developing countries, who often have only limited access to international journals and expensive academic search subscriptions.

Acknowledging this issue, WASWC therefore devised its Guidelines for Successful Meetings (<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>), and has begun to coordinate the LANDCON series of meetings in order to address concerns of participants over access to papers from past LANDCON and other related events.

### *Rationale*

The following paragraph (now slightly amended) was published in the WASWC HOT NEWS (July 2009), and explains the advantages of storing thousands of papers as DVDs, and the additional advantages over internet-based solutions.

An idea just emerged to me very recently. We have so far got so many works about land, especially about its degradation, management, care and rehabilitation in our database. As the WASWC has its mandate in all these subjects, it would be beneficial in gathering such works together from meetings during these few years in the form of DVDs and making it available to members and participants to the meetings particularly those belonging to LANDCON series. Recently, I made a small round of discussion and got good responses from them. As everyone knows, one DVD may contain a very large amount of works, equal to dozens of text books combined, or thousands of scientific papers, that you may not be able to read all within one year. To me, if we could make this DVD set available as an e-LIBRARY, especially for those in geographical areas that are not well connected with the internet, it could be quite useful in many ways. Some people have been very content with the internet and its search systems. To me, yes, internet is very good and very efficient in finding things that you know WHAT TO FIND. But if you don't know what to find and there are hundreds of works that belong to your fields contained in DVDs just in front of you and you can access them right away without connecting to the internet, wouldn't that make a good contribution?

### ***What's going to be done?***

The project aims to coordinate with the organizers of scientific meetings dealing with land degradation, conservation and rehabilitation of soil and water resources, especially those convened within the last 2-3 decades, by inviting them to send materials in their hands for re-publication in digital form in the LANDCON e-LIBRARY as a DVD.

In this way the LANDCON e-LIBRARY will ensure that these valued contributions can be well preserved and put to good use. Researchers and practitioners will be able to search and access papers presented at all LANDCON meetings and other related events, at any time, independent of access to high-speed internet.

Targeted digital papers will first be obtained from the organizers/authors, categorized and organized as an initial collection of 3 DVDs. The aim is to make this as affordable as possible to researchers. The first targeted recipients are organizers who register their events in the LANDCON series of meetings coordinated by WASWC. This will offer an additional benefit to participants in these meetings, which are organized in compliance with the Guidelines for Successful Meetings. As a result of such improvements, LANDCON meetings are expected to attract higher levels of participation, and also become more widely recognized as a model of good practice.

The first edition of LANDCON e-LIBRARY (to be entitled the LANDCON e-LIBRARY v.1 2010) will be completed in March/April 2010. Further works will subsequently be added and a second edition released in 2011. This annual updating activity will be undertaken by the special production unit of WASWC. To be practical and affordable, the works to add in the coming year will be made available in a CD or DVD as well, as an Annex for 2011, Annex for 2012, and so on, to be acquired by the owner of the previous edition at a nominal price.

Two thousand sets of this first edition will be produced, and WASWC seeks support from sponsors to help fund the initial cost and bring the end-user price down to a readily affordable level. WASWC does not seek profit from this project, but believes that as part of WASWC's portfolio of activities, the LANDCON e-LIBRARY will truly benefit our members and others, and will also synergize other functions undertaken by WASWC.

The set of 3 DVDs will be professionally produced and presented, giving due acknowledgement to sponsors. We are also open to co-publication, so that co-publishers may purchase at a special price to distribute within their own organizations, affiliates and networks. This has proved an effective modality, e.g. in the WASWC publications SP 3 (2008) and SP 4 (2009).

### ***Who will do it?***

The first edition of LANDCON e-LIBRARY will be produced by WASWC Thailand office and sent out by airmail to purchasers/ co-publishers/ LANDCON meeting organizers worldwide. Twenty-six members of the WASWC Council will help gather the papers from the meetings with which they are each associated. A number of active members will also help in finding certain works of value to include in the set.

### ***What will be in the DVDs and editorship?***

Following are the examples of meetings that we will invite their organizers to send papers to us; all organizers will be invited to serve as editors (we might call them 'librarians') of the LANDCON e-LIBRARY from the first edition onward. I will take charge of the overall coordination.

**DVD 1 – DEGRADATION:** ICLD, COMLAND, INTERPRAEVENT, DEBRIS FLOW, SEDIMENTATION-EROSION

**DVD 2 – CONSERVATION-REHABILITATION:** ISCO, ESSC CONGRESSES, BIOENGINEERING, CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE, DMC, AGROFORESTRY, MEETINGS IN CHINA, ICELAND AND ELSEWHERE THAT HAVE DEGRADATION/ CONSERVATION/ REHABILITATION AS A PART OF, E.G. IUSS AND EUROSOIL CONGRESSES

**DVD 3 – THIS ONE WILL ADD STUFFS EVERY NOW AND THEN:** LANDCON MEETINGS, SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS OF WASWC, INFORMATION ABOUT AND THE WORKS OF WASWC, WORKS OF OTHER AGENCIES, SWAT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND SOFTWARE, NEWSLETTERS FROM ORGANIZATIONS THAT DEAL WITH CONSERVATION

However, some large and long-standing organizations (SWCS, IECA, ESSC and ECSSS) are encouraged to collect their works from many annual conferences or congresses to make available to the public at an affordable price. WASWC can help all these organizations with publicity.

In addition to conference papers, the e-LIBRARY will also include (with permission) some digital books related to degradation/ conservation/ rehabilitation. WASWC members and others may therefore discover a wealth of information contained within this set of DVDs.

*In principle, WASWC will publish ONLY works freely provided by the organizers. WASWC will fully comply with copyrights of papers that have appeared in scientific journals. In case papers are published in journals or books we will attempt to include at least the abstracts or just the titles, with sufficient contact information.*

### **Pricing**

The price of the DVD set will be in the vicinity of US\$10-15, with a special discount for bulk purchasers, co-publishers and LANDCON meeting organizers. A small airmail postage charge will be added for foreign orders.

### **What will be the accomplishment of this project?**

This can be viewed as contributing to the mandate of WASWC, to “*conserve soil and water resources worldwide.*”<sup>\*</sup> Such obligations could not be well addressed without providing sufficient and correct information to the world’s population, the larger part of which still belongs to the ‘underdeveloped’ or ‘developing’ categories, without sufficient means of accessing the updated knowledge necessary to develop and disseminate their works. The accomplishment of this project will be one step forward for the WASWC, which was established with a noble intention to “*promote worldwide the application of wise soil and water management practices that will improve and safeguard the quality of land and water resources so that they continue to meet the needs of agriculture, society and nature.*”<sup>†</sup>

\* WASWC Slogan; <sup>†</sup> WASWC Mission

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Note: We received favorable responses from members during our recent deliberations. At the time of writing this project description (October 3, 2009), a colleague sent 500+ papers that he had collected from meetings during the past two decades that he was responsible to us for including in the LANDCON e-LIBRARY. It is expected that most organizers that we will contact from now will cooperate, since the inclusion of their works in the DVDs will give them good exposure to general public, with a possibility that their future events may attract good numbers of participants.

### **NEW BATCH OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAID ‘YES’ OR ‘NO’ TO LANDCON e-LIBRARY**

11. Yes, it's a good idea.

**Samuel N. Guto**, Kenya [snyachio@gmail.com](mailto:snyachio@gmail.com)

12. I fully agree with you.

**S.H.R. Sadeghi**, Iran [shrsadeghi@yahoo.com](mailto:shrsadeghi@yahoo.com), [shrsadeghi@rediffmail.com](mailto:shrsadeghi@rediffmail.com)

13. Yes to LANDCON e-LIBRARY as a lot of us will definitely benefit from such scheme.

**Mulugeta Beshada**, Ethiopia [mulebesha@yahoo.com](mailto:mulebesha@yahoo.com)

14. YES, YES, YES!!! Samran, you continue to do such an outstanding job and we all thank you so very much for your spirit, your dedication, and your patience.

**Dick Arnold**, USA [rw\\_arnold@comcast.net](mailto:rw_arnold@comcast.net)

15. Yes, e-library.

**Anil Kumar Sahu**, India [aksahunerist@yahoo.com](mailto:aksahunerist@yahoo.com)



16. My answer is YES. What you do is amazing. I often wonder how you do it! Keep it up!

**PK (P.K. Nair)**, USA [pknair@ufl.edu](mailto:pknair@ufl.edu)

17. YES. It is not a problem.

**Li Rui**, China [lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn](mailto:lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn)

18. Yes.

**Ian Hannam**, Australia [ian.hannam@ozemail.com.au](mailto:ian.hannam@ozemail.com.au)

19. Yes.

**Jaruwan Heangmanee**, Thailand [jarheang@yahoo.com](mailto:jarheang@yahoo.com)

20. I am for YES for the Landcon e-library.

**Celestin Ukozehasi**, Rwanda [ukozehasice@gmail.com](mailto:ukozehasice@gmail.com)

21. I say YES. I think it would be good to have the publications available also on CD.

**Jonathan Haskett**, USA [jhaskett2008@gmail.com](mailto:jhaskett2008@gmail.com)

22. Thank you for your survey. My answer is YES for project LANDCON e-LIBRARY.

(I want to share with all my colleagues an old video about conservation agriculture in southern Brazil.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGGRZoKJwIw>)

**Pepe (Jose Benites)**, South America [jbenitesjump@gmail.com](mailto:jbenitesjump@gmail.com)

23. Thank you very much for this mail and for all other news within the last months. Concerning your proposal my answer is YES!

**Peter E. Rücker**, Germany [peter.e.ruecker@web.de](mailto:peter.e.ruecker@web.de)

24. Yes

**Carey Bruce**, Australia [Bruce.Carey@derm.qld.gov.au](mailto:Bruce.Carey@derm.qld.gov.au)

25. It's a very good idea to have a LANDCON e-Library. I'm with it. Goodluck....

**Conching (Concepcion Payapaya)**, Philippines [cbpayapaya@yahoo.com](mailto:cbpayapaya@yahoo.com)

26. It is an excellent idea and I am supporting it for 100%.

**Abdybek Asanaliev**, Kyrgyzstan [asanaly61@mail.ru](mailto:asanaly61@mail.ru)

27. I am FOR the library. This is an excellent idea to secure knowledge for our members, especially for those who cannot afford technical literature and/or who are too remote to be hooked on to the internet.

**Michael Zoebisch**, Germany [Michael.Zoebisch@gtz.de](mailto:Michael.Zoebisch@gtz.de)

28. First of all I appreciate your efforts. Thank you very much. I am benefiting from the information you post to my e-mail. Regarding LANDCON e-LIBRARY, my word is YES.

**Guchie Gulie Sulla**, Ethiopia [guchie4@yahoo.com](mailto:guchie4@yahoo.com)

29. Yes.

**Suwanna Pasiri**, Thailand [spasiri\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:spasiri_2000@yahoo.com)

30. Sorry for not having answered earlier to your request. As you know, we do not develop any research and papers on the specific topic of soils, although we do use this kind of material a lot in our standard. Hence, we are really supportive of the concept of LANDCON library, but would unfortunately not be able to contribute much to it.

**Sébastien HAYE**, Switzerland [sebastien.haye@epfl.ch](mailto:sebastien.haye@epfl.ch)

31. YES

**John Geraghty**, Ireland [info@jgeraghtyconsulting.com](mailto:info@jgeraghtyconsulting.com)

32. Many thanks for this note and I am very much in support of the project. We should not leave the accumulated knowledge go in a simple way. But establishing and maintaining with quality papers is a challenging task, which may need involvement of young committed talents.

**Anbu (Anbumozhi Venkatachalam)**, Japan [vanbumozhi@adbi.org](mailto:vanbumozhi@adbi.org)

33. **Yes** for papers where there is no copyright problem (many books and journals hold the copyright and authors are not allowed to publish them elsewhere on the internet.)

**Yes** for conference talks and lectures, where the owner of the powerpoint has been asked and has agreed to this.

**Alexia Stokes**, France [alexiastokes@yahoo.fr](mailto:alexiastokes@yahoo.fr)

34. Yes, but it would be good if a sorting function is included.

**Anna Tengberg**, Thailand [anna.tengberg@undp.org](mailto:anna.tengberg@undp.org)

35. Definitely Yes for LANDCON e-LIBRARY.

**Valentin Ciubotaru**, Moldavia [ngobios@mtc.md](mailto:ngobios@mtc.md)

37. YES

**Isabirye Moses**, Uganda [isabiryemoses@yahoo.com](mailto:isabiryemoses@yahoo.com)

38. Yes. It's an excellent activity to transfer knowledge.

**Mukhtar Ahmad**, Pakistan [ahmadmukhtar@uaar.edu.pk](mailto:ahmadmukhtar@uaar.edu.pk)

39. It is a definite YES from me for LANDCON e-Lib. Such a resource will be very helpful for persons like me who are often working in places with no/poor internet services. Please go ahead and let us know if we can contribute in any way.

