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**SWAT REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND TRAINING WORKSHOP IN GUANGZHOU, CHINA**

**July 24-30, 2011**



**Participants attending the SWAT Regional Conference and Training Workshop**



Dear member, friend, colleague,

It is rather common to use digital technology as a tool to study hydrology these days. We all recognize that water is important; therefore hydrology is a common subject that will lead to most other subjects that our lives are involved.

Before the availability of the digital technology, or Information Technology (IT) that we call, scientists in those days used conventional mathematics to calculate relevant phenomena, e.g. rainfall, earth surface condition, slope and other criteria and will get us to know the expected or estimated amount of water runoff and soil loss. After that, it will lead us to know the degree of land degradation through various mechanisms and how this can be counteracted which is numerously called management, restoration, conservation, etc. One big step occurred in the 1960s when a group of American scientists devised the Universal Soil Loss Equation (USLE), which made researchers/ implementers so comfortable; sitting on an armchair in an air-conditioned room, one can easily predict the amount of soil loss in any piece of land anywhere on earth, with various conditions that they put in – though not very precise. WASWAC has published how the USLE was acquired as the Special Publication No. 1 in 2003 (*Pioneering Soil Erosion Prediction – The USLE Story*, by John Laflen and Bill Moldenhauer) and is downloadable from our Tokyo website [www.waswc.org](http://www.waswc.org). John was the Treasurer of our association until last year; we are so proud of him.

This USLE of the 1960s had gone through various forms, e.g. CREAMS, GLEAMS, EPIC, SWRRB, and then become SWAT (Soil and Water Assessment Tool) as coined by Jeff Arnold in Texas in early 1990s. SWAT itself has also gone through many forms until now and is still developing/ modifying unceasingly. The whole process of development of SWAT is described in Jeff Arnold et al. (eds.)'s *Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT): Global Applications*, which is the Special Publication No. 4 of WASWAC, published in 2009.

Twenty years have passed since the SWAT computer model was first coined and put to use and people have used it widely throughout the world. For me, I became truly involved in it only in mid-2008 when I was asked to produce a book (as mentioned in the previous paragraph) to make available to participants of the SWAT SEA I Workshop and Conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand in January 2009. Then I joined the SWAT SEA II W&C in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam early this year and with a close colleague have committed to organize SWAT SEA III by ourselves in Pattaya, Thailand in May 2013 when the Thai Land Development Department will celebrate its Golden Anniversary by organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> WASWAC World Conference and Council Meeting. But before that date arrives, it had happened that Dr Li Dingqiang of the Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences had found sufficient funds to organize a **SWAT Regional Conference and Training Workshop** in Guangzhou, China during July 24-30, 2011, so he asked me to help. It took me so much time for all phases of organizing, from preparing to executing and producing the report – but I must admit that I did enjoy every minute when working with many people in getting the SWAT technology disseminated to many young Chinese scholars – as I have to learn about it myself, because it is true to my general practice that at my age (of 70) I still learn new things everyday. I therefore must thank my friend Li Dingqiang a lot for offering this piece of work to me to do!!! You can read summary and conclusions from that SWAT event shortly after this.

It is an undeniable fact that the success of SWAT has stemmed from the reality that the hydrological model itself is FREE, everyone can access to and use it; it is usable for studying the health of river basins up to certain limit – and one can use it in combination with some other licensed computer software to do research in further levels or areas. That is why we have got almost 1,000 SWAT papers already published up to now.

Being a free software is a real merit for SWAT and I see that it is a good opportunity of our WASWAC members to use it in our work, as the software is downloadable from the website and there are materials that you can learn from available in many places including those that WASWAC is now doing on Facebook and YouTube. Moreover, there is a good opportunity to learn at certain training courses which are mostly organized when there are SWAT conferences, either locally or internationally.

I therefore would like to urge all WASWAC members to use SWAT, so that you do not have to wait to buy expensive software or to use illegal ones. Computer these days are affordable and no longer a problem to acquire. From the script that follows you may see that the SWAT model has been popular and many people are trying to learn how to use it. So why don't you?

With my best wishes that you will one day become a SWATter (a person that uses or involves SWAT) too,

Samran Sombatpanit

## Summary and Conclusions

### SWAT REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND TRAINING WORKSHOP IN GUANGZHOU, CHINA

July 24-30, 2011

SWAT (Soil and Water Assessment Tool) computer model to assess the health of river basins has been used rather widely in various parts of the world during the past two decades, with a group of scientists working at the United States Department of Agriculture – Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) at Temple and Texas A&M University (TAMU) at College Station, Texas, USA taking their roles in developing and providing technical information and certain coordination – with the understanding that the use of the software developed by this Texas group of scientists is without cost, with the possibility of using commercial software that come with license. SWAT workshop and conference has been organized in various countries, with purpose to train new users and provide venues to those having used the model in their career. SWAT SEA I and SWAT SEA II meetings took place in Chiang Mai, Thailand (January 5-8, 2009) and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (January 4-7, 2011), respectively. The abbreviated ‘SEA’ denotes South East Asia.

**Objectives** Dr Li Dingqiang (below left, [ldingqiang@yahoo.com](mailto:ldingqiang@yahoo.com)), Director of the Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences (GIEESS) in Guangzhou, China had attended the SWAT SEA II with his colleague, Professor Zhuo Muning. During the workshop, Dr. Samran, Professor Zhuo Muning and Dr Li Dingqiang discussed the proposal of the Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences (GIEESS) - with support from the Texas SWAT team, WASWAC and others – to host the SWAT Regional Conference and Training Workshop in Guangzhou in the middle of 2011 with the following objectives.



1. To provide a venue for researchers to present their works
2. To train scholars and young scientists of China with SWAT model, mainly for beginners
3. To discuss various agendas that may help in speeding up the dissemination of the SWAT model in China and elsewhere

After having asked for support and comments of Jeff Arnold (USDA-ARS, USA), R. Srinivasan (Texas A&M University, USA), Philip W. Gassman (Iowa State University, USA), Manuel Reyes (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University – NCAT, USA), Li Rui (World Association of Soil and Water Conservation), Hao Fanghua (Beijing Normal University, China); Cai Qiangguo, President of Greater China Environment Resources and Ecological Conservation Society; Li Zhanbin, Chairman of Professional Committee of Soil Erosion and Soil & Water Conservation, Chinese Society of Soil Science; Zhu Zhaohua (right), President of the Guangdong Society of Soil and Water Conservation (GSSWC) and others in mid-June, it was announced that the SWAT Regional Conference and Training Workshop would be organized in Guangzhou during July 24-30, 2011. A large number of people inside and outside China have been involved in making this meeting successful.



**Program** Since there was not much time for scientists to prepare new works to present, a plan was devised that a number of recently presented works of good quality (but not yet published) should be updated to present at the venue, with the main intention to use them as examples for the trainees to learn from. These works (altogether 12) should be presented at suitable times with training in order to meet the purpose. The overall conference-training program when done will be shown in the proceedings.

**Additional agendas discussed** On July 27, several key persons (around 15) had gathered in the meeting room to sound out the idea of (1) Should there be a SWAT Network of China to help facilitate the work of many researchers/implementers of SWAT in China, in order to speed up the use of this model? (2) Should there be a merge the operation of SWAT SEA and others who used to organize SWAT in East Asia, e.g. China, Korea and Japan to enable a more consistent and stronger organization of SWAT conference and training? The meeting agreed unanimously; so the organizers brought this up to the panel discussion and both issues were agreed. During lunch on the boat on the last day of the field trip (July 30), these two issues were brought up to discuss in more details among 13 persons (Nathaniel Alibuyog, Cai Qiangguo, Guo Biyun, Tung-Chao Hou, Huang Feng, Li Dingqiang, Nguyen Thi Hong, Samran Sombatpanit, Susan Wang, Winai Wangpimool, Yang Xiaoying, Wu Huijun, Zhou Lili). The discussions were positive throughout, with the results shown in No. 3-5 of the Conclusions section below.

**Overall, this event has produced following important outcomes:**

1. For training scientists in one community/country with SWAT, it is beneficial to have a number of experienced people go around and help trainees to solve their problems during various phases of operation. It is important that NO SINGLE TRAINEE to such a SWAT





training course should go home empty-handed. The number of facilitators may vary depending on several factors. In certain case, the organizers may even ask some participants that have been familiar with SWAT to certain extent to volunteer to do the facilitator's task. Additional benefit in providing facilitators is that, in the process there will be certain interaction between (mostly foreign) facilitators and (mostly local) trainees, which will bring forth a good contact and cooperation in the future.



2. This meeting was fortunate to have been provided with a bilingual SWAT lecturer (Dr Susan Wang (left), who lectured in both English and Chinese) by the SWAT team in Texas, thus enabling a better understanding among the trainees as well as to have established a firm contact between China and Texas SWAT team afterward. Therefore it is essential, though may not always be possible, to have lecturer(s) who can handle the training in local language, since SWAT modeling technology concerns large numbers of complicated matters.

3. As anticipated, all participants were receptive in forming a SWAT Network of China. The final meeting among persons on the boat on July 30 agreed that we should use a social media network applicable for China, e.g. QQ, to operate it, with interest in expanding the number of users quicker than in normal situation. The network should register with certain authority to show it does not involve politics. Dr Huang Feng of China Agricultural University (CAU) in Beijing has volunteered to act as the network secretary and would run a website for the network at CAU. It was agreed that the key persons of this meeting and those that can be identified later would act as the focal points in various locations and all participants at this event become 'founding members' automatically. However, we need to find the chairman by choosing among eminent scientists. e.g. Professor Li Rui, Professor Fanghua Hao, Dr Li Dingqiang for the whole China network. A brief regulation of the network may need to be written. The meeting approved Dr Huang Feng's post of SWAT Network of China's secretary while Dr Huang agreed to start the task SWAT Network of China immediately.



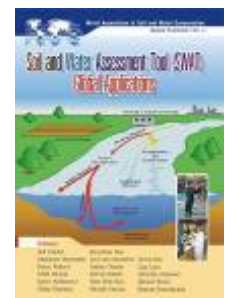
4. NETWORKS IN OTHER COUNTRIES: Thailand has had its SWAT Network (using Facebook as its medium) since January this year after having agreed on it at the SWAT SEA II in Ho Chi Minh City (January 4-7, 2011). At this event, participants from the Philippines (Prof Nathaniel Alibuyog) and Vietnam (Dr Nguyen Kim Loi & Ms Nguyen Thi Hong) have agreed on setting up their SWAT network in respective countries by using Facebook for both countries. These four networks pledged to work closely together.



5. It was noted that when organizing SWAT SEA I (Chiang Mai, Thailand) and SWAT SEA II (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam), each event could not draw very large numbers of foreign scholars to participate and some countries of the region never sent anyone to attend. It was therefore proposed that such SWAT meetings in the future would benefit more if more countries were added to the existing ones, e.g. China, Korea and Japan, and rename the meeting from SWAT SEA (South East Asia) to SWAT SEEA (South East & East Asia). Chinese participants agreed to this proposal and could do it immediately and we need to consult Drs Il-moon Chung of Korea and Hiroaki Somura of Japan as well as the SWAT team in Texas to discuss about the possibility and the proper protocol. It is foreseen that, with a larger group of countries doing SWAT meetings working together, an agreement on the years that countries would rotate to organize such meetings 'effectively' could be done, e.g. within 10 years SEA countries could run 4 times, China 3 times and Korea/Japan together 3 times. Dr Samran Sombatpanit volunteered to act as its provisional coordinator.

