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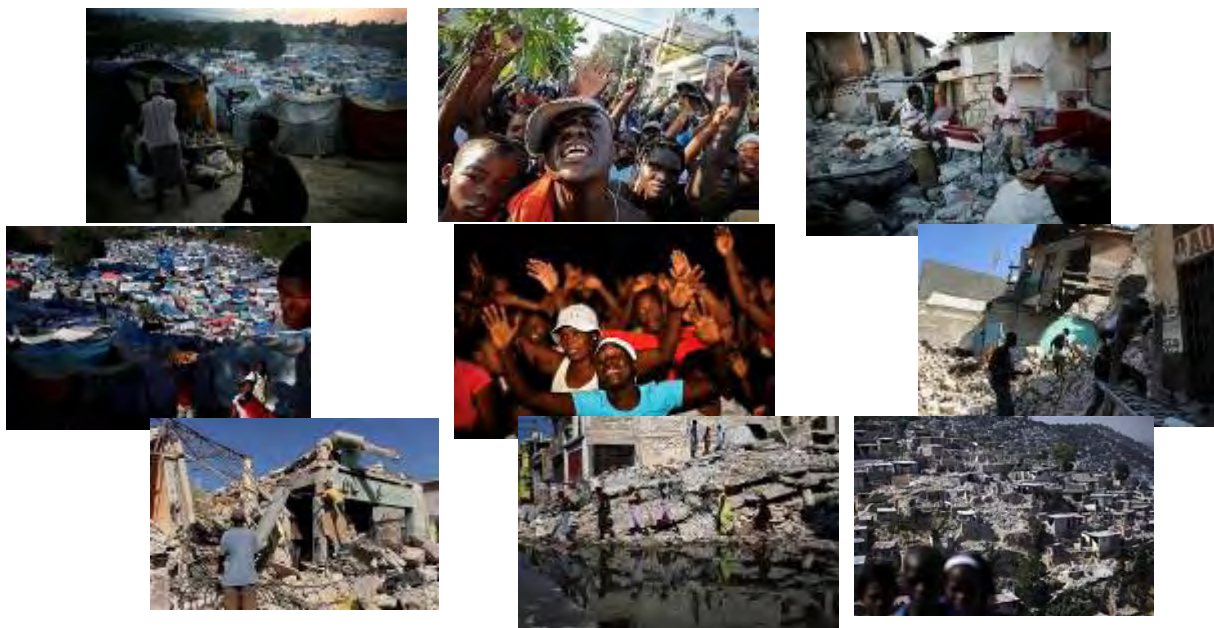
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AGENDA OF THE MONTH: HAVE YOU HELPED YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN HAITI YET?



Now the number of Haiti people died from the Jan 12 earthquake has risen to over 218,000. During past few weeks people in Thailand have made a donation of several million dollars, plus 20,000 tons of rice. Branches of banks throughout the country open accounts for people to remit money to help Haitians. Few days ago, I made a donation at a local bank.

The damage to the country is so great. Haitians are waiting for help from us. If you have a chance to help, please do. Recent research indicates that, by helping others one will be happier than not to help. The help will be more useful when the quake victims need it the most. After all, we are living in the same world.

In case you cannot find any place to donate money to help your brothers and sisters in Haiti, you may send any amount of it to us at one of the following addresses and we will help transfer to Haiti:

a. Dr. John M. Laflen, Treasurer, 5784 hwy 9, Buffalo Center, IA 50424 U.S.A. Phone: +1-641-561-2324. Fax: +1-641-584-2265 Attn: J.M. Laflen. laflen@wctatel.net. He can receive money from US and Canadian members through Personal Check, Money Order, or Bank Draft (payable to WASWAC), and can receive VISA and MasterCard credit cards and Bank Draft (payable to WASWAC) from all over the world. For sending money through a bank, please give the following information to your bank:

- Foreign wires: United Bankers Bank, 1650 West 82nd Street, Bloomington, MN 55431, U.S.A. Routing number 091 001 322; Swift Code UBBKUS41; for benefit of First National Bank of Volga; account number 091 402 552; further credit World Soil #703-488.

- Domestic wires: United Bankers Bank, 1650 West 82nd Street, Bloomington, MN 55431, Routing number 091 001 322; for benefit of First National Bank of Volga; account number 091 402 552; further credit World Soil #703-488.

b. Dr. Samran Sombatpanit, WASWC Immediate Past President, 67/141 Amonphant 9, Soi Sena 1, Bangkok 10230, Thailand. Phone/Fax: +66-25703641, sombatpanit@yahoo.com. He accepts Bank Draft from every country. **Mark the draft “payable to Dr. Samran Sombatpanit”.** He receives SWIFT through the Bangkok Bank, Bangkok Branch, 2124 Phaholyothin Road, Jatujak, Bangkok 10900, Thailand. Phone: +66-25614091/ 25791146-8, Fax: +66-25791149. SWIFT CODE: BKKBTHBK, A/C No. 161-0-210864, which you should also indicate **“payable to Dr. Samran Sombatpanit”**.

IMPORTANT NOTE: DO NOT write the word ‘WASWAC’ in your remittance document, as it will cause a problem, since this is an alternative account that supplements the official one (a, as above).

c. You can also send to **Dr. Samran Sombatpanit** (use the address as shown in b.) through the **Western Union worldwide money transfer service**. Learn how to send from www.westernunion.com. Their service is quick and the transfer fee has been much reduced from the earlier time. Also as in (b), please do not deduct the money transfer fee from the amount to send and also do not have to add US\$8 as shown in (b.3) above. Please write to him at sombatpanit@yahoo.com before sending.

Editor’s Note: Progress of LANDCON e-LIBRARY: Our Gift to the Earth

Over three weeks ago we sent invitation-cum-request to our Councilors, Vice Presidents and Special Representatives to send materials to put in the LANDCON e-LIBRARY. We have got good response from several of them, but a big majority of our officers have not yet responded. We hope that our officers will consider sending stuff to us seriously and NOT taking it as an option, since all of us have accumulated several papers and other technical documents during all these years.

We have lived with comfort and used resources from the earth for quite a long time; we should now think of giving something back to it! The papers and technical documents you have now are the perfect gift! A cooperative global effort like this does not take place often and what we are doing now will be of good value towards the sharing of information that is much needed for research and implementation in a large scale – to heal the sick earth. Please kindly take action. Thanks very much.

Note: For any paper that may not get permission from its publisher to use for this purpose, we will put only p. 1 in the DVD set, just to show the title, author(s), address(es) and abstracts. We will not infringe on the copyright of any publishing enterprise. We will take good care of all materials sent to us. And for sure – you will be proud for having done that!



HOT MEETINGS

1004a	Interpraevent Conference in the Pacific Rim http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/ , scchen@nchu.edu.tw	Taipei, Taiwan	Apr 26-30, 2010
1004b	6th National Seminar on Watershed Management and 4th National Seminar on Soil Erosion and Sediment. wmconf6@gmail.com , seconf4@gmail.com	Noor, Iran	Apr 28-29, 2010
1005	First Conference on Soil and Roots Engineering Relationship habibibalani@gmail.com	Ardebil Province, Iran	May 24-26, 2010

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 title, plus all other supports.

Newsletter issue 25(4) for October-December 2009 will soon be posted on our website
<http://waswac.soil.gd.cn>. Versions in various languages will be soon available.

Members in U.S.A. can buy **NO-TILL FARMING SYSTEMS** book online at
<http://www.conservaioninformation.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 U.S.A., copies are available from Prof. Manuel R. Reyes of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, reyes@ncat.edu, mannyreyes@nc.rr.com,

JOBS

▲ **Operations Director with World Vision Deadline: Feb 15, 2010**

Position Title: WVC Operations Director
Application Deadline Date: 15 Feb 2010
Position Location: Phnom Penh
Position Start Date: 01 Mar 2010
Region: Asia Position End Date: 29 Feb 2012
Country Name: Cambodia
Recruitment Priority: Need Immediately
City/Province: Phnom Penh Program/Office
Name: Operations Department-World Vision Cambodia
Employee Type: Contract
Recruitment Status: Actively Recruiting

As a child focused organization, World Vision is committed to the protection of children and does not employ staff whose background is not suitable for working with children. All employment is conditioned upon the successful completion of all applicable background checks, including criminal record checks where possible. The Operations Director is responsible for the strategic leadership and results-based management of World Vision Cambodia's programming operations (including Transformational Development (TD), Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs (HEA), program quality, technical support, and sponsorship).

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/02/operations-director-with-world.html>

▲ **Country Director with Southeast Asia Development Program, Deadline Feb 19, 2010**

SADP (Southeast Asia Development Program) is an American non-profit organization that has been working in Cambodia since 1994 with the primary aim of reducing poverty while building capacities for self help. We are working in partnership with Cambodian NGOs and currently have programs in the areas of community organizing, organizational development support for Cambodian NGO partners, student sponsorship, and "education for development."

Innovation is central to our work. We try to understand community and NGO dynamics in depth and develop programs that reflect this understanding.

We are currently trying to make our approach more process-oriented and develop experiential learning approaches to building communities' capacities. SADP is recruiting a Country Director to be based in Phnom Penh and responsible for management of SADP's Cambodia office.

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/01/country-director-with-southeast-asia.html>

▲ Some members of this list may be interested in this vacancy

<http://newjersey.craigslist.org/npo/1566986750.html> Giacomo Rambaldi

AWARDS/PRIZES/FUNDS/FELLOWSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS

▲ **Call for Proposals from Fondation Ensemble:** In 2010 Fondation Ensemble is launching a Call for Proposals on Sustainable Development and Job Creation. By launching this call for proposals across all its areas of activity, the Foundation aspires to be involved in supporting initiatives that are able to respond to human and environmental needs expressed locally and in an entrepreneurial logic. Contributing to fighting poverty, improving livelihoods and preserving the environment does not conflict with establishing economic alternatives that benefit the most vulnerable. The Foundation will be responsive to initiatives that take into account market mechanisms and

economic paths, and will pay particular attention to their replicability and scaling up potential. You can find the text of this call for proposals on [the Fondation Ensemble's website](#)

▲ 2010 AWARD Fellowships

African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD), a project of the CGIAR Gender and Diversity Program, is accepting applications for its 2010 fellowships. The two-year fellowships aim to fast-track the careers of African women scientists and professionals involved in pro-poor agricultural research and development. Details and application forms can be downloaded at

<http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/resource/award.asp> <http://fellowsupdate.wordpress.com/>

▲ Sustainability Prizes and Awards

Skoll Foundation The Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship are designed to support and celebrate social entrepreneurs whose work has the potential for large-scale positive influence in important areas often burdened by intractable imbalances -- tolerance and human rights, health, environmental sustainability, peace and security, institutional responsibility, and economic and social equity. Within these areas, we are placing increasing emphasis on challenges which could have significant negative impact on humanity in our lifetime – climate change, lack of access to clean water, nuclear proliferation, pandemics, and conflict in the Middle East.

The Award includes: 1) funding to the organization of up to \$750,000 paid over three years for core support and 2) an award (non-cash) to the social entrepreneur leading the organisation's work at the Skoll World Forum on Social Entrepreneurship. Closing date for applications is **17 February 2010**.

www.skollfoundation.org/skollawards/index.asp

▲ Equator Prize 2010: Call for Nominations Opens

The Call for Nominations for the Equator Prize 2010 officially opened on 11 January 2010. The Equator Prize is awarded biennially by the **UNDP Equator Initiative for outstanding local, indigenous and community efforts to reduce poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity**. Now in its fifth award cycle, the Equator Prize has special significance this year: the International Year of Biodiversity, 2010. The Equator Prize 2010 will be awarded to twenty-five local and indigenous communities from across the tropics. "Special recognition" will be awarded to five communities; one from each region of prize eligibility (Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean), one for indigenous peoples and applied traditional knowledge, and one for ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change. Equator Prize winners receive international recognition for their work, an opportunity to shape international policy and practice in the field, and a monetary award.

Equator Prize winners are selected on the principal criteria of impact, partnerships, sustainability, innovation and transferability, leadership and community empowerment, as well as gender equality and social inclusion. Past Equator Prize winners have spanned fields of work ranging from agro-forestry to seed banks, agriculture to enterprise, indigenous and community-conserved areas to locally-managed marine areas, adaptation to climate change to organic farming, and more. Equator Prize winners share the common feature of reconciling viable livelihoods with the maintenance of biological diversity and ecological balance.

Nominations for the Equator Prize 2010 must be received by 28 February 2010. Further information on the Equator Prize, selection criteria and nomination instructions is available at www.equatorinitiative.org.

▲ UNESCO International Leadership Training Programme

The UNESCO Chair & Institute of Comparative Human Rights at the University of Connecticut invites applications for the sixth annual International Leadership Programme: A Global Intergenerational Forum.

The Forum seeks to empower young leaders by involving them in finding solutions to emerging human rights problems, and nurturing individuals to be effective leaders in the field of human rights. To this end, the Forum will:

- Introduce participants to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Build a network of solidarity among human rights leaders
- Expand the knowledge relevant to human rights practice
- Provide tools and a platform for open debates
- Provide programmes, activities and processes necessary for human rights leadership
- Promote the sharing of experiences and understanding
- Showcase speakers on such topics as: health and human rights, education, the environment, the plight of child soldiers, the use of media, fundraising, conflict resolution and transformation; litigation and advocacy <http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/02/unesco-international-leadership.html>

▲ ADB - Japan Scholarship

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) - Japan Scholarship Program (JSP) was established in April 1988 with financing from the Government of Japan.

It aims to provide an opportunity for well-qualified citizens of ADB's developing member countries to pursue postgraduate studies in economics, management, science and technology, and other development-related fields at participating academic institutions in the Asian and Pacific Region.

Scholarship

The ADB-JSP provides

- full tuition fees
- a monthly subsistence and housing allowance
- an allowance for books and instructional materials
- medical insurance
- travel expenses
- For scholars engaged in research, a special grant may be available for thesis preparation.
- In special circumstances computer literacy, preparatory language and other similar courses may be covered under the scholarship.

