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Today is World Soil Day, do we still remember it?

See

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Composite photo is made from those acquired from the internet, with thanks.

Information about World Soil Day can be found in the following websites:

<http://www.iuss.org/Alerts/IUSSAlert8December2005.htm>; <http://www.iuss.org/popup/resolutions.htm>;

<http://www.environmental-protection.org.uk/news/?id=2292>

Editor's Note 1: WASWAC or WASWC? Results from the deliberation (Nov 28-Dec 4)

Our one-week deliberation about whether we should change the abbreviated name of our association from WASWC to WASWAC has yielded a good result, all of which are being shown below, with a summary like this: 1. Do not agree: 18; 2. Agree: 60; 3 Others: 5. Total = 83

I will analyze these results and present to the Council for their decision. Members may like to write to me and we can discuss about the outcome and what to do next. What you see in the next few pages are exactly what worldwide WASWC members think! - *Editor*

DO NOT AGREE, but some may get along with what the majority will say

1. Dear Dr. Samran,

I would rather say NO for the change.

Irb Kheoruenromne "Irb" irbs@ku.ac.th

2. Dear Dr. Samran,

Thank you for your new idea about the abbreviation of "WASWC". I prefer the old one due to many reasons.

(a) Most of our members and soil- water conservationists around the world have familiarized with "WASWC" for several years.

(b) The problems of getting more memberships and supported fund mainly depend on the benefits and the performances of our organization, not the name.

(c) I believe that "WAS-WAC" will not improve any performances and popularity situation of our organization.

However, I agree with your suggestion that "Yes or No" from our members will be a conclusion of changing "WASWC" to be "WAS-WAC".

Mattiga "Dr. Mattiga Panomtaranichagul" mattiga@chiangmai.ac.th

3. Dear Dr. Samran,

a. I thank you for all efforts and suggestions for the improvement of WASWC and its performances and popularity worldwide during several decades. I do not think that just by changing the acronym of our association, we can bring more funds and members. We may need more intensive and aggressive communications about the association and more active website. The publications of the association should be jointly published with other organizations or NGO as well as with known publishers. I prefer to keep for now the name of the association and think about a better plan of communications and publications of the association. I agree then with Dr Mattiga.

"Rachid Mrabet" rachidmrabet@gmail.com

b. I did know that but What I was explaining is that a plan of communication and publication will be more important for our association than changing its acronym and then we will need to advertise for it.

"Rachid Mrabet" rachidmrabet@gmail.com

4. Dear Samran and rest of the colleagues:

I recognize and agree with Samran's concern, however I agree with Rachid that it hardly will help to overcome the difficulty if we shift the acronym to WAC-WAS instead of keeping WASWC. Even with the limitation, this name is already recognized around the world (I have had the opportunity to personally verify it while traveling in more than twenty countries of the world); so my modest opinion and contribution is to keep on the same namely WASWC. Even so if the decision is to change it, of course I will accept it.

By the way, domestically we have a kind of similar issue with AAPRESID (Argentinean Association of No Till Farmers) and also some time ago we analyze the possibility of changing but our decision was keep on the name that is already known in many different environments.

Regards to all and special thanks to Samran for his dedication and commitment!!!

Roberto A Peretti

AAPRESID founder member and actual SC member www.aapresid.org.ar

Former CAAPAS President www.caapas.org

"Ing. Agr. Roberto A. Peiretti" sdrob@idi.com.ar

5. Dear Samran,

a. I think the name should stay as it is. The proposed name would sound funny to me and probably in this side of the world. We must recognize there are differences in our sounds when we speak. Besides, change is not always welcome for traditional minds like those who believe it is better to conserve the soil and natural resources than to destroy them to extract the minerals.

"Manuel Paulet" mpauleti@terra.com.pe

b. Come on Samran,

Each letter represents a word. Why...water has to have **two** letters?

"Manuel Paulet" mpauleti@terra.com.pe

c. Friends,

Just like: the SWCS, we should call it SAWACOSO, Soil and Water Conservation Society

Manuel Paulet mpauleti@terra.com.pe

d. If you want to make it simpler. Why not ISWA, International Soil and Water Association. We already have ISCO - International Soil Conservation Organization. We have IWA (International Water Association). By putting international, we mean "World" and it looks appropriate. We can also use SWCS, ISWCS ... due to its origins ...

Manuel Paulet mpauleti@terra.com.pe

6. Dear Samran,

The issue for me is not WASWC or WAS-WAC. That is just window dressing and raising this as the issue is a good indicator that we are on the wrong wavelength, and not just fine-tuning our signal to the outside world - to use a radio metaphor. The wavelength is SWC - 'soil and water conservation' is a term even our American friends in USDA have ditched in favour of natural resource management (NRM). It is a term and an agenda of the 1970s in our formative years. I have firmly believed for several years now that 'soil and water conservation' is not only redundant but has too many negative connotations - too technocratic; too much about physical targets; too concentrated into the hands of a professional elite. Now in a much more holistic sense it is a subset, a small subset of NRM or what I would prefer to call sustainable resource management.

That of course leave you with WASRM, which is just as ugly as WASWC. So let's presume that everyone knows that all are actions need to be sustainable - so drop the S. which gives us WARM. What an appropriate acronym for Hot News!!

That is the end of my short contribution.

Keep up your enlivening correspondence - it is much appreciated.

Michael "Stocking Michael Prof (DEV)" M.Stocking@uea.ac.uk

7. Dear Dr Samran Sombatpanit:

In my opinion, I think that it is not a good idea to change WASWC into WASWAC. In the first place, the WASWC has been used for years, since members and other people have been familiar with this name. Secondly, WASWC is much easier to remember; if WASWAC was applied, it may be apt to be confused, being taken wrongly by WASWC. In a word, it is better to use WASWC, and we can turn to internet to enlarge the fame of WASWC.

All that above is just my personal idea, just take it as suggestion.

Jiao Zhen "矫震" jiaozhen07@mails.gucas.ac.cn

8. Samran,

I don't have any strong feelings about the name change. I'm pretty happy with the name as it is. I think if we're going to change the name, we need to start over from ground zero, what are we trying to convey with our name? If WASWC is what we're trying to convey, I'd leave it alone.

"John M. Laflen" laflen@wctatel.net

9. Dear All

I suggest WASWC to be used instead of WAS WAC, due to 1) it is one and short abbreviation; 2) No justification for A in WAC, if it comes from Water then it is biased over others. Any way this is my opinion to maintain WASWC rather WAS WAC.

"Dr. Shabbir A. Shahid" s.shahid@biosaline.org.ae

10. I feel that changing the name which has come to this level may take its well known position back to the level of inception of new association. I am young in WASWC but feel comfortable with this name. Therefore, I suggest no change to be made on the name. Rather, we better work in advertising with good achievements of the association and try to reach more well-known institutions.

"Guchie Gulie Sulla" guchie4@yahoo.com

11. Hi Samran,

I am not in favour of changing the name nor the acronym for the Association. I don't think there is a problem with the current name - and let's not create confusion if un-necessary.

I pronounce WASWC as "WASC" (silent second W). So, for me there is no problem with the current WASWC.

Hope this is useful.

Julian Dumanski jdumanski@rogers.com

12. Yes to WASWC ako.

Manny Manuel R. Reyes lornamyluv@yahoo.com

13. Dear Dr. Samran,

For the name of the organization, I would love to have a short word and easy to refer to the full name and the acronym has itself explain the meaning. I had taken the training courses from WET (Water Education for Teacher). All the lessons are about water and it is 'wet' (liquid form). How about World Water and Soil Conservation Institute, but I could not find the meaning in acronym. You should be better to choose from other member suggestions. I think WASWC has credit to be the institute.

Pakping Chalad Bruns pakpingchalad@yahoo.com

14. I agree that it would be good to have a pronounceable acronym, but WAS-WAC doesn't have any euphonious or felicitous sound, so I am not enthused about the change. Sorry I don't have a better suggestion.

Norman Uphoff ntu1@cornell.edu

15. Dear Dr. Samran,

I like to follow the existing abbreviation of the World Association of Soil & Water Conservation as WASWC.

In case "WAS-WAC" while pronounced, it makes two words carrying no specific meaning. It is not appreciable to change at this juncture and let it continue as such.

Suraj Bhan, Conservation Society of India soilcsi@yahoo.co.in

16. Dear WASWC colleagues,

It is only my thought. The abbreviation of 'WASWC' has history and is authorized as one representing World Association of Soil and Water Conservation, even though it cannot be pronounced properly.

"Machito MIHARA" m-mihara@nodai.ac.jp

17. Dear all,

I agree to keep the name WASWC for the same reasons given by Machito Mihara.

Ildefonso Pla

18. Dear Samran,

a. Thank you very much that you want about future of our association.

Let me consult with our members.

But I like present abbreviation.

"Abdybek Asanaliev" asanaly61@mail.ru

b. After received your mail we have discussed with Toktogul and other members and decided that current abbreviation WASWC is good. Our members know our association through this abbreviation. The proposed name as mentioned by Manuel Paulet sound funny.

So thank you very much for your contribution for development our association.

Abdybek "Abdybek Asanaliev" asanaly61@mail.ru

Total = 18

OK, I agree

1. I strongly support WASWAC as acronym for the association.

"Farid Uddin Ahmed" farid1952@gmail.com

2. Dear Samran,

What is better to you, that the best ...

"Birkás Márta" Birkas.Marta@mkk.szie.hu

3. Dear Dr. Samran,

About WASWAC ... I think that to read WASWAC would be easier to remember and to call. Apart from that, WC means restroom. So I prefer WASWAC.

"Karika Kunta" care_045@yahoo.com

4. I think WASWAC is more appropriate and easy to pronounce. I vote for WASWAC.

"Mahbubur Saki" mahbubsaki@yahoo.com

5. Thanks Dr Samran for your proposal. I feel that as a member of editorial team for the newsletter, we have to frequently pronounce the name of WASWC, which is a bit difficult to do so. I agree with the view of the colleagues that by changing the name we may not necessarily be able to increase the membership base. But I surely feel that we may be in a better communication mode while pronouncing WASWAC. So I am of the opinion that in case the name is changed from WASWC to WASWAC, it will not change its outlook to a great extent but it will be easy for all of us to name it when we physically meet each other.

So Dr Samran, I support your proposal for changing the name.

I also appreciate the members who have promised to look into the better mode of communication and suggest ways to

increase the membership base. I would take this opportunity to request to all the members to have a look at the website of association and air their views using newsletter as a platform. If the members respond to what we publish in the newsletter, my editorial team and I will be encouraged to work hard for the future issues with much more enthusiasm.

"Surinder S Kukal" sskukal@rediffmail.com

6. Dr Sombatpanit,

Thanks for the efforts in promoting WASWAC. As you can see I have opted for WASWAC. It's simple to pronounce and does not change the main parts of the name. Let's change for the better.

"Dr Msaky J J T" msaky@giant.suanet.ac.tz

7. Dear Samran

Greetings from ICIMOD.

Thank you very much for creating an easier and better pronounceable name for the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation.

I like your new name WASWAC (World Association of Soil and Water Conservation).

Isabelle "Isabelle Providoli" iprovidoli@icimod.org

8. Dear Samran

As far as I'm concerned, the name change is fine.

"Charles Bielders" charles.bielders@uclouvain.be

9. Dear Dr. Samran,

Many thanks for your long information and suggestion.

Your idea is quite good to change the name WASWC to WAS-WAC.

"Vo Thi Guong" vtguong@ctu.edu.vn

10. Dear Samran

WASWAC is nice for me.

"Edoardo Costantini" edoardo.costantini@entecra.it

11. I vote yes for the change with no commentary on my part at this time.

"Russ Adsit" russ@ieca.org

12. Dear Dr. Samran,

Many thanks for your efforts in WASWAC.

I agree to change name from WASWC to WASWAC.

Adel Sepehr adelsepehr@aol.com

13. WASWAC is good proposal. I vote for it.

Gil Villancio "virgilio villancio" villancio@yahoo.com

14. Samran,

I support the idea. Anything to make life simpler!

Horrie Poussard poussard@thereef.com.au

15. Dear Samran,

I say YES to your suggestion of changing the acronym from WASWC to WASWAC for easy of pronouncing it in a conversation. As it is now, you are compelled to say the name in full whenever you are referring to the organization in a conversation.

James O. Owino joowin@yahoo.com

16. Hi Samran

I like the idea to change the name to be WAS_WAC from January 2010.

"omer marzoug" yamarzoug1@hotmail.com

17. Dear Samran,

a. I agree with your proposal as it sounds better and is easier to pronounce.

Many thanks for involving all of us in this decision.

Adama adama@refer.sn

b. Dear Manuel,

ISWA sounds great to me.