#### Other Issues

- Prof Nguyen Kim Loi would produce the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT): Global Applications (2009) book next year, with listing as a number of the WASWAC Special Publications series and the printing (with ISBN) and distribution could be entirely done from Vietnam.
- Due to the fact that the use of SWAT model in studying river basins has spread worldwide and there is substantial mutual benefit in doing works related to SWAT together, WASWAC should cooperate with the SWAT Team in Texas by considering SWAT as an Associate Program, pending the agreement from the SWAT Team. (NOTE: SWAT Team in Texas agreed as proposed since August 15, 2011.)
- Advantages/disadvantages of the type of computer used for training:* Though it looks as if having a number of desktop computers ready for training is better than to ask participants to bring their own laptops of various specs to the training, but it appears now that when trainees come with their own laptops it will have a good advantage in terms of software installation and they can continue after returning to their bases. In such case, the organizers need to specify the requirements for the hardware and software in a good time before the participants come.
- Suggestion to organizers of future SWAT Workshop and Conference:* Some authors of non-SWAT papers should also be invited, as there is a chance for them or their offices to start to learn about and use SWAT model in addition to what they have always been using, e.g. expensive licensed models.
- All SWAT participants are invited to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> WASWAC World Conference to take place at Pattaya, Thailand during May 14-18, 2013, under the title "Threats to land and water resources in the 21<sup>st</sup> century:



Prevention, mitigation and restoration” and the Second Councilor Meeting of WASWAC (LANDCON1305). ‘SWAT SEA III’ and ‘Conservation Agriculture (CA) SEA III’ are two major components.

- f. All participants are invited to join as members of the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWAC), the 5-year membership fee is US\$20 for developing countries and US\$40 for developed countries; for Life membership fees for developing/ developed countries they are respectively US\$80/US\$160.

**Words of Appreciation** At the closing, Prof Li Rui (lower left), Dr Samran Sombatpanit (lower right) and Dr Li



Dingqiang thanked various agencies and persons that have played their roles in making this SWAT Regional Conference and Training Workshop in Guangzhou successful. This meeting, though being limited in producing new research works, can be considered an important step towards making SWAT being used more widely through the use of facilitators during the training. Apart from that, the initiatives for other two issues – creation of SWAT Network of China (and also networks of the Philippines and Vietnam) *and* enlarging the



SWAT SEA region to become SWAT SEEA to facilitate more effective organization of SWAT workshop and conferences – are significant in terms of speeding up the use of the SWAT hydrological model, which is considered versatile and low cost or even costless, suitable for people living in developing countries where financial resources are scarce, and well responding to the wishes of scientists who had created it. Apart from that, they thanked the trainees who had attentively learned SWAT so it would enable them to use in their career, and this might bring forward the speeding up of their implementation of the development of natural resources of China.

They thanked all lecturers, presenters and facilitators who were instrumental in making the event a successful one. In particular they thanked Susan Wang for her role as the main lecturer, and they thanked the Texas team of SWAT developers that facilitated her participation.

Last and not least, they thanked Dr Nguyen Kim Loi (right) of Nong Lam University of Agriculture and Forestry, HCMC, Vietnam, for accepting to take the role of the Headmaster of the SWAT School of Guangzhou this time and wished him a great success in his future career, as he was to become a full professor after arriving back to Vietnam, and wished him to act as a goodwill ambassador to create friendship among people of many countries through the teaching of SWAT.



GIEESS, GSSWC and WASWAC then issued Certificates to all the trainees and at the very end Prof Li Rui gave his three final words to all participants: **Congratulations, thanks, wishes.**

**NOTE: The organizers have planned to produce a DVD proceedings from this regional conference & training workshop. If interested you may request a copy from Dr Li Dingqiang at [lidingqiang@yahoo.com](mailto:lidingqiang@yahoo.com).**

**SWAT websites:** • MAIN SWAT WEBSITE: <http://swatmodel.tamu.edu/>

• SWAT USER WEBSITE: <http://groups.google.com/group/swatuser?pli=1>

• SwatLectures YouTube WEBSITE: <http://www.youtube.com/SwatLectures>

• SWAT (Soil & Water Assessment Tool) Network:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/SWAT-Soil-Water-Assessment-Tool-Network/137912712939500>

• SWAT Network of Thailand <http://www.facebook.com#!/pages/SWAT-Network-of-Thailand/122568534483823>



Participants who joined the post-conference tour (July 28-30) to visit Guangdong Grand Canyon, Mt Danxia Geological Park (this picture), Guangdong Hydraulic Research Center and other places related to soil and water conservation after the SWAT Regional Conference & Training Workshop in Guangzhou

# HOT MEETING

**All WASWAC members are welcome to attend YOUR conference in May 2013**

## LANDCON 1305

**May 11-13, 2013**

**SWAT SEA III and Conservation Agriculture (CA) III, Pattaya, Thailand** (More details below).

**May 14-18, 2013**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Announcement of the WASWAC World Conference on “THREATS TO LAND AND WATER RESOURCES IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY: PREVENTION, MITIGATION AND RESTORATION” and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting of WASWAC (LANDCON 1305)**

### I. INVITATION

You are cordially invited to participate in the International Conference on “Threats to Land and Water Resources in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Prevention, Mitigation and Restoration” and the Second Council Meeting of WASWAC (LANDCON1305) to be held in Pattaya, Thailand from May 14-18, 2013.

Land is foundation of human survival and development, but the degradation of land is intensifying in many parts of the world because of many reasons, including the improper land use and global climate change. Land degradation could induce the deterioration of the ecological functions and productivity of land through soil erosion, desertification, salinization, loss of biodiversity and so on. Land degradation has been threatening the socioeconomic and cultural development at regional and global scales.

Fortunately, the increasing attention has been paid in combating land degradation all over world, as witnessed at the 1<sup>st</sup> WASWAC World Conference (1WASWAC WC or LANDCON1010) in Xi'an, China in October 2010 that there have been a number of projects being operated by many agencies in various regions to cope with such problems. It is therefore timely to organize the next WASWAC WC in May 2013, which will coincide with the time that the Land Development Department of Thailand, our main host, will hold its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

We sincerely hope that you will join us in making LANDCON1305 a success in terms of identifying the threats to our land and water resources and how to counteract them. We look forward to welcoming you to LANDCON1305 in Pattaya, Thailand

### II. THEMES

**The main theme of the conference is “THREATS TO LAND AND WATER RESOURCES IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY: PREVENTION, MITIGATION AND RESTORATION”, with following subthemes (to update in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement):**

- Situation and evolution of land degradation
- Mechanism and driving forces of land degradation
- Control measures to prevent and mitigate land degradation (mechanical, biological, agronomical, management) and to restore degraded land
- Evaluation of impact of land degradation on food production and the environment
- Effect of global climate change on land degradation and food security
- Law and Policy to Prevent and Mitigate Land Degradation

And there are specialized themes as follows:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Soil and Water Assessment Tool Workshop and Conference for Southeast Asia (SWAT SEA III)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Conservation Agriculture Conference for Southeast Asia (CA SEA III)
- Symposium on Soil Classification in Relation to Conservation and Management
- Symposium on Desertification and Its Control
- Symposium on Salinization Problems and Their Prevention/Mitigation/Restoration
- Symposium on Vetiver and Other Biological Conservation Measures for Soil and Water
- Symposium on Water Resource Development and Conservation
- Symposium on Landslide and Debris Flow
- Symposium on Land Care and Management
- Symposium on Land Use, Land Use Change and Change of Land Ownership (Incl. Land Grabbing)
- Symposium on Land and Soil Education
- And other topics of interest pending the suggestions from members.



### III. ORGANIZATION

#### Initiative organizations

- World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWAC)
- Soil and Water Conservation Society of Thailand (SWCST)
- Land Development Department, Bangkok (LDD)

#### Sponsors

To be announced in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement

#### Organizers

- Land Development Department, Bangkok (LDD)
- Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences (GIEESS), Guangzhou, China
- Institute of Soil and Water Conservation (ISWC), Yangling, Shaanxi, China
- International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation (IRTCES), Beijing, China
- North Carolina Agriculture and Technology State University (NCAT), Greensboro, NC, USA
- Soil and Water Conservation Society of Thailand (SWCST)
- Soil and Fertilizer Society of Thailand (SFST)
- World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWAC), Beijing, China

More will be added in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement.

### IV. Committees (to be announced)

#### Scientific Committee

#### Organizing Committee

### V. VENUE AND DATE

Date: May 14-17, 2013, with post-conference excursions to various parts of Thailand and neighboring countries (Cambodia and Laos) thereafter

Venue: Pattaya, Thailand

Contact: To be announced

**NOTE:** Training in SWAT and Conservation Agriculture will take place during May 11-13, 2014 and all trainees will participate in the conference of which the symposia in both topics form a part.

### VI. Meeting Structure

#### FOR SWAT & Conservation Agriculture (CA) TRAINEES

Training starts from the afternoon of Saturday, May 11 to the evening of Monday, May 13, 2013.

#### FOR ALL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

Registration on Monday, May 13, 2013

Conference starts in the morning of Tuesday, May 14 and ends in the afternoon of Friday, May 17, 2013.

Mid-conference tour will be one full day, Wednesday, May 15; Banquet is on Thursday, May 16.

Departure is on Saturday, May 18, 2013 or earlier.

### VII. PAPERS & PUBLICATION

The proceedings of Landcon1305 will be published. Full papers will be indexed.

Papers are accepted for either ORAL or POSTER presentation. Details will be provided on the website soon.

#### *Important dates*

Deadline for Abstract Submission: September 30, 2012

Abstract Acceptance Notification: Two weeks after its acceptance

Deadline for Full Paper Submission: February 28, 2013

### VIII. REGISTRATION and FEES Will be announced in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement

### IX. SECRETARIAT

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## BULLETIN BOARD

**THE LAST ANNOUNCEMENT:** If you have not sent any digital materials to us for including in our upcoming **LANDCON e-LIBRARY: Our Gift to the Earth (SP5)**, pls do send. Almost everything digital produced from your office can be sent to us and we will sort out and make a good 'bookshelf' for them.

WASWAC Bulletin for Jan-Apr 2011 (edited by Dr S.S. Kukal in India) with the number 27(1) has already been posted on <http://waswac.soil.gd.cn/>. We expect the next one, 27(2), to be ready soon.

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](mailto:sombatpanit@yahoo.com).

**SWAT book+DVD** can be purchased by contacting representatives in some countries (see the last page of this HOT NEWS) or may order directly from [sombatpanit@yahoo.com](mailto:sombatpanit@yahoo.com). For **U.S.A.**, copies are available from Prof. Manuel R. Reyes of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, NC [reyes@ncat.edu](mailto:reyes@ncat.edu), [mannyreyes@nc.rr.com](mailto:mannyreyes@nc.rr.com), who keeps stocks of other WASWAC Special Publications too.

Both Special Publications of WASWAC (**No-Till Farming Systems & SWAT**) are now available from the **WASWAC Secretariat** located at the International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation (IRTCES) in Beijing, to facilitate our Chinese readers. For more information please contact Dr Liu Xiaoying at [waswacsecretariat@yahoo.com](mailto:waswacsecretariat@yahoo.com). Members from within China can also send membership fee to him; ask him how.

Special Publication No. 6 (SP6), entitled "**Vegetable Agroforestry Systems**", will be ready soon. This SP6 - comprising four books with total page number of around 1,300 - US\$60/set - showcases the trials of such systems in **Vietnam, Indonesia and Philippines** during last several years. The project has been part of the USAID-funded SANREM project. More details will be available later. WASWAC strives to publish books of SWC technologies that are applicable widely and sells them at low prices to serve people that belong to every economy level. Members are welcome to join as co-publishers for which a special price applies. Contact Samran Sombatpanit for more information [ssombatpanit@yahoo.com](mailto:ssombatpanit@yahoo.com) and [samran\\_sombatpanit@yahoo.com](mailto:samran_sombatpanit@yahoo.com).

