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## Editor's Note: SWAT Regional Conference and Training Workshop Guangzhou, China • July 24-30, 2011

Long ago, it was thought that it would be impossible for our association to organize any meeting by ourselves, because of the general feeling that WASWC (name at that time) was established ONLY as a forum for soil and water conservationists worldwide to react with each other. NOW, organizing meeting has become a reality when the main body of the association stays in China, with Secretariat in Beijing, President working in Yangling, Shaanxi, and three Vice Presidents working in Beijing, Yangling and Guangzhou.

In October last year, Prof Li Rui, President-elect of WASWAC, had organized the LANDCON 1010 in Xi'an as a LANDCON event and met with a good success.



This time, Dr Li Dingqiang, our VP for China (left), and his team at the Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences in Guangzhou, will organize a meeting of **SWAT** (Soil & Water Assessment Tool), with intention to help stimulate the application of this FREE computer model that has been used successfully all over the world to go wider particularly in China and neighboring countries. We plan that, apart from a number of frontline SWAT lecturers, we will have a good number of those that have been using SWAT for a number of years to help new SWAT users, so that we can be sure everyone participating in this event will not go home empty-handed. The organizers have managed to get sufficient funding to enable participants to pay only a small fee for the registration for this one-week event, which is as low as US\$450 (including double room accommodation and several meals, plus 3-day post-conference tour).

We therefore would like to invite WASWAC members to apply to participate in this event. But since the number of seats is limited, the selection committee will give priority to (1) those who have quality SWAT papers to present, (2) those who have started to use SWAT and (3) those intending to use the model in their work right after returning home. Pls go through details of the SWAT Regional Conf and Training Workshop (which has been registered as **LANDCON 1107b**). If it suits your conditions you are welcome to apply to participate in it.

— SEE YOU SOON IN GUANGZHOU, CITY OF THE FIVE RAMS —



# HOT MEETING



INVITATION



## SWAT Regional Conference and Training Workshop Guangzhou, China • July 24-30, 2011

The **Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT)** is a public domain model jointly developed by USDA Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) and Texas AgriLife Research, part of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS). SWAT is a river basin-scale model to simulate the quality and quantity of surface and ground water and predict the environmental impact of land management practices on different soil patterns and land use patterns. SWAT is widely used in assessing soil erosion prevention and control practices, non-point source pollution control methods and regional management in watersheds.

'SWAT Workshop and Conference' has been organized in many countries in the past decade. The diagram below shows where and when these events took place or will take place in Southeast and East Asia region from 2007 to 2013.



Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

**SWAT Regional Conference & Training Workshop  
Guangzhou, China  
July 24-30, 2011**

**SWAT Meetings in Asia**

- Ibaraki, Japan (Mar '11)
- Ilsan, S Korea (Aug '10)
- Beijing, China (Oct '08)
- Delhi, India (Jul '12)
- Guangzhou (Jul '11)**
- SWAT SEA I (Jan '09)
- Los Baños, Phil. (May '07)
- Bangkok, Thailand (Sep '09)
- SWAT SEA III (May '13)
- SWAT SEA II (Jan '11)

**Program**

- July 23: Arrival
- July 24: Registration & Orientation of Guangzhou
- July 25-27: **Regional Conf and Training Workshop**
- July 28-30: Field Work & Post-Conference Tour

**SWAT model** has been popular due to the fact that the model is in the public domain and it has ability to simulate a watershed of any size, from a small watershed of few ha to an area of a large continent. Therefore there is substantial demand from scientific communities to learn about its application in various conditions. The Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences (GIEESS) in Guangzhou, China - with support from the Texas SWAT team, WASWAC and others - is going to organize a **SWAT Regional Conference and Training Workshop** in Guangzhou from July 24-30, 2011, aiming to provide a platform for scientists in the Southeast/East Asia region to present their work and at the same time offer an opportunity to scholars who want to learn the model and to those who have had some training before and plan to acquire more advanced knowledge of SWAT. The meeting has been registered as **LANDCON 1107b** by WASWAC as the organizing of it will follow the way indicated in the *Guidelines for Successful Meetings*.