Adama "adama@refer.sn" adama@refer.sn

18. Yes, to me the change is necessary and the proposed acronym is quite close to the original one.

"Godfrey Taulya" gtaulo@yahoo.co.uk

19. Dear Samran,

I like your idea. WAS WAC is easy to pronounce and to remember. Let's go for it!

"David Sanders" dsanders38@btinternet.com

20. Dear Samran,

The change of the abbreviation to WAS-WAC is excellent. Easy to say, means the same and quite obviously is the same organisation.

This is a good opportunity to thank you for all the information you send out under the WAS-WAC heading. It must be quite a lot of work and you are to be congratulated.

Wishing you the compliments of the season and a good New Year.

George L. Taylor-Hunt gtaylorhunt@talktalk.net

21. Dear Samran

This makes a lot of sense to me.

I have often struggled to pronounce the acronym. You have support for the change from Ireland.

John "Geraghty Consulting" info@jgeraghtyconsulting.com

22. Dear Dr. Sombatpanit

I agree with the short name WASWAC.

Sonia Carmela Falci Dechen dechen@iac.sp.gov.br

23. Dear Samran,

Yes! Good idea. It is indeed very difficult to pronounce.

"LiconManzur, Clemencia (AGPC)" Clemencia.LiconManzur@fao.org

24. Dear Samran,

I completely agree with you on the difficulty and confusion/ hesitation that a name could potentially create and or might have created for our WASWC. I support WASWAC as preferred name for WASWC. Let's do it.

Madhu Pudasaini m_pudasaini@hotmail.com

25. Yes, WASWAC is better, Samran.

"Noysky Oplasky" noysky_oplasky@yahoo.com

26. Dear Samran

WASWAC is better than WASWC, even if the most recent way of labeling organisations and programmes is no more by abbreviation but by content, i.e. *World Soil Conservation* or the like.

"Hans Hurni" Hans.Hurni@cde.unibe.ch

27. I agree with the proposed change of the abbreviation (WASWC) to an acronym (WASWAC).

P.K. Nair pknair@ufl.edu

28. Dear Samran,

Am ok with the new name.

"Asitha" asitha@abccoffeeaday.com

29. YES, I do agree with you to have WASWAC, because it is easier to pronounce and recognize.

"anukul suchinai" suchinai_a@yahoo.com

30. In my opinion, it should be as it is, WASWAC!

Leda Hernandez leda.hernandez@inwent.org

31. Dear Dr. Samran,

I am for WASWAC. This will surely solve the pronunciation problem.

Tony Asis "Constancio A. Asis, Jr." asis_tony@yahoo.com

32. Dear Dr Samran Sombatpanit

Thanks for your thoughtfulness, innovativeness & leadership.

I buy your suggestion of WASWAC. Although it does not sound very well either but it is important that we do not diverge too much from the original, for fear of losing some contacts/interests that were used to WASWC.

Joy Tumuhairwe joykt@agric.mak.ac.ug

33. Dear Samran,
Thanks for all you do for WASWC. I have no problem for this little change to WASWAC.
But I am not certain that will solve the problem.

"Eric ROOSE" eric.roose@ird.fr

34. Dear Dr Samran,
You are right. I happen to have experienced the same problem of pronouncing WASWC at one time. Besides, I have a high degree of confidence in you as general coordinator of WASWC and would trust any suggestion you make to maintain WASWC standard.

All in all, my position is "Yes to WASWAC"

Celestin Ukozehasi ukozehasice@gmail.com

35. Hi Samran,
Good idea for not-first language English speakers
Darren Farmer dfarmer@teda.net.au

36. Dear Dr Samran,
What is in a name? A lot, indeed. I very much liked the new acronym WASWAC. I think it sounds quite sound and meaningful. New ideas always keep the things away from status quo. Status quo always puts us in a state of decay and boredom. We must pick acronyms and abbreviations that become lovely for our tongue. But that are also meaningful and helpful in the constant development of the institutes, of society, of our world. There is direct relationship between notions, our tongue and our psyche. I hope the new tongue-friendly, absorbable and meaningful abbreviation would not only help enhance the popularity of your organisation but would also carry on the soil and water conservation movement in a bigger way.

Many international organisations such as the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) have adopted this policy. But transformation of WASWC into WASWAC is not just an imitation of other organisations, but a transformation that springs from your rich experiences of this world and of our cosmos. And the new notion is welcome. We must keep on renewing our organisations, our institutions, our world, and ourselves. Kudos to your ideas. Kudos to this revamping.

"vir singh" drvirsingh@rediffmail.com

37. Dear Samran
I have been admiring your many initiatives and hard work for the Association over the years, but not been in contact for too long. I have had my 80th birthday, but am thankful that Mavis and I are still coping well despite a few of the usual problems of older age. I am still active in honorary research at Griffith, and am currently involved in developing new ways of modelling hillslope and gully erosion at large catchment scale, making use of remote sensing methods such as Lidar. Regarding your discussion of the name of the Association I am strongly in support of your recommendation that we change from the unpronounceable WASWC to WASWAC for the reasons you give.

"Calvin Rose" calvin.rose@bigpond.com

38. Dear Samran.
YES, we must change absolutely.
Your analysis is absolutely right: every time I have to mention WASWC, in public or in small interviews, I have a problem to remember, and to pronounce it.

It means that I must spell it in full, and slowly enough.

Any specialist in communication (which I am not) will tell us that the first rule is to be identified and recognized. This means a "sexy" name, easy to remember.

In this matter, WASWC is the most awful example I have ever seen.

When I discovered you the first time, I had the idea to tell you, but did not dear.

Now that you have found it yourself, the best I can do is to support your initiative.

As any change is always rejected, we need to do the changes step by step, in order not to frighten your folks.

Your first change to go to WASWAC is already a good step.

But we must still think of a further step later; Soil And Water Alliance, or Association, sounds even better, and can be contracted into SaWA.

"World" does not need to be explicit.

And "association" is more difficult to tell in public than Alliance.

Conservation can also remain unsaid, as obvious.

Good success for the follow up of the operations.

Gerard Rass gerard.rass@wanadoo.fr

39. Dear Dr Samran
I think WASWAC is good choice for our organization.
Charlie xiaowu772615 xiaowu772615@163.com

40. Dear Samran

Thank you for sharing the idea with me.

I like the new name: WASWAC. It reads more rhythmic sense

Charles Cheng chg@bnu.edu.cn

41. Dear Samran, I say yes to WASWAC. I have never pronounced WASWC since it's not user friendly. Any pronounceable name is ok with me.

Muriuki Jane nyagurajm@yahoo.co.uk

42. I say YES. Let's change the name to WASWAC.

Josiah Gitari gitarijosiah@yahoo.com

43. Dear Dr. Samran

Thank you very much for all your efforts. I say, YES. Go ahead and change the name.

Professor Mamoun Dawelbeit mdawelbeit@yahoo.com

44. Changing the abbreviation to WASWAC is a good idea. I support this.

Lt Gen A T M Zahirul Alam atmzahirulalam@yahoo.com

45. Dr Sombatpanit,

I find your suggestion as a better one.

Sudip Mitra sudipmitra@yahoo.com

46. Dear Samran:

I agree the new name "WAS-WAC", due to the fact that it is easy to pronounce.

Gao Huanwen "高焕文" ghwbgs@cau.edu.cn

47. Dear Samran!

Yes, it is some how difficult to pronounce WASWC compared to WAS-WAC. In my view it would be good to replace WASWC.

Mulugeta Beshada mulebesha@yahoo.com

48. Dear Dr. Sombatpanit,

I like the idea of WASWAC. Let us change.

Mishra, PK Prasanta Mishra pkmbellary@rediffmail.com

49. Dear Dr. Samran;

WASWAC is fine for pronouncement purpose.

R.B.Singh rbsgeo1@yahoo.com

50. Dr Samran,

We must change the name. It is really creating problem in pronouncing it. WASWAC is right choice as there is little modification but much easier to speak.

Manmohanjit Singh mmjsingh@yahoo.com

51. Dear Dr Samran: Thanks for your letter. I strongly recommend WASWC to be renamed as WASWAC.

"Anupkumar Srivastava" aksrivastava2007@yahoo.co.in

52. Dear Samran,

I suggest that the acronym of WASWC may be changed to WASWAC because of the facility of pronouncing the new one. In addition the "A" added is a vowel from the word "water" and if all members agree that water is major component of life and soil conservation then we could have "a" added in order to facilitate pronouncing and emphasizing water.

Benjamin Nzawe Dwiya dwiya@yahoo.com

53. My vote is strongly in favour of WASWAC - or failing that, **WASWaC**. I already pronounce it as Was-wac anyway.

"Baden Williams" badenw@netspeed.com.au

54. Dear Samran,

Just a small feedback on the name of WASWC.

I support your suggestion.

I suggest the spelling to be **WASWaC** (lower-case a) to make clear that **Wa stands for a single word 'Water'**; and people do not search for a word starting with 'A' in the acronym WASWAC.

This is just a minor suggestion. I support WASWAC, whatever spelling you chose. Your arguments are convincing.

"Zoebisch Michael GTZ UZ" Michael.Zoebisch@gtz.de

55. Dear Dr. Sombatpanit,
It may be more legitimate to use - **WASWaC** - no one would question Wa for Water. "A" in the upper case could cause confusion.
Shantanu Mathur s.mathur@ifad.org

56. Hello Samran,
Hope all goes well.
I don't have a strong view either way on whether the acronym should be WASWC or WASWAC. I manage to pronounce WASWC by saying WAS-WICK or WAS-WUCK or something in between. WASWAC would be OK but there could be a bit of confusion when people try to work out what that acronym stands for (with the **WA standing for water**).
Keep up your good work Samran, it is appreciated
Bruce "Carey Bruce" Bruce.Carey@derm.qld.gov.au

57. Yes I think the name change is beneficial. Would it be a benefit to change the name to the **"World Association of Soil, Water and Air Conservation"**? Some of the most significant actions we take to conserve our soil and water are also beneficial to and conserve our air as well. This is just a suggestion but please go ahead and change the acronym. I think it would be a good move.
Lindsay Coulthard mztra@mts.net

58. Dear Samran,
I like the idea of changing our name to WASWAC, much easier to remember, but it would be helpful to have the second A represent a word. **We could broaden the scope of our organization to include air conservation.** Air pollution is a major problem throughout the world. I am not sure if WASWC would be interested in tackling another major issue. However air quality is a critical natural resource concern that is tied to water and soil quality. <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/outlook/Air%20Quality.pdf>
Tom E Schumacher thomas.schumacher@sdstate.edu

59. Dear Samran,
I agree with you that the present name is rather difficult to be pronounced. Also, the letters WC at the end of the name don't sound nice. Therefore, the proposed new acronym sounds much better, **although the A between W and C has no meaning,** doesn't it?
Antonio Ramalho-Filho aramalhof@gmail.com

60. Dear Samran
a. I agree with your idea. WASWC really is not good to be pronounced. However, if it is changed as WASWAC, **the problem is what is the last A?** I think it needs to be thought out.
Bo "bozhi wu" bozhiwu2003@yahoo.com.cn

b. I understand your meaning. However, first letter of each word is selected, only two letters of water selected, so it is different. Therefore, I think it is with some problem. Anyway, it is only my meaning, never mind.
"bozhi wu" bozhiwu2003@yahoo.com.cn

Total = 60

OTHER IDEAS

1. Dear Dr. Samran
Thanking you indeed for your all efforts. You are trying to improve association in different aspects even NAME and abbreviation. Here, I can tell you that changing the acronym seems advisable but in case of WASWAC what stands second "A" for? That does not look nice. I then advise to put **WASOWAC for which SO stand for soil** and **WA stands for Water** and then justifiable and pronounce easily too. Sorry for troubling you and thanking you again.
Dr. S.H.R. Sadeghi Dr. S.H.R. Sadeghi sadeghi@modares.ac.ir

2. OK with your proposition. We can also think about **WASOWAC, to pronounce WA-SO-WAC** (World Association for SOil and WAtter Conservation). It is one letter longer but easier to pronounce.
"Rishirumuhirwa Théodomir" agrobiotec2002@yahoo.fr

3. I think that WASWAC can't be used, but I don't know if **"SOWACWA"** for soil and water conservation world association can make sense?
Albert BARRO altbarro@yahoo.fr

4. Hi S.
WASWAC or WASWC is closely the same..., no problem to change.
But profiting the change..., perhaps could be interesting a better acronyms, as **SOIL&WATER**, or something else that can remember better that the Association deals on Soil & Water (Conservation): perhaps **COSOWA**?

Best regards from Spain and thanks for your interesting information
"Juan F. GALLARDO LANCHO" juanf.gallardo@irnasa.csic.es

5. If one puts the 'Water' before the 'Soil', it could become 'World Association for Water and Soil Conservation' - **WAWSC**, which (a) is easier to say, and (b) gives Water the premier spot for a change (as I think it should do!).