## HOT JOB

### ▲ Survey Supervisor

I am looking for a surveyor to supervise a large scale land access project in Congo. The tasks include farm survey, structure survey and quality control. A good knowledge of French is preferable. Anyone interested should contact me ([yawaddai@yahoo.com](mailto:yawaddai@yahoo.com)) ASAP with your CV.

Joseph

## TRAINING

### ▲ International Advanced Training Workshop on Water and Soil Conservation will be held in Beijing, China on Sept. 12-20, 2011

The International Advance Training Workshop on Water and Soil Conservation will be a major activity of the International Sediment Initiative (ISI) of UNESCO for 2010-2011. It should meet one of the objectives of ISI on —Education and capacity building for sustainable sediment management□. The workshop has been designed to fulfill the demands of engineers, scientists, managers, stakeholders and decision-makers in various countries. Through lectures, discussions, exchanges and a one-day field study, the participants will have the opportunity to improve their professional skills in water and soil conservation theory and practical knowledge, acquire the latest concepts, techniques and information, and establish linkage among participants.

The training course will be arranged in lectures, demonstration and seminars with following topics:

- Situation of global soil erosion;
- Soil erosion types and their characteristics;
- Soil erosion mechanism and its estimation;
- Main measures of water and soil conservation;



- Check dam for water and soil conservation in Loess Plateau in China;
- River sediment management and River Ecology Restoration
- Field study on small-watershed integrated management in the suburb area of Beijing.
- Seminar

For more information, please go to the online announcement available at:

[http://www.irtces.org/isi/WebNews\\_View-en2.asp?WebNewsID=654](http://www.irtces.org/isi/WebNews_View-en2.asp?WebNewsID=654)

## COURSES

▲ The **RSB (Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuel)** is pleased to announce an upcoming auditor training course, September 19-23, 2011, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. <http://rsb.epfl.ch>

This course will be co-taught by the RSB Secretariat and AB Training, and participants who successfully pass the course will be granted the authorization to conduct audits against the RSB standards, on behalf of RSB recognized certification bodies.

**Course details:** **Start:** Monday, September 19, 2011 at 9 am. **Location:** Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Exact location TBA. **Duration:** The course is four full days, followed by a half day knowledge exam on Friday, September 23. **Cost:** \$800 USD

More information in the course and the registration form is attached to this email. For further details please contact either Matt Rudolf ([matthew.rudolf@epfl.ch](mailto:matthew.rudolf@epfl.ch)) or Michal Brink ([michal@abtraining.biz](mailto:michal@abtraining.biz)).

## AWARDS



▲ Dr Ranjan Bhattacharyya wins the Golden Jubilee Young Scientist Award (2010) from the Indian Society of Soil Science

Dr Ranjan Bhattacharyya has won the prestigious Golden Jubilee Young Scientist Award (2010) from the Indian Society of Soil Science. The Award (in the form of a gold medal and a certificate) was presented to Ranjan during the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Society held in Bhopal (India) during Nov 14-17, 2010. Ranjan got his PhD in 2009 from the University of Wolverhampton, under the supervision of Prof Mike Fullen, a long-time member of the WASWAC council. Ranjan is a member of WASWAC.



▲ Prof Antonio José Teixeira Guerra wins the Regional Engineering, Architecture and Agronomy Council of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) Environmental Award (2010) in Geography

Prof Antonio T. Guerra, or Tony Guerra as we know, got his BSc and MSc in Geography from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and PhD from the University of London. Tony has written and edited 17 books on geomorphology and environmental issues, written 95 articles and completed 28 monographs. He has supervised numerous theses (25 MSc and 20 PhD). He received the Award at a special ceremony on December 6, 2010. This is the fourth national award that he has ever received. In WASWAC, Tony has translated the WASWAC Newsletter to Portuguese with his team of students from 2005 until now. He is an

Honorary Member of WASWAC.

We sincerely congratulate both award recipients for their achievement. (From ESSC Newsletter 1/2011 – Thanks to Prof Mike Fullen, Editor)

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(<http://www.eijkelpkamp.com/Portals/2/Eijkelpkamp/Files/AP-P12101e-A4 Percussion drilling equipment.pdf>)



# SEED BANK

## ECHO Asia Seed Bank Catalog Is Now On-line



The ECHO Asia Impact Center is pleased to announce its new on-line seed catalog, now accessible at this link: [ECHO Asia Seed Bank Catalog](http://www.echoasia.org/seedbank).

Since 2009, the ECHO Asia Seed Bank has evaluated dozens of candidate crops for possible seed production and distribution among our network. These crops include nitrogen fixing trees, green manure/cover crops, grains, oil crops and garden vegetables.

We are currently ready to offer 48 evaluated varieties, most of which are from Asian sources. These selections include underutilized crops with potential, such as grain sorghum, Niger seed and Job's tears. Also, many of the selections are long time ECHO favorites, including Clemson spineless okra, yellow eggplant, day neutral winged bean and bottle gourd.

All varieties listed on ECHO Asia's on-line seed catalog are accompanied with brief crop descriptions, and in most cases, color photos.

Keeping an eye out for new crop candidates and evaluating those with promise, ECHO Asia expects to continually add new selections, hoping to offer at least 100 varieties suitable for Asia within a few years. Additionally, the main ECHO Seed Bank (<http://www.echo.net.org/content/SeedBank>) offers approximately 300 crop varieties for global distribution.

To enable development agencies, community-based organizations and farm households to access, produce, save and share quality seed, ECHO Asia is focused upon supplying seeds of a wide range of open-pollinated crop varieties. We are also testing appropriate technologies and approaches for difficult seed saving environments, specifically locations prone to hot and humid conditions with limited or no climate control options. Additionally, ECHO is developing strategies to promote seed sharing among regional partners to ultimately empower smallholder farmers to conserve and diversify crop options needed to improve family food security.

To enable our partners to make informed seed selections, we are also preparing to collect feedback from regional evaluators who have received and grown ECHO Asia seed in their various locations. Some of these evaluators will be recruited from specific locations with particular climatic conditions such as humid equatorial, dry zones and high elevations above 1500 meters. However, we will welcome feedback on crop performance from all partners who received samples of ECHO Asia seed.

As with ECHO's main seed bank, ECHO Asia's development partners may access up to 10 sample packets of seed per year. Larger amounts of select types of seed will be available for purchase. To inquire or order seed from ECHO Asia, contact the ECHO Asia Seed Bank Manager at [AsiaSeedBank@gmail.com](mailto:AsiaSeedBank@gmail.com).

# INSTITUTIONS

▲ **IUSS Change of Address** The IUSS Secretary General Alfred Hartemink has taken up a position at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, USA per August 2011. His new e-mail address is [hartemink@wisc.edu](mailto:hartemink@wisc.edu). The Deputy Secretary General Alex McBratney has taken over the IUSS website that is now hosted in Australia. It will also be redesigned soon. Please send all information for the website to [alex.mcbratney@sydney.edu.au](mailto:alex.mcbratney@sydney.edu.au) (From IUSS Alert 74)

## NEW INFORMATION SOURCES

### HANDBOOKS, MANUALS, GLOSSARIES

▲ **SWAT Manual in Thai Language**, Please visit:  
<http://www.tnmckc.org/showplandetail.php?subjecttitleID=219>

### NEWSLETTERS, BULLETINS, BROCHURES



#### ▲ ESSC Newsletter 1/2011

This well edited newsletter is done by Prof Mike Fullen, of Wolverhampton University in UK, our WASWAC Councilor. It contains news about research, conferences and outcome from those events. You will receive hardcopy newsletters with your membership which costs Euro 25 a year or Euro 70 for three years. Contact Wim Cornelis at [wim.cornelis@UGent.be](mailto:wim.cornelis@UGent.be) if you want to apply for membership. You can use credit cards of Eurocard/ Mastercard/ Visa card/ Amex card as well as bank transfer to send money (the way WASWAC should learn how to do)!!!

▲ Dear friends and colleagues,

Attached please find the UNESCO-IHP-ISI Newsletter No. 21, any comments and suggestions are welcomed. The UNESCO IHP-ISI has its websites at: <http://www.irtces.org/isi/> and ISI Information System at: <http://www.irtces.org/isi/info.asp>. ISI also has a quarterly newsletter which brings you the latest news, information and events. Please send your contributions to the Chairman of ISI Steering Committee at [manfred.spreadico@googlemail.com](mailto:manfred.spreadico@googlemail.com) or ISI technical Secretariat at [chliu@iwhr.com](mailto:chliu@iwhr.com).

I would appreciate your kind cooperation to further disseminate this newsletter in your networks.

Sincerely yours, LIU Cheng  
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- ✧ U.S. NHI President Mr. G. A. Thomas Visits IRTces
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#### Coming Events

- ✧ 4th International Conference on Estuaries and Coasts (Vietnam, Oct.8-11, 2012)
- ✧ ISI International Advanced Training Workshop on Water and Soil Conservation
- ✧ International Conference on the Status and Future of the World's Large Rivers (Vienna, 11-14 April 2011)
- ✧ RCEM2011 - The 7th IAHR Symposium on River, Coastal and Estuarine Morphodynamics (Beijing, Sept. 6-8, 2011)
- ✧ Short Course "Modeling of River Migration at Multiple Scales: A GIS-based toolbox for river restoration" to be organized on Sept. 3-5, 2011
- ✧ APAC2011 - The 6th International Conference on Asian and Pacific Coasts (Hong Kong, Dec. 14-16, 2011)
- ✧ ISELE - International Symposium on Erosion and Landscape Evolution (USA, September 18-21, 2011)
- ✧ 5th International Conference on Flood Management (Japan, Sept.27-29, 2011)
- ✧ More Coming Events in ISI Website

#### Vienna Declaration



### ▲ SOIL Action Newsletter - European Soil Portal:

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu>

#### Soil Protection Activities & Soil Quality Monitoring in South Eastern Europe No 31 (July 2011)

Download the Newsletter: [PDF Format](#) or [HTML Format](#).

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The conference **"Soil Protection Activities and Soil Quality Monitoring in South Eastern Europe (SEE)"** was organized in Sarajevo as a joint action by the Soil Science Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Soil Science Society of Slovenia. The main objectives of conference were to review the soil protection and soil quality monitoring activities in SEE including research activities, project reports, good practice guides and various methodologies and monitoring strategies. The special emphasis was laid on the ecological and technical soil functions, remediation and re-cultivation measures, data collection and processing, soil protection policy, soil quality and soil resources management issues on the regional level. The conference was an opportunity to key regional soil science research institutions to present activities and achievements with further prospects of cross-border scientific collaboration. This publication presents a selection of 20 conference papers prepared by the authors from SEE countries (Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) and guest contributions from Austria, Slovenia and Syria.



Some interesting publications (9) of SOIL Action staff in peer review journals during 2010:

- Effects of soil-surface microbial community phenotype upon physical and hydrological properties of an arable soil: A microcosm study
- Multi-scale European Soil Information System (MEUSIS): A multi-scale method to derive soil indicators
- Combining spatial data in landslide reactivation susceptibility mapping: A likelihood

ratio-based approach in W Belgium

- Preface: Soil erosion and degradation in Mediterranean type ecosystems
- Carbon concentrations and stocks in forest soils of Europe.
- Prediction of spatial patterns of collapsed pipes in loess-derived soils in a temperate humid climate using logistic regression
- Comparison of two landslide susceptibility assessments in the Champagne-Ardenne region (France).



- The need for harmonizing methodologies for assessing soil threats in Europe
  - An Analysis of the Land Use Sustainability Index (LUSI) at Territorial Scale Based on Corine Land Cover
- [http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ESDB\\_Archive/eusoils\\_docs/doc\\_pub.html](http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ESDB_Archive/eusoils_docs/doc_pub.html)

### **Goldschmidt2011**

SOIL action staff members will present their work in 2 sessions:

16c (Oral): [Soil carbon dynamics in managed environments](#) . Session chaired by Nikolaos Nikolaidis & Donald Sparks (15/8/2011)

14a (Oral): [Critical zone processes at multiple scales](#). Session chaired by Heather Buss & Jérôme Gaillardet (19/8/2011)

### **Newsletter Spotlight**

#### **Conference "Soil Organic Matter: the old truth and new challenges"**

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Dr Marek Sawicki and European Commission, DG Research & Innovation are pleased to invite you to this scientific conference. The conference is planned for 21 September 2011 in Brussels (BE) during the Polish EU Presidency.