Programs covered by the ADB-JSP

Programs covered by the ADB-JSP are postgraduate studies in

- economics
- management
- health
- education
- agriculture
- environment
- natural resource management
- science and technology
- other development-related fields

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2007/06/adb-japan-scholarship.html>

▲ Fellowship at the National Gallery of Canada

Competitive fellowships are offered in the fields of Canadian Art; Indigenous Art; and History of Photography. The fellowships are open to international competition.

Fellowships are tenable only at the National Gallery of Canada. The term of full-time residency must fall within the period 1 September 2010 to 31 August 2011. Awards can be up to \$5,000 a month, including expenses and stipend, to a maximum of \$30,000. Fellowships are not renewable.

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/02/fellowships-at-national-gallery-of.html>

▲ Toshiba International Foundation Fellowship

On behalf of the Toshiba International Foundation, the EAJS Council selects two to three candidates for a fellowship to undertake research in Japan. The next application deadline is 30 April.

Applications are invited for three Toshiba International Foundation scholarships for a three-month stay in Japan to be completed by the end of March 2011. There are three scholarships, generously funded by the Toshiba International Foundation, and each is worth 7,000 Euro. Applicants must be graduate students

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/02/toshiba-international-foundation.html>

▲ PhD Scholarships at UNU-IIST

The International Institute for Software Technology of the United Nations University (UNU-IIST) offers PhD Programmes open to candidates from developing countries. The Programmes, based in Macao SAR China, are conducted in partnership with prestigious universities in industrialised countries. PhD candidates are requested to spend a period of time at the partner university. The PhD degree is issued by the partner university.

A joint PhD programme in partnership with the University of Pisa is currently active. Joint PhD Programmes with other universities are under negotiation.

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/02/phd-scholarships-at-unu-iist.html>

▲ Gwangju Prize for Human Rights Award

Each year, the May 18 Memorial Foundation announces this award in a spirit of solidarity with those working towards democracy. The award goes to one individual or organization who has contributed to the promotion and advancement of human rights, democracy and peace in their work.

Candidates eligible for the Gwangju Prize for Human Rights are nominated by other individuals or organizations. An individual cannot nominate himself or herself.

A person or group who is actively involved in the promotion of Peace and Human Rights and the development of Democracy. <http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/02/gwangju-prize-for-human-rights-award.html>

▲ Master/Doctoral Scholarships at ALGANT

Established in 2004, the ALGANT consortium now consists of eight universities on four continents, namely the universities of Bordeaux (France), Chennai (India), Leiden (Netherlands), Milano (Italy), Concordia (Montréal, Canada), Padova (Italy), Paris-Sud (France) and Stellenbosch (South Africa).

In collaboration with the Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, the Institut des Sciences Mathématiques in Montréal and the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences in Cape Town, the consortium offers a two-year world-class integrated master course and a joint doctorate programme in pure mathematics, with a strong emphasis on Algebra, Geometry and Number Theory. Both programmes have received the Erasmus Mundus label. The ALGANT master has been launched in 2004 and the ALGANT-DOC joint doctorate will enroll its first doctoral candidates <http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/02/masterdoctoral-scholarships-at-algant.html>

▲ Brunei Darussalam Government Scholarships

With His Majesty's consent, the Government of Brunei Darussalam is offering annual scholarships under a special scholarship award scheme, commencing in academic session.

Tenable in Brunei Darussalam, the aim of the Scholarship awards is to provide students, with the opportunity to study at Universiti Brunei Darussalam [UBD], Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali [UNISSA] and Institut Teknologi Brunei [ITB].

The Scholarship award is normally tenable according to the duration of the specific programme which is four years for an Honours First Degree or one to two years for a Master's Degree or three years for a Doctoral programme at UBD, UNISSA and ITB, two and a half years for HND at ITB on full-time basis.

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/01/brunei-darussalam-government.html>

▲ Masters/PhD Scholarships at University of Canterbury

The University of Canterbury (UC) offers a number of scholarships for study towards a PhD degree or for the thesis year of a Masters degree. There is strong competition for these scholarships and application must have gained at least a first class honours degree, or the equivalent, for it to be worth applying.

To be considered for a University of Canterbury Master or Doctoral scholarship, in addition to submitting a scholarship application form, a complete application for admission should be made before or at the same time as the scholarship application is made. If admission has not been approved by prescribed dates, the scholarship application will not be considered.

- University of Canterbury Doctoral Scholarships
- University of Canterbury International Doctoral Scholarship
- University of Canterbury Master's Scholarships
- NZi3 Master's Scholarship
- NZi3 PhD Scholarship
- NZi3 Research Award

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/02/mastersphd-scholarships-at-university.html>

▲ Scholarships at The University of Edinburgh

The University of Edinburgh will offer 2 residential full-time Master's scholarships and 3 Master's scholarships for eligible distance learning Master's programmes offered by the University.

Scholarships will be available for students pursuing one of the following Global Health Academy programmes: Residential Programmes

- MSc Global Health and Public Policy
- MSc Global Health and Anthropology
- MSc Health Inequalities and Public Policy
- MSc Health Systems and Public Policy
- MSc Public Health Research
- MSc Sociology and Anthropology of Health and Illness

Distance Learning Programmes

- MSc Biodiversity, Wildlife and Ecosystem Health
- MSc Clinical Education
- MSc Emerging and Neglected Infectious Diseases
- MSc Health Informatics
- MSc Health Informatics Governance
- MSc International Health: Non Communicable Diseases
- MSc Surgical Sciences
- MSc Translational Medicine

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/01/scholarships-at-university-of-edinburgh.html>

▲ IDS-FunMat Scholarships

IDS-FunMat is an International Doctoral Programme in Functional Materials funded by the ERASMUS MUNDUS Programme of the European Union.

Our school offers scholarships for PhD projects in Functional Materials Science, carried out in co-supervision between universities from two different countries (see list of partners). In most projects an industry partner is also involved. The PhD candidates must spend at least 6 months in each university. The projects start around October and take 3-4 years.

The European Union finances each year a number of ERASMUS MUNDUS PhD scholarships in our school, and in addition we have PhD projects funded by other sources.

Scholarships for PhD projects in Functional Materials Science which are carried out in co-supervision between universities from two different countries (see list of partners). In most projects an industry partner is also involved. The PhD candidates must spend at least 6 months in each university. The projects start around October and take 3-4 years. For more details see under 'Key Elements of PhD's'.

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/01/ids-funmat-scholarships.html>

▲ PhD Scholarships at Aarhus University

The Department of Management at Aarhus School of Business, Aarhus University, has an opening for a PhD scholarship as of 1 March 2010 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Over the past few years, entrepreneurship has become an area of increased strategic interest and the entrepreneurship research group at The Department of Management therefore invites applicants for a position as PhD student. This particular position is within the area of entrepreneurship and regional development and is funded by the Regional Development Council.

The PhD student will be joining a dedicated and vibrant group of senior and junior researchers in entrepreneurship from both the business school and the university. S/he will be expected to partake in events arranged by the group and in writing of academic articles alone and with members of the group, and to communicate research results to the public. A successful international applicant is expected to acquire a basic working knowledge of Danish during the early period of the PhD position.

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/01/phd-scholarships-at-aarhus-university.html>

▲ Scholarship for master's level studies in Sweden

The objective of the scholarship program is to promote democratic, economic and social development through supporting know-how and transfer of knowledge to advanced students within areas in which Sweden is at the forefront of academic research. About 40 scholarships will be offered for the academic year 2010/2011.

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/01/scholarship-for-masters-level-studies.html>

▲ Scholarship for PhD and post-doctoral studies in Sweden

The program provides PhD students and researchers with an excellent opportunity to conduct a study or research visit to a Swedish university within all fields of study. As a Guest Scholarship Program candidate you can choose to apply for a study/research visit to Sweden according to the following models:

1. Post-doctoral research: a long-term postdoctoral research visit of 6 or 12 months.
2. PhD studies: a long-term PhD research visit of 6 or 12 months.
3. PhD-studies: PhD research visit according to a sandwich setup, i.e. several shorter research visits.

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/01/scholarship-for-phd-and-post-doctoral.html>

▲ Asia Pacific Leadership Program

The East-West Center is pleased to announce new fellowships for the Asia Pacific Leadership Program. Entering its eight year, the Asia Pacific Leadership Program (APLP) is the center of excellence for leadership education in the Asia Pacific region. The APLP is a graduate certificate program combining the development of regional expertise with the enhancement of individual leadership capacity. Based at the East-West Center in Honolulu , Hawaii , the program has created a network of dynamic leaders in 48 countries who are helping to build a peaceful, prosperous and just Asia Pacific community

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2007/10/asia-pacific-leadership-program.html>

▲ DUO-Singapore Exchange Fellowship

The Asia-Europe Meeting's (ASEM) DUO Fellowship Fund aims to promote student exchanges between European and Asian ASEM member countries. Under this fund, the DUO-Singapore Exchange Fellowship is awarded by the Singapore Government to Singapore and ASEAN students studying in the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), National University of Singapore (NUS) and Singapore Management University (SMU). The Award is also open to students from European ASEM countries (who come from universities with fee waiver arrangements with NTU, NUS and SMU)

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/01/duo-singapore-exchange-fellowship.html>

▲ ADBI Visiting Researchers and Visiting Fellows

In pursuit of its aim to foster high quality and policy-relevant research in ADB's developing member countries, ADBI offers a limited number of places for fixed-term Visiting Researchers and Visiting Fellows. These places are intended to allow researchers to work in Tokyo on a topic of mutual interest to ADBI and the fellows/researchers themselves. Preferred areas of research and topics under each area are:

1. inclusive and sustainable growth
 - Infrastructure
 - Financial sector development
 - Environment and climate change
2. regional cooperation and integration
 - Monetary and financial cooperation
 - Trade and investment cooperation
3. governance for institutions and policies
 - Economic policy management
 - Public sector reform

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/01/adbi-visiting-researchers-and-visiting.html>

▲ New Zealand Development Scholarship

The New Zealand Development Scholarships (NZDS) scheme offers the opportunity to people from selected developing countries to undertake development-related studies in New Zealand.

This may include study related to education, health, rural livelihoods, governance, human rights, or economic development, depending on the human resource development training needs of the home government.

New Zealand -Development Scholarships are offered for full-time, tertiary level study at participating New Zealand education institutions. The NZDS scheme has two categories.

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2007/06/new-zealand-development-scholarships.html>

▲ Saudi Arabia: KAUST fellowships at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology



El texto en [español](#) se encuentra después del texto en inglés.

Le texte en [français](#) suit le texte en espagnol.

O texto no [português](#) segue o texto no francês.

It is our great pleasure to announce the opening of the call for nominations for the **Equator Prize 2010: Celebrating Community Success in Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction.**

Awarded biennially, the Equator Prize recognizes community-based initiatives that demonstrate extraordinary achievement in reducing poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in the equatorial belt. Prize winners receive worldwide recognition for their work as well as an opportunity to help shape national and global policy and practice in the field. The fact that the Equator Prize will be awarded in 2010 has special significance, as it is the International Year of Biodiversity.

Twenty-five community organizations will be honored with the Equator Prize 2010 and US\$5,000 each. Five of these communities will receive special recognition and an additional US \$15,000. Special recognition will be given in the following categories: one for each region of eligibility (Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean), one to the initiative that best exemplifies Indigenous Peoples' use of Traditional Knowledge, and one to the initiative that best exemplifies Ecosystem-based Adaptation to Climate Change. The Equator Prize 2010 nomination process will be open through **28 February 2010**. Details on the criteria for the Prize, information on the award process, and the online nomination system can be accessed through the Equator Initiative website at www.equatorinitiative.org.

We encourage you to nominate qualified community initiatives that are active in environmental conservation and sustainable development within the equatorial region. **Self-nominations are welcome.**

Please disseminate this announcement widely to your electronic newsletters and networks! With your help and nominations, we can continue to honor and celebrate exceptional communities around the world, support their invaluable work and grow a stronger network of community best practice in biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction. We look forward to receiving your nominations!

Grants:

[PA DEP Coastal Resources Management Program](#)

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

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

[Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program](#)

[Conservation Easement Assistance Program](#)

[Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative](#)

[Chesapeake Bay Trust Mini Grants](#)

[Chesapeake Bay Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Project Grants](#) NEW

[American Water Environmental Grant Program](#)

[1675 Foundation](#)

[Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund](#)

[William Penn Foundation Grants](#)

[Maryland DNR Grants and Loans](#)

[Maryland DNR Tree-Mendous Program - Trees for Schools Project](#)

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

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

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

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

[NY DEC Grants](#)

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

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

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

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

[Gannett Foundation - Community Action Grants](#)

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

[H2O PA Water Infrastructure Projects Bonds](#)

[New Jersey DEP Grants and Loans](#)

[Environmental Educator Grant](#)

[NOAA - Open Rivers Initiative](#)

[Coldwater Heritage Partnership - Conservation Grants Program](#)

[Pennsylvania Conservation Corps \(PCC\) Program](#)

[Fish and Boat Commission – Sporting and Aquatic Education Grants](#)

[U.S. Fish & Wildlife – Great Lakes Basin Restoration Grants](#) NEW

[Foundation for Pennsylvania Watershed Grants](#)

[Five Star Restoration Matching Grants Program](#)

Awards:

[Conservation Government Leadership Award](#)

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TRAINING COURSES

February 16-20, 2010



EC10 Courses (Feb 16-20, 2010)

EC10 is just around the corner! If you haven't registered yet, consider attending one of the full-day courses below. ***Each full-day course provides attendees with 6 PDH's!***

[EC8301: Theory in Practice: Wind Erosion Control Prediction Systems \(WEPS\) \(PART I & PART II\)](#)

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[EC4204: How to Write and Implement a SWPPP to Meet NPDES Compliance](#)

[EC4205-A & B: Certified Inspector of Sediment and Erosion Control \(CISEC\) Training Modules](#)

[EC4207: Post Construction Programs and Performing Inspections for MS4s](#)

[EC6207: Soil Microbiology](#)

Be sure to check out the rest of the courses available at EC10. Visit IECA's [website](#) for more details.

August 19-September 7, 2010

International Training Workshop on “Agricultural Environment Control Technology”

Yangling Demonstration Zone of Agricultural Hi-tech Industries, one of the 54 state level hi-tech zones in China, focuses on agricultural research, education, technology and industrial development. Boasting institutions of high education and over 5,000 agricultural professionals and scientists, Yangling is reputed as the agricultural research center in China. Every year Yangling hosts some international conferences, seminars, training courses, forums, etc.