#### **THE MEETING PROGRAM WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

**July 23, 2011.** Arrival

**July 24, 2011.** Registration and orientation of Guangzhou City and Guangdong Province

**July 25-27, 2011.** **SWAT Regional Conference and Training Workshop** will proceed for three days. Participants will be exposed to simultaneous **lectures** (by resource persons), **presentations** (by participating scientists) and **training** (for trainees). Technical facilitators will assist beginners and others who need help. Certificate of attendance issued by WASWAC and others will be presented in the afternoon of July 27, 2011.

**July 28-30, 2011.** The first part will involve a study to select a suitable watershed for SWAT field experiments by the GIEESS right after the conference; the post-conference tour will investigate soil and water conservation, landscape, agriculture, etc. in the northern part of Guangdong Province.

**July 31, 2011.** Departure

#### **MEETING VENUE**

The **SWAT Regional Conference and Training Workshop** will be held at the Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences (GIEESS) in Tianhe District of Guangzhou City.

#### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Scientists, engineers and other scholars are welcome to submit papers concerning application and development of SWAT model. A Conference Proceedings will be published afterward.

- **Deadline for abstract submission is July 5, 2011.** Please send your abstracts to **Dr Li Dingqiang**, Conference Secretary at [dqli@soil.cn](mailto:dqli@soil.cn), [lidingqiang@yahoo.com](mailto:lidingqiang@yahoo.com), and **Dr Samran Sombatpanit**, Conference Advisor at [ssombatpanit@yahoo.com](mailto:ssombatpanit@yahoo.com); [samran\\_sombatpanit@yahoo.com](mailto:samran_sombatpanit@yahoo.com).
- **Deadline for paper submission: July 24, 2011** when registering at the venue.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

All participants will stay at the Suntrap Hotel, a 3-star hotel close to the GIEESS. Address: Tianyuan Rd., Tianhe District, Guangzhou 510650, Guangdong, China.



#### **REGISTRATION**

The expense of the **SWAT Regional Conference and Training Workshop** in Guangzhou has been mainly covered by GIEESS, GSSWC, etc. Therefore, the registration fee for participants has become adequately low, to enable more persons to participate. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops.

- **Registration fee for the first part (July 23-27): US\$300** (with double room accommodation/meals) and **for the second part (July 28-30/31): US\$150** (with double room accommodation/meals). Please write to **Dr Li Dingqiang**, Conference Secretary at [dqli@soil.cn](mailto:dqli@soil.cn), [lidingqiang@yahoo.com](mailto:lidingqiang@yahoo.com) and **Dr Samran Sombatpanit**, Conference Advisor at [ssombatpanit@yahoo.com](mailto:ssombatpanit@yahoo.com); [samran\\_sombatpanit@yahoo.com](mailto:samran_sombatpanit@yahoo.com) to reserve your seat.
- **Payment** (cash only, either US\$ or Chinese RMB) can be made when registering at the venue.

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- Greater China Environment Resources and Ecological Conservation Society (GCERECS), China
- Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences (GIEESS), Guangdong
- Guangdong Research Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower, Guangdong
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## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THIS EVENT

- SWAT development and application
- Assessment of small and large watersheds
- Landscape processes
- GIS interfaces and databases
- Climate change
- New developments
- Other more advanced items

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



*See you soon in Guangzhou*



*City of the Five Rams*

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ALL issues of WASWAC Bulletin for 2010 with the numbers 26(1), 26(2) and 26(3) have already been posted on <http://waswac.soil.gd.cn/>. We expect the next one, 27(1), to be ready soon.