"Francis Shaxson" fshaxson@gotadsl.co.uk

Total = 5

Editor's Note 2: Progress of LANDCON e-LIBRARY

We are going to send message to various meeting organizers, publishers, agencies, to invite-cum-request papers and various materials concerning conservation of soil, water and other natural resources to include in the LANDCON e-LIBRARY. We hope to announce the approximate price of the DVD set in the HOT NEWS for December (extra) before the end of this year. Pls stay tuned, and give us helping hand when contacted – so the final results will have as many good works as possible.

HOT MEETING

1003	LANDCON 1003 Conference on "Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity", organized by Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), roose@mpl.ird.fr, www.chercheurs.auf.org	Port au Prince, Haiti	March 1-5, 2010 and may postpone furthermore
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Please see details in pp. 36 of this HOT NEWS. You are still urged to send abstracts to Eric Roose at roose@mpl.ird.fr.


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 to apply for it and receive a LANDCON number, plus all other supports.

Members in **USA** can buy **NO-TILL FARMING SYSTEMS** book online at <http://www.conservationsinformation.org/index.asp?site=1&action=products&deptID=1&dept=All+Products>. Members in all other countries may contact their country representatives or write to sombatpanit@yahoo.com.

SWAT book + DVD can be purchased by contacting representatives in some countries (see the last page of this HOT NEWS) or may order directly from sombatpanit@yahoo.com. For **USA**, copies are available from Prof Manuel R. Reyes of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, mannyreyes@nc.rr.com, reyes@ncat.edu.

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

 FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS	
Professional Vacancy Announcement No: 2274-SNO	
Deadline For Application:	21 January 2010
Position Title	Plant Production Officer
Duty Station	Cairo, Egypt
Grade Level	P-4
Duration	Fixed Term: 3 years
CCOG Code:	1H01
Organizational Unit	Multidisciplinary Team for Oriental Near East SNO

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall supervision of the Deputy Regional Representative/Subregional Coordinator, SNO and the technical guidance of the Director, Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP), the incumbent will provide technical advice and support to matters related to the field of sustainable plant production to Member Countries in the region. Specifically to:

- Provide guidance and support to governments and institutions in the identification, formulation and implementation of projects and programmes including support in capacity building and training, both at the national and regional levels in the fields of sustainable crop production intensification;
- Identify plant production problems in the Region and provide technical support for the promotion of sustainable intensification practices;
- Strengthen FAO Members' capacity to deal with adverse effects of rangeland and grassland desertification, climate change, and loss of biodiversity with special focus on the small farmers and rural poor;
- Design and conduct periodic reviews and appraisals of crop production in the Region, and advise FAO Members on necessary actions to implement crop production programmes;
- Assist member countries in their active participation in development of sustainable practices, strategies, policies, methodologies and guidelines, through: i) participation in relevant meetings, ii) national and regional project development, iii) interaction and networking with FAO stakeholders (including international research and development institutions, national research and development institutions and universities, ministries of agriculture);
- Work closely with the Regional Agricultural Organizations, regional and subregional economic and political organizations in the identification of priorities and definition of work programmes in the area of plant production;
- Liaise with international and national research institutions for the transfer of research findings, and to meet needs at country and / or regional level;
- Cooperate with the FAO headquarters in the, technical briefing and support of field project personnel dealing with plant production;
- Provide information and support in exchange of information between countries, subregions and FAO headquarters on issues of sustainable production intensification;
- Liaise closely with the technical staff at the Plant Production and Protection Division at headquarters on all matters related to plant production in the Region and ensure a timely exchange of relevant information with member countries;
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Agriculture, Crop Production, Plant Sciences or a related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in crop production and rangeland management in arid and semi-arid systems and main cropping systems in the region including field experience
- Working knowledge of English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience in the provision of technical and policy advice on plant production and rangeland management issues in the Near East, at local, national and regional levels
- Extent of experience in project/programme formulation and implementation of projects, programmes and studies in the field of plant production; experience in preparing technical proposals for funding.
- Extent of knowledge in the implementation of international instruments related to plant production.
- Ability to organize and conduct technical meetings, conferences and workshops.
- Knowledge and understanding of the work of international organizations and national governments.
- Negotiating and advisory skills, excellent oral and written communication skills (including ability to write concise reports).
- Knowledge of French and/or Arabic would be an asset

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

*** The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments.**

REMUNERATION

Level P-4 carries a net salary per year (inclusive of a variable element for post adjustment) from US\$ 87,490 US\$ 107,200 (without dependants) and from US\$ 93,953 to US\$ 115,782 (with dependants)

TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

Send your application to:	V.A 2274-SNO Caterina Batello, Senior Officer, Plant Production and Protection Division FAO Via delle Terme di Caracalla 00100 Rome ITALY Fax No: +39 06 570 56347 E-mail: VA-2274-SNO@fao.org
This vacancy is open to male and female candidates. Applications from qualified women candidates and applications from qualified candidates from non/under-represented member states are encouraged. Please note that FAO staff members are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Director-General and may be assigned to any activities or office of the organization.	
FAO IS A NON-SMOKING ENVIRONMENT	
Post Number: C/Unidentified	

The announcement is also available at: http://www.fao.org/VA/PROF/2274SNO_en.htm

AWARDS/ PRIZES/ FUNDS/ FELLOWSHIP/ SCHOLARSHIP

▲ **SANREM receives \$15 million award for 5 more years of research**

The SANREM CRSP has been extended through 2014 with a \$15 million grant from USAID. The focus of the next phase of research will be on Conservation Agriculture that enhances food and livelihood security in developing countries while limiting negative effects on natural resources through prudent environmental stewardship. **More at:** <http://www.oired.vt.edu/sanremcrsp/documents/newsletters/October2009.pdf>



▲ **[Goldsmiths International Postgraduate Scholarships](#)** There are up to 10 scholarships available at Goldsmith, University of London to prospective international students studying for a full-time taught Master's programme. The scholarship provides a £5,000 fee waiver and is tenable for one year only. Deadline: **1 April 2010.**

▲ **NORAD'S PROGRAMME FOR MASTERS STUDIES (NOMA)**

(A Regional Collaborative Programme Sponsored by Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation)

Call for Application under NOMA Programme M. Sc. in Biodiversity and Environmental Management (2010-2012)

The Central Department of Botany has launched a Master's Program in "Biodiversity and Environmental Management" from 2008 in collaboration with the University of Bergen, Norway and regional collaborating partners - Kunming Institute of Botany (China), Kumaun University (India) and Jawaharlal Nehru University (India).

The **2010-2012** Program enrolls total 14 students of which 2 students from India (1 Student from Kumaun University, Nainital & 1 from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi). The two years Program consists of four semesters; the first semester runs at the Central Department of Botany, while the second semester runs at University of Bergen, Norway, the last two semesters are allotted for thesis (project work). Students from India & China can undertake research either in Nepal or in their own countries. The academic degree will be awarded by Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu after successfully completing 120 European Credit Transfer System.

Eligibility for Kumaun University Student:

- Candidates holding a two to three years Bachelors degree plus M. Sc. Degree OR Four years Bachelors degree in Biological Science (Botany, Zoology, Ecology, Environmental Science, Natural Resource Management, Forestry, Agriculture, Wildlife) from an accredited university are eligible to apply.
- Applicants should submit an English Language Proficiency in TOEFL (215/300 or 550/667) or IELTS (Above 5.5/9) at the time application **or** must have proven proficiency in English Language.
- Candidate having job should submit a letter certifying her/his leave for study.

- NOMA encourages equal female participation

Selection Procedure:

- Last Date for Submission of Completed Application: **15 January 2010**
- Final List of Selected Candidates and Admission: 30 January 2010.
- Arrival of Selected/Admitted Candidates in Kathmandu : 10 February 2010
- Commencement of Class: 12 February 2010

Fee & Deposit:

- Tuition Fee: Indian Rupees (INR) 14000 (Approximately) per semester
- Admission Fee: Indian Rupees (INR) 6250 (Once)
- Deposit: Indian Rupees (INR) 12500 (Refundable)

Scholarship:

- Nepalese Rupees (NPR) 5000 per month while in Nepal (First, Third & Fourth Semesters)
- Norwegian Kroner (NOK) 8000 per month while in Norway (Second Semester)

Accommodation:

- Free Accommodation in International Hostel at Tribhuvan University , Kathmandu , Nepal

Travel Support:

- Economy Class airfare from Home to Kathmandu and back (once)
- Economy Class airfare from Kathmandu to Norway and back (once)

Other Support:

- Health Insurance during Second Semester in Norway
- Grant for field work and Thesis writing during Third & Fourth Semester

Application:

Application on plain paper along with attested copies of all necessary mark-sheets, certificates, degrees etc. should be submitted to:

The Coordinator
NOMA Programme
Department of Geography
DSB Campus
Kumaun University
Nainital – 263 002, Uttarakhand , India

For More Details Please Contact:

- Prof. P. C. Tiwari, Kumaun University , Nainital , India (Email: pctiwari@yahoo.com)
- Dr. Ole Vetaas, University of Bergen , Norway (Email: ole.Vetaas@unifob.uib.no, ole.vetaas@global.uib.no).
- Prof. Ram Chaudary, Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University , Kirtipur, Kathmandu , Nepal . Tel: 4331322, 4333722 (ram@cdbtu.wlink.com.np & Website: www.cdbtu.edu.np)

- Prof. K.G. Saxena, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (Email: kgsaxena@mail.jnu.ac.in, kgsaxena@gmail.com)

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TRAINING COURSE

March 15-April 6, 2010

ICIMOD's Fourth International Training Course on

Low-cost Soil and Water Conservation Techniques and Watershed Management Activities

The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) is pleased to announce its fourth International Training Course on **Low-cost Soil and Water Conservation Techniques and Watershed Management Activities**, which will be held from 15 March - 6 April 2010 at Godavari, Kathmandu, Nepal

Background

Mountain watersheds provide the adjacent lowlands with water: more than half of the world's population depends directly on mountain watersheds for water to grow food, generate energy, and for industrial and domestic use. But mountain areas are vulnerable. Infrastructure development and use of steep slopes without proper consideration of conservation needs, deforestation, and population pressure can lead to unmanaged runoff, land degradation, and landslides, and affect the provision of water and nutrients to downstream areas. Across the Himalayas, and in many other parts of the world, farmers and communities are paying increasing attention to finding ways of managing watersheds to ensure that soil, water, and other resources are conserved.

Experience in the Himalayan region and elsewhere has shown how simple, low-cost soil and water conservation measures, easily implemented and sustained by field-level technicians and land users, can address problems in mountain watersheds and arrest land degradation. The training package builds on this experience to provide an intensive course for field-level technicians and extension workers which will provide them with a solid knowledge of tried and tested low-cost soil and water conservation measures and watershed management activities specifically attuned to middle mountain conditions.

Course objectives

The course will enhance the theoretical and practical knowledge and skills of participants in low-cost soil and water conservation techniques and watershed management activities. In addition, participants will learn how to identify conditions of land degradation and the appropriate soil and water conservation techniques to address them, and will learn to analyse and design conservation measures within their own work context.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to

- understand different low-cost soil and water conservation techniques and options and their importance;
- carry out basic land degradation assessment and identify, design, and implement appropriate soil and water conservation measures to address it; and
- identify ways to improve their own current soil conservation practices.

Course duration and contents

The course runs for 23 days and is structured around the following modules.

Module 1: Introduction to integrated watershed management and low-cost soil conservation. Analyses the role and importance of watershed management and low-cost soil and water conservation techniques and allows participants to share experiences on conservation techniques in their work.

Module 2: Low-cost soil conservation techniques. Discusses and demonstrates dozens of low-cost but effective conservation techniques.

Module 3: Watershed management activities. A practice survey and design of major watershed management activities.

Module 4: Strategies to promote and scale up low-cost soil conservation techniques. Provides an overview of some strategies for promoting soil and water conservation techniques and documenting good practices using World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT) tools and methods.

Training approach and trainers

The course uses a participatory training approach throughout. Classroom lectures are complemented by intensive field work and practical desk planning exercises, field visits and demonstration, and action planning based on the participants' areas or field of work. Participants are expected to devote time to preparing for and consolidating learning outside the formally structured training time. The trainers are experienced professionals from ICIMOD and partner organisations engaged in soil and water conservation and watershed and disaster management.

Who should participate?

Field-level technicians and extension workers working with the government or with international and local nongovernment organisations (INGOs and NGOs) in the area of natural resource management, especially soil and water conservation and watershed management

Course prerequisites

- Participants should have a technical background related to soil conservation and watershed management (agriculture, forestry, civil engineering, and others; minimum education level is two years of college, or an Intermediate or Certificate level course or its equivalent)
- Participants must be able to understand and speak English, which is the medium of instruction.
- A minimum of 2-3 years working experience is preferred, experience in conducting engineering surveys is an advantage.
- Women participants are encouraged. Child care will be organised for women/men with children for an additional cost of US\$ 200 (not including food).