The International Training Workshop on Agricultural Environment Control Technology, sponsored by Ministry of Science and Technology of China and organized by Yangling International Exchange Center, will be held from Aug.19 to Sep.7, 2010 in Yangling, China. At the workshop, participants will learn about the challenges and the control technologies in agricultural environment through lectures and field visits. It will also provide opportunities for participants to exchange views and share experience.

Chinese Government will cover accommodation, local transportation and training expenses for the participants from developing countries. For details of the workshop, such as application procedures and requirements please request from iec@yangling.gov.cn. We warmly welcome specialists, technicians, experts and officers from universities, research institutes, NGOs, agencies or companies to apply for the workshop. We would be very grateful if you could recommend some applicants or forward the attachments to those who are interested.

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August 30-September 10, 2010

COLLEGE ON SOIL PHYSICS 2010

The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Trieste, Italy, will organize its 13th College on Soil Physics from 30 August to 10 September 2010.

Directors: Donald Gabriels (UGent, Belgium); Ed Skidmore (USDA, Manhattan, Kansas, USA); Don Nielsen (UCDavis); Ildefonso Pla Sentis (Univ. Lleida, Spain), GianCarlo Ghirardi (Univ. Trieste)

During this two week College on Soil Physics, the following main topics will be covered:

- Soil physical properties and processes
- Soil degradation and desertification processes
- Changes in mass and energy transport at different soil landscape scales
- Evidence from paleopedology to past climate
- Climate and soil-water-plant-atmosphere continuum

Grants are available; participants will be selected after receiving CV and application form.

For more information, poster and application form: <http://cdsagenda5.ictp.it/smr.php?2163>

EXHIBITIONS

DIGTEF- 2010

Dhaka International Green Trade, Environment and Eco-Tourism Fair 2010

Environment is our threat, Green Trade and Eco-Tourism is our opportunity

Venue : Bangabandhu International Conference Center
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka , Bangladesh
Date : June 10–12, 2010
Organized by : SAVE THE EARTH INTERNATIONAL - DREAMS

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

With great pride and pleasure we are pleased to announce the **Dhaka International Green Trade, Environment & Eco-Tourism Fair–2010** in association with Government, National, Regional and International Organizations.

Currently we all are concerned that living beings of this universe are at great risk due to global warming, environmental degradation and from being habituated in use of synthetic materials in everything from cloths, food to utensils. Desertification in many countries is occurring very quickly, hundreds of flora and fauna have already become extinct and are critically endangered. Rivers are polluted and many aquatic creatures are lost for ever. Arsenic poisoning is also a threat. Sea level is rising very quickly and major parts of some countries will sink by 2030. Diseases from pollutants are spreading beyond our imagination. There are many other elements which are affecting environment and our eco-systems are drastically becoming endangered.

We also know that Travel can be much more than simply visiting places, taking pictures and buying Souvenirs. When executed mindfully and with the minimum impact, travel can inspire cultural awareness, tolerance and commitment to environmental responsibility.

Though our problems are huge yet there is a hope. Green Trade and Eco-Tourism has a great potential and this is the time to protect our environment, promote our Green Trade and Eco-Tourism globally and establish these industries in a sustainable way. Green trading is increasing every year, which is a great hope for us to keep our economy sustainable without degrading our environment and ecology.

Dear Colleagues, considering the environmental risk and opportunity of Green Trade and Eco-Tourism, we are organizing the **Dhaka International Green Trade, Environment & Eco-Tourism Fair DIGTEF 2010**

We therefore request you to express your interest for booking booth for exhibiting your products or confirm your participation in the conference by December 31st 2009.

Md. Mahbubur Rahman

Coordinator **DIGTEF 2010**

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To interfere in the water-balance of a certain area, full knowledge is necessary. A small change can have immense consequences. Reliable and frequent measuring of the groundwater situation is the foundation. Diver is the ideal instrument for this purpose! And, in combination with the e-SENSE telemetry measuring system, monitoring of the equipment can be done remotely at a (considerable) distance.

[Read all about it in the brochure Groundwater monitoring and communication solutions](#)

For more information also visit www.eijkelkamp.com

(<http://www.eijkelkamp.com/Portals/2/Eijkelkamp/Files/Diver-e-SENSE.pdf>)



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By: [Robert Ferrier](#), [Alan Jenkins](#)

[Wiley-Blackwell](#), 2009

£99.95, 115.00 EUR, \$160.00

ISBN: 9781405171229



Written with advanced students and researchers in mind this title outlines an interdisciplinary catchment based approach to managing and protecting water resources. The title is illustrated with examples and case studies from within natural sciences and engineering, as well as socio-economics, law and policy. [Read a preview here](#)

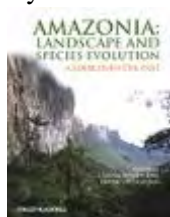
[Amazonia, Landscape and Species Evolution: A Look into the past](#)

By Carina Hoorn (Editor), Frank Wesselingh (Editor)

Wiley-Blackwell, January 2010

£95.00 114.00EUR \$155.00

ISBN: 9781405181136



This multidisciplinary title which evaluates the history of Amazonia provides novel insights into the evolution of this region. The book is written by leading scientists of the Amazonian research community. The authors focus on geological history as the critical factor in determining the present biodiversity and landscapes of Amazonia and explores the different driving mechanisms

for landscape evolution. [Read a preview chapter here.](#)

[Mesoscale Meteorology in Midlatitudes](#)

Paul M. Markowski, Yvette P. Richardson

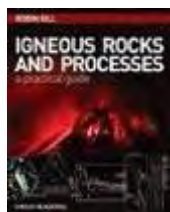
Wiley-Blackwell, January 2010

£55.00 66.00 EUR, \$90.00

ISBN: 9780470742136



Wiley-Blackwell is proud to announce the first title in the *Advancing Weather and Climate Science* series, published in association with the Royal Meteorological Society. This title presents the dynamics of mesoscale meteorological phenomena in a highly accessible, student-friendly manner, using clear mathematical treatments complimented by high-quality photographs and illustrations. Boundary layer mesoscale phenomena, orographic phenomena and deep convection are brought together with the latest developments in the field to provide this invaluable resource.



[Igneous Rocks and Processes](#)

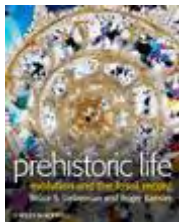
Robin Gill

Wiley-Blackwell January, 2010

£32.50, 39.00 EUR, \$55.00

ISBN: 9780632063772

This book is aimed at giving students both the key skills and the confidence to identify igneous minerals and in interpreting – and allocating appropriate names to – unknown rocks presented to them. The book is richly illustrated with line drawings, monochrome pictures and colour plates and provides students with a guide to petrographic calculations, a glossary of petrological terms, and a list of symbols and units.



Prehistoric Life

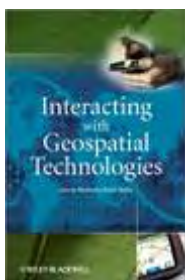
Bruce Lieberman, Roger Kaesler

Wiley-Blackwell, March 2010

£34.99, €42, \$60.00

ISBN: 9780632044726

Prehistoric life is the archive of evolution preserved in the fossil record and in this title the authors focus on the meaning and significance of that archive. From the origins of animals to the evolution of rap music, from ancient mass extinctions to the current biodiversity crisis, and from the Snowball Earth to present day climate change this book covers it, with an eye towards showing how past life on Earth puts the modern world into its proper context.



Interacting with Geospatial Technologies

By Mordechai Haklay

Wiley-Blackwell March 2010

£60, €72, \$100

ISBN: 9780470998243

Computerised mapping has gained popularity in recent years with computer-based maps now being common on the internet, mobile phones, satellite navigation systems and in various desktop computing packages. This book provides an introduction to the geospatial technology used to build these maps and usability aspects of Geographical Information Systems and

Science.



Connectivity Conservation Management: A Global Guide

Edited By Graeme L. Worboys, Wendy L. Francis and Michael Lockwood

'What a great effort! I found it comprehensive, easy to read and of practical value for park managers and other interested conservationists and professionals.'

Dr Fausto Sarmiento, Associate Professor of Geography, University of Georgia, USA

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▲ **Dear colleagues and friends**

As attached the announcement of the edition of a book on **"Soil & Culture"**

Please could you forward this announcement, especially to libraries and newsletters of your institutions.

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SOIL —beneath our feet

—food and fiber

—ashes to ashes, dust to dust

—dirt

Soil has been called the final frontier of environmental research. The critical role of soil in biogeochemical processes is tied to its properties and place—porous, structured, and spatially variable, it serves as a conduit, buffer, and transformer of water, solutes and gases. Yet what is complex, life-giving, and sacred to some, is ordinary, even ugly, to others. This is the enigma that is soil. *Soil and Culture* explores the perception of soil in ancient, traditional, and modern societies. It looks at the visual arts (painting, textiles, sculpture, architecture, film,

comics and stamps), prose & poetry, religion, philosophy, anthropology, archaeology, wine production, health & diet, and disease & warfare.

Soil and Culture explores high culture and popular culture—from the paintings of Hieronymus Bosch to the films of Steve McQueen. It looks at ancient societies and contemporary artists. Contributors from a variety of disciplines delve into the mind of Carl Jung and the bellies of soil eaters, and explore Chinese paintings, African mud cloths, Mayan rituals, Japanese films, French comic strips, and Russian poetry.

Edward R. Landa is a soil scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, Virginia. **Christian Feller** is a soil scientist with the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, Montpellier, France.

▲ Human and Socioeconomic Consequences of Desertification. Rubio, J.L and Andreu, V. (Coords.). 2009, 276 p, 46 illus., 44 in color. Softcover, ISBN: 978-84-92777-42-6. As a result of human activities and climate change the processes of desertification are progressing. Around 40% of the earth surface is threatened by risk of desertification, including wide areas of Mediterranean. Desertification, at the latest consequences represents the dismantling of all biospheric potential of the affected zone and its conversion into a barren and unproductive territory. The effects of soil degradation not only menace the land agricultural potential of providing food and biomass but also it implies the alteration of the hydrological cycle, drastic decrease in biodiversity, development of feedback mechanisms affecting important climatic parameters, and in addition, the increase of the catastrophic consequences of hazards such as forest fires, landslides and floods. All these processes give rise to important human and socio-economic implications. However, the social perception of this problem is limited and, generally, its intricate mechanisms and processes are not visualized as something worrying at the level of perception of, for example, the tendency to global warming. Contributing to a greater information and scientific and social implication in the fight against desertification, in this book are analyzed processes and factors, biophysical and socio-economic consequences, scientific and technological responses, and proposals of integrative, participatory and implicated initiatives to avoid and reverse the tendency of the desertification menace. serpubli@ulpgc.es (From IUSS Alerts 57)

▲ An Introduction to Soil Dynamics. Series: Theory and Applications of Transport in Porous Media , Vol. 24 . Verruijt, Arnold. 2010, XIV, 434 p. 201 illus., 6 in color. With CD-ROM. Hardcover ISBN: 978-90-481-3440-3 This book presents the basic principles of soil dynamics, and a variety of solutions of practical interest for geotechnical engineering, geophysics and earthquake engineering. Emphasis is on analytical solutions, often including the full derivation of the solution, and giving the main parts of computer programs that can be used to calculate numerical data. Reference is also made to a website from which complete computer programs can be downloaded. Soil behaviour is usually assumed to be linear elastic, but in many cases the effect of viscous damping or hysteretic damping, due to plastic deformations, is also considered. Special features are: the analysis of wave propagation in saturated compressible porous media, approximate analysis of the generation of Rayleigh waves, the analysis of the response of soil layers to earthquakes in the deep rock, with a theoretical foundation of such problems by the propagation of Love waves, and the solution of such basic problems as the response of an elastic half space to point loads, line loads, strip loads and moving loads. (From IUSS Alerts 57)

▲ Carbon Sequestration in Forest Ecosystems Lorenz. Klaus, Lal, Rattan 2010, XIX, 277 p. 19 illus. in color. Hardcover ISBN: 978-90-481-3265-2. Carbon Sequestration in Forest Ecosystems is a comprehensive book describing the basic processes of carbon dynamics in forest ecosystems, their contribution to carbon sequestration and implications for mitigating abrupt climate change. This book provides the information on processes, factors and causes influencing carbon sequestration in forest ecosystems. Drawing upon most up-to-date references, this book summarizes the current understanding of carbon sequestration processes in forest ecosystems while identifying knowledge gaps for future research. Thus, this book is a valuable knowledge source for students, scientists, forest managers and policy makers. It is written for: Graduate and undergraduate students, scientists, forest managers, policy makers. (From IUSS Alerts 57)

▲ Digital Airborne Camera - Introduction and Technology. Sandau, Rainer (Ed.) Original German edition published by Wichmann Verlag. 2010, XII, 343 pp. 215 illus., Hardcover ISBN: 978-1-4020-8877-3. Digital airborne cameras are now penetrating the fields of photogrammetry and remote sensing. Due to the last decade's results in research and development in the fields of for instance detector technology, computing power, memory capacity position and orientation measurement it is now possible with this new generation of airborne cameras to generate different sets of geometric and spectral data with high geometric and radiometric resolutions within a single flight. This is a decisive advantage as compared to film based airborne cameras. The linear characteristic of the opto-electronic converters is the basis for the transition from an imaging camera to an images generating measuring instrument. Because of the direct digital processing chain from the airborne camera to the data products there is no need for the processes of chemical film development and digitising the film information. Failure sources as well as investments and staff costs are avoided. But the effective use of this new technology requires the knowledge of the features of the image and information generation, its possibilities and its restrictions. This book describes all components of a digital airborne camera from the object to be imaged to the mass memory device. So the image quality influencing processes in the nature are described, as for instance the reflection of the electromagnetic sun spectrum at the objects to be imaged and the influence of the atmosphere. Also, the essential features of the new digital sensor system, their characteristics and parameters, are addressed and put into the system context. The complexity of the cooperation of all camera components, as for instance

optics, filters, detector elements, analogue and digital electronics, software and so forth, becomes transparent. (From IUSS Alerts 57)

▲ Soils, Plants and Clay Minerals. Mineral and Biologic Interactions. Velde, Bruce, Barr?, Pierre. 2010, X, 349 p. 106 illus., Hardcover ISBN: 978-3-642-03498-5. This book considers the inter-relations between plants and minerals in an entirely new way, in that it introduces the notion of eco-engineering: i.e. the manipulation of the mineral world by the living world to the ends of the living world. These inter-relations are the basis for traditional agriculture and should be the basis for new, ecologically oriented land management disciplines, including agriculture itself. These relations also have an impact on surface geochemistry and determine pollution problems. A better understanding of this concept will lead to a renewed consideration of surface environmental problems. (From IUSS Alerts 57)

▲ The book **Climate Change and Energy Insecurity**: edited by Felix Dodds, Andrew Higham and Richard Sherman with contributions from leading Ministers, academics, UN Heads and stakeholders can be purchased through Stakeholder Forums web site www.stakeholderforum.org or any good online bookstore.