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

**SWAT book+DVD** can be purchased by contacting representatives in some countries (see the last page of this HOT NEWS) or may order directly from [sombatpanit@yahoo.com](mailto:sombatpanit@yahoo.com). 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. LANDCON e-LIBRARY (SP5) will be available from July 2011 onward. 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 ASAP with your CV. Addai Joseph [yawaddai@yahoo.com](mailto:yawaddai@yahoo.com)

▲ **Two Vacancies: Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in Soil Science (Australia)** The newly-formed School of Agriculture and Food Sciences at The University of Queensland (Australia) will be advertising two academic positions (one Lecturer and one Senior Lecturer) in the broad Discipline of Soil Science, which includes the areas of soil biology/microbiology, soil physics, soil chemistry, or plant nutrition. The University of Queensland was one of only six institutions in Australia to have the sub-discipline of Soil Science rated in the ERA outcomes, with the group performing "above international standard". More information will become available in July at: [www.uq.edu.au/uqjobs/](http://www.uq.edu.au/uqjobs/) (From IUSS Alert 74)

### ▲ Subject: FAO Professional Vacancy Announcement Programme Specialist (Crop Production, Climate Change and Soil Degradation) P3

Please find below a link to FAO Professional Vacancy Announcement 'Programme Specialist (Crop Production, Climate Change and Soil Degradation)' P3. Thank you for your interest in FAO Vacancies, please ensure that staff are informed.

English URL: [http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/VA/pdf/2546AGP\\_en.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/VA/pdf/2546AGP_en.pdf)

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[http://www.fao.org/VA/vac\\_en.htm](http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm)

\*\*For any changes in contact information or focal points please send an email with relevant information to:  
mailto:[FAO-Vacancies@fao.org](mailto:FAO-Vacancies@fao.org)

### ▲ GIS postdoc position at University of Oklahoma

Center for Spatial analysis at the University of Oklahoma invites applications for a Postdoctoral Associate Position on cyberGIS and web mapping research. In addition to research projects, the postdoc associate is expected to teach one GIS course per semester in the newly established Geoinformatics program. We are particularly interested in applicants with strong backgrounds in cyber GIS, temporal GIS, and web mapping. The position will be open in June 2010 and remains open until it is filled. The initial appointment will be for 24 months at \$55K per year plus benefits.

Continuation of the appointment depends upon performance and the availability of funds. To apply, please send a curriculum vitae, a statement of research experiences and goals, and contact information for three references to Dr. May Yuan ([myuan@ou.edu](mailto:myuan@ou.edu)). More information about the Center for Spatial Analysis and Geoinformatics is available at <http://csa.ou.edu> and <http://geoinformatics.ou.edu> The University of Oklahoma is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), University of Twente

## HOT TRAINING

### ▲ September 26-October 2, 2011

#### **ISTRO Working Group B – Subsoil Compaction Training course Soil Deformation: Modelling, Measurements and Visualization September 26 – October 2, 2011**

To be held at Aarhus University, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, research Centre, Foulum, Tjele, Denmark

**Course content:** The course will present classical and new approaches for measurement, modelling, and visualization of soil deformation due to mechanical stress application. The concepts and theory classically used in agricultural soil mechanics and adopted from geomechanics (analytical solutions for stress propagation in soil, soil compressive strength, Finite Element Model (FEM)) have limitations that will be illustrated with hands-on modelling and measurements in the lab and in the field. As a new modelling approach for soil deformation, Discrete Element Models (DEM) will be used to understand particle-particle contact problems, stress propagation and displacement behaviour of granular media. Both approaches (i.e. DEM and FEM) will be compared to explore the mechanical behaviour of agricultural soils at the macroscale (DEM) and at the microscale (FEM). As an alternative to the classical laboratory methods for soil stress-strain characterisation, the potential of non-destructive techniques to characterise soil strength *in situ* (seismic methods) will be presented.

The course will last seven days. Each day will begin with a lecture session. The second half of the day will involve hands-on modelling and measurement activities. On the 7th day we call on the Ph.D. students to participate in a young scientist forum, where the aim is exchange of knowledge, experience, and ideas. There will also be a possibility of individual consultancy concerning experimental problems.

#### **Material to be covered includes**

General Aspects of the Mechanical Behaviour of soils (stress theory, strain theory, stress-strain relations.

Traditional Soil Mechanics Modelling (Elastic stress-strain relationships - analytical solutions, Elasto-plastic stress-strain relationships - FEM.