[http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/events/Future\\_events/InvitationCarbon2011.pdf](http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/events/Future_events/InvitationCarbon2011.pdf)

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## **WEBSITES (Mixed subjects – but interesting/enjoyable)**

- ▲ World's luckiest train track inspector <http://www.youtube.com/user/FelaLawyer#p/u/0/tDAKC0Nl6kg>
- ▲ No language barrier - click and you are away with music. <http://www.youtube.com/embed/ZjqUH0pvZ0U>
- ▲ Dog and deer, they are best friends <http://www.dogwork.com/ddsf4/>
- ▲ There are quite a few studies coming out of Asian countries that really challenge our climate change ideas because the variability is much higher than popularly imagined and is not related to CO<sub>2</sub>.  
<http://www.ldeo.columbia.edu/news-events/did-climate-influence-angkors-collapse#.TjPyJf8S3kA.email>

## **EVERYTHING ABOUT COMPUTER – hardware and software**

- ▲ **VLC software to open most videos:** *You can download it here:* <http://www.videolan.org/vlc/>

I normally use it to open my YouTube files. – Samran

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

- ▲ Dear Professors, Friends and colleagues

Following my earlier e-mails, I would like to request you to kindly submit your own manuscripts and ask your post graduate students and colleagues to do the same to our journal with the following link. <http://ijnrms.ir/>

Your valued contribution is appreciated.

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## New Eijkelkamp "Water Management Catalogue"

Eijkelkamp Agrisearch Equipment BV from the Netherlands, recently published a new catalogue on Research Equipment for Water Management Studies. It contains an important selection of water related Eijkelkamp equipment. Go to [www.eijkelkamp.com](http://www.eijkelkamp.com) for more information.



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## INTERESTING QUOTES

“Mankind spends much of his time and efforts in opposing natural forces, but unless he takes control of his numbers and their demands, nature will have the last word.” – J.C. Wilcox, *Post Bag*, *Bangkok Post* July 6, 2011

“PAPER DOES NOT GROW ON TREES.... IT DESTROYS THEM! THINK BEFORE PRINTING” –  
*Anonymous*

## LET'S SING A SONG

### *Some Enchanted Evening* (from *South Pacific*)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1thN2aRg5Y&feature=related> Barbra Streisand  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fkrt3NMvMHU&feature=related> Ezio Pinza  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAO16y3S6M0&feature=related> Cesare Siepi  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtArnOqihRA&feature=related> Adam Johnson  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iU-evbdqNps&feature=related> Brian Stokes Mitchell  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWjqXKv65ew&feature=related> Frank Sinatra  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zni\\_hqjCxHM&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zni_hqjCxHM&feature=related) Frank Sinatra & Rosemary Clooney  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B4iHXhycGc8&feature=related> Karaoke  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iau\\_ahGfAD4&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iau_ahGfAD4&feature=related) Mantovani (only music)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2d-6nMBxsM> Carlo Colombara-Fabrizio Milani  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwWBj-lfize&feature=related> Kelli O'hara & Paulo Zlot  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWRf4BRpl8w> Placido Domingo  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Y\\_ycEvkJ70&playnext=1&list=PL33D92CE0C25553CB](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Y_ycEvkJ70&playnext=1&list=PL33D92CE0C25553CB) Alfie Boe  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JjXYh\\_EGmtI&playnext=1&list=PLF67BD122135B3A3E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JjXYh_EGmtI&playnext=1&list=PLF67BD122135B3A3E) Jo Stafford  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSCQT2S22N4&feature=related> Morgan Smith



● Movie "South Pacific" (1959, US) Directed by Joshua Logan Starring: Rossano Brazzi, Mitzi Gaynor; music: Richard Rogers; lyrics: Oscar Hammerstein II, based on James A. Michener's Pulitzer Prize-winning 1947 book *Tales Of The South Pacific* by James Michener (more interesting details in Wikipedia). This song, among several, has become quite popular and sung by many well known singers.

● Song: *Some Enchanted Evening*, sung by Emile

Some enchanted evening  
You may see a stranger,  
You may see a stranger  
Across a crowded room  
And somehow you know,  
You know even then  
That somewhere you'll see her  
Again and again.

Some enchanted evening  
Someone may be laughin',  
You may hear her laughin'  
Across a crowded room  
And night after night,  
As strange as it seems  
The sound of her laughter  
Will sing in your dreams.

Who can explain it?  
Who can tell you why?  
Fools give you reasons,  
Wise men never try.

Some enchanted evening  
When you find your true love,  
When you feel her call you  
Across a crowded room,  
Then fly to her side,  
And make her your own  
Or all through your life you  
May dream all alone.

Once you have found her,  
Never let her go.  
Once you have found her,  
Never let her go!

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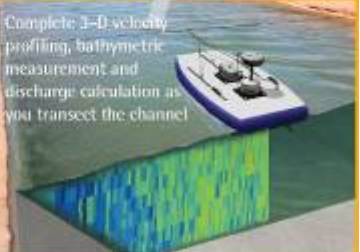
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## LANDCON Series of Meetings\*

No.	Meeting topic	Place	Time
0902	Conference of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA): Environmental Connection 09 <a href="http://www.ieca.org">www.ieca.org</a>	Reno, Nevada, USA	Feb 9-12, 2009
0903	Conference on Land Degradation in Dry Environments <a href="mailto:jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw">jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw</a>	Kuwait City, Kuwait	Mar 8-14, 2009
0905a	Global Change, Challenge for Soil Management: From Degradation – Through Soil and Water Conservation – To Sustainable Soil Management <a href="http://www.sfb.bg.ac.yu/erosion2009/">www.sfb.bg.ac.yu/erosion2009/</a>	Tara Mt., Serbia	May 26-30, 2009
0905b	Conference on “The sustainable development of water resources”, organized by Hydrotechnics Faculty of “Politehnica” University of Timisoara, Romania <a href="mailto:gcr@mail.dnttm.ro">gcr@mail.dnttm.ro</a>	Timisoara, Romania	May 27-28, 2009
0906a	The 10th international meeting on Soil with Mediterranean Type of Climate <a href="http://www.cnrs.edu.lb/10IMSMTC.pdf">http://www.cnrs.edu.lb/10IMSMTC.pdf</a>	Beirut, Lebanon	Jun 22-26, 2009
0906b	Conference on “Challenges and Opportunities of Bioindustrial Watershed Development for the Prosperity of the Farming Community”, organized by the Soil Conservation Society of India <a href="http://www.soilcsi.org/">www.soilcsi.org/</a>	Bengaluru, India	Jun 25-27, 2009
0909	International Conference on Desertification in memory of Professor John B. Thornes <a href="http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornes/doku.php">http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornes/doku.php</a> , <a href="mailto:arodi@um.es">arodi@um.es</a>	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 <a href="mailto:prabud2001@yahoo.com">prabud2001@yahoo.com</a>	Purwokerto, Central Java, Indonesia	Nov 7-8, 2009
1004a	Interpraevent Conference in the Pacific Rim <a href="http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/">http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/</a> , <a href="mailto:scchen@nchu.edu.tw">scchen@nchu.edu.tw</a>	Taipei, Taiwan	Apr 26-30, 2010
1004b	6 <sup>th</sup> National Seminar on Watershed Management and 4 <sup>th</sup> National Seminar on Soil Erosion and Sediment. <a href="mailto:wmconf6@gmail.com">wmconf6@gmail.com</a> , <a href="mailto:seconf4@gmail.com">seconf4@gmail.com</a>	Noor, Iran	Apr 28-29, 2010



<b>1005</b>	First International Conference on Soil and Roots Engineering Relationship <a href="mailto:habibibibalani@gmail.com">habibibibalani@gmail.com</a>	Ardebil Province, Iran	May 24-26, 2010
<b>1009</b>	FAME 2010, an annual event organized by Green World Conferences Contact: Derek Michalski at <a href="mailto:dm@greenworldconferences.com">dm@greenworldconferences.com</a> , <a href="http://www.greenworldconferences.com">www.greenworldconferences.com</a>	Berlin, Germany	Sep 13-14, 2010
<b>1010</b>	FIRST WASWAC COUNCIL MEETING and Int. Conf. on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas: <a href="http://www.ms.iswc.ac.cn">www.ms.iswc.ac.cn</a> , <a href="mailto:lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn">lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn</a> , <a href="mailto:wafe@ms.iswc.ac.cn">wafe@ms.iswc.ac.cn</a> , <a href="mailto:landcon1010@gmail.com">landcon1010@gmail.com</a>	Xian, Shaanxi, China	October 11- 15, 2010
<b>1011</b>	International Conference on Cooling the Earth, <a href="mailto:coolingtheearth2010@rediffmail.com">coolingtheearth2010@rediffmail.com</a> , <a href="mailto:coolingtheearth2010@gmail.com">coolingtheearth2010@gmail.com</a> , <a href="mailto:drvirsingh@rediffmail.com">drvirsingh@rediffmail.com</a> , <a href="http://www.gbpuat.ac.in">www.gbpuat.ac.in</a>	Pantnagar, India	Nov 15-17, 2010
<b>1012a</b>	International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission Seminar on Land Use, Biodiversity and Climate Change <a href="mailto:dr.mahfuzarahman@gmail.com">dr.mahfuzarahman@gmail.com</a> , <a href="http://iguguwahati2010.org">http://iguguwahati2010.org</a>	Guwahati, Assam, India	Dec 11-13, 2010
<b>1012b</b>	ASADWA Arid and Semi-arid Development through Water Augmentation, Optimizing water resources in a world of water shortage, <a href="http://www.asadwa.ugent.be">www.asadwa.ugent.be</a> . Contact <a href="mailto:asadwa@ugent.be">asadwa@ugent.be</a>	Valparaiso, Chile	Dec 13-17, 2010
<b>1101</b>	SWAT SEA II Workshop and Conference: <a href="mailto:nguyenkimloi@gmail.com">nguyenkimloi@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn">http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn</a>	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	January 4-8, 2011
<b>1103</b>	BioWise 2011, an annual event organized by Green World Conferences, Contact: Derek Michalski at <a href="mailto:dm@greenworldconferences.com">dm@greenworldconferences.com</a> , <a href="http://www.greenworldconferences.com">www.greenworldconferences.com</a>	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Mar 14-15, 2011
<b>1107a</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Conference on Conservation Agriculture in Southeast Asia, Contact Manuel Reyes at <a href="mailto:mannyreyes@nc.rr.com">mannyreyes@nc.rr.com</a>	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	July 4-7, 2011
<b>1107b</b>	SWAT Regional Conference and Training Workshop, Contact Li Dingqiang <a href="mailto:lidingqiang@yahoo.com">lidingqiang@yahoo.com</a> ; Samran Sombatpanit <a href="mailto:samran_sombatpanit@yahoo.com">samran_sombatpanit@yahoo.com</a>	Guangzhou, China	July 24-30, 2011
<b>1112</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> International Symposium on Cashew Nut, Contact: Dr Ravindran, <a href="mailto:ravi_hort@yahoo.com">ravi_hort@yahoo.com</a> , <a href="http://www.ishs.org/calendar/">http://www.ishs.org/calendar/</a>	Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India	December 9-12, 2011
<b>1305</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> WASWAC World Conference and Council Meeting, Contact Chinnapat Sukvibool at <a href="mailto:sukvibool@hotmail.com">sukvibool@hotmail.com</a>	Pattaya, Thailand	May 14-18, 2013

\*See details in this issue of HOT NEWS. Organizers of these conferences have pledged to follow the Guidelines for Successful Meetings (<http://waswac.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>) that WASWAC 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 WASWAC at no cost. To register, write to Samran Sombatpanit at [sombatpanit@yahoo.com](mailto:sombatpanit@yahoo.com).