HANDBOOKS, MANUALS

▲ The President's Council on Environmental Quality Releases "Principles and Guidelines"

This document is to aide federal agencies in formulating, evaluating, and implementing water resource projects. This draft P&G highlights the importance of the nation's rivers, coasts and wetlands, and guides the federal government to manage these resources. The public comment period will be open for 90 days.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/PandG>

▲ Wetlands Mapping Standard Webpage

The American Society of Wetland Managers (ASWM) has launched a new webpage detailing information on the new Wetlands Mapping Standard, which was adopted August 18, 2009. It was designed to guide wetlands digital mapping projects and enhance the quality and consistency of wetlands data. To view the webpage, visit

http://www.aswm.org/fwp/wetlands_mapping_standard/index.htm

To view the Wetlands Mapping Standard, visit

<http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/documents/gNSDI/FGDCWetlandsMappingStandard.pdf>

▲ EPA Guidance to Help Federal Facilities Better Manage Stormwater

The EPA has issued a report entitled "*Technical Guidance on Implementing the Stormwater Runoff Requirements for Federal Projects under Section 438 of the Energy Independence and Security Act*". This guidance will assist federal development projects by reducing stormwater impacts and protecting water resources. It was created in response to new requirements brought on by the Section 438 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) and an Executive Order signed by President Obama.

For more information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/lid/section438/>

To view the report, visit http://www.epa.gov/owow/NPS/lid/section438/pdf/final_sec438_eisa.pdf

▲ An Integrated Wetland Assessment Toolkit

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) released this guide to assessing a wetland by its biological, ecological, developmental, and economic values. It outlines stems in performing an integrated wetland assessment. To view the toolkit, visit http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/iwa_toolkit_lowres.pdf

▲ River Alert and Information Network for Remote Water Quality Monitoring System

The River Alert and Information Network (RAIN) has decided to monitor the water quality in the Monongahela River. They will monitor pH, conductivity and temperature at eleven locations along the Monongahela and its tributaries. They also operate water quality monitoring sites along the Allegheny River and the Ohio River. Water quality monitoring data can be found by visiting <http://www.3rain.org/>.

▲ U.S. EPA Releases Annual Enforcement Results and Mapping Tool

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released enforcement results for FY2009. They have also provided an interactive map that provides information by location on enforcement actions. Users can find information on specific facilities or see which facilities are near "impaired" waters.

US EPA News Release, December 23, 2009

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/reports/endofyear/eoy2009/index.html>

Best Management Practice of the Month: Soil Amendment & Restoration

This BMP consists of improving soils by restoring soil porosity and/or adding a soil amendment to improve infiltration and/or pollution removal. Typically, a combination of soil amendment and tilling the soil gives the best results. This BMP can reduce stormwater volumes, increase groundwater recharge, reduce peak rate control and improve water quality.

To view the Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual, visit

<http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/View/Collection-8305>



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▲ **MOTHER EARTH NEWS MAGAZINE** <http://www.motherearthnews.com/>

▲ The Future Agricultures Consortium's most recent newsletter about our policy research in Africa is

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▲ Write to Leesa Muirhead riotintoprize@iblf.org for your copy of Rio Tinto Prize Newsletter

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▲ [PACA Newsletter Issue 11.pdf](#)

Dear Colleague,

Good wishes for the year ahead and lets hope CA will bring cheer to many more farmers in 2010!

We hope you enjoy reading the attached copy of Newsletter Issue 11. The 12 page illustrated newsletter covers stories from the field, with two stories featuring experiences about sugarcane farming. You will also find an article on PACA's early learnings from the World Bank funded Mewat project it is implementing. We have also uploaded the first booklet as part of our Education Series covering the subject, "Our Soil Resource", as also a recently updated copy of the Bibliography. Both these publications can be downloaded from our website www.conserveagri.org/content.htm - the (New} tag against them will help in easy identification.

Finally we have revamped our website (www.conserveagri.org) that we hope to make more interactive and content rich in days ahead and as always look forward to hear your suggestions as well as receive contributions to add to PACA's knowledge pool. Do take a look at the Updates page, and keep us informed of events in your region.

Should you not be interested to receive further copies, kindly reply to this mail with UNSUBSCRIBE mentioned in the subject header.

Warm wishes from the PACA team for a purposeful year ahead,

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SOIL Action Newsletter - European Soil Portal:

SOIL Action Newsletter - European Soil Portal: <http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu> Volume 13, January 2010

European Soil Data Centre (ESDAC)

In the context of the development of European Environmental Data Centres by the European Commission and the European Environment Agency, a European Soil Data Centre (ESDAC) has been developed by JRC, which also holds a [catalogue of European soil data](#) and information. This catalogue holds references to a subset of the most important information and data that can be found in the European Soil Portal; its main advantage is that it features a dedicated search engine for targeted search operations. The site presents also the ESDAC Map Viewer application and will be expanded with more web-based soil applications during 2010. <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>

Landslides

The landslides page of the European Soil Portal has undergone a major upgrade. New and revamped sections include principles, impacts, landslides in Europe (occurrence, major historical disasters and online landslide inventories), landslides and the EU Soil Thematic Strategy, JRC role and expertise, JRC expert group, online publications and contact points. Information on the new EU FP7 large-scale integrating project [SafeLand](#) is also included.



<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/library/themes/Landslides/>
<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/Safeland/>

iSoil

iSoil: Interactions between soil related sciences – Linking geophysics, soil science and digital soil mapping

- Workpackages Description, Partners, Publications
- Guidelines (CEN Workshop, Handbook)
- Project Meetings
- Dissemination Activities (Workshops for stakeholders, decision makers and end-users , Meetings with stakeholders) <http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/iSoil/>

SoilTrec: Soil Transformations in European Catchments

New Project Kick off: The crucial challenge for the SoilTrEC project is to understand the rates of processes that dictate soil mass stocks and their function within Earth's Critical Zone (CZ). The CZ is the environment where soils are formed, degrade and provide their essential eco-services. Whilst our understanding of the CZ has increased over the last 100 years, further advance requires scientists to cross disciplines and scales to integrate understanding of processes in the CZ, ranging from the nano to the global-scale. The aims of SoilTrEC are to

address the priority research areas identified in the EU Soil Thematic Strategy and to provide leadership for a global network of Critical Zone Observatories (CZOs) committed to soils research.

<http://eussoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/Soiltrec/>

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JOURNALS

▲ Free Article from Vol. 10, Issue 1

[An assessment of the climate change policies and performance of large European companies](#)



▲ Wiley-Blackwell is proud to reveal its latest journal, [Ecohydrology](#), which aims to improve understanding of processes at the interface between ecology and hydrology and associated applications related to environmental management.

In the first issue Drs Robert Beschta and William Ripple investigate [Wolves, trophic cascades, and rivers in the Olympic National Park, USA](#)

For more from the [Ecohydrology](#) visit the journal on [Wiley-interscience](#).



▲ Special Issues [Journal of Quaternary Science: IPCC Special January 2010](#)

▲ New Pedometron

We are happy to bring you the latest issue of Pedometron, December 2009. You can download it here (size: 3.3 Mb). It has exciting and latest articles on every aspect of Pedometrics: The Richard Webster Medal, PM 2009 report from Beijing, Soil texture wizard (in R), an article on how to incorporate soil aging in digital soil mapping, the Hilbert-Huang transform, digital soil mapping in Ireland, soil carbon sequestration, a detailed report from the Geomorphometry conference 2009, Soil Bibliometrics on NIR in soil science, Profiles: Sabine Grunwald & Anthony Young. There is also some Pedomathemagica to solve. The next pedometrics conference will be held in the Czech Republic in mid 2011. (From IUSS Alerts 57)

▲ Water Alternatives (WaA) Vol. 3, Issue 1, February 2010

Articles

A critical review of public-public partnerships in water services

Gemma Boag and David A. McDonald

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Opponents and supporters of water policy change in the Netherlands and Hungary

Saskia E. Werners, Jeroen Warner, Dik Roth

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Learning to voice? Evolving roles of family farmers in the coordination of large-scale irrigation schemes in Morocco

Nicolas Faysse, Mostafa Errahj, Marcel Kuper, Mohamed Mahdi

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Local approaches to Integrated Water Resources Management

John Butterworth, Jeroen Warner, Patrick Moriarty, Stef Smits, and Charles Batchelor

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The cathedral and the bazaar: Socialising science and hydrology for river basin management

Bruce Lankford and Nick Hepworth

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Multiple-use services as alternative to rural water supply services - A characterisation of the approach

Stef Smits, Barbara van Koppen, Patrick Moriarty and John Butterworth

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Developing a practical approach to 'light IWRM' in the Middle East

Patrick Moriarty, Charles Batchelor, P. Laban, H. Fahmy, F.T. Abd-Alhadi

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The fine art of boundary spanning – Making space for water in the East Netherlands

Jeroen Warner, Kris Lulofs and Hans Bressers

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Viewpoint

Water variability, soil nutrient heterogeneity and market volatility – Why sub-Saharan Africa's Green Revolution will be location-specific and knowledge-intensive

Pieter van der Zaag

Water Alternatives 2(3): 154-160

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Book Reviews

Troubled waters – Palestinians denied access to water (Amnesty International, 2009).

Jason Brozek

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Interlinking of rivers in India: Issues and concerns (M. Monirul Q. Mirza; Ahsan Uddin Ahmed; Q.K. Ahmad, 2008).

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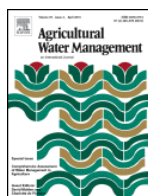
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▲ Solar Drip Irrigation Project - Benin, West Africa – introduced by Sid Clouston
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTtBEbf-NRs>

▲ “Our Planet, Our Stuff, Our Choice”

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting a video contest to highlight the “Three Rs” known as **reduce, reuse, and recycle**. Submissions should be 30 or 60 seconds long and should focus on reducing and reusing, recycling, composting, and consumption and its effect on the environmental footprint. Submissions are due February 16, 2009. For more information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/waste/wycd/video>
EPA News Release, December 16, 2009

▲ [Community Mapping in Tsunami Affected Areas in Aceh, Indonesia](#)



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WEBSITES

▲ **Climate Change** The Outreach ‘Wrap Up’ issue on Copenhagen Climate meeting is now out and available at: <http://tinyurl.com/OutreachWrapUp> It is full of analysis from stakeholders on what happened and the way forward. The book Climate Change and Energy Insecurity: edited by Felix Dodds, Andrew Higham and Richard Sherman with contributions from leading Ministers, academics, UN Heads and stakeholders can be purchased through Stakeholder Forums web site www.stakeholderforum.org or any good online bookstore.

▲ **UN-Backed Project to Support Smallholder Agribusiness in Zambia**

For more information, read <http://www.ifad.org/media/press/2010/1.htm>

▲ **First Commercial Release of Locally Bred Biotech Soybean in Brazil; Approval of GM Maize in Argentina**

The original article in Spanish is at http://www.inbio-paraguay.org/novedades/Liberan_comercializacian_de_primer_cultivo_transgenico_verde-amarelo_299.html Meanwhile, Argentina's Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries authorized the planting, consumption and marketing of Bt11 x GA21 maize developed by Syngenta company. For more articles in Spanish visit Argenbio at <http://www.argenbio.org>.

▲ **Danforth Center and Dow Collaborate to Develop High-Yielding Disease-Resistant Cassava Plants**

The press release is available at <http://www.danforthcenter.org/newsmedia/NewsDetail.asp?nid=187> For more information on EXZACTTM, visit <http://www.dowagro.com/exzact/index.htm>

▲ Turkey Prepares to Ban GMOs

http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Recent%20GAIN%20Publications/Agricultural%20News%20for%20Italy%20and%20the%20EU%20-%20December%202009_Rome_Italy_1-12-2010.pdf

▲ Ukraine Amends Law on GMOs

The English translation of the news is at http://www.bsba.ag/BSBA/Home_en.html

▲ GM Notifications in the EU

See details of the notifications at http://gmoinfo.jrc.it/gmp_browse.aspx, a website managed by the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission on behalf of the Directorate General for the Environment.

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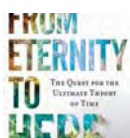
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FEATURES

What Keeps Time Moving Forward? Blame It on the Big Bang

A timely Q&A with physicist Sean Carroll about how our one-way trip from past to future is entangled with entropy and the origin of the universe

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

▲ EPA - Solid Waste and Emergency Response Discussion Online Forum

This online forum is open to the public, and is designed to improve communication between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the general public. The first four topics include community involvement, Superfund metrics, toxic material reduction, and land revitalization. A new topic of discussion will be added each month. *EPA News Release, December 3, 2009* <http://blog.epa.gov/oswerforum/>

▲ Someone is preparing a **workshop in Pyongyang, North Korea** – sometime this year – on Alternative Agriculture and Land Management. If you have time to participate to reflect on all the advantages of no-till, do let us know. We are looking for funding, if you have an idea how we could get some funds for this, we would highly appreciate knowing it.