And many thanks for sharing WASWC Hot News. I always read them with lot of interest and always look forward to the next one.

**Sanjeev Bhuchar**, Afghanistan [skbhuchar@yahoo.co.in](mailto:skbhuchar@yahoo.co.in)

40. A big YES for LANDCON e-LIBRARY. Thanks for the effort.

**A. Fares Asfary**, Syria [fasfary@yahoo.com](mailto:fasfary@yahoo.com)

41. YES

**John N. Landers**, OBE, Brazil [john.landiers@uol.com.br](mailto:john.landiers@uol.com.br)

42. Yes.

**Jalal Uddin Md. Shoaib**, Bangladesh [shoaibju@gmail.com](mailto:shoaibju@gmail.com)

43. I do not know deeply this project, sorry!!! Nevertheless an e-library is always useful.

**Juan F. GALLARDO LANCHO**, Spain [juanf.gallardo@irnasa.csic.es](mailto:juanf.gallardo@irnasa.csic.es)

44. Yes.

**Mike Fullen**, UK [m.fullen@wlv.ac.uk](mailto:m.fullen@wlv.ac.uk) (Mike met with me in Kunming, Yunnan, China on 091020)

45. Yes, of course I support LANDCON e-Library. Arrangement of this idea is really a project. It is good to see opinions of the members and through their proposals and positive criticism could be built "good fundamentals" of such Library. I am sure that thousands of our members are interested in some ways in this idea. So it is necessary to "wake" them up and see their votes/opinions. It is easy to say but difficult to run in practice as we know well very often how poor feedback is.

I see LIBRARY important for young academics and professionals also. We will try to establish next LANDCON meetings with a special topic for younger scholars. It was proposed at the LANDCON 0905 Conference at Tara Mountain in Serbia in May 2009. In Topic 8 there were presentations/papers of students' diploma works, master and Ph.D. thesis. It is a great opportunity for them as well as for senior researchers to have these works at one place - library.

**Miodrag Zlatic**, Serbia [miodrag.zlatic@sfb.bg.ac.rs](mailto:miodrag.zlatic@sfb.bg.ac.rs), [miodrag.zla@sbb.rs](mailto:miodrag.zla@sbb.rs);

46. YES. Very interesting.

**Gérard Rass**, France [gerard.rass@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gerard.rass@wanadoo.fr)

47. My reaction is YES. Its looks like a very interesting and worthwhile initiative. More and more we will be using electronic formats, which is also a way to avoid losing useful information.

Thanks for your efforts.

**José Luis Rubio**, Spain [jose.l.rubio@uv.es](mailto:jose.l.rubio@uv.es)

48. I agree with the idea of LANDCON e-LIBRARY.

**Machito Mihara**, Japan [m-mihara@nodai.ac.jp](mailto:m-mihara@nodai.ac.jp)

49. Thank You very much for your efforts. The members of WASWC from Lithuania say YES.

**Eugenija Baksienė**, Lithuania [eugenija.baksienė@voke.lzi.lt](mailto:eugenija.baksienė@voke.lzi.lt)

50. I totally support the Landcon e-Library for WASWC.

**Bueno D Sande**, Uganda [bdsande@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bdsande@yahoo.co.uk)

51. Thanks for your efforts and initiative. My response is YES. It is a good modern idea of information dissemination.

**Moshood N.Tijani**, Nigeria [tmoshood@yahoo.com](mailto:tmoshood@yahoo.com)

52. I agree with the idea of LANDCON e-LIBRARY.

**Ghorban Ali Roshani**, Iran [gh\\_roshani@yahoo.com](mailto:gh_roshani@yahoo.com)

53. My answer is YES.

**Noysky Oplasky**, Philippines [noysky\\_oplasky@yahoo.com](mailto:noysky_oplasky@yahoo.com)

54. I agree with the idea of LANDCON e-LIBRARY. So, my response is YES.

**Stanimir Kostadinov**, Serbia [kost@eunet.rs](mailto:kost@eunet.rs)

55. YES

**KARI Irrigation and Drainage Programme**, Kenya [irrigation@iconnect.co.ke](mailto:irrigation@iconnect.co.ke)

56. YES for LANDCON e-LIBRARY

**Kenneth Loades**, UK [Kenneth.Loades@scri.ac.uk](mailto:Kenneth.Loades@scri.ac.uk)

57. YES.

**Simeon Materechera**, South Africa [Albert.Materechera@nwu.ac.za](mailto:Albert.Materechera@nwu.ac.za)

58. YES to LANDCON e-LIBRARY

**Stephen M. Mureithi**, Kenya [stemureithi@yahoo.com](mailto:stemureithi@yahoo.com)

59. Yes, Dr Samran. A. K. Srivastava

**Anupkumar Srivastava**, India [aksrivastava2007@yahoo.co.in](mailto:aksrivastava2007@yahoo.co.in)

60. YES.

**Mahmoud Omar** [mmmsiwa@yahoo.com](mailto:mmmsiwa@yahoo.com)

61. YES.

**Deborah Surabian**, USA [Debbie.Surabian@ct.usda.gov](mailto:Debbie.Surabian@ct.usda.gov)

62. I say YES to the project!

**Gustave Cirhigiri Cuma**, République Démocratique du Congo [gustavecuma@yahoo.fr](mailto:gustavecuma@yahoo.fr)

63. I think the idea of the DVD or better yet the web page on internet are very good ideas. We need to facilitate the search of current and past information

**Helena Cotler**, Mexico [hcotler@ine.gob.mx](mailto:hcotler@ine.gob.mx)

64. NO.

**Edoardo A.C. Costantini**, Italy [costantini@issds.it](mailto:costantini@issds.it), [edoardo.costantini@entecra.it](mailto:edoardo.costantini@entecra.it)

65. Yes, Samran. Thanks

**Kurniawan Iwan**, Kenya [K.IWAN@cqi.org](mailto:K.IWAN@cqi.org)

66. Samran: Good to hear from you. My answer is yes - make as much info available as needed - the question is how to make them easily accessible (particularly if you have over 500 papers). Will you make these available on a web-site that allows easy key word searches?

**Chris Kosnik**, USA [CKosnik@usaid.gov](mailto:CKosnik@usaid.gov)

67. I support the idea of Landcon e-Library. It would be good even though I prefer internet, but having on DVD it is much safer. I can reach the data anytime.

**Karika Kunta**, Thailand [care\\_045@yahoo.com](mailto:care_045@yahoo.com)

68. If resources are not limiting, yes.

**Godfrey Taulya**, Uganda [gtaulo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gtaulo@yahoo.co.uk)

69. I vote YES for this e-library

**Karn Trisophon**, Thailand [tskarn@hotmail.com](mailto:tskarn@hotmail.com)

70. There may be a starting trouble. Your effort will yield good dividend. Please proceed Sir.

**Abdul Rahaman** [aarahaman@gmail.com](mailto:aarahaman@gmail.com)



71. YES.

**Recoda (Dominick Ringo)** [recodatz@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:recodatz@yahoo.co.uk)

72. YES

**Chibuzor Udoh** [chibuzorudoh1@yahoo.com](mailto:chibuzorudoh1@yahoo.com)

73. The idea is long overdue and a timely one. More so if the e-library will be that that could be accessible at economic rates for those in the developed nations in Africa where such facilities are too expensive to come by. Ride on. Good work.

**Segun Fakayode**, Nigeria [segun\\_fakayode@yahoo.com](mailto:segun_fakayode@yahoo.com)

74. I choose YES.

**Nguyen Ha Trang (trang ha)**, Vietnam [nguyenhatrang86@yahoo.com](mailto:nguyenhatrang86@yahoo.com)

75. I join my colleagues by saying YES.

**Rachid Mrabet**, Morocco [rachidmrabet@gmail.com](mailto:rachidmrabet@gmail.com)

76. I am all for LANDCON e-LIBRARY proposal. So good luck with the project!

**Amir Kassam**, UK [kassamamir@aol.com](mailto:kassamamir@aol.com)

77. YES. This is an interesting improvement for the Exchange of knowledge

**Artemi Cerda**, Spain [artemio.cerda@uv.es](mailto:artemio.cerda@uv.es)

78. I support the formation of an e-library. This will be a huge task. If someone wishes to lead such an effort, we should support that person or persons. I hope all is well.

**Ted L. Napier**, USA [napier.2@osu.edu](mailto:napier.2@osu.edu)

79. YES. We will contribute with the works from our past 20 years.

**Eric Roose**, France [eric.roose@ird.fr](mailto:eric.roose@ird.fr)

80. Yes I support for the small proposed project of LANDCON e-LIBRARY.

**FRANCO OBANDO**, Colombia [fobando1@yahoo.com](mailto:fobando1@yahoo.com)

81. I agree with the idea of e-LIBRARY of Natural Resources Conservation. If definition of LANDCON covers SOIL, WATER, ATMOSPHERE and FOREST, all information in LANDCON e-LIBRARY will be very useful.

**Mattiga Panomtaranichagul**, Thailand [mattiga@chiangmai.ac.th](mailto:mattiga@chiangmai.ac.th)

82. Yes.

**Kobkiat Pongput**, Thailand [kobkiat.p@ku.ac.th](mailto:kobkiat.p@ku.ac.th)

83. It's a good idea, very useful to share experiences and good results which can be applied where needed.

**Murielle Ghestem**, France, [Murielle.ghestim@cirad.fr](mailto:Murielle.ghestim@cirad.fr)

84. YES for LANDCON e-LIBRARY

**Izet Cengic**, Bosnia and Herzegovina [izoc@lsinter.net](mailto:izoc@lsinter.net), [izoc@lol.ba](mailto:izoc@lol.ba)

85. Yes I agree with landcon e-library.

**HABIBI BIBALANI Ghassem**, Iran [habibibibalani@gmail.com](mailto:habibibibalani@gmail.com)

86. I concur with the idea for LANDCON e-library.

**Rungsun Im-Erb** [rungsuni@hotmail.com](mailto:rungsuni@hotmail.com)

### OPINIONS VOICED BY WASWC MEMBERS ABOUT LANDCON E-LIBRARY

1. I think the DVD idea is a very good one and should be implemented,

*James Breen*, FAO consultant in Zambia.

2. I do not like CDs and DVDs; there are little piles of them all round the house. But, the idea of helping those without internet is a good one. Have you considered 'thumb-sticks'; they take up less room.

There are many electronic versions of good books now available on the internet from libraries. You might be able to add a selection of those?

Whatever you do, it should be searchable.

*Peter Smart*, UK

3. Totally in agreement. Like always, the problem is going to be language (English), but, go ahead. May be updated every a number (?) of years and classified with regard to climate, elevation, social conditions, (?). It has to have a good index rapid to find. Remember, there is already almost everything in Internet, so the design has to consider it.

*Manuel Paulet, Peru*

4. I think it is a very good idea. I am equally interested in a water based e-library including all water, fresh, marine, ground and moisture wherever found. Can you help?

*Hasna Moudud, Germany*

5. Greetings. I like the idea and I support it fully.

*Makoi, Tanzania*

6. That's a great idea. As a first step, I suggest downloading open source journal articles published online, burn them in DVDs and make them available to users.

*Narayanan Kannan, USA*

7. I totally agree with the Landcon e-Library idea that has been mooted by you and colleagues. Given the WASWC database on various topical issues, it is high time these were synthesized into a compact CD or DVD for use by stakeholders. There is no monopoly of knowledge and this has clearly demonstrated your selflessness attitude to information gathering and sharing that unfortunately most of the academic and professional fraternity are uncomfortable with.

Sir, you have my undivided support and please proceed with your conscience for the benefit of mankind on Soil and Water Management issues.

*Joshua Okello Ayoo, Kenya*

8. I think it is a very good idea. I don't always want to go to the Internet for information, and sometimes the Internet is down for a couple of days, and you want information immediately.

*Rinda Pienaar, South Africa*

9. I fully agree with Dr. Samran on the idea of e-library which will be highly beneficial to the worldwide readers to share the results of soil conservation. Thanks to Samran.

*Henry Lu, China*

10. Thank you for the latest copy of HOT NEWS. Just a brief comment on your proposal below. A hot current topic especially in land-based sciences is Knowledge Management (KM). We are trying to promote KM in the UN agencies. But it can be very unwieldy and cumbersome. Remember there is a lot of poor science out there. So a few points to consider:

(1) How will you moderate what goes in and what is assigned to the rubbish heap? If you say everything goes in then that will make the Library unwieldy and possibly redundant to Internet search engines - so why bother?

(2) Who will host the e-library? There is a lot of politics in this question, as well as kudos.