Results from these LANDCON meetings will be posted on the website operated by our Secretariat in Beijing [www.irtces.org](http://www.irtces.org).

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We can publicize your stuff in Word. If you send to us in pdf, we can put only a few words in our WASWAC Bulletin or HOT NEWS. [NOTE: You may also like to send to publish in the EARTHSCAN E-alert (contact [dan.harding@earthscan.co.uk](mailto:dan.harding@earthscan.co.uk)) and IUSS Alert (contact [Alfred.Hartemink@wur.nl](mailto:Alfred.Hartemink@wur.nl))]

## MEETINGS 2011

**August 4-6, 2011**



### Towards Understanding Soil Carbon Sequestration: Processes and Mechanisms on Eroded Landscapes

From: Mohammad Golabi [mgolabi@uguam.uog.edu](mailto:mgolabi@uguam.uog.edu)

Greetings. After some revision on the conference agenda I am herewith sending the announcement as well as the agenda. Please see attachments. Please let me know if you receive it.

Also, for updated information about the conference please see the following website: <http://www.wptrc.org/article.asp?artID=148>

Multi-State NC 1178 Annual Meeting and Biomass and Soil Carbon Conference

August 4-6, 2011, University of Guam, Mangilao, Guam

The multi-state (North Central, 1178) committee members will hold their annual meetings in conjunction with Biomass Production and Soil Carbon Sequestration Conference in Guam on August 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of 2011. Along with these meetings, the NC 1178 group is planning a forum for providing interaction between NC 1178 members and other soil and agricultural scientists and stakeholders from Guam and the other islands of Micronesia region to address issues related to soil quality, carbon sequestration, impact of crop residue removal for bio-fuel production on soil carbon and chemicals due to soil erosion that are unique to tropical region of the western pacific.

For more information contact Mohammad Golabi [mgolabi@uguam.uog.edu](mailto:mgolabi@uguam.uog.edu)

[Conference Announcement PDF](#)

[Conference Agenda PDF](#)

[Conference Invitation Letter PDF](#) Mohammad, UOG, Guam

### August 14-17, 2011

[http://www.ufrr.br/rea2011/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=18&lang=br](http://www.ufrr.br/rea2011/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=18&lang=br)

III Reunião Equatorial de Antropologia / XII Reunião de Antropólogos Norte e Nordeste, que acontecerá entre 14 e 17 de agosto de 2011, na Universidade Federal de Roraima (UFRR), em Boa Vista (RR).

### August 21-25, 2011

**4th World Conference on Ecological Restoration:** The Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) and its partners from Latin America invite you to **Merida, Mexico, on August 21-25, 2011** for SER's 4th World Conference on Ecological Restoration. The theme of SER 2011 is "Re-establishing the Link between Nature and Culture". SER 2011 will be an important forum for addressing the global challenges of biodiversity and habitat loss, climate change, and sustainable development. It will provide a global venue for professionals, researchers, students and the public to come together, learn and share their knowledge and experiences, and identify practical solutions for restoring nature and sustaining critical ecosystem goods and services.

### August 22-24, 2011

**ACES 2011: Conservation Conflicts: Strategies for coping with a changing world:** This conference will take place from **22nd to 24th August 2011, at the Arts Centre in Aberdeen, Scotland, UK**. As human pressures on the planet increase, biodiversity is under growing pressure across the world. Changing patterns in land use, over-exploitation, pollution, climate change and the threat posed by invasive species, all challenge the way we currently manage and conserve biological diversity. Consequently, there are increasing numbers of conflicts between those interested in conserving species and those with alternative goals, interests or values.

<http://www.aces-2011.org>.

### August 22-26, 2011



**International Fertilizer Development Center  
ANNOUNCES AN INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON  
THE FERTILIZER VALUE CHAIN-  
SUPPLY SYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND SERVICING FARMERS' NEEDS**



Co-sponsored by the Thailand Department of Agricultural Extension with  
the support of Thai Fertilizer Producer & Trade Association-TFPTA

**Venue: Bangkok, Thailand Date: August 22-26, 2011**

**Registration is OPEN UNTIL JULY 22, 2011**

**Register now and save \$200.00!**

**Program Fee due by July 22, 2011:**

**US \$1,500**

**Late Program Fee (after July 22, 2011):**

**US \$1,700**

Dear Fertilizer Professional:

The International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC) is pleased to announce that an international workshop entitled “*The Fertilizer Value Chain – Supply System Management and Servicing Farmers’ Needs*” will convene in Bangkok, Thailand, August 22-26, 2011.

#### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

The workshop is designed for public and private sector officials in the fertilizer and agribusiness industries, international procurement, import/export and marketing managers concerned with the fertilizer supply chain. For further information [click here](#) to read the program description.

If you are interested in attending, you are cordially invited to register on-line by [clicking here](#) or by filling out the attached registration form and returning via e-mail to [training@ifdc.org](mailto:training@ifdc.org). Please feel free to share the program information with your colleagues on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Thank you.

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#### **August 31-September 2, 2011**

##### **ISTRO Branch Czech Republic Conference 31 August – 2 Sept 2011**

##### **Crop Management Practices Adaptable to Soil Conditions and Climate Change**

ISTRO members and others are invited to this 6th conference organised by the Mendel University of Brno, the Research Institute for Fodder Crops, Troubsko, the Research Institute for Crop Production, Prague, the Research Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Prague and the Czech Academy of Agricultural Science. While many papers are already submitted and accepted there is still time to submit a paper or poster.

#### **Registration fee**

Rate of registration fees (in Euro) is mentioned in this table:

Within April 30, 2011:

ISTRO member – Euro 300

Non-ISTRO member – Euro 330

Ph.D. student – Euro 250

Field trip – all participants Euro 50; Payment after April, 30, 2011: Euro 350, 380, 300, 60

For more information, contact: Ing. Vladimír Smutný, Ph.D., president of ISTRO Branch CZ

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#### **September 5-10, 2011**

**28th Congress of the Polish Society of Soil Science** connected with International Scientific Conference „Soil - Human - Environment” will be held September 5-10, 2011 in Toruń, Poland. The host of the Congress and Conference is Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń. Main topics of the conference are: soil genesis, classification and cartography, soil chemistry and physics, soil biology, degradation, conservation and reclamation of soils, use and management of soils, field session. Invited speakers with lectures as well as oral and poster presentations and field sessions will be good opportunity to discuss the importance of soils and soil science for human and environment presently and in the future. For more details please visit: [www.zgleb.umk.pl/kongres.html](http://www.zgleb.umk.pl/kongres.html) (From IUSS Alert 70)



**September 18-21, 2011**



## **ASABE's 2011 Conference: International Symposium on Erosion and Landscape Evolution**

**September 18-21, 2011 - Anchorage, Alaska, USA**

For more information on the symposium, contact: Dr. Debasmita Misra, Symposium Co-Chair, email: [dmisra@alaska.edu](mailto:dmisra@alaska.edu), phone: (907) 474-5339

For information on abstract/paper submission, contact: Dr. Jim Ascough, Publications Co-Chair, email: [Jim.Ascough@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Jim.Ascough@ars.usda.gov), phone: (970) 492-7371;

John Nieber, Publications Co-Chair, e-mail: [nieber@umn.edu](mailto:nieber@umn.edu), phone: (612) 625-6724.

Visit the conference home page at <http://twosweet.bse.vt.edu/ISELE2011/index.html>

**September 18-22, 2011**

**'Soil Science in a Changing world'** and will be held from 18-22 September 2011.

We now have the website with all required information ready: <http://www.wageningensoilmeeting.wur.nl>. The website will inform you on all the topics and formats we choose for this meeting. Soon there will be the possibility to register and submit abstracts as well. **Saskia Keesstra** and **Gerben Mol** <http://www.wageningensoilmeeting.wur.nl/UK/>

On behalf of the Soil Science Centre of Wageningen University we would like to invite you to this conference. The first edition of the Wageningen soil meetings will address the importance of soil scientific knowledge for global issues. For further information please refer to the attached First Circular or the website: [www.wageningensoilmeeting.wur.nl](http://www.wageningensoilmeeting.wur.nl).



**wageningen conference  
on applied soil science**

— SOIL SCIENCE IN A CHANGING WORLD —

**September 19-23, 2011**

**First International Conference on SUSTAINABLE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT**, Istanbul, Turkey

See ALL details in <http://www.igemportal.org/?DiI=1&SID=689> NOTE: There are several training courses during Sept 15-17, 2011, including SWAT where the lecturers include Drs Karim Abbaspour and E. Rouholahnejd. Other models to be taught are MOHID LAND, MOHID WATER, WASP, MODELKEY DSS, GIS for Environmental Projects, HEC-RAS, Hierarchical Decision Making.

**September 24-28, 2012**

**19th ISTRO Conference Uruguay 24-28 September 2012**

Do check the website <http://www.congresos-rohr.com/istro2012/>

We would like to invite you to Uruguay to attend the **19TH ISTRO CONFERENCE (International Soil Tillage Research Organization)** and the **IV SUCS Meeting (Uruguayan Soil Science Society)**, to be held from 24 to 28th September, 2012 at the Radisson Victoria Plaza Hotel in Montevideo, Uruguay in South America.

### **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

**10th December 2011** Submission of Abstracts

**31st March 2012** Complete papers' submission

**31st March 2012** Early Bird Registrations

**30th June 2012** 2nd Date with Preferred Registration Fees (From ISTRO INFO March 2011)

**September 25-30, 2011**

**Rhizosphere 3 International Conference**, 25-30 September 2011. Burswood Convention Centre, Perth, WA. <http://rhizosphere3.com/> RHIZOSPHERE 3 will provide a multidisciplinary forum for exchanging innovative ideas and methods for studying the rhizosphere, understanding its complexity and further up-scaling its functioning to better evaluate its ultimate role in ecosystem processes. It follows on from the highly successful RHIZOSPHERE 2 Conference held in Montpellier (25-31 August 2007) which gathered over 570 participants from 48 countries worldwide. The conference will provide a stage for young and established researchers to present their work in front of a welcoming international audience in the beautiful setting of Perth in Western Australia in September 2011, during the fabulous wildflower season. (From IUSS Alert 68)

**September 26-29, 2011**

**5<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Conservation Agriculture  
incorporating 3<sup>rd</sup> Farming Systems Design Conference  
26-29<sup>th</sup> September 2011 Brisbane Australia**

Australia, host for the 5<sup>th</sup> WCCA and 3<sup>rd</sup> FSD, welcomes scientists and practitioners to Brisbane to discuss current and future developments of sustainable agriculture next year. <http://www.wcca2011.org/>  
Contact: John Dixon at [Dixon@aciar.gov.au](mailto:Dixon@aciar.gov.au)

<b>WCCA5 FSD key submission dates</b>			
	<b>Condensed papers and workshops</b>	<b>Notification to authors:</b>	<b>Registration</b>
Super early submissions	<b>Closed</b>	30-Dec-10	31-Dec-2010
Early bird submissions	28 Feb 2011	31 Mar 2011	30 April 2011
Last opportunity for submissions	15-June-11	8-July-11	30-Aug-11
Final revisions of accepted condensed papers for the conference book	31-Jul-11		
Submission of proposals for workshops	28-Feb-11	28-Mar-11	

**September 27-28, 2011**

[Water Projects & Investment Asia](#)

**27-28 September 2011, Hong Kong**

**September 27-29, 2011**

**5th International Conference on Flood Management (Japan, Sept.27-29, 2011)**

**Date:** 27-29 September 2011

**Venue:** Tsukuba, Japan

**Summary:** International Conference on Flood Management (ICFM) is the only recurring international conference wholly focused on flood related issues. It is designed to bring together practitioners and researchers alike, including engineers, planners, health specialists, disaster managers, decision makers, and policy makers engaged in various aspects of floodplain management. It provides a unique opportunity for these various specialists to come together to exchange ideas and experiences.