▲ An invitation to visit updated website and featured mining reclamation project

We would like to invite you to visit our updated website <http://www.terraerosion.com/> where you can view a diversity of soil and water bioengineering project types including our new feature project; www.terraerosion.com/projects/IndustrialReclamation-SyncrudeCanadaAlphaSwaleW1Project.htm showing the rehabilitation of a re-constructed waterway on an overburden mine dump in the Alberta oil sand.

Also featured is our new vegetated riprap design for streambank protection developed in 2005 and applied to large rivers in British Columbia and Alberta Canada <http://www.terraerosion.com/VegetatedRiprap.htm> In most cases this approach will negate the need for regulator's to require habitat alteration compensation. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments. *Pierre Raymond*

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▲ An International Consultation on Integrated Crop-Livestock Systems for Development - The Way Forward for Sustainable Production Intensification
(Co-organized by the Agriculture & Consumer Protection Department of FAO in collaboration with Embrapa, IICA and IFAD)

I am pleased to inform you of an **electronic consultation on *Integrated Crop-Livestock Systems for Development: The way forward for sustainable production intensification*** to be held during **February 2010**. This consultation co-organized by FAO, Embrapa, IFAD and IICA will set the stage for a **face-to-face workshop in Brazil to be held 23-26 March 2010**.

This is a very timely topic and will greatly benefit from your inputs and insights. Please mark your calendar for technical and policy discussions that will cover these inter-related themes:

- Promising Integrated Crop-Livestock Systems and Innovations for Mainstreaming and Scaling Up (February 1-5);
- Value Chain Dynamics and Players for Promising Crop-Livestock Systems (February 8-12);
- Political Will, Policy and Institutional Support for Promising Crop Livestock Systems (February 15-19); and
- Research and Knowledge Needs for Innovative Crop-Livestock Systems (February 22-26)

The consultation will address farm to landscape level crop-livestock integration in multiple agroecologies and will ensure that cross cutting themes around the roles of stakeholders (public sector, private sector, civil society), capturing public goods and incentives for action, and climate change are integral to the debate.

Please visit the website: <http://www.fao.org/agriculture/crops/core-themes/theme/spi/iclsd> for the **technical background document** and to subscribe to the e-consultation.

You can subscribe directly to the Crop-Livestock-L list by sending a message to: mailserv@mailserv.fao.org leaving the subject blank and entering the one-line message: SUBSCRIBE Crop-Livestock-L

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WHAT MEMBERS WROTE TO US

▲ Reflections on 2009 and Looking Toward 2010

From Sara Scherr, President & CEO, Ecoagriculture Partners sscherr@ecoagriculturepartners.org

Dear Friends,

The Ecoagriculture Partners delegation (Sara and Seth) just returned from the UN Climate talks in Copenhagen, and report that, despite the breakdown of negotiations at the mega-level, Agriculture and Rural Development Day was packed, and diverse new initiatives were launched that integrate agriculture, food security and climate action.

We are proud to report to you on our progress over the last year, which has contributed to global efforts that provide nourishing food, meaningful livelihoods and habitats for wild biodiversity. With your support, we will be able to continue this much needed work. Some of the highlights of 2009 include:

- **Landscapes:** Ecoagriculture Partners assisted the TerrAfrica platform to develop strategies for landscape monitoring, farmer engagement, and regional capacity-building in sustainable land management programs, and designed new field activities in Kenya. We supported the new Ecoagriculture network and website in

Mesoamerica, and training of community leaders in Costa Rica. We hosted a visiting Fellow from Southwest University in China for a month, to design a collaborative landscape project in Chongqing.

- **Linking and Learning:** A 'beta' version of the AgricultureBridge Platform website is now on-line, and 10 cases of ecoagriculture landscapes in the U.S., Central America, China and Africa were documented and filmed. These curriculum resources are being tested in classes at Cornell and the University of California-Berkeley. The 'community of practice' of ecoagriculture linked through our Newsletter now includes nearly 5,000 practitioners, researchers, and enthusiasts in 116 countries.
- **Climate Change:** Ecoagriculture Partners published a report on Agriculture and Land Use to Mitigate Climate Change with the Worldwatch Institute, to widespread press coverage and media interviews. We co-organized a series of workshops with FAO in Washington, DC on Agriculture and Climate Policy negotiations. We initiated work to develop low-cost, integrated methodologies to track greenhouse gas emissions in complex ecoagriculture landscapes, with Cornell University and others. In Copenhagen we highlighted the potential contributions of ecoagriculture to climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- **Markets:** Ecoagriculture Partners launched a new international newsletter to track developments in markets for ecosystem services in ecoagriculture. We evaluated the feasibility of an "African Agricultural Carbon Facility" to leverage carbon finance for sustainable smallholder agriculture and land management. We analyzed diverse approaches for 'bundling' ecosystem services with agricultural products and documented lessons learned from six cases of eco-certification in Africa and Latin America. We continue to support sustainable soybean and palm oil production through the Biodiversity and Agricultural Commodities Program.

There is still a lot more to do in 2010, when we will finalize and launch a new Strategic Plan to promote ecoagriculture more widely, at landscape and policy levels. Your support has been vital to us and our partners, and we are deeply grateful.

If you would like to consider a gift to a loved one, or donate directly to Ecoagriculture Partners by credit card, check or PayPal, please visit our website: <http://www.ecoagriculture.org/page.php?id=48>. In the US and many other countries, your gift is 100% tax-deductible.

We look forward to working together in the coming year, and to ushering in a new era of ecoagriculture landscapes worldwide!

Warmest wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season,

Sincerely,

Sara J. Scherr,

LET'S SING A SONG

Red River Valley, text from Wikipedia

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_River_Valley_\(song\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_River_Valley_(song))

*From this valley they say you are going.
We will miss your bright eyes and sweet smile,
For they say you are taking the sunshine
That has brightened our pathway a while.*



(Chorus) *So come sit by my side if you love me. (Some singers sing 'Come and sit ...)
Do not hasten to bid me adieu.
Just remember the Red River Valley,
And the one that has loved you so true.*

You may click to hear music from YouTube ...

and sing along with Marty Robbins <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezJkRDQmL2Y>

or Eddy Arnold <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yen95Xs-UBk&feature=related>

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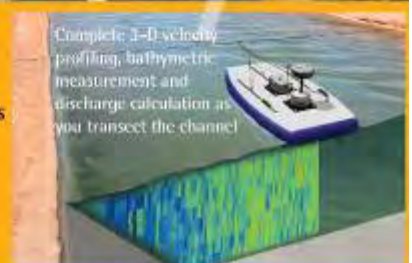
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0903	Conference on Land Degradation in Dry Environments jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw	Kuwait City, Kuwait	Mar 8-14, 2009
0905a	Global Change, Challenge for Soil Management: From Degradation – Through Soil and Water Conservation – To Sustainable Soil Management 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 , arodi@um.es	Murcia, Spain	Sep 16-18, 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
1004a	Interpraevent Conference in the Pacific Rim http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/ , scchen@nchu.edu.tw	Taipei, Taiwan	Apr 26-30, 2010
1004b	6th National Seminar on Watershed Management and 4th National Seminar on Soil Erosion and Sediment. wmconf6@gmail.com , seconf4@gmail.com	Noor, Iran	Apr 28-29, 2010
1005	First Conference on Soil and Roots Engineering Relationship habibibibalani@gmail.com	Ardebil Province, Iran	May 24-26, 2010
1010	FIRST WASWC COUNCIL MEETING and Int'l Conf on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas , www.ms.iswc.ac.cn , lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn , wafe@ms.iswc.ac.cn , landcon1010@gmail.com	Xian, Shaanxi, China	Oct 11-15, 2010
1012	International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission Seminar on Land Use, Biodiversity and Climate Change dr.mahfuzarahman@gmail.com	Guwahati, Assam, India	Dec 11-13, 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.

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2nd Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Marine Natural Products (II EMCMNP) Cairo, EGYPT

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4th International Conference on Plants & Environmental Pollution (ICPEP-4), Lucknow, India, From Yash Kalra
ykalra@nrcan.gc.ca

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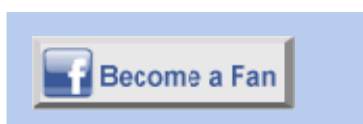
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A Secretaria de Agricultura e Abastecimento, a Agência Paulista de Tecnologia dos Agronegócios, o Pólo Regional

Centro-Norte e o Instituto Agrônomo de Campinas convidam Vossa Senhoria para o

Encontro de Produtores e Dia de Campo de Amendoim,

a realizar-se no dia **19 de fevereiro de 2010**.

Local:

Sede do Pólo Regional Centro-Norte (Fazenda Experimental)

Rod. Washington Luiz, km. 372
Caixa Postal – 24 – CEP. 15830-000 – Pindorama, SP

Programa:

8h00 **Recepção e Inscrição**

8h30 **Abertura do evento**

PqC. Dr. Antonio Lúcio Mello Martins – Diretor Técnico do Pólo Apta Centro-Norte/APTA

8h40 **Palestra: “Nutrição e Manejo Conservacionista do Amendoim”**

PqC. Dr. Denizart Bolonhezi – Pólo Apta Centro-Leste/APTA.

9h20 **Palestra: “Manejo Integrado de Pragas e Doenças do Amendoim”**

PqC. Dr. Marcos Doniseti Michelotto – Pólo Apta Centro-Norte/APTA.

10h00 **Palestra: “Mercado Atual para o Amendoim do Brasil”**

Eng. Agrônomo Dejair Minotti - Unidade de Grãos / Coplana

10h40 **Espaço Técnico:**

Nitral Urbana, Biosphere, Basf e MIAC.

11h40 **Palestra com visita ao campo: “Melhoramento Genético de Amendoim – Novos Desenvolvimentos do IAC”**

PqC. Dr. Ignácio José de Godoy – IAC/APTA

13h00 **Almoço de confraternização**

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Watershed Technology Conference <http://www.watershedtech.org/introduction.htm>

February 22, 2010

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February 25, 2010



IV ENCONTRO REGIONAL DE PLANTIO NA PALHA

Programação

- 7:30h – Inscrição
- 8:00h – Abertura
Marcio Akira Ito – UPD de Tatui / APTA
- 8:30h – Desmistificando o plantio direto na palha
Manoel Henrique Pereira
- 9:10h – Avanço Tecnológico – Syngenta
- 9:20h – Tecnologia de aplicação de defensivos no sistema de plantio direto
Hamilton Ramos – CEA / IAC
- 10:00h – Coffee Break
- 10:30h – Integração lavoura pecuária no Sudoeste Paulista
Gustavo P. Mateus – PRDTA CN / APTA
- 11:10h – Avanço Tecnológico – Bayer Cropscience
- 11:20h – Tendências Mercadológicas para o Agronegócio Pós- crise
Vlamiir Brandalisse – Brandalisse Consulting
- 12:00h – Almoço (Alimentação no Local)
- 13:00h – Visita Técnica ao Campo

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Objetivo:
Preparar profesionales con los conocimientos y las habilidades necesarias para ejercer funciones relacionadas con la Gestión Ambiental en las organizaciones tanto del sector privado como del sector público.

<p>Plan de Estudios</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planificación Ambiental Estratégica Instrumentos de Gestión Ambiental Ecoeficiencia y Producción Más Limpia Economía Ambiental Cambio Climático 	<p>Fecha de Inicio</p> <p>27 Febrero 2010</p> <p>Horario</p> <p>Sábados 8:00 am a 1:00 pm</p> <p>Duración</p> <p>5 meses Un módulo por mes</p> <p>Lugar</p> <p>Albrook, Edificio 811 Planta Baja</p> <p>Inscripciones al:</p> <p>501-1089 diplomadosustelas@yahoo.com info@landecos.com</p>
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\$50.00 dólares
Facilidades de pago por módulos.

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Matrícula
Seguro Educativo
10 Créditos universitarios

Co-organiza

2009 - 2010

March 1-4, 2010

AgriBiotech in Developing Countries Conference

The FAO 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 (ABDC-10)* will be held in Guadalajara on March 1-4, 2010. Host of the conference will be the Government of Mexico and co-sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development. For further information email ABDC@fao.org or visit <http://www.fao.org/biotech/abdc/en/>

March 1-5, 2010

15th Poverty Environment Partnership Meeting: The Fifteenth Poverty Environment Partnership (PEP 15) Meeting will be held on March 1st-5th 2010 in Malawi, and feature the theme "Climate and Environment Mainstreaming and the Green Economy to achieve the Millennium Development Goals."
<http://www.povertyenvironment.net/pep15>

March 2-4, 2009 Ecobuild *Earls Court, London, UK* <http://www.ecobuild.co.uk/>

March 2-5, 2009



**II CURSO DE PAGAMENTO POR SERVIÇOS AMBIENTAIS
- PROJETO CONSERVADOR DE ÁGUA DE EXTREMA -
E PRESERVAÇÃO DE NASCENTES E CORPOS D' ÁGUA
2 a 5 de março de 2010**

A Prefeitura Municipal de Extrema-MG em parceria com o Instituto Agrônomo - IAC, FUNDAG - Fundação de Apoio a Pesquisa Agrícola, apresentam o **II Curso de Pagamento por Serviços Ambientais - Projeto Conservador de Água de Extrema - e Preservação de Nascentes e Corpos d' água**. O Curso será realizado no Cine Teatro Municipal de Extrema-MG.

Objetivos:

- a) Capacitar profissionais de nível superior e técnico, agricultores rurais e demais profissionais ligados à agricultura, ecologia e, especificamente, recursos hídricos para a produção de água.
- b) Capacitar e informar os treinandos sobre os conceitos de Remuneração por Serviços Ambientais ligados aos recursos hídricos, estratégias de efetivar cooperação e operacionalização física e jurídica de programas de pagamentos de serviços ambientais.



Programação e Inscrições on-line
www.infobibos.com/extrema



March 8-10, 2010

International conference on renewable energy: generation and applications

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

March 8-11, 2010

International Conference on Agribiotech in Uganda <http://www.scifode.org>

March 8-12, 2010

Agbiosafeseed 2010 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 16, 2010

The Canadian Institute's Process-Affected Water Management Strategies Calgary, Canada

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'**.