(3) Who will pay for the day-to-day management and will anybody have oversight? It may be that a donor can be found - but there is no point in progressing if there is no guaranteed sustainability

(4) There are other publications databases. Check that you are not duplicating. For example, ELDIS - <http://www.eldis.org/>, Scirus - <http://www.scirus.com/srsapp/> SCOPUS - <http://www.scopus.com/home.url>. I use this last one a lot and I doubt that your e-library could match it in its scope.

But I wish your initiative well.

*M.S., UK*

## HOT MEETING

### UPCOMING LANDCON MEETINGS FOR 2009

<b>LANDCON 0911</b>	<b>International Seminar on Upland for Food Security, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Soedirman, Purwokerto, Central Java. Contact Budi Prakoso <a href="mailto:prabud2001@yahoo.com">prabud2001@yahoo.com</a></b>	Purwokerto, Central Java, Indonesia	Nov 7-8, 2009
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Organizers of technical meetings are welcome to discuss with us if your events are suitable to join our LANDCON series of meetings and get support in certain products and services. If your event can fit at least seven of the ten points in the Guidelines for Successful Meetings, <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>, it is possible to do so. The LANDCON e-LIBRARY is among the promotional materials that participants who attend your LANDCON event will receive at a very affordable cost. Pls contact [sombatpanit@yahoo.com](mailto:sombatpanit@yahoo.com) to apply for it and receive a LANDCON title, plus all other supports.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:sombatpanit@yahoo.com)

Newsletter issue 25(2) for April-June 2009 is now posted on our website <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn>. You may read how successful the LANDCON 0905 conference was successfully organized by WASWC President, Prof Miodrag Zlatic of Serbia. Version in various languages will be soon available.

## **JOBS**

### **▲ Cropping Systems Agronomist**

The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) invites applications for the position of Cropping Systems Agronomist within the Global Conservation Agriculture Program. The position will be based at CIMMYT's regional office in Harare, Zimbabwe, but the selected candidate will spend considerable time at other research sites in southern Africa. The appointment begins with a two-year contract, subject to the continued disbursement of approved funds, after which further employment is subject to performance.

#### **Vacancy Announcement**

Attached please find the complete job announcement.

<<Cropping Systems Agronomist Announcement.pdf>>

#### **Contact**

Human Resources Manager/CIMMYT

Reference 2009/14

Email: [jobs-cimmyt@cgiar.org](mailto:jobs-cimmyt@cgiar.org)

Application Deadline: **November 30, 2009**

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in bringing this announcement to the attention of qualified candidates.

If you or the candidate would like more information about the opportunity in question, please inquire directly to Dr. Patrick Wall, Director, Global Conservation Agriculture Program, email: [p.wall@cgiar.org](mailto:p.wall@cgiar.org)

***CIMMYT is an equal-opportunity employer and strives for staff diversity in gender and ethnicity.***

**Marisa de la O**

**HR Manager**

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### **▲ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ**

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

#### **Postdoctoral Scholar**

*Soil Ecology*

*Applications are invited for a Postdoctoral Scholar position in the Soil Ecology Lab in the [Department of Environmental Studies](#) at the University of California, Santa Cruz. The successful candidate will work with Dr. Weixin Cheng and other colleagues studying carbon and nitrogen dynamics in the rhizosphere under environmental change scenarios. Other duties will include maintaining continuous isotope labeling facilities and environmental control and monitoring systems.*

*RANK: Postdoctoral Scholar – Employee*

*SALARY: \$36,088 to \$46,128, commensurate with qualifications and experience.*

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** *Ph.D. or equivalent in Soil Science, Ecology, or related fields. Other essential requirements include the ability to execute field and lab research projects and publish research results in refereed journals.*

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:** *Preference will be given to candidates who have a demonstrated publishing capability and experience in rhizosphere studies, isotope methods, and environmental change research.*

**POSITION AVAILABLE:** January 5, 2010 (negotiable)

**TERM OF APPOINTMENT:** *One year, with possible extension, contingent upon availability of funding and positive performance review.*

**TO APPLY:** *Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, letter of application, research statement, copies of all relevant publications, and three letters of recommendation\*.*

*\*All letters will be treated as confidential documents; please direct your references to UCSC's confidentiality statement at [http://apo.ucsc.edu/academic\\_policies\\_and\\_procedures/cappm/confstm.htm](http://apo.ucsc.edu/academic_policies_and_procedures/cappm/confstm.htm)*

*Materials should be sent to:*

**Professor Weixin Cheng**

**Environmental Studies Department**

**University of California Please refer to position #PS-SOIL in your reply**

**1156 High St.**

**Santa Cruz, CA 95064**

Inquiries (only) may be sent to [wxcheng@ucsc.edu](mailto:wxcheng@ucsc.edu)

**CLOSING DATE:** Position is open until filled. Initial review of applications begins on **December 1, 2009**. For full consideration, applications must be received by initial review date.

▲ **Academic job opportunities in the islamic world** [GIS Expert in COMSATS, Pakistan](#)

## **AWARDS/ PRIZES/ FUNDS**

▲ **Fellowships, awards and & training opportunities** [Portugal - SESAME Fellowship](#)

▲ **Partner Announcements – Environmental Projects Supported in Developing Countries**

*The following announcement was shared by Dan Gudahl (Winrock International).*

United Nations Development Programme: Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme

<http://sgp.undp.org/>

The Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (SGP), funded by the Global Environment Facility and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme, supports community-based work in the areas of biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation, protection of international waters, prevention of land degradation, and elimination of persistent organic pollutants. SGP supports activities of non-governmental and community-based organizations in 101 participating developing countries. (A list of participating countries is available on the SGP website.) The grants of up to \$50,000 support the following types of activities: community-based assessment and planning; pilot demonstration activities; monitoring and analysis; and dissemination, networking, and policy dialogue. Proposed projects must meet country-specific eligibility criteria laid out in each SGP Country Programme Strategy. Interested applicants should begin the application process by contacting the SGP National Coordinator for their country to receive project application guidelines and forms. Contact information for the National Coordinator in each participating country is available on the SGP website.

### **▲ King Baudouin International Development Prize**

The King Baudouin International Development Prize, worth 150,000 Euros, is awarded every year by the Foundation's Board of Governors. The Prize provides winners international visibility and publicity, with the main agents of development in particular, such as the United Nations and its specialised agencies, the World Bank, the European Union and a number of bilateral development agencies, the world of foundations or international NGOs. The prize is to acknowledge the work of persons or organisations which have made a substantial contribution to the development of countries in the southern hemisphere or to solidarity between industrialised nations and developing nations. Deadline for submission of nominations: **1 February 2010**. For more information [click here](#).

### **▲ The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Awards Programme**

By celebrating the achievements of inventors, creators and innovative companies around the world, the WIPO Awards Program aims to help foster a culture in which innovation and creativity are encouraged at every level of society. The publicity generated by the WIPO Awards also offers a means to promote wider understanding of how the intellectual property system works to serve creativity and innovation. The awards programme includes the following: (i) WIPO Award for Inventors; (ii) WIPO Award for Creativity; (iii) WIPO Award for Innovative Enterprises; and (iv) Women Inventors.

WIPO is only able to consider nominations for awards from the organizers of a national or international level competition or exhibition. Requests to participate in the Awards Program should be submitted to WIPO at least three months in advance of the event. The selection procedure of the winners is the responsibility of the organizers, within the framework of the guidelines provided by WIPO. The WIPO Awards are to be bestowed at the highest level of awards.

More information on WIPO Awards Programme is found [here](#).

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### ▲ Geo Challenge Grants

This program offers grants valued between US\$5,000 and US\$100,000, either directly from Google.org, or through grant recommendations from the Google.org Fund of Tides Foundation. These grants are issued through an open application process - legally qualified, public charitable organizations with a compelling idea about how maps can help them work more effectively are eligible. Smaller mapping applications requiring only static data might receive US\$5,000 in funding, while development of tools that enable many organizations to create maps might receive US\$100,000. The organisers have partnered with [Google Earth Outreach](#) on this program to help evaluate proposals from a technical standpoint and to help us ensure the grants are successful.

More information on Geo Challenge Grants is found [here](#).

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### ▲ Small Grants Program - Anthropology & Environment Section

The goal of the Anthropology & Environment Section's Small Grants Program is to foster collaboration among practicing and academic anthropologists, grassroots activists, and/or organizations and inspire innovative solutions to environmental issues.

More info on the SGP is found [here](#).

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### ▲ ESRI grant for GIS (Geographic Information Systems) products

Any non-profit or non-government organization working for social justice, environment, indigenous rights or public benefit in any nation, or any individual volunteering for these types of groups, may apply for a grant. There are no grant cycles or deadlines, you can apply any time. A "basic" request is limited to Single-user versions of Arcview software (up to 3 copies), Extensions, online and live training, books, GIS Data and ESRI conference passes.

Further information can be found [here](#)!

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### ▲ Royal Geographic Society Grants

The Society provides funding for geographical research, fieldwork and teaching. The grants are wide-ranging and offer support to desk and field-based researchers, research teams and school teachers. Grants are for work in both the UK and overseas and range in value from £350 to £15,000. For more info click [here](#).

To access a comprehensive list of grant opportunities click [here](#).

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### ▲ 30th International Geographical Congress Award

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) offers five grants of up to £750 to assist with the cost of attending an international conference. The conference must be organised by a geographical organisation, association or union affiliated with, or a member of the International Council of Science (ISCU) or other such similar international organisation.

Priority will be given to early career researchers presenting papers and seeking to cover travel expenses, although help with conference fees, accommodation, and maintenance costs will also be considered.

Next Deadline: **15 February 2010**. For more information about the award click [here](#).

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### ▲ **ESRI Conservation Program (ECP): conservation geography, activism and multicultural social change**

The Environmental Systems Research Institute provides many resources and avenues for non-profit organizations interested in developing GIS capacity but who lack the funds to pay retail costs. The ESRI Conservation Program (ECP) was ESRI's first non-profit grant program and is its largest and broadest, reaching well beyond conservation groups to support all types of non-profits. ECP has helped to create and develop spatial analysis, computer mapping and geographic information systems (GIS) capability among thousands of non-profit organizations and individual projects of all sizes and types worldwide.

For more info click [here](#)

### ▲ **No-profit supply of computers to Developing Countries**

Computer Aid International has already shipped over 50,000 PCs to more than 90 developing countries. Of those 50,000 shipped over 35,000 have gone to educational institutions and the remaining to community organisations working in fields as diverse as HIV/Aids, environment, human rights, and primary healthcare. Computer Aid International aims to: (i) Increase the number of refurbished computers being re-used overseas; (ii) increase the number of UK organisations donating their used IT equipment for re-use overseas; (iii) identify and work with those organisations in recipient countries able to derive maximum value from refurbished computers; (iv) provide training and work experience in computer repair to people from socially excluded communities. More info on the facility are found [here](#)

### ▲ **The World Summit Award (WSA)**

The World Summit Award (WSA) is the global initiative to select and promote the world's best e-Content and innovative ICT applications. WSA was started in 2003 in the framework of the United Nations' World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) as a contribution of the Austrian Government to the global effort to bridge the digital divide and close the content gap. WSA activities include national contests and selections of best practice, a global contest held every 2 years and content-focused national and international conferences with exhibitions — the WSA Road Show.

WSA works to strengthen entrepreneurship within content industries and to bring about economic and cultural development through the creative use of ICTs. It supports the UN Millennium Development Goals of ending poverty, hunger and disease, saving the environment and giving a fair share to women.

WSA is an invitation project and a global activity for all who share the understanding of the crucial importance of excellent e-Content creation within the information society. Partners in over 160 UN member states are actively involved in WSA. New partners from all over the world are welcome to join!

More information on the initiative is found [here](#).

### ▲ **The Do Something Awards**

The Do Something Awards honour and fund young social entrepreneurs, activists, and community leaders age 25 and under who have significantly changed the world. Since 1996, Do Something has awarded community service grants and scholarships to young people throughout the United States and Canada.

This year, the Do Something Awards recognise five youth leaders with cash contributions of a minimum of US\$10,000 for four winners and, for one of the top five, the grand prize of US\$100,000. Deadline for application: **15 December 2009**

More information on the award is found [here](#).

### ▲ **Google Earth Outreach supports**

The Google Earth Outreach supports non-profit organizations that share their mission of community service in areas such as education & culture, environment & science, current affairs, global development, public health and social services. Non-profit organizations can use Google Earth Free to view and create KML files, can post those KML files on their site or email them to their partners, donors, volunteers, and beneficiaries. NGOs may not use Google Earth Free in the course of providing a paid service to other companies or organizations. Google Earth Outreach offers Google Earth Pro licenses to qualifying organizations. Google Earth Pro has powerful authoring features

which allow for GIS data importation such as .shp and tab files, a movie making module, and a high resolution printing feature.