Traditional Soil Mechanics Measurement Methods including compressive behaviour, shear strength, tensile strength and penetrometer resistance

New Approaches to Infer Soil Mechanical Models (non-destructive field methods to measure soil strength, particle arrangements measurements using three-dimensional imaging techniques)

New Approaches to Model Soil Mechanical Behaviour (Distinct Element Modelling)

Further information and inscription <http://stair.agrsci.dk> and follow the link to PhD courses. (From ISTRO INFO March 2011)

## AWARDS

▲ **2012 Young Micromorphology Publication Awards** Commission 1.1 - Soil Morphology and Micromorphology will award the Young Micromorphologist's Publication Award every 2 years: at each

International Working Meeting on Micromorphology, and at each World Congress of Soil Science. The purpose of this award is to encourage and promote the use of soil micromorphology by young scientists. The Award will be given to one or more young scientist who has published research in the preceding 4 years, that is an outstanding contribution to the principles, methodology, or application of micromorphology. The author must be less than 35 years old at the time of acceptance of the publication, and he/she must be the first author. The paper must be published in an international journal with wide distribution, but not necessarily a scientific journal. The award is not restricted to papers published in the English language only. The selection of the awardees will be the responsibility of the Kubiena Award Committee. Applicants should submit the following: (1) a pdf file of the paper(s) to be considered for the award, (2) proof of age for eligibility (ex: photocopy of ID or other document with birthdate), and (3) a cover letter explaining why they should be considered for this award. Letters of support from senior micromorphologists, outlining the qualities of the publication(s) are also welcome. Applications are due September 30, 2011. Send to: Dr. Rosa M Poch, Dep. Medi Ambient I Ciències del Sòl, Universitat de Lleida, Av. Rovira Roure 191, 25198 Lleida, Catalonia (Spain), Fax: +34973702613, [rosa.poch@macs.udl.cat](mailto:rosa.poch@macs.udl.cat) (From IUSS Alert 73)

## PEOPLE

### ▲ IECA Says Goodbye to Patrick O'Shea

In the last E-Update, we were saddened to report that member Patrick O'Shea passed away on April 3, 2011. In this issue, we have additional information for members to contact his family. Patrick was vice president of Natural Environmental Reclamation Concepts, Inc. in Hanover, MI, an IECA and Great Lakes Chapter member since 1984 and a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control. Patrick's daughter, Denise O'Shea, also an IECA member, can be reached at PO Box 2, 229 W. Allen St., Hanover, MI 49241. Patrick's wife can be reached at PO Box 100, Hanover, MI 49241. A guest book can be signed online as well - [please click here >>](#).



### ▲ ICRAF's scientist awarded Honorary Doctorate in Forestry Science by DPR Korea



Dr Jianchu Xu, leader of the World Agroforestry Centre's China and East Asia node (holding flowers in the photo at left), was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate in forestry science by the Vice Premier of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). Dr Jianchu and his team have been helping the people of DPR Korea achieve food security through a participatory agroforestry project on degraded sloping lands since 2007.

The honorary doctorate ceremony was followed by the third National Workshop on Agroforestry in Pyongyang. The workshop reviewed progress and discussed a draft of a national strategic framework for agroforestry as the basis of new policy initiatives. The workshop was attended by several universities that have adopted agroforestry as part of their curriculum, based on ideas and educational materials developed by the World Agroforestry Centre and university partners in Southeast Asia.

## COURSES

### ▲ [Participatory GIS - Principles and Applications \(Certificate\)](#) – Start 01 Jul 2013

ITC, Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation of the University of Twente, the Netherlands

Participatory mapping and participatory GIS (PGIS) are established practices in participatory spatial planning and management. It includes actual spatial information techniques, tools, products and outputs that are appropriate to a participatory approach and are for use by mixed groups of professionals and non-professionals. Participatory mapping applies a variety of information acquisition, analysis and synthesis tools, according to their utility for specific local needs.