Where and when

Training will be conducted at various sites close to ICIMOD's Demonstration and Training Centre at Godavari, on the southern slopes of the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal, from 15 March - 6 April 2010.

Course fee

The fee is US\$ 2,500 per person. This includes tuition fee, course materials, food, lodging (shared double occupancy), course-related local travel, and pick-up and drop from Kathmandu airport. Single room accommodation is available at an additional cost of US\$10 per day. The cost excludes international travel from place of origin to Kathmandu, medical/travel insurance, and other personal expenses.

We suggest that participants budget for an additional \$20 per day to cover incidental expenses.

Applicants are encouraged to secure financial support from their organisations or donor agencies.

Registration

Interested persons can register as individual participants although preference will be given to those sponsored by their employer or by a donor organisation. Applicants sponsored by an organisation should provide a letter of endorsement/sponsorship from the organisation

Registration fee is US\$50 per person (non refundable)

Deadline For registration: **15 February 2010**

The number of participants will be limited to 20. Please apply as soon as possible.

About ICIMOD

ICIMOD is an international, independent mountain learning and knowledge centre based in Kathmandu, Nepal, committed to improving the sustainable livelihoods of mountain people in the extended Himalayan region (www.icimod.org). Training is coordinated by the Integrated Watershed Management Action Area of ICIMOD's Environmental Change and Ecosystem Services Programme.

What they say about the training course

Low-cost Soil and Water Conservation Techniques training courses have been conducted successfully for the last three years. Here is what some of the training participants have to say about the course.

"After having seen the training methodology, experience of the resource persons, the demonstration site at Godavari, field visits, and so on, we strongly feel that there could be no better place and institution to conduct this training than ICIMOD."

– A participant from Ethiopia

"Many technologies have been implemented before but we were unable to sustain them due to high costs and some were not relevant to our local context. But this training has given us hope that there are low-cost technologies that can be utilised for conservation of soil and water using local resources and under local conditions. This training course in particular has given hope to the people back in my country as well as planners and managers with regard to soil and water conservation."

– A participant from India

"The training course is very relevant and important for a mountain country like Bhutan. ... Now we will be able to observe the problems in the watershed area and be able to apply mitigation measures effectively."

– A participant from Bhutan

"I therefore have no doubt that most of the techniques and measures of soil conservation I learnt in this training could ideally be used and adopted to improve on the current approaches used in my department."

– A participant from Lesotho

For more information and to request an application form, please contact:

Keshar Man Sthapit

Training Coordinator email: wsmtraining@icimod.org Or visit www.icimod.org and apply on-line

Deadline for application: 1 February 2010

Deadline for payment of registration fee: 15 February 2010

Deadline for payment of course fee: 28 February 2010

One can fill application form through the web. Please go to link: <http://www.icimod.org/?page=639> for detail information.

**INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT Application Form
for ICIMOD Training Course**

Course: _____ Date: _____

Contact Details

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Gender: M ____ F ____ Job Title: _____

Project/Office: _____

Organisation: _____

Tel No: _____ Fax No: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please answer the following questions briefly.

1. What are your current work activities and responsibilities?

2. What are your expectations from the training course?

3. How is the training course relevant to your work?

4. How will you apply the results after you return to work?

5. Educational background (Degree/Institution/Year):

6. Other related training courses you have participated in:

7. How did you hear about the course?

8. Have you secured financial support from your organisation or from a donor agency? From whom? Please provide details of how you intend to make payment.

Please return the completed form to: wsmtraining@icimod.org

or post to Keshar Man Sthapit, Training Coordinator, on or before 1 February 2010

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▲ International Training and Capacity Building Programs for 2010 at MSU

World Technology Access Program (WorldTAP), College of Agriculture and Natural Resources,
Michigan State University Accessing Knowledge, Information and Technologies Through Training,
Capacity Building and Networking

▲ June 13 - 23, 2010 Agroecology, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Sustainable Agriculture:
An International Short Course. Contact: Dr. Karim Maredia, kmaredia@msu.edu

▲ July 11 - 16, 2010 Intellectual Property Rights (IPR): Technology Transfer, Use and Management:
An International Internship Program. Contact: Dr. Callista Ransom, ransomca@msu.edu

▲ July 25 - 30, 2010 Biosafety: An International Short Course in Environmental Aspects of
Agricultural Biotechnology
Contact: Dr. Chalani Weebadde, weebadde@msu.edu

▲ August 1 - 6, 2010 Food Safety: An International Short Course
Contact: Dr. Nanda Joshi, joshin@msu.edu

▲ August 8 - 13, 2010 Food Processing, Packaging, and Value-Addition: An International Short Course. Contact: Dr. Muhammad Siddiq, siddiq@msu.edu

▲ August 15 - 20, 2010 Animal Agriculture: An International Short Course on Best Practices in Quality Milk Production and Dairy Value Chain
Contact: Dr. Nanda Joshi, joshin@msu.edu

▲ August 15 - 20, 2010 Science & Technology Communication: An International Short Course in Communicating Science & Technology. Contact: Ms. Dilshani Sarathchandra, sarathch@msu.edu

▲ August 22 - 27, 2010 Biofuels: An International Short Course
Contact: Dr. Callista Ransom, ransomca@msu.edu

▲ August 29 - September 3, 2010 Molecular Plant Breeding: An International Short Course on Practical Applications of Molecular tools for Plant Breeding. Contact: Dr. Cholani Weebadde, weebadde@msu.edu

▲ September 19 - 30, 2010 Agricultural Biotechnology: An International Short Course
Contact: Dr. Cholani Weebadde, weebadde@msu.edu

For more information on WorldTAP programs, visit <http://worldtap.msu.edu/> or email Dr. Karim Maredia at: kmaredia@msu.edu

TALK

December 8, 2009

A history of soil conservation in Queensland – what can we learn from the past?

Bruce Carey, Department of Environment and Resource Management

8/12/09 Gondwana Rainforest Room, Level 3, 400 George Street, Brisbane, Australia

Our 150th anniversary year is an opportunity for Queenslanders to take stock, reflect back, think ahead and move forward.

From the origins of a penal settlement in the south east, the vast lands across Queensland attracted extensive agricultural activity.

By the early 1950s soil erosion was recognised as being a major problem in Queensland. A Bureau of Investigation survey of the Darling Downs showed that by 1950 at least 16 000 ha of land could no longer be cultivated because of severe erosion.

The Queensland Government in the early 1950s commenced a program to assist farmers in the control of soil erosion. Soil conservation extension officers were employed, demonstration farms were established and awareness was promoted by show displays and field days. Interest was so high that field days in the 1950s were attended by up to 700 farmers!

Farmers showed great initiative in introducing new techniques to fight erosion and a further boost was provided by technological breakthroughs in the 1980s.

Despite the considerable progress made in the prevention and control of soil erosion in Queensland, there is a need for vigilance to maintain the future productivity of our agricultural land for continued food production and to minimise off site impacts on areas such as the Great Barrier Reef. Although farmers have always had to adapt their management practices to match unpredictable weather, the predicted changes in climate will make this even more of a challenge.

As part of the presentation, excerpts will be shown from the 1956 film, Soil is your future. The film was made on the Darling Downs to promote interest in soil conservation.*

No refreshments will be provided – please feel welcome to bring your lunch.



* The 1956 film, *Soil is your future*, produced in 1956, will be available in the **LANDCON e-LIBRARY** in April 2010.

PHOTO CONTEST

From IECA: Show Off Your Best Shots - Entries Due Dec. 31

IECA's Annual Photo Contest is an opportunity to gain visibility and share your accomplishments (or bloopers!) with the erosion and sediment control community. The contest is FREE - so send in those pictures!

Photo Credit: Taken by **Kurt Kelsey**, American Excelsior Co., depicting a road bed washed away by flood waters in Wisconsin Dells, WI, USA taken in September 2008.

[Submittal Guidelines Here >](#)

[Winners from the 2009 Photo Contest >](#) (click to see dozens of excellent photos that won the last contest)



NEW INFORMATION SOURCES

BOOK

▲ New titles from Earthscan



▲ **Fire Effects on Soils and Restoration Strategies.** Edited by: Artemi Cerdá and Peter R. Robichaud. 2009 Science Publishers, USA. ISBN 978-1-57808-526-2.

This book has been published a decade after *Fire's Effects on Ecosystems* by DeBano, Neary, and Folliott (1998), and builds on their foundation to update knowledge on natural post-fire processes and describe the use and effectiveness of various restoration strategies that may be applied when human intervention is warranted. The chapters in this book, written by leading scientists, have been compiled to provide relevant and accessible information to students, land managers, and policy-makers as well as other scientists. (From IUSS Alert 55)

REPORT

▲ **FAO publishes "The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2009: Economic crises - impacts and lessons learned"**

"The State of Food Security in the World 2009" is the Food and Agriculture's tenth progress report on world hunger since the 1996 World Food Summit. This report highlights the fact that, even before the food crisis and the economic crisis, the number of hungry people had been increasing slowly but steadily. With the onset of these two events, the number of hungry people in the world increased sharply. As a result of the global economic crisis, developing countries are facing deadlines in remittances, export earnings, foreign direct investment and foreign aid, leading to loss of employment and income. This loss of income was compounded by food prices that remain relatively high in the local markets of many poor countries. As a result, poor households have been forced to eat fewer meals, and less nutritious food, cut back on health and education expenses and sell their assets.

To download the full report see: <ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/012/i0876e/i0876e.pdf>.

▲ **FAO report expands on food security and agricultural mitigation in developing countries**

This new publication on climate change from the Food and Agriculture Organization explores potential synergies between food security, adaptation and climate change mitigation from land-based agricultural practices in developing countries, which could help to generate the multiple benefits needed to address the multiple demands placed on agriculture. It indicates promising mitigation options with synergies, options that involve trade-offs, possible options for required financing, and possible elements in designing country implementation processes.

To capture the multiple benefits of agriculture, the report recommends a work programme on agricultural mitigation within the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to help address methodological issues related to implementation. It also proposes country-led piloting of action and field testing, using a phased approach linked to national capabilities and supported by capacity building and financial/technology transfers. For more information and to download the paper, see:

<http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/36894/icode/>.

MANUAL-HANDBOOK

▲ **The World Resources Institute launches Ecosystem Services experts directory**

The World Resources Institute (WRI) and other leading international environmental organizations have recently launched the Ecosystem Services Experts Directory, a public online directory that allows business leaders, governments, and journalists to locate and contact specialists in ecosystem services. The directory enables users to search for country-specific experts in a wide range of ecosystem disciplines. It includes hundreds of expert profiles from environmental organizations around the world, including the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Ecological Society of America, and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment's Sub-Global Working Groups. The project is a joint venture between WRI, IUCN, The World Business Council for Sustainable Development, and Earthwatch Institute.

Visit the directory at <http://projects.wri.org/ecosystems/experts>.

▲ **Manual of Methods for Soil and Land Evaluation.** Editor Edoardo A. C. Costantini. Science Publishers, Enfield, 2009. 600 pp. ISBN 978-1-57808-571-2. The goal of the manual is to supply an operational tool for pedologists, agronomists, environmentalists, and all of the other specialists who carry out land evaluation for agriculture and forestry or, more generally, stakeholders and policy makers who make decisions at the local level based on the knowledge of the nature of soil. Discussion of the topics is not only technical and operational, but also in-depth and didactic; therefore, the text may also be used as a valid complement for students majoring in subjects that involve soil use, management and conservation. The literature offers a wide choice of possible soil and land evaluation methods, while knowledge of the relationships existing between the physical characteristics of lands, particularly those of soils, and the requirements of specific uses is limited. (From IUSS Alert 55)

BULLETIN-NEWSLETTER-MAGAZINE-BROCHURE

▲ **STEPS center creates biotechnology newsletter**

The STEPS Centre is a new interdisciplinary global research and policy engagement hub, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. In this newsletter issue on biotechnology, they explore the impact of genetically modified crops on agricultural production and poverty including institutional, regulatory and wider policy issues. The biotechnology research archive has a wide array of resources on the subject, spanning more than a decade of work from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe. The archive is organized into four themes:

- 1) Poverty reduction & food security: impacts of GM crops
- 2) Regulating GM crops
- 3) The role of the private sector and corporate control
- 4) Public participation and the politics of policy

To see the full newsletter visit: <http://www.steps-centre.org/ourresearch/gm.html>.

▲ CREE: The Center for Rural Empowerment and the Environment (CREE) has recently published the first issue of its newsletter 'CREE – Notes from the field'. In this publication you can find highlights from CREE's work around the globe, like: farming snails in Cameroon; a survey of whales in the northern Philippines; efforts to reduce human-wildlife conflicts on the shores of Lake Victoria. The newsletter can be downloaded at: http://povertyandconservation.info/docs/20091103-CREE_Fall_Newsletter_2009.pdf



▲ [Bulletin special rentree scolaire 2009-2010.pdf](#)

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Association inter-villages ZORAMB NAAGTAABA
CENTRE d'INSTRUCTION et d'ÉDUCATION RURAL (CIER)
site : www.azn-guie-burkina.org

Chers Amis,

La rentrée 2009/2010 s'est bien passée ; nous vous en donnons les nouvelles en pièce jointe.