More information is found [here](#).

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### ▲ 2010 International Young Eco-Hero Awards

To recognize the individual accomplishments of young people (ages 8-16) whose personal actions have significantly improved the environment. Action For Nature will award cash prizes of up to \$500 to young Eco-Heroes from around the world for their outstanding accomplishments in environmental advocacy, environmental health, research or protection of the natural world. Their individual initiatives will inspire others to preserve and protect our fragile environment.

For more info click [here](#)

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### ▲ Gilchrist Fieldwork Award

The Gilchrist Educational Trust offers an award of £15,000 to support original and challenging overseas fieldwork carried out by small teams of university academics and researchers. The research should include a single field session of at least six weeks. There should be strong links with the host country and preferably the research should be of applied benefit to the host nation. Next Deadline: **26 February 2010**.

For more information about the award click [here](#).

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### ▲ First Peoples Worldwide call for videos on climate change

First Peoples Worldwide (FPW) is looking for videos submitted by Indigenous-led NGOs or NGOs working with Indigenous Peoples. These videos must show how climate change is impacting the Indigenous community, their local environment, and how the Indigenous Peoples are using traditional knowledge to adapt to and mitigate climate change. Each video received by FPW will be considered for a \$5,000 grant to continue the organization's work using traditional knowledge to adapt to and mitigate climate change. FPW does not require that submitted videos have special effects or finishing and can be produced using the video equipment and technical capacity available from the Indigenous community or organization. The deadline for submissions is **October 31, 2009**

For more information on grant applications click [here](#).

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### ▲ Thesiger-Oman Fellowships

By the kind generosity of the His Majesty Qaboos bin Said Al Said, Sultan of Oman, the Society offers one annual fellowship of up to £8,000 for geographical research in the arid regions of the world, as a memorial to Sir Wilfred Thesiger. The annual fellowship reflects Thesiger's interests in the peoples and environments of the desert. The fellowship will focus either on the physical aspects or on the human dimension of arid environments. The fellowship funds a researcher with an outstanding research proposal, including periods of arid environment fieldwork. To reflect Thesiger's interests, research within the Middle East and other arid regions he visited will be given priority, but applications for work in the world's other arid regions is also welcomed. Next Deadline: **27 November 2009**

For more information about the award click [here](#).

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### ▲ Conservation Innovation Grants

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) is a voluntary program intended to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production. Under CIG, Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds are used to award competitive grants to non-Federal governmental or non-governmental organizations, Tribes, or individuals. CIG enables NRCS to work with other public and private entities to accelerate technology transfer and adoption of promising technologies and approaches to address some of the Nation's most pressing natural resource concerns. CIG will benefit agricultural producers by providing more options for environmental enhancement and compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations. NRCS administers CIG. For more information click [here](#)!

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### ▲ The Groen Hart ("Green Heart")

The Groen Hart is responsible for the Tropical Forest Program of the Flemish Ministry of Environment, which was created in 2002 for the duration of five years. The objectives of the Tropical Forest Program are 'to support small and medium-scale activities that can contribute to the conservation and sustainable management of the tropical forests'. Activities in following domains can be financed: sustainable forest management and certification; (primary) forest reserves (support could be given through research projects, training, inventories, **GIS/Mapping**, control and management of forest reserves, development of bufferzone activities with local people, ecotourism, etc.); afforestation and restoration of degraded lands (including carbon registration). Beneficiary countries for the coming years are: Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Surinam (applications from Brazil are temporarily not accepted). Project proposals in other countries than the ones mentioned above are not eligible.

For more information click [here](#)!

### ▲ Tech Awards

Awarding innovators from around the world who use technology to benefit humanity. Individuals, for-profit companies, and not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply. The purpose of the Tech Awards programme is to inspire future scientists, technologists, and dreamers to harness the power and "promise of technology to solve the challenges that confront us at the dawn of the 21st Century". Deadline for submission: The Tech Awards accepts nominations year-round. Nominations are accepted all year round.

Further information can be found [here](#)!

### ▲ The Dorothy Hodgkin Postgraduate Award Scheme

Dorothy Hodgkin Postgraduate Awards (DHPA) is a UK scheme to bring outstanding students from India, China, Hong Kong, South Africa, Brazil, Russia and the developing world to come and study for PhDs in top rated UK research facilities. The initiative was launched by the Prime Minister In November 2003. The Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) and the Research Councils recognise the great importance for the UK of being able to attract the best international research students, and we have agreed to continue to run a core paired awarding exercise for up to 58 new scholar starts in October 2009. This exercise will of course be contingent upon finding and confirming the necessary private sector sponsors and matching them to Research Council funding. There is no standard application form and no deadline. Students apply to the university directly and can apply to more than one university.

Further information can be found [here](#)!

### ▲ The National Geographic Society Conservation Trust

The objective of the Conservation Trust is to support conservation activities around the world as they fit within the mission of the National Geographic Society. The trust will fund projects that contribute significantly to the preservation and sustainable use of the Earth's biological, cultural, and historical resources. While grant amounts vary greatly, most range from U.S. \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Further information on eligibility, guidelines and restrictions can be found [here](#)!

### ▲ International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO) Fellowship Program

ITTO offers fellowships through the Freezailah Fellowship Fund to promote human resource development and to strengthen professional expertise in member countries in tropical forestry and related disciplines. The Programme supports mainly short-term activities, such as participation in international conferences, training courses and study tours, but also helps people to prepare manuals and monographs and provides small grants for post-graduate study. The maximum amount for a fellowship grant is US\$10,000. Only nationals of ITTO member countries are eligible to apply, and fellowships are awarded mainly to nationals of developing member countries. Further information can be found [here](#)!

### ▲ Intel Public Affairs International Contribution

The Intel Corporation makes grants to eligible organizations in the communities where the company has a major presence. The company focuses primarily on education, through grants for programs that advance science, math and technology learning. Environmental programs are also strongly

considered, with particular emphasis on technological components. Intel will support additional programs that improve the quality of life in its site communities. These requests will be evaluated on the basis of the services offered and the program's impact on the community. Cost-effectiveness of the program, its ability to be effectively measured and replicated, and the potential for Intel employee involvement are also significant factors. Countries eligible for Intel grants include China, Costa Rica, India, Ireland, Israel, Malaysia, and the Philippines.

Further information can be found [here](#).

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### ▲ Hewlett-Packard Equipment Grants

Through their philanthropy and education program, Hewlett-Packard provides grants of equipment to eligible organizations. Detailed proposals are required for consideration within the grant program. In addition, applicants must have other sources of funding; HP will not be the sole source of funding to ensure project independence.

For more information, including a list of featured grant programs click [here](#).

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### ▲ Asset Building and Community Development; Peace and Social Justice; and Knowledge, Creativity and Freedom Grant Program

A resource for innovative people and institutions worldwide, the Ford Foundation offers grants through its Grant Program. Grants support Asset Building and Community Development; Peace and Social Justice; and Knowledge, Creativity and Freedom. The grant process begins with a letter of inquiry, followed by a formal proposal. Support is not normally given for routine operating costs or for religious activities.

There are no deadlines for inquiries and submission of proposals. Further information can be found [here](#).

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### ▲ The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Grants Programme

IDRC funds research activities that are designed to directly benefit developing countries and their citizens. More information on the facility is available [here](#)!

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### ▲ ESRI-Sponsored Grants

ESRI sponsors programs that help organizations serve society and better the environment using geographic information system (GIS) technology. ESRI-sponsored grants offer free software, hardware, and/or training for programs in the following areas:

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### ▲ UNDP GFO Small Grants Programmes - India

Small Grants Programme (SGP), funded by the United Nation Development Program (UNDP), Global Environment Facility (GEF), seeks to support initiatives, which demonstrate community-based innovative, gender sensitive, participatory approaches and lessons learned from other development projects that lead to reduce threats to the local and global environment.

For more information, click [here](#)!

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

Grants:

[Sustain our Great Lakes Grants Program – Community Grants Program](#)

[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](#)

[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](#)

[American Water Environmental Grant Program](#)  
[1675 Foundation](#)  
[Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund](#)  
[William Penn Foundation Grants](#)  
[Maryland DNR Grants and Loans](#)  
[Maryland DNR Tree-Mendous Program - Trees for Schools Project](#)  
[The Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee \(MUCFC\) Grants](#)  
[PennVEST Loans – Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority](#)  
[Pennsylvania Pollution Prevention Assistance Program \(PPAA\) Loans](#)  
[Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Grants Page](#)  
[NY DEC Grants](#)  
[NY DEC Statewide Water Quality Improvements Projects Program](#)  
[Solar Energy Education for Local Governments](#)  
[Building Healthy 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](#)  
[New Jersey DEP Grants and Loans](#)  
[Environmental Educator Grant](#)  
[NOAA - Community-based Marine Debris Removal Grants](#)  
[NOAA - Open Rivers Initiative](#)  
[Coldwater Heritage Partnership - Conservation Grants Program](#)  
[Pocono Forest and Waters Landscape Collaborative Grant](#)

Awards:

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

## COURSES

▲ [ICGEB Meetings and Courses 2010](#)

▲ **IECA - EC10 Course Preview**

**EC6206-A & B: Soil-Loss Estimation for Construction Lands Using RUSLE (PART I & PART II)**

Join Terrence Toy, PhD, CPESC and  
David Lightle, CPESC

for this engaging two-day course that teaches you a  
practical method of soil-loss estimation for use in erosion and sediment control planning and plan  
evaluation, Version 2 of the Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation (RUSLE 2). [More>>](#)

There's a lot more education to look forward to and IECA will feature more EC10 updates in future  
issues of the *E-Learning Newsletter*. Can't wait? [Visit registration today!](#)

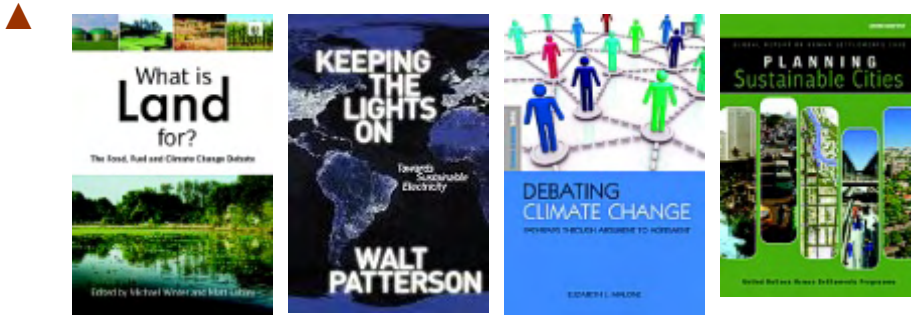
## EXHIBITIONS

▲ 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! If you need help, let  
us know. In December this year a couple of soil scientists from the Land Development Department,  
Bangkok, will go to assist one institute in China to do a soils museum.



# NEW INFORMATION SOURCES

## BOOKS



▲ It's my pleasure to announce the publication of *Elderburbia: Aging with a Sense of Place in America* published this week by Praeger Press.

A description is found here: <http://www.praeger.com/catalog/C36436.aspx>

Phil

## REPORT

### ▲ [7 Reports Direct Federal Agencies to Take Lead in Bay Cleanup](#)

In a series of seven reports responding to an executive order issued by President Barack Obama in May, federal agencies provided their thoughts about how to clean up the Chesapeake Bay by 2025. [Reports here>](#).

## MANUAL-HANDBOOKS

### ▲ [2009 Stormwater Mitigation Handbook for LA Builders and Developers](#)

### ▲ **EPA: Elizabeth River Priority Project Webpage**

This website identifies projects and objectives to improve the water quality of the Elizabeth River, one of the most severely polluted rivers in the nation. It provides information on cleanups, pollution prevention, wildlife habitat restoration, and brownfield and superfund redevelopment/reuse program.

<http://www.epa.gov/region03/elizabethriver>

### ▲ **EPA: TMDL Program Results Analysis Web Site**

This new website provides information on Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program results. It provides a Clean Water Act Impaired Waters Program Pipeline navigation feature, fact sheets, reports, publications and datasets. <http://www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl/results>

### ▲ **Smart Growth for Coastal and Waterfront Communities**

This guide is focused on coastal and waterfront communities and helping them to implement smart growth and sustainable development to ultimately protect beneficial natural resources. It describes tools and techniques (and provides case studies) for smart growth. <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg-coastal.html>

To view the guide, visit <http://coastalsmartgrowth.noaa.gov/>

### ▲ **Protecting Water Resources with Higher-Density Development**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released this guide focused on how higher-density development can help to protect water resources. The U.S. Census Bureau predicts that the U.S. population will increase by 50 million people between 2000 and 2020. Communities will need to plan for this growth in order to protect their water resources. [http://www.epa.gov/dced/water\\_density.htm](http://www.epa.gov/dced/water_density.htm)

### ▲ **Water Research Foundation – Climate Change Clearinghouse for Water Community**

This website provides research, publications, and links regarding climate change and its effects on drinking water, wastewater, and water reuse.