The 5th International Conference on Flood Management (ICFM5) marks the continued advancement of flood management practices and policies around the world. The name change from "Defence" as used in the previous four events to "Management" is reflective of the more integrative approaches to flood management that nations are increasingly employing. The first International Symposium on Flood Defence, held in Kassel, Germany in 2000, emphasized flood defence measures with each successive event (Beijing 2002, Nijmegen 2005 and Toronto 2008) evolving towards more integrative approaches, including risk, vulnerability and capacity building. The ICFM5 theme is "Floods: From Risk to Opportunity", reflective of the continued trend towards a broader understanding of how we collectively make use of the opportunities provided by floods and flooding, cope with risks posed by them and plan for and respond to flood events.

**Organizer:** International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM)

**URL:** <http://www.ifi-home.info/icfm-icharm/icfm5.html>

**Contacts:** PWRI/ICHARM, 1-6 Minamihara, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, 305-8516 Japan

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**October 3-7, 2011**

**The Sixth SUITMA International Conference, October 3-7, 2011**

**Suitma 6 - update**

Tuesday, May 24, 2011 11:27 PM

From: "Jean-Louis MOREL" <jean-louis.morel@ensaia.inpl-nancy.fr>

Dear Colleagues,

our call for abstract submission to SUITMA 6 has been quite successful, and I would like to thank you for your interest in urban soils and their functions. We are now in the process of preparing the final programme.

Some of you have expressed some concern about the recent dramatic events which occurred in Marrakech. I have been informed by our Morocco colleagues that life is now back to normal in the city, and that activities such as tourism and conferences are not experiencing any problem. Of course, each of you should refer to your his own government for safety measures.

Therefore, I would like to confirm that SUITMA will be held as scheduled, and I hope that you will be able to make it. Due to this exceptional situation, we will still accept abstracts until June 15th.

Thanking you for your confidence and your kind understanding, and hoping to have you in Marrakech in October,

best regards

Jean Louis Morel



### Introduction

The University Cadi Ayyad and the Faculté des Sciences et Techniques (FST) of Marrakech would like to invite you to join us for the **6th International Conference of the Urban Soils Working Group, SUITMA, of the International Union of Soil Sciences**. Share in the latest information and ideas from around the world in this exciting and important field.

We will be very pleased to welcome you at SUITMA 6 to have your ideas and experience integrated in major scientific and social issues. **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 3-7 October 2011**

Ali BOULARBAH, Chairman of SUITMA 6

Jean-Louis MOREL Chairman of SUITMA

Ganlin ZHANG, Vice-Chairman of SUITMA

Looking forward to welcoming you in Marrakech next October,

Jean Louis Morel <http://www.suitma6.com/>

**The conference will be followed by a 3-day tour in Senegal**

**October 3-7, 2011**

## **Registration Now Open!** **2011 ECHO Asia Agriculture and Community Development** **Conference**

**October 3-7, 2011**



**The Empress Hotel**

**Chiang Mai, Thailand**

**Register and Pay Before August 15 for Lowest Rate!**

**Registration Deadline September 1**



A red, rounded rectangular button with the text "REGISTER HERE" in white, bold, uppercase letters.**Conference Dates:**

October 3	Check-in and Fellowship
October 4-6	Meeting Days
October 7	Check-out and Post Conference Tours

**Conference Costs (PER PERSON):**

**Package 1** (Single Private Room): **\$405 USD/per person** (after Aug. 15 - \$430)

**Package 2** (Double Room Sharing): **\$325 USD/per person** (after Aug. 15 - \$350)

Includes:

- Accommodation for 4 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks, Thursday BBQ dinner
- All meetings and post-conference tour
- Roundtrip airport transportation

**Package 3: \$225 USD/per person** (intended for local residents and excludes accommodation and breakfast)

**Confirmed Plenary Speakers**

- Tony Rinaudo, Natural Resource Management Specialist with World Vision
- Dr. Tom Post, CRWRC Team Leader for Asia
- Dr. Arnat Tancho, head of the Soil Resources and Environment Department at Maejo University (Chiang Mai)
- Randy Bevis, founder and director of the Chiang Mai Aquatic Development Farm and regional aquaculture advisor
- Jeff Palmer, Executive Director of Baptist Global Response
- Heather Morris, Technical Advisor for World Concern Myanmar
- Di Matthews, physician working in Papua, Indonesia
- Dr. Karl Frogner, President and Project Development Head; UB International (UBI), biochar researcher and advocate
- Dr. Samran Sombatpanit, Advisor, Past President and Membership Coordinator of the World Association of Soil and Water Conversation (WASWC)

**Workshops**

ECHO conferences place a special emphasis on the participation of network members to share ideas, innovations and experiences during afternoon and evening workshops. Feel free to contact us ([echoasia@echonet.org](mailto:echoasia@echonet.org)) to propose a workshop presentation.

**Post Conference Tours** including site visits related to:

- SRI and natural rice production
- Small-scale alternative energy for communities, institutions, farms and households
- Agroforestry
- Green manure cover crops
- Aquaculture
- Vermiculture
- Production of moringa and products such as powdered leaf meal and capsules
- Asian natural farming (microbial approaches to small scale agriculture)

## Resource Fair

A Resource Fair featuring displays and booths by various development organizations and businesses will be offered. Tables will be provided on which organizational displays can be set up so that posters and promotional materials may be displayed. Additionally, books, booklets, CDs and other types of media may be distributed or sold from these booths. If you are interested in requesting a space in the resource fair, please contact Ellen Burnette at [eburnette@echononet.org](mailto:eburnette@echononet.org). The cost for a resource fair table is \$20 or 600 Thai Baht and may be paid at the time of Conference.

As always, the ECHO Asia Agriculture and Community Development Conference will offer an excellent opportunity to learn, share and network. We encourage everyone to register soon for this event.

## ADDITIONAL: Post-Conference Tours

Also included in the conference is a day of post-conference tours (October 7) to notable venues which offer excellent examples of sustainable agriculture, appropriate technology and outreach to the poor. Conference participants will be given the opportunity to pre-register for the tour of their choice (one per person) about one month prior to the conference. Likely venues include:

- Fair Earth Peri-Urban Farm - A small peri-urban farm that produces natural rice through various approaches including the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) as well as poultry, pigs, fish, fruits and vegetables through very diversified agroecological approaches.
- Partners Thailand Small Farm - Partners Farm features Asian Natural Farming approaches that make use of indigenous microorganisms (IMO) that help improve soil health and make low-cost livestock production possible.
- Mae Tha Organic Vegetable Cooperative - Farmers in the Mae Tha community produce organic fruit and vegetables, selling their diverse products locally through farmer's markets and a community supported agriculture group.
- Pang Daeng Sustainable Upland Farming Community - Hilltribe farmers in Pang Daeng community have farmed permanent hill fields for three decades by relay cropping maize with various green manure cover crops. They also diversify production and income with dispersed plantings of fruit trees and indigenous agroforestry efforts.
- Mae Jo University Energy Research Center- The Mae Jo University Energy Research Center is a research and educational facility that offers a wide range of alternative energy approaches such as wind, solar and gasifier technology.
- Mae Jo University Vermiculture Facility - Mae Jo has a large vermiculture facility in which food wastes from the university, and other sources, are converted by earthworms into commercial vermicompost that improves farm and garden soils.
- Chiang Mai Aquatic Development Farm - The Chiang Mai Aquatic Development Farm is a tilapia hatchery that employs 36 people and produces approximately 2.5 million tilapia fry per month which are bought by fish farmers across northern Thailand and are grown out for the local markets.
- UHDP Agroforestry and Small Farm Resource Center - The UHDP Center focuses on small-scale sustainable agriculture technologies being promoted among resource-poor hilltribe communities. Such approaches include agroforestry, natural backyard farming and appropriate technologies such as alternative cooking fuel and earthen houses. The ECHO Asia Seed Bank is also located at the UHDP Center.
- Natural Agriculture Co. Ltd - Working in partnership with the Forest Industry Organization, a department of the Thai Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, this company recycles and transforms natural wastes, such as teak residue, into reusable organic compost and organic fertilizer.
- Pang Soong and Raintree Foundation Hydro-Energy and Ecology Site - Participants will visit the Raintree Foundation office, <http://www.raintree-foundation.org/index.php/rain-tree-foundation.html>, located at the McKean Rehabilitation Center for an introduction to the foundation's work related to children's education, water projects and other community-based development activities. Afterward the participants will travel to the Pang Soong Lodge, <http://www.pang-soong-lodge.com/wordpress/>, located at a 1000 meter elevation site 50 km east of Chiang Mai, to see a working ram pump designed and installed by the Raintree Foundation, as well as a micro-hydro electrical power plant that supplements Pang Soong's electrical needs. Visitors will also see Pang Soong's outdoor education lab that includes an evergreen forest and agro-ecological component.

## October 10-14, 2011

**East and Southeast Asia Federation of Soil Science Societies Meeting.** The Soil Science Society of Sri Lanka will host the 10<sup>th</sup> ESAFS International Conference at the Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel, Colombo on 10-14 October 2011. The conference theme is, "*Soil, a precious Natural Resource: Agricultural Ecosystems, Environmental health & Climate change*". The Technical session will comprise several parallel sessions on a wide array of soil related areas. There will also be a poster session. More details are posted on the conference

website [www.esafs10sl.org](http://www.esafs10sl.org) which will be regularly updated. Hence, please check often or register your interest to participate online and we will keep you informed. Contact [soilscisoclk@gmail.com](mailto:soilscisoclk@gmail.com) for further clarifications. (From IUSS Alert 70)

### October 10-21, 2011

The 10th UNCCD COP will take place from the October 10, to October 21, 2011 in Changwon, Gyeongnam Province, Republic of Korea, <http://www.unccd.int/cop/cop10/menu.php>

### October 12-13, 2011



## Colloque « Erosion hydrique et vulnérabilité des sols au Maghreb : État des lieux et perspectives » 12 et 13 octobre 2011

### Première annonce

Un colloque « Erosion hydrique et vulnérabilité des sols au Maghreb : état des lieux et perspectives » aura lieu à Rabat au Maroc, à l'Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II, campus de Rabat, les 12 et 13 octobre 2011.

**Objectif:** L'objectif général de ce colloque est de faire le bilan des recherches en matière d'érosion au Maroc et plus largement dans l'ensemble du Maghreb, de favoriser la diffusion de ces résultats et de promouvoir les collaborations sur ce thème.

**Les personnes souhaitant présenter une communication à ce colloque sont invitées à envoyer un résumé d'une demi-page avant le 15 mars 2011 au secrétariat du colloque : [colloque.erosion2011@gmail.com](mailto:colloque.erosion2011@gmail.com)**

Il n'y a pas de frais d'inscription pour la participation au colloque

**Calendrier :** Sélection des résumés le 15 avril, Programme final le 15 juillet

**Contact :** [colloque.erosion2011@gmail.com](mailto:colloque.erosion2011@gmail.com) Comité d'organisation

### October 19, 2011

[BIOME 2011 Second National Biodiversity Meeting in Catanduanes Island](#) Virac, Catanduanes Island Philippines

### October 24-26, 2011

Dear colleagues,

We are writing to invite you to the Conference "Carbon in a Changing World", 24-26 October 2011, FAO, Rome.

This event is jointly organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Coordination Action on Carbon Observation Systems (COCOS, [www.cocos-carbon.org/](http://www.cocos-carbon.org/)) of the European Commission, and contributes to the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) carbon task.