Suite à notre appel du mois dernier pour de nouveaux parrains, il reste encore plus de 300 enfants sans parrain ou marraine au primaire et 117 au secondaire. Si vous souhaitez vous engager à parrainer un enfant dans le cadre du programme éducation (CIER) de l'AZN, vous pouvez contacter les associations ci-dessous, en précisant que vous désirez parrainer un enfant de la région de Guïè au Burkina Faso. Précisez-leur également si vous souhaitez parrainer dans le primaire (*CPI à CM2*) ou dans le secondaire (*6° à la terminale*) ; le coût étant plus élevé dans le secondaire :

- SOS Enfants / courriel : sos.enfants@wanadoo.fr
ou lien : <http://www.parrainages.org/parburkina.php3>
- ASTRE / courriel : asso.astre@gmail.com
- Mission Enfance / courriel : parrainage@mission.enfance.org (Mission Enfance ne parraine que les enfants du secondaire)
ou lien : <http://www.mission.enfance.org/fr/actions-parrainage.php>

Ces différentes associations n'ont pas les mêmes coûts de parrainage mais l'argent est mutualisé au niveau de l'AZN qui le répartit équitablement entre tous les enfants scolarisés. Si vous résidez au Burkina Faso, le parrainage peut se faire directement auprès de l'AZN.

Si vous ne souhaitez pas vous engager sur plusieurs années de parrainage, vous pouvez également soutenir ponctuellement le CIER dans ses autres programmes (alphabétisation des adultes en moore et en français, bibliothèque).

Pour recevoir régulièrement les nouvelles du CIER, vous pouvez vous inscrire dans sa liste de diffusion sur le site : www.azn-guie-burkina.org

Pour tout renseignement complémentaire, contactez le Service Parrainage du CIER/Francis GUELBEOGO azn.cier-ses@laposte.net

Cordialement votre.

Bonne lecture.



Les responsables du CIER

Si vous désirez ajouter de vos amis à notre liste, merci de nous donner leurs NOM + prénom (*sans accent*) + adresse électronique.



The Challenge Program on Water and Food will hold **stakeholder consultation workshops** in the Volta Basin on 25 and 26 November, 2009, in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso and in the Limpopo Basin on 30 November and 1 December, 2009, outside

Pretoria, South Africa. [For more information on Phase 2 progress, click here.](#)

While our [Phase 2 Basin Development Challenges](#) are shaping, we are currently in the process of marshalling the many results from Phase 1 projects. One of the program-level activities has been a CPWF stakeholder survey called "[Learning from Phase 1: A Survey of Project Leaders and Staff](#)".

Some **new staff (with familiar faces)** is now available to assist the program's knowledge management activities:

Tonya Schuetz, Information Manager – t.schuetz@cgiar.org

Tuppy McIntosh, Communications Coordinator – t.mcintosh@cgiar.org

Martin Van Brakel, Research Assistant – m.vanbrakel@cgiar.org

Visit CPWF Director Alain Vidal's [powerpoint presentation](#) given last week at the **Asian Institute of Technology's Forum on Sustainability and Spirituality** in the lead up to the COP-15 Climate Change Conference.

Many **CPWF PowerPoint's** are available at www.slideshare.com/CPWF

This year, the **CGIAR Science Award** categories reflect rather well the ongoing work at the CPWF. Given the fact that last year the [CGIAR Promising Young Scientist Award](#) went to CPWF researcher [Eva Schiffer for the Net-Map toolbox](#) she developed while mapping influence in social networks in Ghana (PN40), the CPWF community has every right to be confident.

Deadline November 30. Follow our [homepage link](#) for more information.

New publications:

1 - ['Increasing the productivity and sustainability of rainfed cropping systems of poor smallholder farmers'](#) the proceedings of the CPWF's International Workshop on Rainfed Cropping Systems, Tamale, Ghana, are now available.

2 - [CPWF Working Paper 04](#), 'Geographical Extrapolation Domain Analysis: Scaling up Watershed Management Research Projects, A Toolkit to Guide Implementation', by Jorge Rubiano and Victor Soto.

3 - [CPWF Working Paper 05](#), 'Improving Knowledge for Targeting Interventions: Willingness of Individuals to Participate and A Calculation of Institutional Environment Indices', by Jorge Rubiano and James Garcia.

In the news:

1 – ['Ancient lesson in agroforestry - slash but don't burn'](#) - The latest issue of New Agriculturalist profiles a CPWF project aimed at improving water productivity, food security and the hillside ecology in the sub-humid tropics.

2 – ['Better use of tropical grasslands'](#) could be as effective in the fight against hunger as investment in irrigation schemes, and could also help to protect the environment," says the CPWF Basin Focal Projects leader, Simon Cook, to CIAT News.

To be added or removed from the CPWF contacts list, please contact Deepak Shanmuganathan, Communications Officer, by replying to this email.

Visit www.waterandfood.org for all the latest news on the **CGIAR Challenge Program on Water and Food**

▲ To obtain **Crop Biotech Update**, send your request to knowledge.center@isaaa.org to add you in their mailing list. You are asked to leave the **Subject line** blank and enter the one-line text message as follows: **SUBSCRIBE Crop Biotech Network**. We have copied many news from **Crop Biotech Update** to our HOT NEWS each time. Please visit Crop Biotech Update web pages (<http://www.isaaa.org/kc>) to view previous issues of this newsletter and see other available resources for download.

▲ Piano Forums Newsletter, write to "Piano World" engine@mainstreetmail.com

PAPER

▲ Paper explores restoring Japanese paddy wetlands for bird conservation

This paper by Masayuki Kurechi takes a 100-year perspective in discussing enhancements of rice paddy value as a way of restoring wetland habitat, bird populations, and sustainable communities in Japan. Over the past century, 61% of Japan's wetlands have been lost, in part due to a trend toward keeping rice paddies dry in

the winter, which has adversely affected many wetland species. The paper presents the case of the Ramar site "Kabukuri-numa and the surrounding rice paddies" where the restoration of some of the paddies back to wetland, and winter flooding of those still under cultivation has provided a habitat for over-wintering geese. To download the full paper see:
http://www.ecoagriculture.org/documents/files/Restore_RP_Kabukurinuma.pdf.

▲ Rationale and Concepts for a Direct Seed Certification Program By D.C. REICOSKY, XIII Congress of AAPRESID, Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina, 9-12 August, 2005

Abstract: Conservation Agriculture and agricultural carbon (C) sequestration may be one of the most cost-effective ways to slow processes of global warming. Numerous environmental benefits may result from agricultural activities that sequester soil C and contribute to environmental security. As part of no-regret strategies, practices that sequester soil C help reduce soil erosion and improve water quality and are consistent with more sustainable and less chemically dependent agriculture. A clear understanding social, economic and environmental benefit's of direct seeding (DS) in Conservation Agriculture (CA) requires some form of standards for agricultural production. It is no longer enough for meat and vegetables to look and taste fresh, but it is more and more important to know where the food comes from, how it was produced, and who are involved in the various phases of the production chain. Certification of the standards will be expected and required by the consumer. There is a need to develop an international "certification program" for crops produced under CA with specific emphasis on direct seeding or no till production methods. The success of the implementation and certification process requires commitment from all levels and functions of the farm production system, especially from the farmer to the consumer. Different types of certification strategies are being implemented in developed countries, however concern for the acceptance and maintenance of such systems in the developing countries remains questionable. The certification strategy in the examples is comprehensive, it embraces the entire food sector: the producers, advisory organizations, production input industry, food industry, trade, research, education, management, and consumers. The sum of each individual benefit from certification adds to a total package with major significance on a global scale. Incorporating a DS certification system and C storage in CA planning demonstrates concern for our global resources and presents a positive role for CA that will have a major impact on our future quality of life. For full article request the author at don.reicosky@ars.usda.gov
ftp://ext-ftp.fao.org/ag/data/agp/Friedrich/Microsoft%20Word%20-%20DS_Cert_AAPRESID_XIII_Annual_Meet_Rosario_11Aug2005b.pdf

VIDEO-MOVIE



WEBSITE

▲ Indigenous groups key in climate change debate: Zoellick

Two weeks before the major United Nations Copenhagen climate change conference, the World Bank Group president has urged the world to take into account views of indigenous peoples.

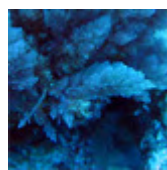
Speaking at a roundtable intended to map the way forward for an Indigenous Peoples Climate Change Action Fund (IPCAF), Robert B Zoellick argued that indigenous peoples carry "a disproportionate share of the burden on climate change efforts." He said that those most affected by climate change must be included in the surrounding debates.

"Climate change exacerbates the difficulties that indigenous communities already face – including loss of land and resources, lower human development indicators, discrimination, unemployment, and economic and political marginalization," said Zoellick.

He added that with their "long experience in managing natural resources, and adapting to climate change," indigenous communities, "can also add to our knowledge and understanding of how best to cope with this complex challenge."

He said: "Learning from indigenous peoples will make our discussions richer and our actions more productive."

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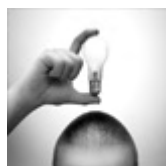


▲ [Insecticide 'wallpaper' could fight malaria](#) Scientists have found that 'Wallpapering' huts with sheeting made from insecticide-treated plastic could be a new tool for malaria control. When used in combination with insecticide-treated bednets in hut trials, the sheeting killed all mosquitoes, and completely prevented bites.



▲ [Insecticide-treated hammocks could fight malaria](#)

Scientists have found that Hammocks made from nylon, ropes and an insecticide-treated bednet cut malaria rates in remaining pockets of high transmission in the forests of South-East Asia. This makes Hammocks a cost-effective tool for tackling malaria in remote communities.



▲ **[Business Innovation Center \(BIC\) showcases Indonesia's Top 100 Innovations](#)**

To address the innovation challenge, Indonesia, the world's fourth largest country by population, has come up with a bold and innovative approach through the establishment of a Business Innovation Center (BIC) with the vision to "become the leading Business-Innovation intermediary, in order to promote Indonesia's economic and business competitiveness."

▲ You might be interested to know the next week activity of the Philippine Watershed Management Coalition, courtesy of our friend Ed Queblatin. I met him this week in Phonm Penh, Cambodia. You may visit this website : <http://www.philwatershed.org/index.php> Thanks, Romy Labios

▲ **FAO Concludes World Food Summit**

Read <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/37465/icode/> for more information.

The transcript of Diouf's closing speech is available at

http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/newsroom/docs/dgfinalspeech.pdf

▲ **FAO and IDB Sign USD1 Billion Agreement**

For more information, read <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/37341/icode/>

▲ **Bayer Crop Science and CIMMYT Team up to Improve Cereal Productivity**

A copy of press release and other related information about the CSISA project visit:

<http://www.cimmyt.org/> and <http://www.bayercropscience.com/> or contact:

uvl.ananda@bayercropscience.com More information about biotech development in India contact:

b.choudhary@cgiar.org and k.gaur@cgiar.org

▲ **Donald Danforth Plant Science Center Receives USD 2.5 Million to Develop Disease-Resistant Cassava Plants** Read the media release at <http://www.danforthcenter.org/newsmedia/NewsDetail.asp?nid=183>

▲ **Malaysia Acquires Molecular Technology to Boost Rice Yield**

Marker assisted selection technology from DNA Landmark of Canada was acquired by the Malaysian Biotechnology Corporation to improve rice yield. The sub-license of this technology has been granted to the Malaysian Agriculture Research and Development Institute (MARDI) and will be used as part of its breeding program. This was announced prior to BioMalaysia 2009 during the International Advisory Panel meeting by BiotechCorp's CEO Datuk Iskandar Mizal Mahmood. Datuk Iskandar further briefed the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak that other crops would be included in a few years.

For more developments on crop biotechnology in Malaysia email Mahaletchumy Arujanan at maha@bic.org.my.

▲ **BioMalaysia 2009 Takes Off**

BioMalaysia 2009 was officiated by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak on the 17th November at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. The Prime Minister (PM) was happy to note that biotechnology industry has contributed 2.2% of the Gross Domestic Product and this is not far from the target set, that is 2.5% at the end of next year. The Biotechnology Policy which was launched in 2005 is nearing the end of the first phase, i.e. capacity building and the second phase on commercialization will begin in 2011. At the launch of BioMalaysia, the PM also announced the establishment of the National Innovation Centre which will be placed under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI).