The address of the home page of the conference is <http://www.uni-due.de//soil-fertility-productivity2010/index.shtml>, contact soil-fertility-productivity2010@uni-due.de

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), Kyushu Sangyo University, Fukuoka, Japan <http://www.iccsa.org/>

March 24, 2010

Agriculture 2.0 conference, 24 March 2010, Palo Alto, California, USA <http://www.newseedadvisors.com/>

March 24-27, 2010

13th CONGRESS OF SOIL SCIENCE March 24-27, 2010 Faisalabad, Pakistan	CONGRESS SECRETARY Dr. M. Mahmood-ul-Hassan Land Resources Research Institute National Agricultural Research Centre Islamabad 45500, Pakistan <i>E-mail:</i> mmh@comsats.net.pk <i>Tel:</i> +92 51 925 5051, +95 51 844 3128 <i>Fax:</i> +92 51 92 55034
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Strategies for Low Input Sustainable Agriculture	

13th Soil Science Congress Date: 24-27 March, 2010 Location: Faisalabad, Pakistan

<http://www.visbdev.net/visbdev/fe/Docs/Congress-first%20call.pdf> , www.sss-pakistan.org/

Contact: mmh@comsats.net.pk, congress@pakistan.org

March 25-27, 2010

14th international water technology conference Date: March 25-27, 2010, Location: Cairo – Egypt
<http://www.iwtc.info/>

March 29-31, 2010

Ecotrons and Lysimeters Congress: key tools for studying terrestrial ecosystem responses to global change, to pollutants, and the ecological engineering – Nancy, www.ecotron2010.org

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

April 6-7, 2010

Registration is now [open](#) for the Pew Center on Global Climate Change's **energy efficiency conference** taking place **April 6-7, 2010** in **Chicago**. Don't miss the **early bird special rate** of \$600! This major conference will mark the release of a comprehensive report on best practices in corporate energy efficiency titled: **"From Shop Floor to Top Floor: Best Business Practices in Energy Efficiency"**

April 7-9, 2010

3rd International Conference on Problematic Soils, Adelaide, Australia

Contact: cipremie@singnet.com.sg, Website: www.cipremier.com

Keynote papers include:

- Prof Barry Lehane, University of Western Australia, and Dr Conleth O'Loughlin (Ireland),
on *"Engineering in Peat"*
- Prof Abdel-Mohsen Onsy Mohamed, UAE University (UAE)
on *"Sulfur-based Treatment of Collapsible Soils"*
- Dr David Toll, University of Durham, United Kingdom
on *"Engineering Behaviour of Unsaturated Structured Soils"*

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, www.eufar.net, bureau@eufar.net

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 26-28, 2010

IAGC 2010 — First International Applied Geological Congress Location: Mashhad, Iran

LandCon 1004a Meeting

April 26-30, 2010

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

Invitation

On behalf of the organizing committee, we are pleased to invite you to attend the INTERPRAEVENT 2010-International Symposium in Pacific Rim, Taipei, Taiwan, which will be held from April 26-30, 2010. The main topic of the symposium “Natural Disasters Mitigation Including Floods, Storms, Debris flows, Mass movements and Earthquakes etc.” is sub-divided into six categories, which are Field observation, Analysis and modeling, Risk management in a knowledge-based economy, Strategy for hazard mitigation against global warming, Recovery activities, Management for sustainable land use, Secondary geo-hazards and restoration caused by earthquake. These issues will be discussed during the Symposium.

The Organizing Committee of INTERPRAEVENT 2010 sincerely welcomes your attendance at the Symposium and participation in the Field trip to share and exchange the skills and experience related to the symposium topics.

Invited speakers	
Huei-Long Wu Soil and Water Conservation Bureau, Taiwan	William E. Dietrich University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A. Fellow of the National Academy of Science
Maria Patek Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria	Masao Okamoto Japan Sabo Association, Japan
Jon Major US Geological Survey, U.S.A.	

The deadline of early bird registration is Feb. 28th, 2010. Please register via the online registration system - <http://interpraevent2010.aoetek.com/regsingin.php> at your earliest convenience. Please feel free to contact us (interpraevent2010@gmail.com) for any question or any assistance that we might provide.

Registration fee:

	Before Feb. 28, 2010	After Feb. 28, 2010	On-site Registration	The registration fee includes
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General Participation	TWD \$10,000	TWD \$12,000	TWD \$13,000	1. Participation in all sessions, symposium programme 2. Symposium proceedings and documents 3. Admission to the conference banquet, lunch and coffee break. 4. Half-day technical study tour (4/28, in Taipei)
Student	TWD \$3,000	TWD \$4,000	TWD \$5,000	

Field Trip:

Item	Fee	The fee includes
Trip fee	TWD \$10,000	1. Transportation 2. Two-night accommodation (April 28.29) 3. Insurance 4. Meals

We look forward to meeting you in the Symposium. For more details about the symposium, please visit our website: <http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/>

Su-Chin Chen, Ph.D.

Scientific Committee Chairman INTERPAAEVENT 2010

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

April 26-29, 2010

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

April 28-29, 2010

[Water & Environment 2010: CIWEM's Annual Conference](http://www.ciwem.org/events/annual_conference/) London, United Kingdom

http://www.ciwem.org/events/annual_conference/

April 28-29, 2010

PCLG International Symposium. Contact pclg@iied.org.

Call for posters: We are keen to profile the work of PCLG members at this symposium and would be pleased to receive proposals for poster presentations. The posters will be on display throughout the two days. The organisers invite interested parties to submit abstracts for posters with research relating to the symposium topic. Abstracts of no more than 250 words can be emailed to Dilys Roe (dilys.roe@iied.org) by **8th March 2010** for consideration by the coordinators. Accepted poster presenters will be notified by 12th March 2010.

Funding available for travel/accommodation: Please note that we have limited resources available to support PCLG members from developing countries to attend the Symposium. If interested, please contact us via pclg@iied.org with an estimate of your travel costs and we will let you know by the end of February if we are able to provide financial support.

LandCon 1004b Meeting

April 28–29, 2010

***6th National Seminar on Watershed Management and**

4th National Seminar on Soil Erosion and Sediment, Noor, Iran, April 28–29, 2010

Venue: The seminars will be held in beautiful coastal city of Noor located just 150m from the largest inland water body of Caspian Sea in College of Natural Resources and Marine Sciences, Tarbiat Modares University, Noor, Iran. The city is bordered by unique Hyrcunian forest in south. It is also directed to Tehran by a 200km road. The nearest airports (Nowshahr and Sari) are located around 45 and 130km far from Noor.

Purpose: The purpose of these seminars is professional development through the presentation of high quality scientifically technical and experience based papers. These seminars provide platform for learning, discussion, and interaction among natural resources professionals from the entire country. Through these seminars watershed Management Engineering Department of Tarbiat Modares University (WME) and Watershed Management Society of Iran offer some workshops for professional engineers and operators as well.

6th National Seminar on Watershed Management

Topics

Management & Productivity in Watershed Management
Ecologic Balance, Land use Planning and Biodiversity

Management of Water Supply, Harvesting, Distribution, Consumption & Recycling
Ecosystem Balance & Socio-Economic Development

4th National Seminar on Soil Erosion and Sediment

Topics

Soil erosion, sediment yield & watershed ecological equilibrium

Concept & process of soil erosion

Concept & process of sediment yield and routing

Soil erosion & sediment inside and outside effects and results

Revised paper submission deadline: 1 March 2010; Registration deadline: 13 March 2010

Chair of Technical Program Committee

Dr. S.H.R. Sadeghi, WME Head and Associate Professor

For further information, kindly contact through Department of Watershed Management Engineering,
College of Natural Resources and Marine Sciences, Tarbiat Modares University, Noor 46417-76489,
Mazandaran Province, Iran, Tel.: +98 122 6253101-3 and Fax: +98 122 6253499, e-mails: wmconf6@gmail.com,
seconf4@gmail.com

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

April 28-30, 2010

Workshop Summary

MAL II will further explore the scientific, technical, and policy challenges with regards to agricultural landscapes.

The workshop organizers are intent on focusing on assessment and management of vulnerability and risk between and within agricultural landscapes. The workshop will build on the success achieved by Managing Agricultural Landscapes for Environmental Quality (MAL I) held in Kansas City in October 2006.

REVISED TIMELINE FOR PRESENTATIONS:

Abstracts due: February 22, 2010

Notification of acceptance: within 72 hours of submittal

*NOTE: In order to provide speakers more time to arrange travel approval, the program committee will be reviewing submissions **AS THEY ARE SUBMITTED**. We have a limited number of spots for oral presentations at this conference. Please do not wait until the deadline to submit your abstract or you may find that all the available speaking opportunities have already been filled.*

Early Registration deadline: March 15, 2010

Managing Agricultural Landscapes for Environmental Quality II

Achieving More Effective Conservation
April 28-30, 2010 Denver, Colorado



Submit an abstract at: www.swcs.org/mal2

When Wednesday, April 28, 2010 8:00 AM - Friday, April 30, 2010 12:00 PM

Where Renaissance Denver 3801 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207

FEE Registration Register \$250.00 for a limited time (\$325.00 original price)

Register and Join SWCS \$330.00 for a limited time (\$405.00 original price)

Student (Full Time) - includes 12-mo. SWCS Student Membership \$195.00

[View Event Summary](#)

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RSVP Wednesday, April 21, 2010

May 2-7, 2010

The European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2010 will be held in Vienna, Austria, 02 - 07 May. In view of the congress, we would like to draw your attention to session NH3.10 - an integrated part of the section Natural Hazards - entitled: **Hydrological, hydraulic, and mechanical effects of plants for slope stability.**

Deadline for Receipt of Abstracts: 18 January 2010

<http://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU2010/sessionprogramme>

May 2-7, 2010

EGU Session on Rainfall simulation as a tool for soil erosion and soil hydrology studies. Convener: Artemi Cerdá, co-Conveners: Peter Fiener, Xinping Wang, Rob Loch, Lee MacDonald, Fred Pierson, EGU 2010.

<http://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU2010/session/2493> (from IUSS Alert 56)



May 3-5, 2010

4th MEDITERRANEAN MEETING ON NO TILLAGE, Setif, Algeria, May 3-5, 2010

* Registration form to complete and mail it with a summary of your contribution to ATU_PAM: atu.pam@gmail.com

May 3-10, 2010

EGU – Vienna: The impact of soil degradation on soil functioning.

European Geosciences Union General Assembly, 3-10 May 2010 in Vienna, Austria. in the Soil System Science Division: "The impact of soil degradation on soil functioning" Conveners: Erik Cammeraat, Bas van Wesemael & John Quinton. Soils are fundamental to Man's existence on Earth. They are essential for food, fuel and fibre production, regulate production of greenhouse gases, and help to protect and regulate water resources. Soils also provide a habitat for biota, can safeguard our cultural heritage and archaeology, are the foundation for the built environment and supply us with raw materials for a variety of industries. The need to protect all these functions is now being recognised in political circles: the European Union has drafted a Soil Framework Directive, US Senate has adopted a resolution on soil and nine European countries have put in place soil protection legislation. However, a significant threat to soil and its functionality is soil degradation, whether by erosion, salinity or compaction. Delivering on new soil policies will require us to understand the impact of soil degradation and develop robust methodologies to quantify, monitor and mitigate these impacts on all soil functions. This session will assesses the extent of our current understanding of the significance of soil degradation for different soil functions, and examine some of the challenges that lie ahead in delivering soil protection frameworks. <http://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU2010/session/2497>. Abstracts are welcome and the submission deadline is 18 January 2010. (From IUSS Alerts 57)

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, customerservice@ead.ae, www.ead.ae/en/events/conference.on.soil.clasification.aspx (From IUSS Alert 55)

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

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

From : May 17, 2010 To : May 19, 2010

Open : to public

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

customerservice@ead.ae

<http://www.ead.ae>

Under the Patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Ruler's Representative in the Western Region, Chairman of Environment Agency- Abu Dhabi The Environment Agency -Abu Dhabi (EAD) and The International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA) will be organizing the First Announcement of the International Conference on Soil Classification and Reclamation of Degraded Lands in Arid Environments in conjunction of Launching of Abu Dhabi Soil Survey Report

Background

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

Objectives

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

- To bring together scientists, professionals and decision-makers to share knowledge and information on land use and planning.

Conference Structure

The Conference will include:

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

Scientific Sessions

1. Soil Survey and Classification Strategies and use in different agroecological Zones.
2. Advances in Soil Salinity Mapping, Monitoring and Reclamation.
3. Land use planning and policy implications.
4. Use of marginal quality water in agriculture and landscaping.
5. Research and Development/Innovations in Soil Classification and Reclamation.
6. Workshop on constraints, potential and use of soil survey database.

Call for papers

The Scientific Committee invites international scientific community to attend international conference and present their work relevant to conference themes. The interested participants can send an abstract (300 words Arial 11, abstract title Arial 14 bold) through email to Chairman of Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee will evaluate the abstracts and notify the acceptance or otherwise. The participants would then be requested to submit full manuscript for publication in conference book. All papers will be peer reviewed prior to publication in conference book, which will be distributed to registered participants on May 17.

Language

English will be the official language of the Conference with possibility for translation in Arabic for some presentations.

Important Deadlines

30 November 2009 Deadline for abstract submission
 20 December 2009 Notification of abstract acceptance
 15 February 2010 Deadline for submission of extended papers
 30 April 2010 Final program notified to participants
 17 May 2010 Conference starts

Conference Venue

The Conference will be held in a hotel in Abu Dhabi city.

Travel and Accommodation

- The Organizing Committee will be responsible for travel and accommodation expenses for invited speakers.
- The Organizing Committee will provide full or partial financial support for participants based on innovative research and quality of the paper submitted to the conference.
- To ensure participation from developing countries, financial support will be provided by the Organizing Committee to cover cost of ticket and accommodation.

- The Organizing Committee will assist in visa issuance and logistic support

Registration

Registration is free for all participants. Registered participants will be provided with conference material, abstract book, copy of conference proceeding, lunches and opportunity to participate in conference study tour.