The aims are:

- To present the latest scientific developments in understanding the global carbon cycle
- To present an overview of the building and implementation of a Global Carbon Observing System for land, oceans and atmosphere
- To identify progress and gaps in obtaining policy relevant estimates of regional carbon budgets on land and ocean



Registration is open at <http://dwms.fao.org/geo-carbon/>. Deadline for abstract submission: 05 September 2011.  
Deadline for registration as a participant: 30/09/2011.  
Invited speakers have been already contacted.

Further information, including logistic details, is available at the same link: <http://dwms.fao.org/geo-carbon/>.

Prof. Han Dolman (COCOS Project Coordinator, [han.dolman@vu.nl](mailto:han.dolman@vu.nl)) is the scientific responsible.  
For organizational issues you can contact Ms Sandrine Gerboin ([gerboin@unitus.it](mailto:gerboin@unitus.it)) and Ms Paola Cardenas ([Paola.Cardenas@fao.org](mailto:Paola.Cardenas@fao.org)) with me in copy.

Please forward this email to any potential interested people.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon

Best regards

Antonio

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### October 24-27, 2011

#### CIALCA Conference- registration and call for papers

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Boudy van Schagen, Knowledge Sharing Specialist, CIALCA Consortium [www.cialca.org](http://www.cialca.org)




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**October 25-27, 2011** <http://www.cpatosa.embrapa.br/smud/>




**III SIMPÓSIO DE MUDANÇAS CLIMÁTICAS E DESERTIFICAÇÃO NO SEMIÁRIDO BRASILEIRO**  
"Experiências para Mitigação e Adaptação"






**Data: 25 a 27 de outubro de 2011**

**Local: Auditório da UNIVASF, Campus de Juazeiro-BA**



**III SIMPÓSIO DE ENGENHARIA AGRÍCOLA E AMBIENTAL DA UNIVASF**

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**October 26-28, 2011**

**World Association for Sustainable Development: Call for Papers**

The World Association for Sustainable Development (WASD) will hold their **9th International Conference** 26-28 October 2011 in New Jersey, USA, on the theme of **Sharing Knowledge Making a Difference: The Role of International Scientific Cooperation**. Deadline for abstract submissions is **30 March 2011**, and deadline for papers is **30 April 2011**. For more information on the conference, visit: <http://www.worldsustainable.org/index.php/theme>.

**October 29-31, 2011**

## The Fifth International Conference on Vetiver (ICV-5)

### Vetiver and Climate Change

Lucknow, India, October 29 - 31, 2011

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#### **Vetiver and Climate Change**

India is the native home of Vetiver where it is found occurring in wild state throughout the tropical and subtropical plains, particularly among riverbanks and over marshy lands. Being its primary centre of origin, India offers a repertoire of genetic diversity that could serve as a valuable resource for identifying designer genotypes suiting to specific applications.

[Download Application Form](#)



#### **Contact address**

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#### **Organizing Institution**

Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP), Lucknow 226 015, India – a constituent national laboratory of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), India

With the support and collaboration from:

- The Chaipattana Foundation, Bangkok, Thailand
- Office of the Royal Development Projects Board (ORDPB), Bangkok, Thailand
- The Vetiver Network International (TVNI)
- The India Vetiver Network
- National Science Agencies in India (CSIR, DST, ICAR, National Medicinal Plant Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests, etc.)

**Place and Date:** Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Lucknow, India October 29-31, 2011

[icv-5@cimap.res.in](mailto:icv-5@cimap.res.in), <http://indiavetivernetwork.ning.com/events/the-fifth-international>



The Fifth International Conference on Vetiver (ICV-5) First Announcement

- Added by [Dick Grimshaw](#)
- [View Events](#)

<http://www.vetiver.org/g/conferences.htm>.

This is your conference and must be a showcase for what you all have been doing in the last couple of years and more. Get involved and make sure that it is a conference like none other. One that can make a real difference - FAST!! Dick Grimshaw

**November 2011**

**2-week OM workshop (in connection with no-tillage) in Ponta Grossa, Brazil**

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November 7-10, 2011



## **The 5<sup>th</sup> APEAEN International Conference on**

### **Enriching Agricultural Learning Process towards Sustainable Food Security**

#### **Conference Date and Venue**

The conference will be held on 7-10 November 2011 at the National Agricultural Extension and Training Center Khamphaengsaen, Kasetsart University Khamphaengsaen campus located in Nakhon Pathom province.

#### **Tentative Conference Schedule**

**Sunday 6 Nov. 2011** Arrival of Participants

**Monday 7 Nov. 2011** Registration, Opening Ceremony, Welcome Address

**Keynote address** *“Enhancing the Teaching and Learning Process for those in Agriculture”* –Prof. Larry E. Miller, OSU, Ohio, USA

*“Synergy between Farmers' Learning Community and University Research towards Sustainable Food Security”* - **Dr. Vicharn Panich**, President, Higher Education Commission, Thailand

*“Sufficiency Economy in Thai Agriculture: From the Royal Court to the Villages and Farms”* -**Dr. Sumet Tantivejkul** – Former Secretary-General of the Royal Development Projects Board, Thailand

**Panel Discussion: Lessons from Thailand**

**Poster Presentations**

**Welcome Reception Party**

**Tuesday 8 Nov. 2011**

**Keynote address on** “Human and Institutional Capacity Development for Sustainable Food Production: Requirements for a Doubly Green Revolution” -**David G. Acker, Professor**, Iowa State University Ames, Iowa, USA

**Plenary Presentations Invited papers on: Agriculture, Education,**

## Climate Change

### Paper Presentations Thai Chapter Meeting

<b>Wednesday 9 Nov. 2011</b>	<b>Field Trip I Royal Chitrlada Project, Bangkok</b> <b>Field Trip II (To be decided)</b> <b>Dinner and Farewell Party</b>
<b>Thursday 10 Nov. 2011</b>	<b>Summation of the conference results</b> <b>Comments by FAO Representative</b> <b>Awarding of Certificates</b> <b>End of Conference</b>

## Registration Rates

7.1 Regular Registration	\$ 250 USD
7.2 Early Bird (Registration by August 31)	\$ 200 USD
7.3 Regular Students Registration	\$ 150 USD
7.4 Early Bird for Students (Registration by August 31)	\$ 100 USD

## Call for Papers and Posters

APEAEN announces its call for papers / posters and invites educators, researchers and extension workers in the area of agriculture and environment to submit papers for presentation in parallel sessions on any of the topics below. Abstracts of papers and posters, in 200 words, should be sent by e-mail to the secretariat office. Submission should contain the title, keywords, author/s, affiliation and contact addresses.

### Thematic Areas for Paper / Poster Presentation

**I. Good Practices in Enhancing Agricultural Education for Sustained Food Security**

**II. Good Practices in Enhancing Extension Education and Impact on Gender Participation for Sustained Food Security**

**III. Climate Change Adaptation Practices for Food Security**

**IV. Knowledge Management in Agricultural Research and Extension for Technology Adoption and Sustained Food Security**

## Important Dates to Remember

- **Deadline for submission of Abstracts** - 30 April 2011
- **Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts** - 15 May 2011
- **Deadline for Full Papers and Posters** - 31 July 2011
- **Notification of Acceptance of Full Papers** - 30 September 2011

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## November 7-11, 2011

It is a pleasure to announce the 19th International Symposium of CIEC (International Scientific Center of Fertilizers) **Feeding Plants is Feeding People** which will be held in Mexico City, Mexico from 7-11 November 2011. Prof. Dr. habil. Dr. sc. agr. Dr. h.c. Ewald Schnug (President of CIEC) [01732367829@vodafone.de](mailto:01732367829@vodafone.de); <http://idw-online.de/pages/en/news388693>  
You are welcome to ask for a conference announcement pdf from Prof. Dr. Luc Dendooven (President of Symposium) [ciec@cinvestav.mx](mailto:ciec@cinvestav.mx)



## November 13-14, 2011

**Symposium on date palm** Location: Algiers, Algeria

## November 16, 2011

[Vth World Aqua Congress](#) New Delhi India

## November 16-17, 2011

[The 3rd International Conference on Environment](#)

Date: 16-17 November 2011 Location: Tanta University, Egypt

## November 21-23, 2011

International Conference-GEOMAT2011

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Please see the updated information of GEOMAT 2011 in attached file. The details can be found in the following web pages. I apologize for any cross posting.

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A LA COMUNIDAD CIENTIFICA DE SUELOS



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**December 5-6, 2011**

### **EnAsia 2011 - Enabling Energy Dialogue**

Green World Conferences Ltd and Cerebral Business Research (CBR) will be holding the prestigious EnAsia 2011 - Enabling Energy Dialogue conference and exhibition in New Delhi on 5-6 December 2011. The event will include AWARD: Advanced World Algae Research and Development and Food-Fuel-Poverty streams requested by the participants of our previous events.

As with all our events, the conference offers first-class business networking and learning opportunities with over 200 delegates in attendance. Up to now our events have received over 1000 delegates.

Derek Michalski, [dm@greenworldconferences.com](mailto:dm@greenworldconferences.com); [www.greenworldconferences.com](http://www.greenworldconferences.com)

**December 9-12, 2011 1<sup>st</sup> International Symposium on Cashew Nut**



**LANDCON 1112**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> International Symposium on Cashew Nut** will be held at Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India, from 9 to 12 December 2011. The International Society for Horticultural Science and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University have the honor and privilege of inviting you to participate in this most important international event concerning the cashew nut research and development.

**Dr. K. Vairavan**, Dean and Convener

**Dr. C. Ravindran**, Convener & Organizing Secretary, 1<sup>ST</sup> ISCN

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# MEETINGS 2012++

## February 26-29, 2012

### Share Your Expertise at EC12 in Las Vegas, NV - Abstracts Due May 27

It's not too early to start thinking about presenting at EC12 in Las Vegas, NV Feb. 26-29, 2012. Submittals are encouraged for full and half day classes as well as one hour presentations. **Intermediate and advanced courses and presentations are highly encouraged.** Abstracts are due May 27. For the complete schedule, [click here >>](#). Can't attend EC12? Then consider showcasing what you know by writing an article for IECA's members-only publication, *Environmental Connection*. [Click here for more details >>](#)



## April 16-18, 2012

The Uplands Program is organizing a three day scientific conference on **Sustainable Land Use and Rural Development in Mountain Areas** at Hohenheim University in Stuttgart from 16-18 April 2012.

This conference aims to bring together international experts to share knowledge, lessons learned and experiences from across the globe related to sustainable mountain development with an emphasis on developing countries. The focus will be on knowledge that cuts across scientific disciplines and combines insights from the social and natural sciences.

The conference is organized along the following six themes:

- Soil care in mountain landscapes
- Supplying, using, sharing and cycling of matter and water
- Linking highland farmers to modern food chains
- Land use and land cover change
- Sustainable and competitive livestock systems
- People participation in natural resource management

We especially encourage submissions that relate these themes to policies, institutions and innovations contributing to sustainable mountain development.

We are currently inviting contributions for 15 minute oral or 5 minute poster presentations. Extended abstracts of these presentations (400-600 words in length) are to be submitted to the conference website until 1 November 2011. Additional information about the conference is also available from the site: <https://uplands2012.uni-hohenheim.de>. We look forward to your contributions and to meeting you in Hohenheim in April 2012.