BioMalaysia 2009 was the biggest BioMalaysia so far with a 20% increase in participation. There were around 200 local and foreign booths at the exhibition with about 8,000 participants from around the globe.

Email Mahaletchumy Arujanan at maha@bic.org.my for more news about biotechnology in Malaysia.

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

▲ **Call for volunteers to translate Robert Chambers Interview on "Participatory Development & Geographic Information Systems" (7 min - 895 words)**

Dear all,

The transcription of the Robert Chambers' interview on "Participatory Development and Geographic Information Systems" is completed: <http://tinyurl.com/yb7u5z4>

Translations in Bahasa Indonesia, French, Spanish and Portuguese have already started.

If you are interested in translating the English subtitles (895 words) into other languages, please **get in touch with me at** rambaldi@cta.nl.

If you have a good internet connection, the easiest is to do the translation online (**recommended**).

Here is a tutorial for online translation: <http://dotsub.com/view/30764f64-ffd1-4867-9151-3568179037e7>

For those having a slow internet connection offline translation is an alternative. We will assist you on this. Please note that access to the translation interface of the video is granted only to those expressing their intention to work on the transcript.

Giacomo Rambaldi

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Dear Members,

I was in Surabaya, Indonesia early last month. I saw one advertisement board of an institution that teaches English (photo at right). I thought the words written are of interest and could catch people's interest very well, so I took a photo and used it for making the headline of this column. We start the column in this issue of 2009 (11-extra) with an exercise on Tongue-twister brought from following websites. <http://esl.about.com>; <http://en.wikipedia.org>; <http://edahellocircle.homestead.com> and <http://www.manager.co.th> and we strive to find short articles to present to you regularly. - *Editor*



Tongue-twister

Peter Piper

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
Did Peter Piper pick a peck of pickled peppers?
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,
where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

Betty Botter

Betty Botter had some butter,
"But," she said, "this butter's bitter.
If I bake this bitter butter,
it would make my batter bitter.
But a bit of better butter--
that would make my batter better."
So she bought a bit of butter,
better than her bitter butter,
and she baked it in her batter,
and the batter was not bitter.
So 'twas better Betty Botter
bought a bit of better butter.

Sea Shells by the Sea Shore

She sells sea shells by the seashore.
The shells she sells are surely seashells.
So if she sells shells on the seashore,
I'm sure she sells seashore shells.



(To be continued)

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

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

LANDCON Series of Meetings*

No.	Meeting topic	Place	Time
0902	Conference of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA): Environmental Connection 09 www.ieca.org	Reno, Nevada, USA	Feb 9-12, 2009
0903	Conference on Land Degradation in Dry Environments jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw	Kuwait City, Kuwait	Mar 8-14, 2009
0905a	Global Change, Challenge for Soil Management: From Degradation – Through Soil and Water Conservation – To Sustainable Soil Management www.sfb.bg.ac.yu/erosion2009/	Tara Mt., Serbia	May 26-30, 2009
0905b	Conference on “The sustainable development of water resources”, organized by Hydrotechnics Faculty of “Politehnica” University of Timisoara, Romania gcr@mail.dnttm.ro	Timisoara, Romania	May 27-28, 2009
0906a	The 10th international meeting on Soil with Mediterranean Type of Climate http://www.cnrs.edu.lb/10IMSMTC.pdf	Beirut, Lebanon	Jun 22-26, 2009
0906b	Conference on “Challenges and Opportunities of Bioindustrial Watershed Development for the Prosperity of the Farming Community”, organized by the Soil Conservation Society of India www.soilcsi.org/	Bengaluru, India	Jun 25-27, 2009
0909	International Conference on Desertification in memory of Professor John B. Thornes http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornes/doku.php	Murcia, Spain	Sep 16-18, 2009
0910	POSTPONED TO MARCH 1-5, 2010, TO BE LANDCON 1003 Conference on “Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity”, organized by Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), roose@mpl.ird.fr , www.chercheurs.auf.org	Port au Prince, Haiti	Oct 19-24, 2009
0911	International Seminar on Upland for Food Security, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Soedirman, Purwokerto, Central Java. Contact Budi Prakoso prabud2001@yahoo.com	Purwokerto, Central Java, Indonesia	Nov 7-8, 2009
1003	LANDCON 1003 Conference on “Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity”, organized by Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), roose@mpl.ird.fr , www.chercheurs.auf.org	Port au Prince, Haiti	March 1-5, 2010, may postpone further
1004	Interpraevent Conference in the Pacific Rim http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/ , scchen@nchu.edu.tw	Taipei, Taiwan	Apr 26-30, 2010
1005	First Conference on Soil and Roots Engineering Relationship habibibibalani@gmail.com	Ardebil Province, Iran	May 2010
1010	A conference at the Institute of Soil and Water Conservation www.ms.iswc.ac.cn , lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn	Yangling, Shaanxi, China	Oct 2010
1101	SWAT SEA II Workshop and Conference http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn , nguyenkimloi@gmail.com	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	Jan 4-8, 2011
11...	A conference organized by the Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists www.iaswc.com/index.html	Dehra Dun, India	2011???

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

MEETINGS 2009

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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.

December 5-6, 2009

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

December 5-9, 2009

25th Annual Conference of the Soil Science Society of East Africa, 5-9 December 2009 Moshi, Tanzania. The event will draw scientists from Research Organizations, Universities, Non-Governmental Organizations, Community-based Organizations, Farmer Association groups and International Soil-related Organizations operating in Eastern 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 (Source: IUSS Alert 50)

December 7-8, 2009

Conference on Sustainable Development Indicators Location: Alex, Egypt

December 7-10, 2009



International Agricultural Engineering Conference-2009 Bangkok Thailand

Theme: Role of Agricultural Engineering in Advent of Changing Global Landscape

http://www.aaae.ait.ac.th/aaae_files/IAEC/IAEC2009/conf.html

This International Agricultural Engineering Conference will be held from 7 – 10 December 2009 at the [Hotel Manhattan at Klong Luang, Pathumthani](#) Thailand. Those who intend to participate can use the attached Expression of Intent Form.

PROGRAM OUTLINE:

The Conference is designed for four days. Three days will be allocated for oral and/or poster presentations held in plenary and parallel sessions. Technical tour is scheduled on the fourth day.

- Day 1 (Monday: 7 December 2009): Opening ceremony, keynote lectures and AAAE general body assembly.
- Day 2 (Tuesday: 8 December 2009): Presentation of technical papers conducted in parallel sessions and reception dinner.
- Day 3 (Wednesday: 9 December 2009): Presentation of technical papers conducted in parallel sessions.
- Day 4 (Thursday: 10 December 2009): Technical tour (Optional).

Full papers will be published separately in Proceedings which will be available in electronic format while the program and collection of abstracts will be available in hard copies.

Address: Hotel Manhattan Pathumthani, 1111 Klongluang, Pathumthani, 22000, Tel: 02-9086666, Fax: 02-9086655, www.hotelpathumthani.com, info@hotelpathumthani.com

December 8-10, 2009

16th Annual ECHO Agriculture Conference (EAC)

Fort Myers, Florida December 8 to 10, 2009

Plans are underway for ECHO's 2009 Agriculture conference, to be held December 8-10, 2009 at ECHO and the Crowne Plaza Hotel of Fort Myers. This will be the second year that our conference is held in early December rather than November. ECHO Agriculture Conferences provide opportunities for networking and enrichment for professionals working internationally with agriculture or related fields. The conference regularly attracts over 200 delegates representing more than 30 countries. The conference registration form is available online (www.echoevents.org) or by request (phone: 239-543-3246; email: 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, which is regularly updated. You may also write to kmsd.secretariat@gmail.com or rajendra@ait.asia for further information.

December 11-12, 2009

National Seminar on Land Use Planning for Agricultural Development and Establishment of Agro-Economic Zones, 11-12 December 2009, Lucknow, India

This seminar will focus on proper management of land and resources for sustainable agricultural development in Uttar Pradesh, India. The conference is sponsored by the State Land Use Board, the Department of Planning, the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Centre for Food and Agribusiness Management at the Indian Institute of Management.

Major objectives are: To review the policies to support the best possible use of the land and the sustainable management of land resources; to arrive at the mechanism to improve and strengthen planning, management and evaluation systems for land and land resources; to analyse the changes in land use pattern and its linkage with agricultural growth and diversification; to explore the possible ways to ensure the active involvement and participation of all the important; stakeholder, particularly communities and people at the local level, in decisions on land use and management; to review the dynamics of land acquisition, sales and lease markets in changing social and economic structure; and to explore the use of innovative technologies in planning and management of land resources.

For more information, see: www.iiml.ac.in/LandSeminar.pdf?PHPSESSID=a2980dc054733790ce0db5a51e633bb5.

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 15, 2009

ILEIA Jubilee Conference

15 December 2009, 9.30am-5.00pm, Nieuwspoor, The Hague, the Netherlands

ILEIA - the centre for learning on sustainable agriculture and secretariat of the global LEISA-Network – celebrates its 25th birthday this year. If you are in the Netherlands we would like you to join us in a challenging debate on the Future of Family Farming on 15 December 2009 in The Hague.

Together with professionals from science, government, business, NGOs and partners and farmers from the South we want to explore what the world can expect from family farming and how it addresses global problems like climate change and food security. During this one-day event, international (field) experts will share their cutting edge perspectives on what family farmers have to offer to the world.

Visit the [Future of Family Farming](#) Conference website for more information and registration options. For further questions you can also contact Mireille Vermeulen

(033-467 38 70, info@foffdebate.org).

Join this conference and share your views, concerns and dreams! [Register now](#).

PROGRAMME

Chair: Bram Huijsman, Director Wageningen International

9.00 Registration and coffee

9.30 Welcome

Teresa Fogelberg, Board Chair ILEIA

9.40 Climate change and agriculture: Copenhagen's implications for family farming

Camilla Toulmin, Director International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

10.05 Food and Family Farming - Resilience, Autonomy and Way Forward

K.S. Gopal, Executive Director Centre for Environmental Concerns (CEC)

Feedback: expert panel and plenary discussion

10.30 Expert panel: Gertjan Becx, Researcher & Manager at Resilience Foundation (the Netherlands) and Roberto Ugas, Lecturer at La Molina University (Peru)

11.00 Coffee and tea

Urban agriculture in Ghana: Family farming and the food system of Accra

11.30 Olufunke Cofie, Research Scientist, International Water Management Institute Accra (IWMI)

11.55 Upscaling diversity in agriculture: Knowledge networking at crossroads

Edith van Walsum, Director ILEIA

12.15 Feedback: expert panel and plenary discussion

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Market - short interviews with three ILEIA partners

Workshops:

- 14.15**
- African workshop: A green knowledge revolution: African debates on the future of family farming and the role of IT
 - Latin American workshop: Family farming in Latin America: the Agroecology Movement
 - Asian workshop: Agricultural policies and experiences on the ground

15.30 Coffee and tea

16.10 Plenary feedback workshops and discussion results

16.40 Festive launch of the new magazine

17.00 Drinks and music

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 “

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

- For more information you can visit our web site

- For the major scientific themes of the congress

- To participate in the geo technology 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.

Président de l'Association: Mohamed Ayari <http://www.atign.org.tn>

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

December 18-19, 2009

Symposium: International Forestry and Environment

Sri Lanka, 18-19 December 2009

This symposium is a forum for researchers in the field of natural resource management to present their research findings and network with policymakers and industry. Key themes include forest and natural resource management, climate change, and socioeconomics in environmental conservation. The event is organized by the Department of Forestry and Environmental Science at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka.

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

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 EMCMNP) 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

The Third World Future Energy Summit (WFES) Abu Dhabi, UAE

Heads of state, top government officials, scientists, environmental experts, global business leaders and finance and industry professionals will attend WFES, to present their views, explore solutions, build networks and collaborate. The 2010 edition will cover topics such as Energy Policy & challenges, Sustainable Fuels and Power Technologies, Carbon Capture & Storage, Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Transportation.

<http://www.worldfutureenergysummit.com/home.aspx>

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 (From IUSS Alert 54)

January 19-21, 2009

13th Annual International Conference and Exhibition on Geospatial Information Technology and Applications Map India 2010

19 - 21 January at Epicentre, Gurgaon, India

Theme: Defining Geospatial Vision For India

New Abstract Submission deadline: 01 December 2009

Contact

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Exhibition, Abhishek Kotangale (exhibition@gisdevelopment.net)

General Information, Prashant Joshi (info@mapindia.org)

February 1-4, 2010

[International Conference on food security and climate change in dry areas](#)

Date: 1-4 Feb. 2010, Location: Amman, Jordan

February 1-5, 2010

Sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity <<http://www.trondheimconference.org>>

The sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity, entitled "Getting the biodiversity targets right - working for sustainable development" will be held on 1st-5th February 2010 in Trondheim, Norway. The conference will be hosted by the Norwegian Government in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The conference will consider status and lessons learned from the 2010 target and will provide CBD with a sound basis for developing post 2010 biodiversity targets.