<http://www.theclimatechangeclearinghouse.org/ClimateChangeClearinghouse/ForTheWaterCommunity.aspx>

## BULLETIN-NEWSLETTER-MAGAZINE-BROCHURE

### ▲ IECA October 2009 E-Update



**Drag and Drop:** [Smart Guide](#), [TMDL Web Site](#), [NPDES Web Session](#), [EPA Watershed Webcast](#), [LA Handbook](#), [Bay Reports](#)

**Members in the News:** [James City Service Authority](#), [Express Blower, Inc.](#)

**IECA News:** [SOIL Fund](#), [EC10 Overview](#), [IECA Live Training](#), [Photo Contest](#)

**Chapter News:** [Erosion Forum in China](#), [Pacific Northwest Web Site](#), [Southeast Scholarships](#), [Northeast Board Elections](#)

### ▲ SOME FLASH NEWS FROM JRC

[The Commission will set up a List of candidates from which it will be able to select so-called facilitators and editors for INSPIRE TWGs](#) : Recently, the European Commission published a call for interest to assist the Commission in the set-up of INSPIRE implementing rules and technical guidelines. Details can be found on <http://inspire.jrc.ec.europa.eu/index.cfm/newsid/3740>. Through this call, the Commission will set-up a list of candidates from which it will be able to select so-called “**facilitators**” and “**editors**” who will join experts in the so-called Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) to develop theme-specific INSPIRE technical guidelines. These guidelines will be the basis for European legal acts. The TWGs for the INSPIRE Annex II and III themes will be formed by experts who will be selected from a list of candidates who will have responded to another “call for expression of experts”. This call will be launched one of the following weeks, after which the TWG for SOIL will be formed in December 2009/January 2010. The TWG will then start its activities somewhere in March 2010. To stay informed, please consult the INSPIRE website. These calls are major opportunities for the Soil Experts to participate (as organization or individually) in and influence the INSPIRE SOIL data specification process, of which the final result will be legally binding for EU27. More Info: <http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/utilities/calls/>

**Soil Awareness Raising:** Soil Action is establishing an action plan for the development of measures/programmes/initiatives to raise awareness of the importance of soil across European society (i.e. policy makers, general public, universities, schools, industry, etc.).

Please have a look in the Educational Material (Examples) listed in the page: <http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/Awareness/Inventory.cfm> (it is not yet published officially).

In case you have **EDUCATIONAL Material** (Web-sites, School books, Curriculum information, School science week activities, Interactive white board activities, E-Learning, Posters, etc) targeting the Education (or Policy makers) in any language related to **SOIL Awareness**, you are welcomed to contact me or complete the Attached Template with the relevant information. Further details will be made available soon in the European Soil Portal.

**Open Vacancy for the Development of an upscaling methodology (Till 3/11/2009):** The SOIL Action in the Land Management and Natural Hazards Unit at JRC is developing a model/methodology to upscale the assessment of European Soil threats. The envisaged work will consist of the following tasks: Development of a hierarchical process metamodel for up-scaling soil data from plot/field scale to catchment/local scale and moreover to Regional and European Scale, Incorporate finer scale data into the larger European Soil Information System, Proof-of-Concept for methodology to assess soil threats and Impacts at European level to target for better delineation of soil risk areas. Find the related information : <http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/vacancies/>

JRC, IUSSS, Digital Soil Mapping (WG-DSM) are organising the **DSM 2010 in Rome, 24-26 May 2010**: 4th Global Workshop on Digital Soil Mapping "From Digital Soil Mapping to Digital Soil Assessment: identifying key gaps from fields to continents"

**Deadline for abstract submission:** 30 November 2009

More information: <http://2010.digitalsoilmapping.org/>

[http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/events/Future\\_events/DSM2010.html](http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/events/Future_events/DSM2010.html)

**Lucas Soil:** 62% of soil samples logged on arrival at our 'soil drying facility' in the JRC. More information:

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/Lucas/SoilArchive.cfm>

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▲ All publications described below are available online – simply click while the ‘ctrl’ key is pressed!



Over the past few months, the World Agroforestry Centre has been developing a new system to manage the distribution of its publications.

To make sure we only send you publications and announcements that you are interested in, we invite you to **MANAGE YOUR SUBSCRIPTION** online. You can select the types of publications you would like to receive from us; from our regular newsletter to occasional papers, technical manuals, policy briefs, books and more.

Once you have subscribed, we will send you alerts when new publications are produced in the categories you have expressed interest in.

While we are finalising the system, we would like to draw your attention to the following recent publications. Click on any of the titles below to download the publication from our website.

### Policy Briefs

No. 1 Mitigating climate change and transforming lives in forest margins: lessons from swiddens in Indonesia

No. 2 Green fertilizers can boost food security in Africa

No. 3 Agroforestry options for Tanzania

No. 4 The case for investing in Africa's biocarbon potential

Pourquoi investir dans le potentiel biocarbone en Afrique

No. 5 Africa's biocarbon interests - perspectives for a new climate change deal

Les intérêts de biocarbone africaine - perspectives pour un nouvel accord sur le changement climatique

### Trees for change

a series of booklets which showcase projects where agroforestry is making a difference to the livelihoods of smallholder farmers

Seeds of hope: a public-private partnership to domesticate a native tree, *Allanblackia*, is transforming lives in rural Africa

Restoring lives and landscapes: how a partnership between local communities and the state is saving forests and improving livelihoods in Guinea

### Occasional Papers

peer reviewed findings from research and projects

Van Noordwijk M, Mulyoutami E, Sakuntaladewi N, Agus F. 2008. **Swiddens in transition: shifted perceptions on shifting cultivators in Indonesia**. Occasional Paper no.9. Bogor, Indonesia: World Agroforestry Centre.

Sileshi G, Akinnifesi FK, Ajayi OC, Place F. 2009. **Evidence for impact of green fertilizers on maize production in sub-Saharan Africa: a meta-analysis**. ICRAF Occasional Paper No. 10. Nairobi: World Agroforestry Centre.

## Working Papers early research results

Coe R, Nielsen F, van Noordwijk M, Simons T. 2009. **Preventing and identifying Scientific Fraud in Tree Science Research, with specific reference to World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)**. ICRAF Working Paper no. 88. Nairobi, Kenya: World Agroforestry Centre.

Zomer RJ, Trabucco A, Coe R and Place F. 2009. **Trees on Farm: Analysis of Global Extent and Geographical Patterns of Agroforestry**. ICRAF Working Paper no. 89. Nairobi, Kenya: World Agroforestry Centre.

Faulkner L, Harrington J, Levy D, The K. 2009. **Commercial Opportunities for Fruit in Malawi**. ICRAF Working Paper no. 86. Nairobi, Kenya: World Agroforestry Centre.

Chakeredza S, Temu AB, Yaye A, Mukingwa S, Saka JDK. 2009. **Mainstreaming Climate Change into Agricultural Education: Challenges and Perspectives**. ICRAF Working Paper no. 82. Nairobi, Kenya: World Agroforestry Centre.

## Technical Manuals

Bréhima Koné, Antoine Kalinganire et Modibo Doumbia. 2009. **La culture du jujubier : un manuel pour l'horticulteur sahélien**. ICRAF Technical Manual no. 10. Nairobi : World Agroforestry Centre.

## Other publications

Catacutan D, Neely C, Johnson M, Poussard H, Youl R. 2009. **Landcare: Local action - global progress**. Nairobi, Kenya: World Agroforestry Centre.

World Agroforestry Centre. 2009. **Creating an evergreen agriculture in Africa for food security and environmental resilience**. Nairobi, Kenya: World Agroforestry Centre.

World Agroforestry Centre, October 2009

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『2009 台灣地理資訊學會年會暨學術研討會』及『海峽兩岸都市地理資訊系統學術論壇』於 10 月 15 日上午 10 點假逢甲大學中科校區順利揭開為期兩天的序幕。感謝台中市政府蕭家旗副市長、上海市城市規劃行業協會簡逢敏常務副會長、廣州規劃協會施紅平理事長、逢甲大學楊龍士副校長等多位貴賓蒞臨指導，以及來自產官學界來賓的熱烈支持，使本研討會大放異彩。會中並邀請台中市政府蕭家旗副市長、香港中文大學林琿教授、及逢甲大學李秉乾副校長分別以「夢想與發展~一個城市的故事」、「城市大型戶外活動中緊急疏散類比系統的設計研究」，及「土石流災害管理」為主題進行專題演講。大會並頒發第五屆金圖獎，獎勵 GIS 推動、研發有成的專案及產品技術，下午隨即有來自國內外專家學者進行近 60 篇論文報告。

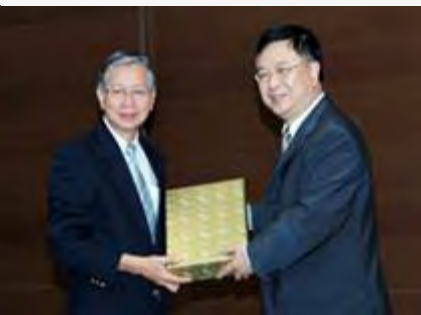
本研討會參與情況熱烈，海峽兩岸與會來賓逾 400 人，廠商參展会場亦獲得極大的迴響，充分顯示出地理資訊系統及其應用已逐漸普及於一般人的生活經驗裡，且朝向多元化發展。今年大會得以順利展開，端賴各界的支持與參與，期待日後交流更密切與頻繁；進而提升國內外 GIS 相關研究之能量與整合應用。

『海峽兩岸都市地理資訊系統學術論壇』於 15 日下午 5 點進行閉幕式及最佳論文發表頒獎。本研討會不僅促進地理資訊系統之學術交流，更藉由海峽兩岸之先進針對重要都市地理資訊系統之研究成果與寶貴經驗交換，大幅提升 GIS 產業參與基礎資料建置、加值應用，及技術研發層面之深度與廣度。

10 月 16 日仍有一整天的論文發表，主辦單位台灣地理資訊學會及逢甲大學更特別安排了二場論壇，主題為「GIS 防救災應用」及「GIS 專業認證及國家考試類別之探討」，更有 80 篇論文發表及學生組最佳發表頒獎，盛況可期，歡迎各界踴躍參加！



報到人潮不斷



楊副校長與大陸貴賓互贈紀念禮品



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## CD-DVDs

Louise Shaxson has forwarded you this email with the following message:

You may have heard the news that Land & Water Australia is being wound up - in my view a very shortsighted response to the Australian budget crisis. LWA has been at the forefront of the move to improve links between science and policy for natural resource management, and is widely quoted internationally in the context of knowledge brokering at the science-policy interface. Note that many of its reports are unlikely to be republished, but that they are available on disk for free. I thought that you could send this email to the CA listserv, and encourage people to order a copy of the disk, to ensure that LWA's legacy lives on as long as possible. Please see message from LWA at the link below and the message further down.

**Amir Kassam, Moderator, CA-CoP-Lists** [CA-CoP-L@mailserv.fao.org](mailto:CA-CoP-L@mailserv.fao.org)  
<http://campaign.lwa.gov.au/T/ViewEmail/y/D0A5BD5DDFA3DDA1>





## Australian Government Land & Water Australia

### an update from the Executive Director

Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, Land & Water Australia has been asked to wind-up the corporation by December 31st, 2009.

Since the announcement, the Board and management of Land & Water Australia have worked hard to ensure that the legacy of 19 years of knowledge generation and management is maximised, and you can find out more about it in an update on the Land & Water Australia website.

[Read the update...](#)

We've also managed to make a large proportion of our research reports and publications available on DVD, which is available for free through our website. There are only a limited number of these items available, and they will not be republished, so this is your last chance to get hold of this excellent and unique resource.

[Order your copy of the LWA research archive...](#)

Please feel free to [pass this email on](#) to your colleagues, and apologies for any cross-postings.

From everyone at Land & Water Australia, thank you for your support.

Regards, Dr Michael Robinson (Executive Director) and the LWA team

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

▲ I want to share with all my colleagues an old video about conservation agriculture in southern Brazil. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGGRZoKJwIw>  
Pepe Benites [jbenitesjump@gmail.com](mailto:jbenitesjump@gmail.com)

▲ [ASIA: The Gathering Storm - the human cost of climate change](#)



▲ [Seed Hunter](#) It will take you on a remarkable journey from the drought ravaged farms of Australia, to the heart of the Middle East, to the mountains of Tajikistan where charismatic Australian scientist Dr Ken Street – a real life version of Indiana Jones - and his team of ‘gene detectives’ hunt for plant genes that will help our food withstand the impact of 21st century global warming.