Conference Committees

1. Conference Chair

HE Majid Al Mansouri, Secretary General, Environment Agency Abu Dhabi

2. Organizing Committee

- Prof. Dr. Ahmed Bashir (EAD) (**Chair**)
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- Dr. Mohamed Al Mulla (Ministry of Environment and Water, UAE)
- Dr. Bill Porter (Department of Agriculture, Western Australia)
- Prof. Mahmoud Shendi (Fayoum University, Egypt)
- Dr. Taoufik Ksiksi (UAE University)

[For more information click here](#)

May 18-22, 2010

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

May 24-26, 2010

4th Global Workshop on Digital Soil Mapping, Rome, Italy

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

May 24-26, 2010

LandCon 1005 Meeting

First international conference of soil and roots engineering relationship (LANDCON1005)
Ardebil, Iran 24-26 May 2010

This conference is the first in the series of LANDCON on soil and roots engineering relationship. The aim of this meeting is to bring together scientific researchers, practitioners, geotechnical and civil engineers, biologists, ecologists, rangeland managers and foresters to discuss current problems in soil and root engineering relationship. Papers will be presented orally 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.

Supporting institutions:

 International Congress of Soil Engineering Research (ICSER)

 World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)

 International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)

 European Geosciences Union

Subject Areas:

- Avalanches bio-engineering
- Biological richness
- Catchments 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 migration 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.

contact: 25, Shahid Yosri St., Ardebil, Iran- Postal Code:56197-45344
Tel: +98-451-2230505 Fax: +98-451-3337023 We look forward to seeing you in May 2010!

WASWC provides Guest membership to all participants for one year.

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

May 24-29, 2010

Missouri University of Science and Technology will host a **Fifth International Conference on Recent Advances in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics** in San Diego, CA, May 24-29, 2010.
<http://5geoeqconf2010.mst.edu/>, prakash@mst.edu, geoeqconf2010@mst.edu

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 (www.balwois.com/2010)

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

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

May 26-28, 2010

International Soil Science Congress on Management of Natural Resources to Sustain Soil Health and Quality Samsun, Turkey soil2010@omu.edu.tr; <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

May 26-29, 2010

International symposium on biology of rare and endemic plants

Date: May 26-29, 2010, Location: Mugla , Turkey

June 2010

International workshop on System Innovations, Knowledge Regimes, and Design Practices towards Sustainable Agriculture Lelystad, The Netherlands June 2010,

Contact boelie.elzen@wur.nl and barbier@grignon.inra.fr and cerf@agroparistech.fr

June 7-11, 2010

Pariquera-Açú, 01 de fevereiro de 2010.

VII SIBANANA

É com grande satisfação que a Agência Paulista de Tecnologia dos Agronegócios (APTA) através do Pólo Regional de Desenvolvimento Sustentável do Agronegócio do Vale do Ribeira está organizando o **VII SIBANANA – Simpósio Brasileiro sobre Bananicultura**, que ocorrerá no município de **Registro-SP**, no período de **07 a 11 de junho de 2010**.

O SIBANANA é o principal evento técnico científico relacionado à bananicultura no país, reunindo pesquisadores, técnicos, produtores e estudantes, bem como empresários relacionados à área que, com seus conhecimentos, pretendemos direcionar ações futuras com a cultura. Historicamente o evento é promovido pela Sociedade Brasileira de Fruticultura (SBF) e sua primeira edição ocorreu na cidade de Jaboticabal-SP em 1984. No ano de 2010, em Registro-SP, ocorrerá a sétima edição, com o tema “*Atualidades e Perspectivas da Bananicultura Sustentável*”.

A partir da segunda semana de fevereiro estaremos com o site em funcionamento, onde será possível acessar a programação completa do evento, normas para envio de trabalhos, valores e prazos para inscrição e outras informações referentes ao evento.

A comissão organizadora do VII SIBANANA não medirá esforços para o sucesso deste evento e, mais uma vez contribuir com a bananicultura local e nacional, para tanto gostaríamos de contar com sua participação.

Erval Rafael Damatto Junior Presidente do VII SIBANANA

Informações: E-mail: sibanana2010@hotmail.com. Fone (13) 3856-1656

June 8, 2010

One Water Many Futures Sydney, Australia

June 8-10, 2010

Risks in Agriculture Conference, Estonia. Contact 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

http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/cgs/cgs_suchith_anand.html

<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, organized by University of Gadjah Mada in cooperation with GISDECO, EARSeL and ITC - UNU-DGIM <http://www.itc.nl/gisdeco/>

June 23-25, 2010

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

10th International Precipitation Conference, 23-25 June 2010, Coimbra, Portugal

We would like to encourage you to submit an abstract to the 10th International Precipitation Conference, which will be held in Coimbra (Portugal), from 23 to 25 June 2010.

Abstracts due: 1 March 2010

For information and abstract submittal go to <http://www.ci.uc.pt/imar/ipc10/>

Special theme of the conference: **Space time precipitation from urban scale to global change**

The conference will be organized in the following topical sessions:

1. Precipitation prediction on scales ranging from real-time to climate
2. Extreme precipitation events: physics and statistics based description
3. Trends in precipitation time-series
4. Instrumentation and novel precipitation observing systems
5. Variability of precipitation over wide range of space-time scales
6. Hydrologic and water resources needs: research and engineering applications
7. Research needs and challenges

Come and participate in this conference dedicated to promoting interdisciplinary discussions of the present state of knowledge in research and applications related to precipitation.

For more information, please contact the IPC10 (ipc10@dec.uc.pt).

We would appreciate if you could disseminate this information among your contacts.

João de Lima

Witold Krajewski

Isabel de Lima

Conveners

10th International Precipitation Conference IPC-10

IMAR/Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Science and Technology

Campus II, University of Coimbra, 3030-788 Coimbra, Portugal

June 28-July 1, 2010

International Symposium on Innovation and Sustainable Development in Agriculture and Food, 28 June - 1 July 2010, Montpellier, France <http://www.isda2010.net/>, inscription_isda2010@supagro.inra.fr

June 28-July 2, 2010

The deadline for abstract submissions for ESA's **Living Planet Symposium**,

http://www.esa.int/esaEO/SEMCNO5RN1G_index_0.html

June 28-July 2, 2010

International Conference: 18th Commonwealth Forestry Conference

Edinburgh, Scotland. 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 –

Submission deadline: 18 January 2010. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

July 3-7, 2010

24th International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB): 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.
www.conbio.org/2010

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

July 5-9, 2010

AOGS 2010 will be held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre, India, on July 5-9, 2010.
<http://www.asiaoceania.org/aogs2010/index.asp>
<http://www.asiaoceania.org/aogs2010/public.asp?page=sessionProposal.htm>

July 6-7, 2010

Spatial assessment and analysis of vulnerability GIScience applied in the interdisciplinary domain of hazard and climate change research

Workshop within the framework of GI_Forum 2010, July 6 – 7, 2010 - Salzburg, Austria

Information available at www.gi-forum.org

This theme is expected to highlight different developed and currently investigated methodologies to **spatially assess vulnerability**. It will specifically address the issue of **vulnerability assessment**, independent from conceptual discussions. The focus will be on the **review and discussion of different methods** of GIScience employed to assess, quantify and represent vulnerability as integrated spatial phenomena. Within a workshop session, current **achievements and future research challenges** will be identified and formulated.

Topics

- Assessments in the domains of disaster risk reduction, climate change, natural hazards and human security
- Methods for indicator selection and index construction
- Scale issues in vulnerability assessments
- Validation and accuracy of vulnerability assessments
- Spatio-temporal visualisation of complex indicators

The workshop is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 6** and **Wednesday, July 7, 2010** and will be followed by the annual GI_Forum. In addition to **presentations** ranging from different scholarly schools of vulnerability the workshop will focus on output oriented **discussion sessions**.

The papers will be peer-reviewed and published in a book.

Schedule

- Deadline for submission of full papers for oral presentation and publication in the conference proceedings **1 February 2010** (Information about submission of papers is available at www.gi-forum.org)
- Notification about accepted contributions 17 March 2010

Scientific committee

- Susan L. Cutter, University of South Carolina (Keynote Speaker)
- Mark Pelling, King's College London
- Thomas Loster, Munich Re Foundation
- Fabrice Renaud, United Nations University (EHS)
- Klaus Steinnocher, Austrian Institute of Technology
- Melanie Gall, Louisiana State University
- Peter Zeil, Centre for Geoinformatics – University of Salzburg
- Stefan Kienberger, Centre for Geoinformatics – University of Salzburg

About GI_Forum

The world cultural heritage city of Salzburg is the setting for the 4th Geoinformatics Forum. GI_Forum 2010 runs concurrently with the highly regarded German language conference on Applied Geoinformatics, both organized by Salzburg University's Centre for Geoinformatics. The two symposia share the innovative AGIT EXPO exhibition and stimulating social events. The interdisciplinary GI_Forum focuses on an international

GIScience audience, communicating in English, and sharing an interest in translating new methods and techniques into a broad range of application domains in Geoinformatics. Young researchers and established scientists find a vibrant GI community from academia, industry, and government to analyze progress and to explore new research directions www.gi-forum.org

July 21-23, 2010



[Flyer_Symposium_Hanoi_2010.pdf](#)

International Symposium "Sustainable Land Use and Rural Development in Mountainous Regions of Southeast Asia", 21-23 July 2010 in Hanoi, Vietnam, Organized by "The Uplands Program", Hohenheim University and Hanoi University of Agriculture

The conference would like to invite scholars and practitioners to share their research results and experience in the fields of resources management, poverty reduction and innovation development/adoption in mountain regions. Please find the call for papers attached.

We would be grateful if you could forward this call on to interested colleagues.

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August 1-6, 2010

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

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.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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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

Contact Dr. R. Srinivasan, Texas A&M University Spatial Sciences Laboratory r-srinivasan@tamu.edu
Dr. Nam-Won Kim, Korea Institute of Construction Technology Water Resources Research Division
nwkim@kict.re.kr. Conference Website: <http://www.swat-k.re.kr>; <http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat>

August 23-28, 2010

23rd IUFRO World Congress, Seoul, Korea, 23-28 August 2010 [click here](#).

August 31-September 3, 2010

15th WORLD FERTILIZER CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CENTRE FOR FERTILIZERS (CIEC) www.icpa.ro/ciec, ciec@icpa.ro;

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

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



September 6-8, 2010

AgEng2010 – International Conference on Agricultural Engineering "Towards Environmental Technologies", Venue: Clermont-Ferrand, France, Organiser: Cemagref, SitmaAFGR, AFEID, www.ageng2010.org, info@ageng2010.fr Deadline for Submission of abstracts on-line via AgEng2010 CF website: December 15, 2009 (short time extension is possible, please write to info@ageng2010.fr)

International Conference on Agricultural Engineering AgEng 2010 CF Towards Environmental Technologies



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. Contact calgary@iasted.org.

September 6-9, 2010

The **Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) conference** is pleased to announce a Call for Workshops and Tutorials for the 2010 conference, being held September 6-9, 2010, in Barcelona, Spain. Please visit our site to subscribe and find more information about this conference: <http://2010.foss4g.org>
Or contact Conference Chair for details about this announcement: Lorenzo Becchi E-mail: lbocchi@osgeo.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>:

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 9-11 of September 2010. <http://suncokret.pfos.hr/~hdpot/simpozij.htm>, Bojan.Stipesevic@pfos.hr

September 13-15, 2010

GeoENV 2010 - the 8th International Conference on Geostatistics for Environmental Applications Ghent, Belgium. www.geoenv.ugent.be, geoenv10@ugent.be (From IUSS Alert 51)

September 18-20, 2010

I am sending you for circulation to all the readers of the CA-CoP-listserv an announcement on the **International Conference on Traditional Practices in Conservation Agriculture** to be held from 18-20 September 2010 in Bengal Chapters in collaboration with Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology and the Rajasthan College of Agriculture, Udaipur. It is co-sponsored by Center for Indian Knowledge System, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India.

I am confident that the scientists/agencies involved in research and development in conservation agriculture would find it extremely useful. The persons interested in attending it should fill the attached form and send it to the Organizing secretary, Dr. S. L. Choudhary (slcchoudhary@yahoo.com or slc_aahfrc@rediffmail.com). Surendra Beniwal, Ph.D., Hon. Prof., Trustee, Asian Agri-History Foundation, Tel (Cell-India):+91 98102 74491

September 27-October 1, 2010

6th International phosphorus workshop. 27 Sept-1 Oct, 2010. Spain. <http://www.ipw6.us.es/>, ipw6@us.es (From IUSS Alert 52)

October 6-10, 2010

[Eurasia Conference on Chemical Sciences](#) Location: The Dead Sea, Jordan, Document: [Image](#)

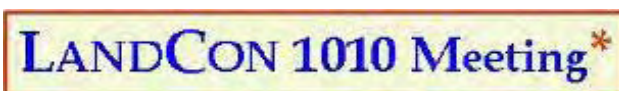
October 8-29, 2010

Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity - CBD COP 10: 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. <http://www.cbd.int/meetings>
<http://www.cop10.jp/aichi-nagoya/english/cop/cop.html>

October 11, 2010

[Hydrology Conference 2010 - The Changing Physical and Social Environment: Hydrologic Impacts and Feedbacks](#) San Diego, USA

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 (NWAFU) 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

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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 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, <http://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/newmandala/2009/10/05/asian-borderlands-enclosure-interaction-and-transformation/>

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. Contact: Claudio Perez Castillo (cperez@inia.cl) and German Ruiz Cardenas (german.ruiz@sag.gob.cl)

November 25-27, 2010

Conference on Land Reform and Management of Natural Resources in Africa and Latin America, Cataluña, Spain <http://www.congresreformasagrarias.org/>, ccdr@ccdr.udl.cat, www.ccdr.udl.cat.

LandCon 1012 Meeting

December 11-13, 2010

International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission Seminar on Land Use, Biodiversity and Climate Change

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December, 11-13, 2010

Circular No-1

Organised by

Department of Geography, Cotton College,
Guwahati-781001, Assam, India

About the College:

Cotton College, established in 1901, has been rendering its service to the entire North East India for last 108 years and producing numerous luminaries, placed across the world today. This Post Graduate College has P.G. teaching in as many as 21 subjects in 22 departments. The college, which began only with 39 students and 5 teachers, has now more than 5000 students and 235 teachers.

The NAAC has accredited the college as Grade 'A'.

It has also been recognized as the college with Potential for Excellence (CPE) by the UGC.