February 3-7, 2010

Conference on Organic Agriculture and the Scope of Environmental Problems, 3-7 February 2010, Famagusta, Cyprus

Non-governmental organizations from various European countries, as well as scientists, researchers, scholars, and agriculture professionals will gather at this conference to discuss new trends and advances in today's organic agriculture applications and their effects on other environmental sciences. Keynote speakers will be Urs Niggli, Executive Director of the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) in Switzerland; Timothy J. LaSalle, CEO of the Rodale Institute, and Christopher Stopes BSc, MSc Director of EcoS Consultancy Ltd.

The conference is organized by EMCC Institute (an EU-supported network led by active scientists from different countries). Best presentation and best poster will be awarded, and there is a special incentive for young researchers. For more information see: <http://organic.emccinstitute.org/>.

February 7-10, 2010

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

February 8-11, 2010

SMRLO'10

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February 16-20, 2010



EC10

February 16-20, 2010

[EC10 Homepage](#)
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"IECA is the premier erosion control conference in the world. I wouldn't miss the opportunity to network with professionals and to learn about cutting edge technology! You cannot afford to miss it!"

-Misty Scharff, CPESC
URS Corporation



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Dear Samran,

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IECA ANNOUNCES NEW DATES FOR EC10

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

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

EC10 REGISTRATION BOOK NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Environmental Connection 2010 registration book is now available for you to download from IECA's website.

In an effort to reduce direct mail waste and the annual conference's environmental impact, IECA has elected to reduce the number of physical registration books it is sending this year. The book and registration form have

both been made available in an electronic format. Should you wish for a physical copy to be mailed to you, please [click here](#) and complete the online form.

Download the registration book [here](#) (10 MB .pdf)

Download the registration form [here](#) (492 KB .pdf)

Don't wait! Fall is the best time to register and secure your seat in the full-day courses with the earlybird pricing. The early registration deadline is December 4th.

You may also register online using IECA's secure online registration. View courses, technical sessions, field tours and special events now.

FIELD TOURS

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.

Wednesday, February 17th

- * 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

SPECIAL EVENTS AT EC10

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:

- * Wednesday Awards Luncheon
- * Expo Grand Opening Celebration
- * Sixth Floor Museum Tour
- * Cowboy Stadium Tour
- * Friday Afternoon Golf Tournament (Details Coming Soon!)

Cowboys Stadium (Photo: Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau)

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February 21-24, 2010

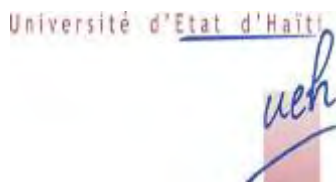
Watershed Technology Conference: call for papers

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), 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, <http://www.chercheurs.auf.org>, <http://www.mpl.ird/SeqBio>
*This meeting is endorsed by WASWC and will strictly follow the Guidelines for Successful Meetings <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>

YOU ARE STILL WELCOME TO SEND ABSTRACTS FOR PAPERS TO PRESENT AT
LANDCON 1003



Colloque international

sur le thème

**Effets des techniques antiérosives sur la productivité des terres tropicales
et la protection contre les cyclones et les pluies exceptionnelles**

Port-au-Prince (Haïti), 1 - 5 mars 2010

**Avis officiel d'acceptation du projet de communication, de demande de inancement
et de nouvelles dates de référence**

Ce colloque est organisé par le réseau de chercheurs
Erosion et gestion conservatoire des eaux et des sols (EGCES)
de l'Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)

Avec le soutien de :

**Université d'Etat d'Haïti
Université de Quisqueya
Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD)
SCAC de l'Ambassade de France en Haïti**



Montpellier, le 20 septembre 2009

Le comité scientifique du colloque a le plaisir de vous annoncer que votre projet de communication au colloque de Haïti a été accepté moyennant quelques améliorations.

Nous attirons cependant votre attention sur la décision prise par le comité d'organisation du colloque de repousser au début mars 2010 la tenue de ce colloque pour des raisons indépendantes de notre volonté (fonds promis pas disponibles, autres réunions sur l'érosion et risques aléatoires de grippe A et de pluies cycloniques en octobre).

Pour toutes ces raisons, nous avons cru plus sage de repousser la date du colloque du 1^{er} au 5 mars 2010 ainsi que la date limite d'envoi des communications au 1^{er} décembre 2009.

Vu le report du colloque, nous vous demandons de renvoyer le texte définitif amélioré, avec photos en couleur avant le 1^{er} décembre, pour nous permettre de le publier sur CDROM qui vous sera remis au cours du colloque, avec les résumés et le programme définitif

☞ 1^{er} décembre 2009 : Date limite de réception des textes complets (maximum 12 pages, police Arial, taille 12, simple interligne, 2.5 cm de marges, figures, tableaux et bibliographie, tout compris, prêt pour mise en ligne sur internet).

Malheureusement, le comité d'organisation n'a pu réunir assez de fonds pour vous prendre tous en charge. Nous vous demandons par conséquent de prendre contact avec vos projets, unités de recherche, ONG, ministères et agences de coopération de diverses nationalités et de rechercher les fonds indispensables à votre participation souhaitée à ce colloque important car c'est le premier qui lie la lutte antiérosive au développement durable, à la lutte contre la pauvreté, la famine, les inondations et les conséquences des pluies cycloniques ou exceptionnelles.

Nous demandons aux instances concernées par le développement durable en régions tropicales, de s'intéresser à l'analyse qui sera faite sur l'efficacité des techniques de lutte antiérosive en tant que moyen pour améliorer la productivité des sols dégradés et en même temps protéger au mieux des inondations et autres dégradations spectaculaires causées par les pluies cycloniques, plus fréquentes avec le réchauffement climatique.

D'avance nous vous remercions de votre compréhension et de votre coopération pour mener à bien la réalisation de ce colloque où devraient s'échanger les idées et réalisations de lutte antiérosive et de réhabilitation des sols sur l'ensemble des zones tropicales.

. Khalef BOULKROUNE, gestionnaire du groupe de réseaux gestion durable AUF

. Eric ROOSE, coordinateur du Réseau Erosion et GCES de l'AUF

. Hervé DUCHAUFOR, coordinateur du comité d'organisation du colloque

Pour toute information sur le colloque, connectez-vous à l'un des sites :

www.auf.org, www.egces.auf.org

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 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.

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

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

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

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

T3. Agronomic aspects of the soil and water conservation management: management of the biomass, litter use on the surface, organic and mineral fertilization, rotations and combined crops and direct drilling under litter.

Agriculture-breeding association: positive and negative influences of the systems and the breeding procedures.

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

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

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

Planning, participation and valorization of farmlands.

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

Structure of the conference

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

Posters, coffee breaks and lunch should allow meetings and discussions between researchers, experts and financial agents.

Agenda (Planning and Schedule)

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

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

Publications

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

Scientific committee

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

Steering Committee: Sponsored by three Caribbean universities

- Khalef Boulkroune (AUF), will ensure the management of costs and travel expenses;
- Eric Roose of the network E-GCES / AUF, will supervise the development of the event from Montpellier;
- Hervé Duchaufour, secretary of the steering committee, will lead the event in Haïti;
- Regional representative AUF in Haïti ;
- Representatives of the Haitian and other Caribbean universities concerned;
- IRD representatives and other local institutes ..., non-governmental organizations (NGOs), to be specified...
- Representatives of the structures financing LAE projects in the Caribbean.
- Bernard Smolikowski, French Embassy, cooperation section
- Paul Vermande, coordinator of the AUF Network <Développement Durable et Environnement>

March 2-4, 2009

Ecobuild *Earls Court, London, UK*

Ecobuild is the world's biggest event for sustainable design and construction with over 850 exhibitors, more than 100 free conference and seminar sessions and dozens of interactive attractions, all free to attend for registered visitors. <http://www.ecobuild.co.uk/>

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

March 15-20, 2010

2nd International conference on biological and environmental sciences Location: Mansoura, Egypt

March 17-20, 2010

The Division 3 - Soil Use and Management of the International Union of Soil Science (IUSS) is performing an **'International Conference on Soil Fertility and Soil Productivity, Two Features to be Distinguished - Differences of Efficiency of Soils for Land Uses, Expenditures and Returns'**. I will use for this conference the big occasion of the celebration of the 200 years anniversary of the

famous Humboldt University of Berlin in 2010. The Humboldt University has strong links to Albrecht Thear who is famous for his humus theory in the 18th century and early work on soil fertility. I would be very pleased to gain your interest in this conference, and when you could inform in the thematic interested colleagues and your society. The address of the home page of the conference is <http://www.uni-due.de//soil-fertility-productivity2010/index.shtml>, soil-fertility-productivity2010@uni-due.de

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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

March 23-26, 2010

Fifth International Workshop on
"**Geographical Analysis, Urban Modeling, Spatial Statistics**"
GEOG-AN-MOD 10
http://www.unibas.it/utenti/murgante/geog_an_mod_10/index.html

in conjunction with
The 2010 International Conference on Computational
Science and its Applications (ICCSA 2010)
March 23-26, 2010,
Kyushu Sangyo University, Fukuoka, Japan <http://www.iccsa.org/>

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March 24, 2010

Agriculture 2.0 conference, 24 March 2010, Palo Alto, California, USA

Agriculture 2.0 Silicon Valley, co-hosted by NewSeed Advisors, US Venture Partners, and SPIN Farming, will bring together hundreds of entrepreneurs, investors, farmers, industry experts, and journalists, all united by the common goal of driving the growth of sustainable agriculture and healthful food systems. The one-day conference will address topics including: What's happening on the farms? Can traditional venture capital invest in agriculture? What comes after organic? A special Aquaculture track, sponsored by Aquacopia, will highlight investment opportunities and the future of fish farming. Live demonstrations of new agriculture technology and company presentations will create a dynamic, interactive event. Please check the website for program and speaker updates: <http://www.newseedadvisors.com/>

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 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.msss.com.my (From IUSS Alert 54)

April 15-16, 2010

International Workshop on Quantitative Soil Spectroscopy, GFZ Potsdam, Germany, 15-16 April 2010. This workshop is organized by Eyal Ben Dor and Sabin Chabrillat, as part of "Hyperspectral Applications for Soil" working group within the EUFAR framework project and the ISPRS technical commission VII/3 "Information extraction from Hyperspectral Data". The workshop will cover spectral analysis of soil as was developed over the past decade by worldwide experts. The workshop intend to discuss past, present and future activities in quantitative analysis of soil spectra as well as applications already implemented for hyperspectral remote sensing information as acquired from air and space domains. The workshop will include frontal lectures of experts, an analytical course, demonstration of new software and instrumentation dedicated to analyze soil spectra and a round table. The workshop is not opened to the public (place is limited) and interested partners are requested to contact the organizers prior submission an abstract. The deadline for the abstract is January 22, 2010. For more information, please see the home page of the EUFAR website on www.eufar.net under "What's new"

April 20-25, 2010

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



April 26-30, 2010

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

Important Dates

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

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

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



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

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).

May 18-22, 2010

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

May 17-19, 2010

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

Environments and Launching of Abu Dhabi Soil Survey Report, Abu Dhabi, UAE, 17-19 May, 2010. 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. Participants with accepted papers will be fully or partially funded depending on innovative research and quality of papers. The deadline for Abstracts submission is **30th November 2009**. For submission and more information, see www.ead.ae/en/events/conference.on.soil.clasification.aspx (From IUSS Alert 55)

May 24-26, 2010

IMPORTANT NOTE:

LANDCON1005 abstract Submission deadline extended to
December 14, 2009



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

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

The official language for the conference is English.

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We look forward to seeing you in May 2010!