▲ [United Arab Emirates opens green energy institute](#) The United Arab Emirates' bid to become an international hub for renewable energy takes a step forward this month with the opening of a US\$1.2 billion graduate institution focusing on research into alternative energy, sustainability and the environment.

▲ [National Wetland Plant List \(NWPL\) Website](#)

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has released a website for updating the NWPL, which lists the wetland ratings for plant species. The website allows users to submit information and assist in updating the NWPL. It provides information on nearly 10,000 plants, with maps and photographs.  
<https://rsgis.crrel.usace.army.mil/apex/f?p=703>

### ▲ [World Development Report 2010: Development and Climate Change](#)

### ▲ **Wetland Guides/Resources - ASWM**

The Association of State Wetland Managers (ASWM) is an excellent source for information on wetlands. It provides links to many guides, articles, and websites related to wetlands.  
<http://www.aswm.org/fwp/consultant/index.htm#guides>

### ▲ **Eyes on the Earth 3D: NASA Satellite Imagery**

This new Earth visualization tool provides the latest NASA satellite imagery within hours of being photographed. You can access sea level height, concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, global temperature, and the extent of sea ice in the Arctic. It also provides games, videos, and interactive programs.  
<http://climate.jpl.nasa.gov/Eyes/index.html>



### ▲ **EPA Expected to Declare Carbon Dioxide as Pollutant**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is expected to include carbon dioxide as a harmful pollutant, triggering federal regulations on greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act.  
*By Jennifer A. Dlouhy, Houston Chronicle Washington Bureau, August 31, 2009*  
<http://www.chron.com/dispatch/story/nation/6595961.html>

### ▲ **Online QGIS training materials**

I came across this excellent GIS training resource on the blogosphere. It includes downloads of QGIS, a dataset, printable training materials and screencasts. It is very nicely done (by Spatial Planning & Information, Department of Land Affairs, Eastern Cape, South Africa) and might be of interest to some. <http://linfiniti.com/dla/> Jon Corbett [jon.corbett@ubc.ca](mailto:jon.corbett@ubc.ca)

## FILMS



Contact: [Sacred\\_Land\\_Film\\_Project@mail.vresp.com](mailto:Sacred_Land_Film_Project@mail.vresp.com)

Greetings from Sacred Land Film Project. We are just back from a successful three-day shoot with the Winnemem Wintu at Mt. Shasta, and a research trip to the tar sands fields of Alberta, Canada, as we continue producing our *Losing Sacred Ground* series. We are now busy preparing our year-end fundraising appeal and annual report, so watch your mailbox in early December. We are also very pleased to announce the addition of Elena Gardella to our team. As our new bookkeeper, Elena brings a wealth of financial experience to the project.

There has been a lot of news to report in the last few months, including:

- 1) "Power Paths" National Screening on PBS - November 3
- 2) Blog Report: Sacred Site Guardians Meet in the Altai
- 3) Environmentalists banned from Hopi Land
- 4) Stonehenge To Be Freed From Car Traffic
- 5) Australia Establishes Two Major Indigenous Conservation Reserves
- 6) New Viewing Platform at Uluru
- 7) Read More Sacred Land News & Reports From the Field on our Website

Details follow:

### 1) "Power Paths" National Screening on PBS - November 3



[POWER PATHS](#), a one-hour film written by SLFP's Jessica Abbe, will be nationally broadcast November 3 on the PBS series Independent Lens. Project Director Toby McLeod contributed advice and archival footage to this timely documentary on renewable energy development in Indian Country, directed by Bo Boudart and narrated by Peter Coyote.

From the press release: "POWER PATHS offers a unique glimpse into the global energy crisis from the perspective of a culture pledged to protect the planet, historically exploited by corporate interests and neglected by public policy makers."

In the Bay Area, POWER PATHS is scheduled to air at 10 PM, Tuesday, November 3. CHECK LOCAL LISTINGS for your PBS station, or [check the PBS website](#).

## 2) Blog Report: Sacred Site Guardians Meet in the Altai



In July, we traveled for the second time to Russia's Altai Republic, this time to film a meeting of 25 sacred site guardians from all over Central Asia who gathered to discuss strategies for protecting cultural and biological diversity locally and globally. Delegations from Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan and Russia's Lake Baikal area met at Uch Enmek Nature Park with Altaian colleagues for two days of discussion about how best to deal with tourism, mining, climate change, archaeologists and government bureaucrats. Altaian environmentalist Danil Mamyev, a key character in our film, observed, "By networking sacred site guardians you also connect the places — and the guardians and the sacred places are all strengthened."

We learned when we arrived that our friend, shaman Maria Amanchina, had become very sick after we filmed her in the summer of 2007. When I saw Maria I

apologized for any role our filming might have had in her illness and she said, "No, it wasn't you or the equipment, but I should not have allowed filming inside my yurt." Initially, we heard Maria would not permit filming on this trip and that she would not accompany the group on a pilgrimage after the conference. As the meeting went on, however, she changed her mind and allowed filming ("no tight shots please") and agreed to come with the group on a long journey to the Ukok Plateau.

[Read More...](#)

## 3) Environmentalists banned from Hopi Land



Vernon Masayesva and 40 individual Hopis have filed a challenge to the U.S. Office of Surface Mining's decision to issue a Life-of-Mine permit to Peabody Energy for their Black Mesa coal stripmine. The permit would allow Peabody to continue the destructive surface mining for an additional 15 years after 2011. The Hopi Tribal Council, ever allied with Peabody, has taken the unusual step of banning environmentalists from Hopi Land, and Navajo President Joe Shirley has endorsed the move.

Read More [here](#).

## 4) Stonehenge To Be Freed From Car Traffic

A decades-long effort to save Stonehenge from the damaging effects of automobile traffic and restore the integrity of its surrounding landscape is now a significant step closer to fruition.



On October 5, English Heritage, the government-affiliated organization that manages Stonehenge and other national monuments, [submitted plans](#) to close and grass over a 1.3-mile section of highway that slices through the World Heritage Site very close to the prehistoric stones, along with an adjacent parking lot.

A major component of the plan is a new visitors' center and parking lot, to be located 1.5 miles west of the monument. The visitor center, which is designed to blend in with the archaeologically rich landscape of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, will be connected to the site via a shuttle system.

The current plan replaces a previous — and highly contentious — plan that proposed replacing the offending stretch of the A344 with a tunnel. In December 2007 the British government announced it would scrap the tunnel plan. [Transport Minister Tom Harris said](#) the plan's skyrocketing cost "would not represent the best use of taxpayers' money" and that "due to

significant environmental constraints across the whole of the World Heritage Site, there are no acceptable alternatives to the 2.1-kilometer bored-tunnel scheme.”

Although still subject to planning permission and funding, the new plan is expected to be approved and the project completed in time for the 2012 Olympics in London.

To learn more about stone circles of Britain and the battle to save Stonehenge, read our [Stonehenge sacred site report](#).

## 5) Australia Establishes Two Major Indigenous Conservation Reserves

Australia has established two globally significant conservation reserves on indigenous lands in the Northern Territory. Spanning nearly 1.4 million hectares on the Arnhem Land Plateau, Warddeken Indigenous Protected Area adjacent to the Kakadu National Park was declared on September 24th.

One day later hundreds gathered at Rocky Point on Boucaut Bay about 500km east of Darwin to mark the declaration of the Djelk Indigenous Protected Area. Many elders are reported to have shed tears as Environmental Minister Peter Garrett and former frontman of Midnight Oil signed the formal declaration. The Djelk Indigenous Protected Area spans from the Arafura Sea to the central Arnhem Land Plateau.

To learn more about this conservation milestone read the [Sydney Morning Herald article](#).

## 6) New Viewing Platform at Uluru

Uluru, one the key tourists destinations in Australia, located 335 km southwest of Alice Springs, has a new viewing platform, which was unveiled early this month by Aboriginal elders hoping to discourage tourists from climbing the sacred rock.



Opened at a dawn ceremony, the \$21 million (Australian) viewing platform was named Talingru Nyakuntjaku, which in the local Aboriginal Pitjantjatjara language means “place to look from the sand dune.” The area offers uninterrupted views of mulga woodland, large desert oaks, the southeastern face of Uluru, and the 36 head-shaped domes of Kata Tjuta.

Earlier this year, citing cultural, environmental and safety concerns, the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park called for an end to people climbing the 348-meter-high monolith in the central Australian Desert. Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has come out in support of the climb but an official decision on a proposed climbing ban of Uluru is still under consultation.

To learn more about the viewing platform read the [Sydney Morning Herald article](#).

For more informaton about Uluru please visit our [sacred site report](#).

## 7) Read More Sacred Land News & Reports From the Field

[Blog Report: Living With Scarcity](#)  
[PacifiCorp to Remove Klamath River Dams](#)  
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## A CALL FOR YOUR ATTENTION (some may want to ask for your help)

### ▲ Highland agriculture and conservation of soil and water resources – a session at the IUSS World Soil Congress

Dear Sir:

I would like to inform you that World Congress of Soil Science is collecting papers for the section 3.2.1 under the Commission of Soil and Water Conservation 3.2 under following title. Please let your colleagues know who may



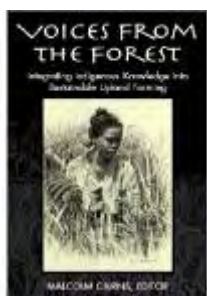
be interested in this title. The paper should be submitted to [www.19wcscs.org.au](http://www.19wcscs.org.au) soon. Since we have not chosen the invited paper, your submitted paper may be selected as the invited speaker, oral presentation or poster presentation.

Yeong-Sang Jung, vice Chair, Commission of 3.2 Soil and Water Conservation

["정영상" [soilskorea@hanmail.net](mailto:soilskorea@hanmail.net)]

**Note:** The purpose of this symposium will be focused on soil erosion and water quality problem and solutions. Since highland agriculture is mostly located in mountainous region, soil erosion is a major constraint to productivity. Furthermore, mountainous areas are the primary sources of fresh running water including drinking water. Erosion and agricultural pollutants may affect water quality downstream. Proper management on soil erosion is crucial for sustainability and environmental demand. This symposium will contribute to expanding our knowledge and exchanging information between advanced countries and developing countries. Strong financial support may be necessary for developing countries located on high mountain regions. [www.19wcscs.org.au](http://www.19wcscs.org.au)

## Sequel



By Bob Hill and Rick Burnette

Released in 2007, *Voices From the Forest: Integrating Indigenous Knowledge into Sustainable Upland Farming*, offers a total of 65 case studies that focus on indigenous fallow management. Edited by Malcolm Cairns, the work grew out of a 1997 regional workshop titled "Indigenous Strategies for Intensification of Shifting Agriculture in Southeast Asia," organized by the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) Regional Office in Bogor, Indonesia.

Each chapter, based on case studies from across the Asia-Pacific region reflect varied topics and locations: for example, "Wild Food Plants as Alternative Fallow Species in the

Cordillera Region, the Philippines"; "Management of *Mimosa diplotricha* var. *inermis* as a Simultaneous Fallow in Northern Thailand"; and "Indigenous Fallow Management on Yap Island." Taking an appreciative view of the efforts of regional small farmers related to the sustainable shifting agricultural practices, *Voices from the Forest* succeeds in making "indigenous practices and experience more widely accessible and better understood."

Currently, Malcolm is calling for contributions of written works for a sequel to *Voices from the Forest*. Specifically, more case studies are requested that illustrate how small farmers are "developing solutions to the problems of feeding growing populations from shrinking land resources."

Malcolm would like to present one promising case study per chapter. Each chapter should be around six thousand words in length. He is requesting that persons with ideas for this sequel present proposals for chapters as soon as possible.

If an idea is accepted, Malcolm would first need a working title for the chapter. He would also need an abstract - roughly one A4 page describing the case study, the location, its main features and a brief conclusion - by February 2010. He will then require the finished chapter - all six-thousand words - by next July (July 2010).

And even if one doesn't feel capable of writing a chapter, Malcolm would appreciate ideas which might be added to the bank of experiences needed to produce the new volume.

Malcolm can be contacted at [mfcairns@gmail.com](mailto:mfcairns@gmail.com).