About the Geography Department:

On 19th August 1959, the Department of Geography was started with Commercial Geography as one of the subjects of Pre University Course. The Department was upgraded to a Degree Department in 1961 and to Honours level in 1962. From the session 1984-85 Post Graduate course was started under Gauhati University. The Laboratory of the Department has been recognized by the Gauhati University to carry out PhD research. The Department has received the financial assistance from DST under FIST Programme.

Location and Weather:

Cotton College is located at Panbazar, 500 metres from Guwahati Railway Station and 28 km from the Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport. As it will be cool in the month of December, participants are advised to carry warm clothing.

Important Dates:

Seminar- 11th, 12th and 13th December 2010

Abstract submission- 31st August 2010

Registration (early bird)- Before 30th September 2010

Full paper submission- 31st October 2010

Theme & Sub-themes:

Land use, Biodiversity and Climate Change

Sub Themes-

- Population and land use
- Changing human values and impact on environment
- Developmental change and human health
- Biodiversity and the Himalayas
- Land use change and wetlands
- Man animal conflicts
- Urban development and land use change
- Changing land use and climate change
- Sustainable land use practices
- Geoinformatics in land use and climate change

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Registration Form
International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission Seminar
on
Land Use, Biodiversity and Climate Change
December, 11-13, 2010

Name_____

(Block letters)

Status/Designation_____

Occupation/ Profession_____

Organisation/ Affiliation_____

MailingAddress_____

Telephone_____ E-mail_____

☐

I intend to participate in the Seminar

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I intend to present paper in the Seminar

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I intend to take part as Student participant

☐

I intend to join in the post Seminar Field Trip

Number of Accompanying Persons, if any_____

Registration Fee amounting Rs/\$_____ is sent by DD / Wire
transfer_____ Dated _____

Title of Paper (With theme No 1/2/3/4)_____

Date_____ Signature_____

Submission of Abstract:

Papers on any of the above themes are invited for presentation. However, organizers reserve the right to reject or accept any paper and to place the paper in any Technical Session. The abstract of paper should be typed with double space in Times Roman (Font Size 12), title of the paper, name of author (s), affiliation and text not exceeding 400 words to be sent to the Convener or Organising Secretary, IGU Commission Seminar by E-mail or in CD before 31st August 2010.

Proceedings:

Proceedings of the Seminar will be published immediately after the Seminar. Authors will be informed by E-mail about the acceptance of their abstracts for presentation on or before 31st October 2010. The paper presented in the seminar only eligible for publication in the Proceedings. Format for the Full paper shall be sent to the authors with the abstract acceptance letter.

Registration Fee:

Indian and SAARC participants -Rs. 800/- only, (Early Bird, before 30th September, Rs. 600/- only). For other foreign participants \$125 only (Early Bird, before 30th September, \$110 only)
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Food:

Working lunch and tea between the Academic Sessions to be provided by the organizers

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- To Kaziranga National Park on 14th & 15st December- (One night stay) inclusive of Elephant & Jeep Safari, Hotel (without food) Rs. 2500/-
- To Shillong on 14th December Rs. 1200/- (inclusive of Food)
- Brahmaputra River Cruise on 13th / 14th evening Rs. 300/- (25% of the above mentioned tariff for all the Trips shall be paid in advance with registration)

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December 11-13, 2010

The 11th Asian Urbanization Conference

December 10th - 13th, 2011

Department of Geography

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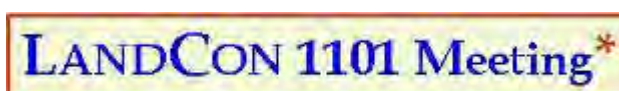
The 11th Asian Urbanization Conference is being hosted by the Department of Geography, Osmania University Hyderabad, India in association with The *Asian Urban Research Association (AURA)*. *AURA* was established in January 1986 and is housed in the University of Akron, Ohio, USA. It is a non profit and private research organization whose primary purpose is to promote the study of urbanization, urban growth and to organize Asian Urbanization Conferences. The first Asian Urbanization Conference was held at the University of Akron in 1985. The conferences are biennial (held every other/alternate year) and have resulted in many publications. The scholarly legacy of the original organizers and the successful history of these conferences have served to brand this conference as of a recognized quality for a diversity of scholars and practitioners across the globe. The following is the sequence of conferences held under the aegis of AURA:

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- 4th Conference, 1994, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan
- 5th Conference, 1997, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, UK
- 6th Conference, 2000, Madras University Chennai, India
- 7th Conference, 2003, University of Georgia, Athens, USA
- 8th Conference, 2005, Ryutsu Kagaku University, Kobe, Japan
- 9th Conference, 2007, Kangwon National University, Chuncheon, Korea
- 10th Conference, 2009, The University of Hongkong, Hongkong SAR, China

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MEETINGS 2011++

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.

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 Baños, 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-WASWAC), 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), Greg Jennings (North Carolina State University)

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

January 4-5, 2011: SWAT Training Workshops include:

- Introductory SWAT
- Advanced SWAT
- MapWindows
- Stream Restoration

January 6-7, 2011: SWAT Conference

- Large-scale Applications
- Climate Change Applications
- Sensitivity Calibration and Uncertainty
- Plant Growth
- Environmental Applications
- BMPs
- Hydrology
- Sediment, Nutrients, and Carbon
- Pesticides, Bacteria, Metals, and Pharmaceuticals
- Database and GIS Application and Development
- Urban Processes and Management
- Landscape Processes and Landscape / River Continuum
- InStream Sediment and Pollutant Transport

January 8, 2011: Field trip (Mekong Delta)

REGISTRATION FEE

(1) SWAT Workshops choose one: (January 4-5, 2011)

- **Beginners SWAT**
 - \$250 for international participants
 - \$100 for Vietnamese and student participants
- **Advanced SWAT** (still confirming with Anne and Karim)
 - \$250 for international participants
 - \$100 for Vietnamese and student participants
- **MapWindows**
 - \$250 for international participants
 - \$100 for Vietnamese and student participants
- **Stream Restoration**
 - \$250 for international participants
 - \$100 for Vietnamese and student participants

(2) SWAT Conference only (January 6-7, 2011)

- \$300 for international participants
- \$100 for Vietnamese and student participants

(1) + (2) SWAT Workshop + Conference (January 4-7, 2011)

- \$500 for international participants
- \$175 for Vietnamese and student participants

(2) + (3) SWAT Conference + Field Research Visit on Water Management in the Mekong Delta (January 6-8, 2011, includes accommodation at Can Tho City on 07 Jan, 2011)

- \$450 for international participants
- \$250 for Vietnamese and student participants

(1) + (2) + (3) SWAT Workshop, Conference + Field Research Visit (January 4-8, 2011)

- \$650 for international participants
- \$325 for Vietnamese and student participants

Registration fees The registration fee for workshop/conference participants includes workshop/conference attendance, flash drive which contains the abstracts, proceedings and MapWindows and Open SWAT software, lunches and 2 coffee breaks 04-05 Jan, 2011 (workshop) and 06-07 Jan, 2011 (conference) and welcome reception (05 Jan), and Vietnamese evening (06 Jan).

You are advised to register online on the website. You can also request a registration form and return electronically to ngkloi@hcmuaf.edu.vn or nguyenkimloi@yahoo.com or by fax (+848-38960713).

Registration fees: (Prices shown above are for those paying up to November 15, 2010, after that date the fee will

Payments can be made by:

- By credit card (Visa, MasterCard) when registering online. Write to Cathy Smith at cathy_smith@ncsu.edu.
- By international bank transfer. For bank account information and payment details please contact:
 - International participants: Cathy Smith
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Cancellation policy

In the case of cancellations after registration the following policy on refunds will be used:

- By **15 November 2010** – full refund minus administration fee of US\$50
- After **15 November to 15 December 2010** – 50% of all payments
- After **15 December 2010** – No refund

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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

- 1.1 Strategies for protection of soil organic matter
- 1.2 Policies for enhancing soil biodiversity
- 1.3 Reduction of soil sealing and compaction
- 1.4 Maintenance of soil structure
- 1.5 Sustainability of soil fertility
- 1.6 National and regional action plans for soil protection
- 1.7 CAP and agro-environmental measures.

2 Soil mapping and land evaluation for land use planning

- 2.1 Integration of new technologies into existing soil survey programmes
- 2.2 Research priorities for future soil survey work
- 2.3 Soil survey products and interaction with climate changes and soil carbon sequestration
- 2.4 Proposal for new taxonomic classification for adoption in Soil Taxonomy
- 2.5 Soil-landscape issues.

3 Forest fires impacts on natural resources and cultural heritage

- 3.1 Fire management systems
- 3.2 Fires and biodiversity
- 3.3 Fires and changes in the biochemical and physical properties of soils
- 3.4 Monitoring of the impact of forest fires on air quality
- 3.5 Information systems for public awareness about forest fire forecasting
- 3.6 Post-fire management models to improve forest resilience
- 3.7 Forest landscape restoration after fires, erosion control measures
- 3.8 Fire effects on hydrology
- 3.9 Soil recovery after forest fires and water quality
- 3.10 Scientific results and effective policies for restoration.

4 Sustainable management of wetlands

- 4.1 Utilization of peatlands (i.e. energy, horticulture)

- 4.2 Chemical, physical and biological properties of peatlands
- 4.3 Peat material used for improvement of soils
- 4.4 Restoration and rehabilitation of peatlands
- 4.5 Ecology and management on forested peatlands
- 4.6 The carbon cycle in peatlands: gaseous nitrogen losses
- 4.7 Peatlands and socio-economic aspects of utilization
- 4.8 Policies for mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions from peat soils.
- 5 Policies and strategies for combating desertification scenarios**
 - 5.1 Land degradation and desertification at regional, national and global scales
 - 5.2 Best management practises for mitigation of the effects of land degradation
 - 5.3 Role responsibilities of stakeholders in combating land degradation and desertification
 - 5.4 Strategies for sustainable use of natural resources
 - 5.5 Technologies for the prevention and control of desertification.
- 6 Socio-economic aspects of land degradation**
 - 6.1 Degradation processes at global and regional scales
 - 6.2 Socio-economic factors and consequences of land degradation
 - 6.3 Policies to combat erosion
 - 6.4 Impacts of physical and chemical land deterioration to society
 - 6.5 Indicators of soil quality and soil health
 - 6.6 Simulation models in sustainable land management.
- 7 Soil and water management under global climatic change scenarios**
 - 7.1 Technology to mitigate the exhaustion and contamination of water resources
 - 7.2 Monitoring of drought
 - 7.3 Drought and water quality
 - 7.4 Impacts of drought on climate change
 - 7.5 Policies and actions for mitigation of water deficit
 - 7.6 Sources of agricultural greenhouse gas emissions
 - 7.7 Nitrogen cycle and its influence on the greenhouse gas balance
 - 7.8 Methods and practises for decreasing emissions from soils
 - 7.9 Nitrogen turnover processes and effects in the atmosphere and terrestrial ecosystems
 - 7.10 Effect of reactive nitrogen on European soil quality and approaches to improve nitrogen management.
 - 7.11 Site specific management
- 8 Biofuels and environmental effects**
 - 8.1 Energy crops and impact on soil quality
 - 8.2 Agriculture and bioenergy production
 - 8.3 Energy crops and future prospects
 - 8.4 Impacts of biofuel production on soils
 - 8.5 Soil and environmental implications of using crop residues as biofuel feedstock
 - 8.6 Biogas production from energy crops and plant residues.
- 9 Conservation and management of soil biodiversity**
 - 9.1 Biodiversity and agriculture interactions
 - 9.2 Conservation of soil biodiversity and Sustainable Agriculture
 - 9.3 Biodiversity of micro-organisms involved in decomposition in soils.
- 10 Restoration and remediation of degraded lands**
 - 10.1 Restoration at high altitudes
 - 10.2 Restoration of road embankments
 - 10.3 Restoration of open cast mining areas
 - 10.4 Soil restoration with native plant and seed material
 - 10.5 Bioremediation of soils contaminated with heavy metals
 - 10.6 Bioremediation of soils contaminated with organic compounds.
- 11 Special session: ‘Education in soil conservation and public awareness’**
 - 11.1 Importance of soil for life and its role to society
 - 11.2 Education methods and formats across European Countries
 - 11.3 Development of multidisciplinary studies for students in the field, using new technologies to schools
 - 11.4 Means of the soil scientific community reaching the public (i.e. debates, exhibitions, mass media, art, games).

Venue

GRAND HOTEL PALACE***, Thessaloniki**

- Address: 305, Monastiriou str.,
- Location: 19 km from the airport “MACEDONIA” and 1 km from the Railway Station of Thessaloniki
- Method of payment: American Express, Visa, Master Card and Euro Card are accepted

Travelling to Thessaloniki

By air: Thessaloniki's Macedonia Airport is a fairly small but modern airport, located just 16 Km east of the city centre. It is connected to a number of international and domestic locations by both scheduled and charter flights. From Athens, both Olympic Air and Aegean Airlines have daily flights, with a flying time of 40 minutes. There are regular connections with London, Milan, Rome, Zurich, Munich, Dusseldorf and Moscow. The City is easily reached from the airport and takes about 30 minutes by bus or taxi. Bus number 78 leaves the airport every 30-45 minutes, travelling to the railway station (journey time 45 minutes) and the city centre (journey time 40 minutes).

By train: Thessaloniki is a railway hub for the Balkans, with direct connections to Sofia, Skopje, Belgrade, Moscow, Vienna, Budapest, Bucharest and Istanbul, alongside Athens and other destinations in Greece.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- Airport express bus service for transportation to the City centre of Thessaloniki.
- Several of the services also run every 30 minutes at night.
- The standard fare is 0.60 Euro.

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

September 26-30, 2011

V WCCA (Fifth World Congress on Conservation Agriculture), Brisbane, Australia. Contact: John Dixon at Dixon@aciagov.au

Late 2011 or Early 2012

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

2012

Rio+20: The United Nations General Assembly agreed to a new Earth Summit at 4 am on the 24th of December. The Summit will be in 2012 and will be hosted by Brazil. The themes are the **Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, the institutional framework for sustainable development, emerging issues and a review of present commitments**. You can follow developments on 2012 and read the resolution at www.earthsummit2012.org.



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