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search (ICSER)



World Association of Soil
and Water Conservation
(WASWC)



International Union of
Forest Research
Organizations (IUFRO)



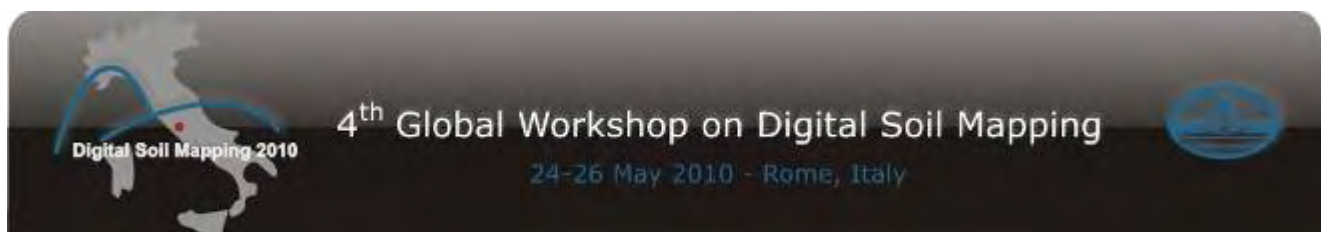
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Union

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

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

May 24-26, 2010

4th Global Workshop on Digital Soil Mapping



<http://2010.digitalsoilmapping.org/>, chiara.piccini@entecra.it

**From Digital Soil Mapping to Digital Soil Assessment:
identifying key gaps from fields to continents**



Rome, 24-26 May 2010

CNR Conference Room, Piazzale Aldo Moro, 7 – 00185 Roma

The workshop will be held under the auspices of:
The INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SOIL SCIENCES
The Working Group on Digital Soil Mapping (WG-DSM)

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The Working Group on Digital Soil Mapping (WG-DSM)

Local Organization:



JRC – Institute for Environment and Sustainability, Land Management and Natural Hazard Unit (Ispra)



Agricultural Research Council

Research Centre for Soil/Plant System (Rome)

Research Centre for Agrobiological and Pedology (Florence)



CNR – Institute for Mediterranean Agricultural and Forestry Systems (Ercolano – NA)

Sponsors:



Italian Pedologists Association (AIP)



Italian Soil Science Society (SISS)

See details in <http://2010.digitalsoilmapping.org/>

Or contact Dr.ssa Chiara Piccini

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May 24-29, 2010



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

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

If you have questions, please contact the following:

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

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

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

May 25-27, 2010

2nd International Conference FRIAR 2010 on Flood Recovery, Innovation and Response, Organiser:

University & Polytechnic of Milan, Wessex Institute of Technology and University of Wolverhampton, UK.

Venue: Milan, Italy www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences

May 25-29, 2010

Fourth International Scientific Conference BALWOIS 2010

Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia – 25-29 May 2010

Conference on Water Observation and Information System for decision Support

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

Main topics:

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

Contact: secretariat@balwois.com

Conference Web site: www.balwois.com/2010

Project Web site: www.balwois.com

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

All the information concerning BALWOIS 2010 Conference is on www.balwois.com/2010

A selection of the best papers will be published in a special issue of "Ecohydrology and Hydrobiology".

Note: Participants who pay registration fee before 15 of April will save 20 euro, if you want to pay Registration Fee before **15 of April 2010** you can find the *Conference Banking Details* at this link:

http://balwois.com/2010/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=52&Itemid=54

BALWOIS Secretariat, secretariat@balwois.com or morell@ird.fr

Supported by Ministry of Environment of Republic of Macedonia, French Ministry of Ecology, French Embassy in Macedonia, and International Association of Hydrological Sciences

May 26-28, 2010

International Soil Science Congress on Management of Natural Resources to Sustain Soil Health and Quality Samsun, Turkey

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

May 26-28, 2010

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

June 8-10, 2010

Risks in Agriculture Conference, Estonia

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

June 21- 22, 2010

Second Open Source GIS UK Conference

Centre for Geospatial Science, University of Nottingham Website:

http://cgs.nottingham.ac.uk/~osgis10/os_home.html

The Centre for Geospatial Science of University of Nottingham, Open Source Geospatial Foundation (UK Chapter) and ICA Working Group on Open Source Geospatial Technologies are organizing the **Second Open Source GIS UK Conference** on 21-22nd June, 2010 at the University of Nottingham.

Contact: Dr Suchith Anand

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<http://www.opensourcegis.org.uk/>; <http://ica-opensource.scg.ulaval.ca/>

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

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.

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/>.

June 28-July 2, 2010

The deadline for abstract submissions for ESA's **Living Planet Symposium**, to be held from 28 June – 2 July 2010 in Bergen, Norway, is 15 November. The meeting will provide a forum for scientists to discuss the latest results and technologies related to Earth observation satellite data exploitation.

Read more at: http://www.esa.int/esaEO/SEMCNO5RN1G_index_0.html

June 28-July 2, 2010

International Conference: 18th Commonwealth Forestry Conference

Edinburgh, Scotland, 28 June-2 July 2010

Financial support application deadline: 14 December 2010

Organized and hosted by the UK Forestry Commission, this conference will explore how restoring the Commonwealth's forests can contribute to the global challenge of tackling climate change. It will also examine how forest restoration can be used to tackle issues involving community livelihoods, food security, biodiversity, energy, and governance. Some financial support is available for developing country participants, with details on how to apply for support [here](#). For more information about the event, [click here](#).

June 29-July 1, 2010

Call for Abstracts: 2010 International Climate Change Adaptation

Queensland, Australia, 29 June – 1 July 2010

Submission deadline: 18 January 2010

This conference will focus on climate impacts and adaptation, bringing together scientists and decision makers from developed and developing countries to share research approaches, methods, and results. The event is co-hosted by Australia's National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility and the CSIRO climate Adaptation Flagship.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

July 3-7, 2010

24th **International Congress for Conservation Biology** (ICCB) <<http://www.conbio.org/2010>>: The 2010 meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) will be held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on July 3rd-7th, 2010. The theme of the meeting is "Conservation for a Changing Planet." Because of the focus on environmental change, the meeting will highlight the importance of multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to conservation.

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.

August 1-6, 2010

19th WCSS – Papers can still be submitted!

The 19th World Congress of Soil Science will be held in Australia, 1-6 August 2010 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The submission dates are now as follows: Oral Papers - The final close date for papers to be considered for oral presentation at the Congress is now 30 November

2009. Poster Papers - Papers to be considered for poster presentation will now be accepted until 31st January 2010. Early registration is now also open.

A comprehensive list of tours can now be seen on the website. These include Pre- and Post-Congress Tours, in addition to an interesting selection of shorter Congress Excursions available just before or after the week of the Congress. See www.19wcsc.org.au (From IUSS Alert 55)

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

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 (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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August 23-28, 2010

23rd IUFRO World Congress, Seoul, Korea, 23-28 August 2010

Registration deadline: 30 April 2010

Abstract submission deadline: 31 December 2009

IUFRO's upcoming World Congress will explore the theme Forests for the Future: Sustaining Society and the Environment. Organizers are inviting submission of abstracts for presentations during technical and poster sessions. Abstracts should address one or more of the Congress themes, some of which include:

- Forests and Climate Change
- Forest Environmental Services
- Asia's Forests for the Future
- Forests, Communities, and Cultures

To find out more, [click here](#).

August 31-September 3, 2010

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

Jointly organized by

Romanian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences (AAFS)

September 6-8, 2010

The Third IASTED African Conference on Water Resource Management (AfricaWRM 2010) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, September 6-8, 2010, Gaborone, Botswana Sponsor: The International Association of Science and Technology for Development (IASTED)

Conference Chair: Prof. Otlogetswe Totolo – University of Botswana, Botswana Local Arrangements Chair: Prof. George O. Anderson – University of Botswana, Botswana Host Organization: University of Botswana For more information on Botswana, visit the official tourism site: Tourism of Botswana.

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

September 8-29, 2010

Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the **Convention on Biological Diversity - CBD COP 10**

<<http://www.cbd.int/meetings>>: The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) will be held in Nagoya, Japan on 8th-29th of October 2010. This meeting is expected to assess achievement of the 2010 target to reduce significantly the rate of biodiversity loss, adopt an international regime on access and benefit-sharing and celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity 2010.

September 10-11, 2010

Croatia Branch Plans Conference on Soil Tillage

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

September 13-15, 2010

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

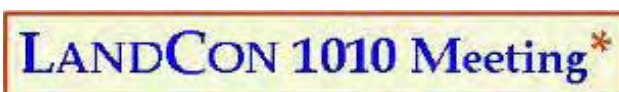
October 8-29, 2010

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

September 27-October 1, 2010

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

October 11-15, 2010



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 1st Announcement

I. INVITATION

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

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

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

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

II. THEMES

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

III. ORGANIZATION

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

V. SECRETARIAT Secretariat of LANDCON 1010

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

November 8-12, 2010

I am pleased to inform you that the 16th International Soil Conservation Conference (ISCO 16), scheduled for November 2010 in Santiago, Chile, has now established an active website with most of the information needed by potential contributors and participants.

Please visit <http://www.iscochile2010.cl/> for pertinent details, and inform your associates, colleagues and ISCO friends accordingly. Expedient publicity in your organization's bulletins and newsletters will be particularly appreciated.

I urge you to participate in this very timely conference and look forward to seeing you in Santiago.

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November 5-7, 2010

Conference on Asian Borderlands – Enclosure, Interaction, and Transformation, Chiang Mai, Thailand: 5-7 November 2010. This conference draws from James C. Scott's book, *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia*, which explores the mountainous regions of the Himalayas and its lower ranges where many groups of people live across multiple national borders. It intends to encourage scholarship that looks across Asian borders, and invites papers that develop new perspectives on this study. For more information, [click here](#).

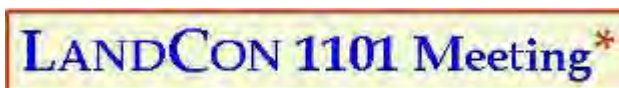
November 25-27, 2010

Conference on Land Reform and Management of Natural Resources in Africa and Latin America, 25-27 November 2010, Cataluña, Spain

This conference will explore land ownership and resource management in Latin America and Africa, taking a long range view of development policies in both countries. The conference is being organized by the Cooperative Center for Rural Development and the Interdisciplinary Group for Development and Multicultural Studies at the University of Lleida, Spain. For more information see:

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

January 4-5 and 6-8, 2011



Second International SWAT-SEA Workshop and Conference

(SWAT-SEA II) January 4-8, 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 4-8, 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.

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The first SWAT-SEA Conference was successfully held in Chiang Mai, Thailand in January 5-8, 2009. SWAT is a leading water quality watershed model being used worldwide. SWAT-SEA II is expected to bring together about 200 people from SEA region and around the world representing academic, government, non-governmental organizations, and private industry. A SWAT-SEA Workshop on January 4-5,

2011 and a SWAT-SEA Conference on January 6-8, 2011, Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), Vietnam are scheduled.

Members of the **SWAT-SEA II Scientific and Organizing Committee** are: Jeff Arnold (USDA-ARS, USA), Patrick Debels (Environmental Consultant - Soresma, Belgium), Theo Dillaha (Virginia Tech, USA), Victor Ella (University of the Philippines at Los Banos , Philippines), Trinh Truong Giang (Nong Lam University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam), Ashvin Gosain (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, India), Attachai Jintrawet (Chiang Mai, Thailand), Fanhua Hao (Beijing Normal University, China), Manoj K. Jha (Iowa State University, USA), Loi Nguyen Kim (Nong Lam University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam), Mahmud Raimadoya (Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia), Manuel Reyes (North Carolina A&T State University, USA), Hiroaki Somura (Shimane University, Japan), Raghavan Srinivasan (Texas A&M University, USA), Samran Sombatpanit (World Association of Soil and Water Conservation), Brett Watson (University of Saskatchewan, Canada), Gebhard Schuler (Research Institute for Forest Ecology and Forestry Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany), Do Trung Binh (Institute of Agricultural Science for Southern Vietnam), Vo Quang Minh (Can Tho University, Vietnam), Husaini Omar (Engineering Faculty, UPM, Malaysia), Rajendra Shrestha (Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand), Kobkiat Pongput, Nipon Tangtham, Piboon Kanghae (Kasetsart University, Thailand), Sakda Sukviboon (Land Development Department, Thailand) and Khamphachanh Vongsana (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR), Hajah Suria Zanuddin and Thippeswamy Holige Mallikarjunaiah (Department of Agriculture, Brunei Darussalam), Bui Cach Tuyen (Vietnam Environment Administration, VEA), Ho Dinh Duan (Hue Institute of Natural Resources, Environment and Sustainable Development), Ha Van Hanh (Hue University of Sciences), Truong Phuoc Minh (The University of Da Nang), Nguyen Hieu Trung (Can Tho University), Le Duc Trung (Vietnam National Mekong Committee)



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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. For **USA**, copies are available from Prof Manuel R. Reyes of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, mannyreyes@nc.rr.com, reyes@ncat.edu.

May 9-14, 2011

6th International Congress of the European Society for Soil Conservation

"Innovative Strategies and Policies for Soil Conservation"

Thessaloniki, GREECE • 9-14 May 2011 • www.esscthessalonikicongress.gr



THEMATIC SESSIONS

- 1 Policies and thematic strategies for soil protection

- 2 Soil mapping and land evaluation for land use planning
- 3 Forest fires impacts on natural resources and cultural heritage
- 4 Sustainable management of wetlands
- 5 Policies and strategies for combating desertification scenarios
- 6 Socio-economic aspects of land degradation
- 7 Soil and water management under global climatic change scenarios
- 8 Biofuels and environmental effects
- 9 Conservation and management of soil biodiversity
- 10 Restoration and remediation of degraded lands
- 11 Special session: 'Education in soil conservation and public awareness'**

Venue GRAND HOTEL PALACE***, Thessaloniki**

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

Late 2011 or Early 2012

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

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



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