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### LANDCON Series of Meetings\*

No.	Meeting topic	Place	Time
0902	Conference of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA): Environmental Connection 09 <a href="http://www.ieca.org">www.ieca.org</a>	Reno, Nevada, USA	Feb 9-12, 2009
0903	Conference on Land Degradation in Dry Environments <a href="mailto:jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw">jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw</a>	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 <a href="http://www.sfb.bg.ac.yu/erosion2009/">www.sfb.bg.ac.yu/erosion2009/</a>	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 <a href="mailto:gcr@mail.dntm.ro">gcr@mail.dntm.ro</a>	Timisoara, Romania	May 27-28, 2009
0906a	The 10th international meeting on Soil with Mediterranean Type of Climate <a href="http://www.cnrs.edu.lb/10IMSMTC.pdf">http://www.cnrs.edu.lb/10IMSMTC.pdf</a>	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 <a href="http://www.soilcsi.org/">www.soilcsi.org/</a>	Bengaluru, India	Jun 25-27, 2009
0909	International Conference on Desertification in memory of Professor John B. Thornes <a href="http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornes/doku.php">http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornes/doku.php</a>	Murcia, Spain	Sep 16-18, 2009
0910	<b>POSTPONED TO MARCH 1-5, 2010, TO BE LANDCON 1003</b> Conference on “Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity”, organized by Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), <a href="mailto:roose@mpl.ird.fr">roose@mpl.ird.fr</a> , <a href="http://www.chercheurs.auf.org">www.chercheurs.auf.org</a>	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 <a href="mailto:prabud2001@yahoo.com">prabud2001@yahoo.com</a>	Purwokerto, Central Java, Indonesia	Nov 7-8, 2009
1002/ 1003	An international conference, the title will be announced later <a href="mailto:chauthu_9lvh@yahoo.co.uk">chauthu_9lvh@yahoo.co.uk</a>	Hanoi, Vietnam	Feb or Mar 2010
1004	Interpraevent Conference in the Pacific Rim <a href="http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/">http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/</a> , <a href="mailto:scchen@nchu.edu.tw">scchen@nchu.edu.tw</a>	Taipei, Taiwan	Apr 26-30, 2010
1005	First Conference on Soil and Roots Engineering Relationship <a href="mailto:habibibibalani@gmail.com">habibibibalani@gmail.com</a>	Ardebil Province, Iran	May 2010
1010	A conference at the Institute of Soil and Water Conservation <a href="http://www.ms.iswc.ac.cn">www.ms.iswc.ac.cn</a> , <a href="mailto:lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn">lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn</a>	Yangling, Shaanxi, China	Oct 2010
1101	SWAT SEA II Workshop and Conference <a href="http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn">http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn</a> , <a href="mailto:nguyenkimloi@gmail.com">nguyenkimloi@gmail.com</a>	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	Jan 4-8, 2011
11...	A conference organized by the Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists <a href="http://www.iaswc.com/index.html">www.iaswc.com/index.html</a>	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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto: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.

Louisa Kiely

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### **November 5, 2009**

Please be informed that Google Earth Outreach is organizing a series of capacity building events in Kampala and Nairobi.

Google Earth Outreach will be at AfricaGIS in Kampala, and it will be organizing several workshops, as well as a special Friday workshop for Kampala-area NGOs (more info at <http://kampala.earthoutreach.org>). They will also be hosting an event in Nairobi, Kenya the following week... more info here: <http://nairobi.earthoutreach.org/>

### **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](http://www.ipipotash.org); [www.ipni.net](http://www.ipni.net). [www.ouat.ac.in](http://www.ouat.ac.in)  
Those who are interested in receiving Second Circular may please write to the Organizing Secretary [dinabandhu\\_jena@yahoo.com](mailto:dinabandhu_jena@yahoo.com)

### **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](http://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](http://www.vdi.de/landtechnik-ageng) or VDI Wissensforum Kundenzentrum, Postfach 10 11 39, 40002 Duesseldorf (Germany), email: [wissensforum@vdi.de](mailto: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](mailto:prabud2001@yahoo.com)

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This meeting is endorsed by WASWC and will strictly follow the Guidelines for Successful Meetings  
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**November 8-12, 2009**

**18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 Water Conference**, Organisers: ANAFIDE, CIGR & 2IE. Venue: Marrakech, Morocco [www.anafid.org](http://www.anafid.org), [www.cigr.org](http://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.bcpccongress.com](http://www.bcpccongress.com)

**November 9-12, 2009**

**2009 International Conference on Horticulture**

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

**November 10, 2009**

**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**

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

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**November 10-12, 2009**

**The Genetically Modified Crops Coexistence Conference in Melbourne**

For further information, please visit: <http://www.gmcc-09.com/>

**November 12-14, 2009**

**The 2009 International Conference in Morocco**

**Call for Proposals**

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**"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)*

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:rbsgeol@yahoo.com)

**November 20, 2009**

**WORKSHOP**

# Efeitos das mudanças climáticas na produção de hortaliças

**Programação**

08:00 - 08:30 - Inscrição

08:30 - 08:45 - Abertura

08:45 - 09:40 - Mudanças climáticas e seus efeitos na agricultura no Brasil  
Dr. Eduardo Assad, Embrapa Monitoramento Ambiental

09:40 - 10:30 - Medidas internacionais para enfrentar os efeitos das mudanças climáticas nas hortaliças –  
Dr. Clyde W. Fraisse, University of Florida

10:30 - 10:45 - Intervalo para café

10:45 - 11:45 - Como as mudanças climáticas poderão afetar as doenças das hortaliças - Dra. Raquel Ghini, Embrapa Meio Ambiente

11:45 às 12:30 - Debate

12:30 – 14:00 - Almoço

14:00 - 14:45 - Batata e o aquecimento global - Dr. Carlos A. Lopes, Embrapa Hortaliças

14:45 - 15:15 - Impactos do aquecimento global nas doenças de tomateiro e meloeiro no Brasil - Dr. Ricardo Gioria, Sakata Seeds

15:15 - 15:30 - Intervalo para café

15:30 - 16:00 - Mudanças climáticas e seus efeitos na qualidade de hortaliças em pós-colheita - Dr. Celso Luiz Moretti, Embrapa Hortaliças

16:00 - 16:30 - Medidas para combater os efeitos das mudanças climáticas na produção de hortaliças - Dr. Adonai Gimenez Calbo, Embrapa Instrumentação Agropecuária

16:30 - 17:00 - Discussão e encerramento

**VAGAS LIMITADAS**

**20/11/2009**

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A Embrapa Hortaliças promoverá próximo dia 20 de novembro, no auditório da unidade em Brasília - DF, o Workshop "Efeitos das mudanças climáticas na produção de hortaliças", reunindo os principais pesquisadores brasileiros da área e ainda um pesquisador americano da Universidade da Flórida. Será uma oportunidade ideal para se conhecer e coordenar as informações e as eventuais lacunas e possibilitar

uma síntese que auxilie na orientação quanto às necessidades de pesquisa para a produção de hortaliças sob novas condições climáticas.  
Em anexo enviamos o cartaz contendo a programação do evento. Teremos grande satisfação se puderem participar e divulgar.  
Qualquer informação, sintam-se à vontade para nos contactar.  
Cordialmente,

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#### **November 20-22, 2009**

**13<sup>th</sup> International conference entitled, 'Environmental Exposures in the Era of Climate Change'**  
**Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health (PBC)** <http://pacificbasin.org/2009Callforabstracts.html>  
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](mailto:khwaja@sdpi.org)

#### **November 22-28, 2009**



#### **5<sup>th</sup> International Conference of ASSS**

**22-28 November 2009, Yaoundé – Cameroon**

Theme:

**Soils and New Challenges for Sustainable Development in Africa**

For information: Visit ASSS Website: [www.asssland.org](http://www.asssland.org) or [www.asssonline.org](http://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](mailto:savetheearthinternational@gmail.com)  
Dr. M.A. Hakim PhD, Convener [mahakim63@yahoo.com](mailto:mahakim63@yahoo.com)

#### **December 1, 2009**

[Bhartiya Vigyan Sammelan](#) Indore India

#### **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**

**International Conference on Agripreneurship and Rural Development** <http://www.icard2009.org/>.

#### **December 5-9, 2009**

**25<sup>th</sup> 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 African. 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](mailto:mmkilasara@yahoo.com) (Source: IUSS Alert 50)

### December 7-8, 2009

Conference on Sustainable Development Indicators Location: Alex, Egypt

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

### December 9-10, 2009

Conference on water and development Location: Libya

### 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](http://www.kmsd2009.org), which is regularly updated. You may also write to [kmsd.secretariat@gmail.com](mailto:kmsd.secretariat@gmail.com) or [rajendra@ait.asia](mailto:rajendra@ait.asia) for further information.

### December 12, 2009

#### **Agriculture and Rural Development Day, 12 December 2009, Copenhagen, Denmark**

Sponsored by a consortium of 11 major international organizations, the theme for this series of events is "The road after Copenhagen, priority strategies and actions for ensuring food security and rural development in the face of climate change." The primary objective is to lay the groundwork for a work plan that will see agriculture fully incorporated into the post-Copenhagen agenda. [Read More](#)

### 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 “**

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- [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.

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### 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](mailto:fses2009@gmail.com)



## 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. <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

### January 18-21, 2010

**Soil, Crop Production, Horticulture, and Weed Sciences Combined Congress** - 18-21 January 2010, Bloemfontein, South Africa. This conference will focus on the advances in Soil Science, Crop Production, Horticulture, and Weed Science, specifically in the semi-arid Southern Africa region. The annual Combined Congress is presented under the auspices of the Southern African Society for Horticultural Sciences, the Southern African Weed Science Society, the South African Society of Crop Production, and the Soil Science Society of South Africa. Mid-congress tours will highlight maize production and value addition in this semi-arid environment, with a rainfall of 550 mm per year or a visit to a commercial rose-growing enterprise. More information is available at: [www.combinedcongress.org.za](http://www.combinedcongress.org.za) (From IUSS Alert 54)

### 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](mailto: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

**Prof. N. Balakrishnan**, McMaster University, Canada

**Prof. Alan Hutson**, State University of New York at Buffalo, USA

**Prof. Zohar Laslo**, Sami Shamoon College of Engineering, Israel

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE** English

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**February 16-20, 2010**

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Continue your journey of discovery by participating in one of **3** new field tours available to attendees. Follow the links below for more detailed descriptions and times.

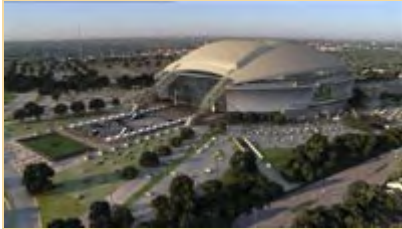
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- [TRWD: Tarrant Regional Water District \(TRWD\)](#)

- [Wetland: East Fork Raw Water Supply Project](#)

Thursday, February 18th

- [FRTW: Water Quality in the Elm Fork of the Trinity River](#)



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Looking for some fun while visiting the "Lone Star State". EC10 has no shortage activities to keep you entertained. Here are some of the activities you can elect to do while in Dallas:

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- [Expo Grand Opening Celebration](#)
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**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 through the online application form ([http://www.asabe.org/meetings/cfp/call.cfm?mtg\\_code=water2010](http://www.asabe.org/meetings/cfp/call.cfm?mtg_code=water2010)), and are due by the 29 July 2009.

**MARCH 1-5, 2010 LANDCON 1003**

\* 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](mailto:roose@mpl.ird.fr), <http://www.chercheurs.auf.org>, <http://www.mpl.ird/SeqBio>

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This meeting is endorsed by WASWC and will strictly follow the Guidelines for Successful Meetings  
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**YOU ARE STILL WELCOME TO SEND ABSTRACTS FOR PAPERS TO PRESENT AT  
LANDCON 1003**

**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~~ March 1-5, 2010**

**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, gullyng 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**

March 1-5, 2010

**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 (GIS<sup>2</sup>, 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](mailto: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, F. Shaxson,
- National scientific Committee: Evens Emanuel, representatives of Haitian and Caribbean Universities (UEH, Quisqueya, UNDH.)
- Representatives of the research institutes concerned (IRD, CIRAD<sup>3</sup>, INRA<sup>4</sup>, CNRS<sup>5</sup>, 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 Embassy, cooperation section
- Paul Vermande, coordinator of the AUF Network <Developpement 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 March 1-5, 2010**

**~~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 2010, del 19 al 24 de octubre March 1-5 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, de 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](mailto: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
- Excursion : 20\$ US

Por todo otros tipos de informacion, consulte: [www.auf.org](http://www.auf.org) o [www.egces.auf.org](http://www.egces.auf.org) o [eric.roose@mpl.ird.fr](mailto:eric.roose@mpl.ird.fr)

### **March 8-10, 2010**

[International conference on renewable energy: generation and applications](#)

Date: 8-10 March 2010, Location: Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

### 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](mailto: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 Thier 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](mailto: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 12-16, 2010

**International Conference on Balanced Nutrient Management for Tropical Agriculture**, Pahang, Malaysia 12-16th April 2010. Balanced plant nutrition is an integrated approach to meet the nutritional needs of the crop throughout its life cycle. In the current scenario of high input costs for agriculture production, issues on methods of achieving balance between the nutrient requirements of plants and the nutrients reserves in soils for maintaining high yields and soil fertility, preventing environmental contamination and degradation and sustaining agricultural production over the long term will have to be discussed. Thus this conference will be a platform for interested stakeholders to present their latest R&D findings, innovations and ideas on issues on balanced nutrients for tropical agriculture. This agenda will encompass issues on sustainable nutrient management for crop production, environmental management and socio-economic issues. The deadline for Abstracts submission is 31st October. For submission and more information, see [www.msos.com.my](http://www.msos.com.my) (From IUSS Alert 54)

### April 20-25, 2010

**5<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Gully Erosion**, Lublin, Poland. Contact Wojciech Zglobicki at [zglobe@hector.umcs.lublin.pl](mailto: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](http://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

Contact: The Conference Secretariat, CI-PREMIER PTE LTD, 150 Orchard Road #07-14, Orchard Plaza, Singapore 238841  
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**April 26-30, 2010**

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

#### Important Dates

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

#### Call for Paper

Participants are invited to submit abstracts on INTERPRAEVENT 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](mailto:INTERPRAEVENT2010@gmail.com). All contributions will be reviewed by the Local and International Committees. Acceptance will be notified by the end of May 2009.