Web 2.0 Learning Opportunity

Venue: National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO), Plot 11-13, Lugard Avenue, NARO Boardroom Entebbe, Uganda.

**Date and time: 1<sup>st</sup>: Monday 4 – Friday 8 July 2011** (9:00 – 17:00)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> one will occur at the Makerere University, Faculty of Agriculture (18-22 July) and

The 3<sup>rd</sup> one at the Gulu University (25-29 July 2011).

If you are interested in applying, please click on the following link to complete the [online application form](#) .

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▲ **June 28-July 7, 2011**

**GIS OPEN SOURCE Summer School 2011** <http://www.sigte.udg.edu/summerschool2011/>

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Building upon the success of last year's GIS OPEN SOURCE Summer School, The GIS OPEN SOURCE Summer School 2011 will be held in Girona (Spain) from **28th June to 7th July 2011**. The course is organized by the GIS and Remote Sensing Centre (SIGTE) of the University of Girona (Spain) with the collaboration of the Sextante Project and the Centre for Geospatial Science (CGS) of the University of Nottingham (United Kingdom). Jeremy Morley will lead the CGS contribution for the Summer School. This Summer School will be focused on exploring and building the potential of open data sources (such as Spatial Data Infrastructures) and Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) for Geomatics.



## Calendar of Events

### eLearning

eLearning		Online	Construction Inspection Techniques That Really Work!
eLearning		Online	Effluent Guidelines- Insights into Compliance with EPA's New Turbidity Standards (Jesse Pritts at EC10)
eLearning		Online	Field Sampling and Analysis for Turbidity
eLearning		Online	How to Write and Implement a SWPPP - Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan - to meet NPDES Requirements

### June 2011

June 10		Brighton, CO	Business Skills Series: Public Speaking
June 15		Brunswick, OH	Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations
June 17		Denver, CO	New Product Demonstrations at the CDOT BMP Facility
June 20-23		Hunter Valley, NSW, Australia	2011 Mining Rehabilitation Conference
June 22		Online	Why Employees Don't Do What They're Supposed to Do...And What to Do About It
June 23-24		Demorest, GA	Workshops for Streambank Restoration

### July 2011

July 5-8		San Antonio, TX	13th Annual EPA Region 6 MS4 Storm Water Conference
July 13		Hopkinton, NH	Erosion Control Field Day: Implementing Good Erosion Control in New Hampshire

July 13	Raleigh, NC	Installation of Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control Devices
July 14-15	Raleigh, NC	Advanced Construction Site Turbidity Control
July 14	 Sanbornton, NH	Erosion Control Field Day: Implementing Good Erosion Control in New Hampshire

## August 2011

August 3-4, 9, 11, 15	 Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Australia	Best Practice Erosion and Sediment Control Road Show
Aug 21-25	Merida, Mexico	4th World Conference on Ecological Restoration
Aug 23-25	 Birmingham, AL	Clear Water Alabama 2011 and IECA Roadshow

## October 2011

Oct 11-13	 St. Louis, MO	IECA Great Rivers Chapter Annual Fall Conference and Expo
Oct 23-25	Sherbrooke, PQ, Canada	2nd Edition International Forum on Integrated Water Management

## September 12-16, 2011

### ▲ CURSO DE GEOESTATÍSTICA APLICADA

A FUNDAG - Fundação de Apoio a Pesquisa Agrícola e o INFOBIBOS - Informações Tecnológicas para o Agronegócio apresentam o Curso de Geoestatística Aplicada, que será realizado nos dias 12 a 16 de Setembro de 2011 na Sala de Eventos do Hotel Diplomata - Campinas - SP.

#### Sobre o curso

O tema versará sobre Geoestatística aplicada em estudos de variabilidade espacial, agricultura de precisão e pode ser usada para mapeamento de pragas, doenças, ervas daninhas, solos, clima e qualquer outro parâmetro que possa ser expresso em números e referidos por coordenadas.