The organizing committee, [uplands2012@uni-hohenheim.de](mailto:uplands2012@uni-hohenheim.de)

## May 2012

**2nd Human Impacts on Soil Quality Attributes** in (Semi-) Arid Regions "HISQA2" at Isfahan University of Technology (Isfahan, Iran) in May 2012. This meeting will have substantial contribution from the Iranian ISTRO Branch and their branch Chair, Mohammad Hajabbasi is taking the opportunity to invite ISTRO members from around the world to participate and meet their Iranian colleagues. Topics relating to soil physical, chemical and biological degradation including salinization, nutrient depletion, desertification will be addressed. (from ISTRO INFO March 2011)

## May 15, 2012

[Land Degradation and Challenges in Sustainable Soil Management](#) Izmir Turkey

## May 17-19, 2012

**Earth Summit 2012** On 24th December 2009 the UN General Assembly [passed a resolution](#) to agreeing to hold a Rio+20 Earth Summit in 2012. Stakeholder Forum played a key role in organising a number of events and bringing together key stakeholders at crucial points in the run-up to the Resolution, and will continue to play a key role in the preparatory process for Earth Summit 2012. The recent UNEP Global Ministers Environment Forum in Bali adopted a Ministerial resolution which included a number of sections on Rio+20 it can be downloaded from the UNEP web site. Please click [here](http://here), [hstoddart@stakeholderforum.org](mailto:hstoddart@stakeholderforum.org); [www.earthsummit2012.org](http://www.earthsummit2012.org)

**May 28-June 2, 2012**



## 2012 Conference

It is our pleasure to inform you about Firth International Conference BALWOIS 2012 on Water, Climate and Environment which will be held from 28 May to 02 June 2012 in Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia.

All Information are available at [www.balwois.com/2012](http://www.balwois.com/2012) .

If you want to submit an abstract you have to register and create an account on BALWOIS Conference management web site (do not forget to check the box “author” in the form):

<http://ocs.balwois.com/index.php?conference=BALWOIS&schedConf=BW2012&page=user&op=account> .

Deadline for submitting an abstract is 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2011. Remember your username and password; you need them for all your work with the conference.

BALWOIS Organising Committee "BALWOIS Secretariat" [secretariat@balwois.com](mailto:secretariat@balwois.com)

### **June 26-29, 2012**

**International Society for Root Research** 26-29 June 2012 Dundee UK (note the date change from that previously advertised. UK Keynote speakers include Jonathan Lynch, Malcolm Bennett Michelle watt, Philippe Hinsinger, Bob Sharp, Fusuo Zhang, Heljä-Sisko Helmisaari and Peter Gregory. Updates and more information on the ISRR website ([www.rootresearch.org/](http://www.rootresearch.org/)). (From ISTRO INFO March)

### **July 2-6, 2012**

**EUROSOIL 2012**, the 4th International Congress of the European Confederation of Soil Science Societies (ECSSS) will be held in Bari, Italy, from 2 to 6 July 2012, organized by the Italian Society of Soil Science (SISS) and presided by Prof. Nicola Senesi of the University of Bari, Bari, Italy. The Congress will focus on and develop the various aspects of fundamental and applied soil science and technology, field approaches and social, economical and political implications in relation to the present and future needs and emergencies of mankind and environment. The Congress structure will consist of symposia, workshops and other events, including short courses, business meetings, open debates, roundtables, technical specialized meetings and/or demonstrations. The Congress will be structured prevalently on bottom-up proposals received from scientists, educators, and decision makers involved in soil science and related disciplines. Any interested person is cordially invited to visit the EUROSOIL 2012 website, and encouraged to submit proposal(s) for convening symposia and/or workshops and/or organizing any other kind of events through the appropriate form available in the Congress website by 28 February 2011. For more details visit [www.eurosoil2012.eu](http://www.eurosoil2012.eu) (From IUSS Alert 70)

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Dear Colleagues,

we are pleased to inform you that the Call-for-Papers programme of the EUROSOIL 2012 (Bari, Italy, 2-6 July 2012) is now open.

On behalf of the Programme Committee, we cordially invite you to submit abstracts to the symposium: **S2.3** "Pedodiversity in space and time: concepts, measurements, applications"

([http://www.eurosoil2012.eu/d/32/2.Soil\\_Genesis\\_Evolution\\_and\\_Classification/](http://www.eurosoil2012.eu/d/32/2.Soil_Genesis_Evolution_and_Classification/))

You can find information for abstract submission in the section “Call for Abstracts” available on the Congress website (<http://www.eurosoil2012.eu>). The deadline for submission of abstracts is strictly fixed on 10 October 2011. Abstract submission for oral or poster presentations is possible only on-line using the format posted on the Congress website: [www.eurosoil2012.eu/d/6/Call\\_for\\_Abstacts/](http://www.eurosoil2012.eu/d/6/Call_for_Abstacts/).

Looking forward to seeing you in Bari.

The Conveners: Carmelo Dazzi, Juan José Ibañez, Giuseppe Lo Papa

Prof. Carmelo Dazzi

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And within it the Symposium, “**S6.4. Title: Preventing and combating soil salinization under climate change scenarios**” Convener: Batlle-Sales Jorge - University of Valencia – Spain. [Jorge.Batlle@uv.es](mailto:Jorge.Batlle@uv.es).

### July 23-27, 2012

“Soil Bio- and Eco-engineering. **The Use of Vegetation to Improve Slope Stability**” to be held at Vancouver, Canada, 23-27 July 2012.

We will bring together scientific researchers, practitioners, geotechnical and civil engineers, biologists, ecologists, geomorphologists and foresters to discuss current problems in slope stability research, and how to address those problems using soil bio- and eco-engineering techniques.

You can also check out the web pages for the new free network; INBE – International Network of Soil Bio- and Eco-Engineers where the conference is also posted: \*<http://inbe.cirad.fr>\*

If you would like to add something to the network pages (please do!) - contact your local administrator (see 'correspondant' page) Alexia Stokes [alexia.stokes@cirad.fr](mailto:alexia.stokes@cirad.fr) & Steve Mitchell

### August 26-30, 2012

The 7th International Acid Sulfate Soil Conference (7th IASSC) will be held in Vaasa, Finland, in the end of August 2012. There will be a four-day conference on August 26-30, including a one-day mid-conference field tour, and two one-day excursions August 31–September 1. The conference is organized by the Geological Survey of Finland (GTK) and the Acid Sulfate Soil Working Group of the International Union of Soil Sciences (ASS WG), in cooperation with several other organisations. Please visit our website <http://www.7iassc.fi> for additional information, for the first circular, background, news and preregistration. (From IUSS Alert 73)

### September 6-15, 2012

#### Invitation to contribute to the 2012 World Conservation Congress

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#### English

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Dear friends and colleagues,

We have the pleasure to inform you that the Call for Contributions for the next IUCN World Conservation Congress is now open!

The Congress will take place from 6 to 15 September 2012, in Jeju, Korea. This Call for Contributions invites you to propose events to be considered for the Forum, the part of Congress which is open to all (from 7 to 11 September 2012).

We have worked to incorporate your feedback after the last Forum, clarifying the focus and simplifying the structure. It is now easier than ever to navigate the Forum information and develop a proposal for an event! We recommend that you read the instructions carefully before submitting your event, to ensure you maximise the chance of your proposal being selected.

Click here [www.iucn.org/congress](http://www.iucn.org/congress) for the latest updates and information about the Congress, and to access the Call for Contributions. You will also be able to see which proposals have already been submitted or to submit a new one. The call will remain open until **15 October 2011** and you will have until this date to identify partners and develop your proposal.

Note that the system is available from today in its English version. French and Spanish versions will be available in the next few days.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any doubts or queries.

See you next year in Jeju!

The Forum Team [congressforum@iucn.org](mailto:congressforum@iucn.org)

#### French

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Chers amis et collègues,

Nous avons le plaisir de vous informer que l'Appel à Contributions pour le prochain Congrès Mondial de la Nature de l'IUCN est dès maintenant ouvert !

Le Congrès aura lieu du 6 au 15 septembre 2012 à Jeju, Corée. Cet appel à contributions est une invitation à proposer des activités qui seront considérées pour le Forum, la partie publique du Congrès, du 7 au 11 septembre 2012.

Nous avons tenu compte de vos commentaires, lors du dernier Forum, clarifié le thème et simplifié la structure. Il est désormais plus facile que jamais de trouver votre chemin dans l'information du Forum et de développer une proposition d'activité ! Nous vous recommandons toutefois de lire les instructions attentivement afin de maximiser vos chances lors du processus de sélection.



Cliquez ici [www.iucn.org/congress](http://www.iucn.org/congress) pour voir les dernières informations et nouveautés sur le Congrès et accéder à l'Appel à Contributions. Vous aurez alors la possibilité de voir les propositions déjà présentes sur le système, ou de créer la votre. L'appel restera ouvert jusqu'au **15 octobre 2011** et vous avez donc jusqu'à cette date pour identifier vos partenaires et soumettre votre proposition.

Notez que le système est actuellement disponible dans sa version anglaise. Les versions française et espagnole suivront d'ici quelques jours.

N'hésitez pas à nous contacter pour toute question ou doute.

À l'année prochaine bientôt, à Jeju !

L'Equipe du Forum [congressforum@iucn.org](mailto:congressforum@iucn.org)

## Español

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Estimados amigos y colegas,

Tenemos el placer de informarles que la Convocatoria de Contribuciones para el próximo Congreso Mundial de la Naturaleza de la UICN ya está abierta!

El Congreso tendrá lugar del 6 al 15 de septiembre de 2012 en Jeju, Corea. Esta convocatoria es una invitación a proponer actividades para ser consideradas para el Foro, la parte del Congreso abierta a todos, del 7 al 11 de septiembre de 2012. Hemos integrado sus comentarios, desde el último Foro, clarificando el enfoque y simplificando la estructura. Es ahora más fácil que nunca navegar por la información acerca del Foro y desarrollar una propuesta! Sin embargo, les aconsejamos leer atentamente las instrucciones para maximizar sus chances durante el proceso de selección.

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Noten que el sistema está disponible en su versión inglesa desde hoy. Las versiones española y francesa serán disponibles dentro de un par de días.

No tengan ninguna duda en ponerse en contacto con nosotros para cualquier duda o pregunta.

Nos vemos el año que viene en Jeju!

El Equipo del Foro [congressforum@iucn.org](mailto:congressforum@iucn.org)

## September 12-15, 2012

Seventh International Mini-symposium on Removal of Contaminants from Water, Atmosphere and Soil. Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico. Sept. 12-15, 2012. Contact Janette Arriola Morales [janette.arriola@correo.buap.mx](mailto:janette.arriola@correo.buap.mx)

## October 15-19, 2012

### INVITATION of 2012 International Conference on Mountain Environment and Development, (ICMED)

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On behalf of Professor FAN Weiming, Chairman of the 2012 ICMED Organization Committee, we would like to invite you to be a member of the International Scientific Advisory Committee of the Second International Conference on Mountain Environment and Development (ICMED), to be held in Chengdu, China, from 15-19 October 2012, jointly sponsored by Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), State Forestry Administration, P.R. China (SFAC), National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), International Geographical Union (IGU).

Part of the approved high level papers will be published in formal press by Journal of Mountain Science, JMS (SCI), and conference books involving all the approved papers will be offered to all participants in highly recognized hard-cover on registration at the meeting for inner communication.

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Joint **ASSSI and NZSSS Soil Science Conference**, Wrest Point Hotel and Convention Centre, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, 2-7 December 2012 ([www.soilscience2012.com](http://www.soilscience2012.com))

**May 14-18, 2013**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> WASWAC World Conference and Council Meeting, with SWAT SEA III and Conservation Agriculture (CA) SEA III**, Pattaya, Thailand. Contact Chinnapat Sukvibool [sukvibool@hotmail.com](mailto:sukvibool@hotmail.com). See 1st Announcement, pp. 4-6 this issue.

**2014**

**20<sup>th</sup> World Soil Congress**, Seoul, Republic of Korea. Write to [jungys7@kangwon.ac.kr](mailto:jungys7@kangwon.ac.kr) and [jungpk@rda.go.kr](mailto:jungpk@rda.go.kr) for details.

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