#### **Taiwan High Speed Rail**

- Model: THSR 700T
- Electrical power: 25kV AC, 60 Hz single-phase
- Cars: 12 car sections, 9 powered and 3 unpowered
- Capacity: 989 seats (standard car 923 seats, business car 66 seats)
- Maximum speed: 300 km/hour
- Maximum acceleration: 2 km/hour/second
- Customer service: 886-3-2612000
- Reservation: 4066-5678



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**April 28, 2010**

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

**April 26-29, 2010**

**The second Biotech World Conference** Date: April 26-29, 2010, Location: Oran, Algeria

**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](mailto:pclg@iied.org)).



May 17-19, 2009



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### ***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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:oropeza@colpos.mx)

**May 24-26, 2010**

## LANDCON 1005 Meeting\*

### First international conference of soil and roots engineering relationship (LANDCON1005)

Ardebil, 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.

We hope that you will be able to join us at this meeting, to be held in mountain part of Ardebil Province- Iran.

**Deadlines:**

**Abstract submission:**  
 Nov. 15, 2009. Please send to:  
[landcon.ir.abstract@gmail.com](mailto:landcon.ir.abstract@gmail.com)

**Acceptance of abstract:**  
 Jan. 22, 2010.

**Full paper submission:**  
 March 15, 2010.

### Subject Areas:

- 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
- Riparian Plants
- 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

Web site: [www.landcon-ir.com](http://www.landcon-ir.com)

**Supporting Institutions:**



International Company of  
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 search (ICSER)



World Association of Soil  
 and Water Conservation  
 (WASWC)



International Union of  
 Forest Research  
 Organizations (IUFRO)



European Geosciences  
 Union

**WASWC provides Guest membership  
 to all participants for one year.**

The official language for the conference is English.

**contact: 25, Shahid Yosri St., Ardebil, Iran- Postal Code:56197-45344**

**Tel: +98-451-2230505 Fax: +98-451-3337023**

**We look forward to seeing you in May 2010!**



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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](mailto:prakash@mst.edu)

**Registration or other questions:** Lindsay Bagnall, Conference Secretary [geoeqconf2010@mst.edu](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:secretariat@balwois.com)

Conference Web site : [www.balwois.com/2010](http://www.balwois.com/2010)

Project Web site : [www.balwois.com](http://www.balwois.com)

## 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

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## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:edvin.nugis@eria.ee)

## June 21-24, 2010

**APPLYING REMOTE SENSING AND GIS in DISASTER MANAGEMENT**  
**YOGYAKARTA, INDONESIA, 21-24 JUNE, 2010**

University of Gadjah Mada in cooperation with GISDECO, EARSeL and ITC - UNU-DGIM are organizing an international conference on Applying Remote Sensing and GIS in Disaster Management. Please download the first announcement, circulate it to relevant bodies and of course, submit papers and attend this event.

### Aims of the Conference

The conference aims to encourage the use of geospatial information in disaster and risk management as well as a basis for spatial planning and regional development. In this scientific meeting, researchers, lecturers, practitioners and students from both developed and developing countries meet together to share ideas in applying geospatial technology in order to satisfy the needs for planning in disaster prone areas.

Site for information: <http://www.itc.nl/gisdeco/>

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Submission of Abstracts:** 15th January 2010

Notification of Acceptance: 15th February 2010

Submission of Full Papers: 22nd May 2010

Please note the official conference site is not yet operational.



## June 28-July 1, 2010

**International symposium on Innovation and Sustainable Development in Agriculture and Food, 28 June - 1 July 2010, Montpellier, France** [Read More](#)

This meeting of participants from diverse disciplines and geographic areas will examine whether science and society can reinvent agricultural and food systems to achieve sustainability. Topics of discussion will include:

- Innovating to link production and conservation: how to feed the world population and protect the planet at the same time?
- Questioning social equity: how can innovation reduce the fragility of poor populations and make them members of a sustainable society?
- Learning and being creative: how can different types of knowledge be combined to create innovation?
- Acting collectively: what kinds of institutions, policies, and forms of governance can strengthen society's capacity for resilience?
- Renewing research models and practices: how can research better fulfill its responsibilities to elaborate innovating solutions in collaboration with society?

Partners for the event include CIRAD, INRA, Montpellier SupAgro, Agropolis Fondation.

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 2-4, 2010

**Qualitative GIS: emerging issues and possible futures**

**An international conference at Cardiff University**

Qualitative GIS is an emerging, mixed-method and interdisciplinary research approach that is attracting interest across a range of disciplines. Despite its growth, Qualitative GIS research is still disparate and there is a lack of



international lead with regards methodological and theoretical development and, as yet, no unified body of substantive research. In August 2010, WISERD will be holding an international conference to consider the emerging issues and possible futures of qualitative GIS.

WISERD (Wales Institute of Social and Economic Research, Data and Methods) is a National Research Centre for interdisciplinary social science research. WISERD draws together and builds upon existing expertise and research across Wales in quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods, methodologies and analyses and has embarked upon a programme of data integration, primary research and capacity building.

This conference will bring together interested people from a wide variety of disciplines in order to:

*discuss some of the theoretical and methodological challenges in moving Qualitative GIS forward;*

*consider the possibility of an international and collaborative research agenda and working group for*

*Qualitative GIS;*

*work towards new and shared outputs related to this research agenda.*

The conference will take the form of a series of presentations; round-table discussions; break-out groups and networking sessions through which the group will consider the challenges to progressing qualitative GIS and identify how to move forward in collaboration with one other.

#### **Keynote speakers**

**Mei-Po Kwan**, Distinguished Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences,  
Department of Geography, The Ohio State University

**Marianna Pavlovskaya**, Associate Professor, Department of Geography,  
Hunter College, CUNY

#### **Registration details**

Registration opens on 1st March 2010. Places are limited to 60 people.

To register your interest, and receive further details, please contact us using the details below. Registering your interest will give you priority booking when registration opens.

WISERD, Cardiff University, Glamorgan Building, King Edward VII Avenue, Cardiff, CF10 3WT

[wiserd@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:wiserd@cardiff.ac.uk) (Tel: +44 (0) 2920 87484) (Fax: +44 (0) 2920 874520)

**August 2-3, 4-6, 2010**



2010 International SWAT Conference

to be held in Ilsan, South Korea, in the period 2-6 August 2010.

<http://www.swat-k.re.kr>; <http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat>

#### **DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF THE SWAT MODEL**

The Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) is a public domain model jointly developed by USDA Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) and Texas AgriLife Research, part of The Texas A&M University System. SWAT is a river basin-scale model to simulate the quality and quantity of surface and ground water and predict the environmental impact of land management practices on different soil patterns and land use patterns. SWAT is widely used in assessing soil erosion prevention and control, non-point source pollution control and regional management in watersheds. In cooperation with Korea Institute of Construction Technology (KICT), Sustainable Water Resources Research Center (SWRRC), USDA-ARS and TAMUS, the SWAT International Conference will be at the KINTEX at Ilsan, Korea on August 2-6, 2010.

#### **CONFERENCE VENUE**

The conference will be at the KINTEX, Ilsan, KOREA

Workshops will be at the multipurpose hall, KICT (in front of KINTEX)

#### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Conference Proceedings will be published.

- Deadline for abstract submission: April 30, 2010

- Deadline for paper submission: June 30, 2010

Upload abstracts to the conference Website: <http://www.swat-k.re.kr>

## ACCOMMODATIONS

For Hotel information visit the Conference Website.

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## Workshop Registration, August 2-3, 2010

The workshop registration fee includes workshop materials, lunch and coffee breaks.

Workshops include:	Participants	Students
Introductory SWAT	US\$300	US\$200
Advanced SWAT	US\$300	US\$200

## How to Register

A limited number of seats are available and workshops will be held concurrently. Register online or obtain a registration form at:

<http://www.swat-k.re.kr>

<http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat>

## Conference Registration, August 4-6, 2010

The conference registration fee includes conference materials, coffee breaks, lunch and a social dinner. Early Registration for participants, US\$300 and for students, US\$100. Registration must be received on or before May 31, 2010. Registrations received after May 31, 2010 for participants is US\$350 and for students is US\$150.

## How to Register

Register online or obtain a registration form at:

<http://www.swat-k.re.kr>

<http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat>

## Cancellation Policy

Participants who cancel by June 20, 2010 will receive 100 % of registration fee. No refunds for cancellations after June 20, 2010.

## What to Expect

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

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<http://www.swat-k.re.kr>; <http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat>

**August 31-September 3, 2010**

# **15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> World Fertilizer Congress of CIEC (Chiang Mai, Thailand, January 2006), and will also fully discuss future developments.

The 15<sup>th</sup> 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	Registration
OPENING CEREMONY		Keynote Address + Technical Presentations
Wednesday	1 September 2010	Keynote Address + Technical Presentations
Thursday	2 September 2010	Mid-Conference Tour
Friday	3 September 2010	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

### 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](http://www.icpa.ro/ciec)

**PRESIDENT of the CONGRESS LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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**NOTE: Proceedings of the 14<sup>th</sup> World Fertilizer Congress of the International Scientific Centre of Fertilizer, Chiang Mai, Thailand, January 22-27, 2006**

The proceedings, titled “**Fertilizers and Fertilizations: Stewardship for Food Security, Food Quality, Environment and Nature Conservation,**” edited by S. Haneklaus, Ch. Hera, G. Hofman, T. Nemeth, R-M Rietz, P. Limtong and E. Schnug (744 pp.) is now available from Pitayakon Limtong [pitaya@ltd.go.th](mailto:pitaya@ltd.go.th), [pitaya@asiaaccess.net.th](mailto:pitaya@asiaaccess.net.th) of the Land Development Department in Bangkok, Thailand at 1,500 Thai Baht (~USD43) per copy.

**September 6-8, 2010**

**AgEng2010 – International Conference on Agricultural Engineering "Towards Environmental Technologies"**, Venue: Clermont-Ferrand, France, Organiser: Cemagref, SitmaAFGR,AFEID, [www.ageng2010.org](http://www.ageng2010.org), [info@ageng2010.fr](mailto: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 (IASTD)

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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.geoenv.ugent.be) (From IUSS Alert 51)

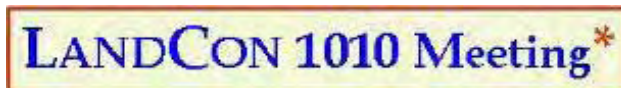
### **October 8-29, 2010**

**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**

**6<sup>th</sup> 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**



**World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)**

#### **FIRST WASWC COUNCIL MEETING**

**(Invitation is extended to all 26 councilors from all over the world to meet for the first time in Xi'an, China)**

**and**

**International Conference on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas**

**( The 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### 1 Sponsors

World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)

Soil and Water Conservation Society of China (CSWCS)

### 2 Organizers

Bureau of science and technology for resources and environment,

CAS Soil and Water Conservation Department, MWR

Northwest A&F University (NWAUFU) Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, CAS & MWR

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

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## November 2010

**16<sup>th</sup> ISCO Conference**, Santiago, Chile. **Contact:** Claudio Perez Castillo ([cperez@inia.cl](mailto:cperez@inia.cl)) and German Ruiz Cardenas ([german.ruiz@sag.gob.cl](mailto:german.ruiz@sag.gob.cl)) or Samir A. El-Swaify [elswaify@hawaii.edu](mailto: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** <http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn>

**Ho Chi Minh City (former Saigon), Vietnam**

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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