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## LAUNCH

### ▲ Launch of Global Soil Partnership for Food Security and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation - 7-9 September 2011 - First Announcement

Please find attached the first announcement of the **Launch of Global Soil Partnership** which will take place at FAO Headquarters from 7 to 9 September 2011. If interested write to "Vargas, Ronald (NRL)" [Ronald.Vargas@fao.org](mailto:Ronald.Vargas@fao.org) GSP Secretariat

## 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 the 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)

### ▲ ECHO Asia Has a New Name and a New Address

When established in 2009, ECHO Asia operated under the official title of the ECHO Asia Regional Office. Our office was the first among other regional offices that ECHO is in the process of establishing in various parts of the world.

However, ECHO recently changed the name of its international branches from **Regional Offices** to **Regional Impact Centers**.

the **ECHO Asia Impact** better reflect the broad offered by ECHO in each Also, ECHO Asia Mai's McCormick Hospital to from the old site. The new

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The mailing address (P.O remains the same.



Therefore, we have been rechristened as **Center**. The new name is intended to scope of activities and services being global region.

has moved from the campus of Chiang a new location approximately 800 meters address is:

Chiang Mai 50000, Thailand Phone:

Box 64, Chiang Mai 50000, Thailand),

The new location has considerably more room as well as outdoor space in which various ECHO Asia Seed Bank crop varieties are being grown in demonstration plots. Additionally, various urban/backyard agriculture approaches are being demonstrated, including vertical and container gardening as well as vermiculture and catfish production in cement tanks.

The new office offers a technical resource library for visitors. Also, seed packets and a limited selection of perennial vegetable and agroforest seedlings are on sale.

Besides being accessible by vehicle from Tung Hotel Road, the new location is easily accessible by foot from the Arcade Bus Station. If you are in Chiang Mai, we invite you to visit us at our new location.

Rick Burnette, Director of **ECHO Asia Impact Center** [rburnette@echonet.org](mailto:rburnette@echonet.org); <http://asia.echonet.org/>

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## NEW INFORMATION SOURCES

### BOOKS

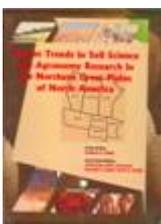
▲ **Soil Evaluation - Materials for Lectures and Seminars.** By Starodubtsev V.M., Petrenko L.R., and Struk V.S. – Kyiv: AGRARMEDIA Group, 2011. – 98 p. ISBN 978-966-2424-37-9. Soft cover. The manual provides its readers with a know-how pertaining to different ways and aspects of soil and land evaluation in Ukraine and some other countries. Soil areas (mapping units) as well as land plots can be evaluated in grade points, from 0 to 100, regardless of their multiform peculiarities and ways of practical utilization. General grades allow competing the soils and lands regardless of the crops grown on them. Such grades pertain to potential productivity of evaluated objects. They also allow comparative economic analyses of farms and other enterprises, using lands as a means of production. Partial soil and land evaluation makes possible to estimate the potential productivity of soils and land areas with regard of the crop grown on them or any other form of their employment in agriculture, horticulture, and cultivation of vegetables and fruits. The book deciphers the application of the so-called “desirability functions”, proposed by T.O. Grinchenko for both general and partial soil, climate, and land area evaluation. It also directs the readers’ attention to the weak points of different methods of soil and land evaluation in Ukraine, such as Kuzmichov, Siry, Novakovsky et al., and Medvedyev et al. methods. The solution of the problem of soil and land evaluation in Ukraine is still not “waiting sound the corner”. At the same time, such solution is must in the employment of such an evaluation in various decision-making activities of land users, economists, traders, ecologists, and, especially so, of land surveyors and proper use managers. The book will be useful to the graduate university students of agrobiological, soil science, ecology, land management, and agricultural economics. (From IUSS Alert 73)



▲ **Elevated Carbon Dioxide: Impacts on Soil and Plant Water Relations.** By M.B. Kirkham. 2011. CRC Press, Taylor and Francis Group, Boca Raton, Florida. 399 pages. ISBN: 978-1-4398-5504-1. Between 1958 and 2008, the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the atmosphere increased from 316 to 385 ppm. Continued increases in CO<sub>2</sub> concentration will significantly affect long-term climate change, including variations in agricultural yields. Focusing on this critical issue, *Elevated Carbon Dioxide: Impacts on Soil and Plant Water Relations* presents research conducted on field-grown sorghum, winter wheat, and rangeland plants under elevated CO<sub>2</sub>. It describes specific results from pioneering experiments performed over a seven-year period in the Evapotranspiration Laboratory at Kansas State University, along with experiments appearing in peer-reviewed journal articles. (From IUSS Alert 73)



▲ **Recent Trends in Soil Science and Agronomy Research in the Northern Great Plains of North America.** By Malhi, S.S., Gan, Y.T., Schoenau, J.J., Lemke, R.L. and Liebig, M.A. (eds.), 2010. Research Signpost, Trivandrum, Kerala, India. ISBN: 978-81-308-0422-4, 427 pp. The book “Recent Trends in Soil Science and Agronomy Research in the Northern Great Plains of North America” summarizes published research in soil science and agronomy from various field experiments conducted in the soil-climatic/agro-ecological regions of the Northern Great Plains of North America. Collectively, the book represents an up-to-date compilation of scientific information related to the sustainable management of dryland cropping systems in this important agricultural area. Fifteen chapters, written by Canadian and U.S. scientists, review a myriad of topics focused on developing a better understanding of dryland cropping systems and their management. Specific topics reviewed in the book include the impact of soil, crop and fertilizer/nutrient



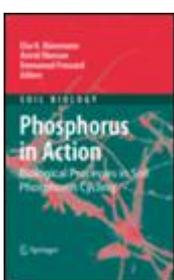
management practices, land use, landscape, organic amendments, and other parameters in dryland cropping systems on crop production, economics, plant diseases, grain and forage quality, nutrient accumulation and distribution in soil, soil properties, microbial diversity, greenhouse gas emissions, and water-, nutrient- and energy-use efficiency. Information in the book may be most useful to researchers and practitioners in the Prairie Provinces of Canada, adjoining northern U.S. states, and other parts of the world possessing similar soil-climatic attributes as the Northern Great Plains. (From IUSS Alert 73)

▲ **Bodenkundliches Praktikum Exercises in Pedology** - An Introduction into Soil Analysis and



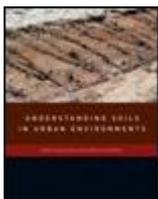
Interpretation for Soil Scientists, Geologists and Ecologists, especially Agriculturists and Forester (in German). Blume, Hans-Peter, Stahr, Karl; Leinweber, Peter. 3rd Edition, 2011, XIII, 255 p., Hardcover. ISBN: 978-3-8274-1553-0. Price 39,95 €. Students are instructed, how to describe, to classify and to map soils as well as to measure their water, air and nutrient dynamics in the field. They also find several methods (mainly ISO Standards), to study their physical, chemical, mineralogical and biological conditions. The interpretation of soil data is shown -: How to reconstruct the direction, the intensity and the duration of different soil forming processes? Advice for site property assessment is given. How to classify the rooting capability, the water, air and nutrient conditions of soils, as well as their microbial activity, their erosion risk, and the risk of groundwater poisoning. At the end conclusions are drawn for an improved land use and the necessity of meliorations. (From IUSS Alert 73)

▲ **Phosphorus in Action.** Biological Processes in Soil Phosphorus Cycling. Series: Soil Biology, Vol. 26.



Bünemann, Else K.; Oberson, Astrid; Frossard, Emmanuel (Eds.) 1st Edition., 2011, XV, 483 p., Hardcover. ISBN: 978-3-642-15270-2. Price 149,95 €. Phosphorus (P) is a finite resource which is essential for life. It is a limiting nutrient in many ecosystems but also a pollutant which can affect biodiversity in terrestrial ecosystems and change the ecology of water bodies. This book collects the existing, up-to-date information on biological processes in soil P cycling, which to date have remained much less understood than physico-chemical processes. The methods section presents spectroscopic techniques, characterization of microbial P forms, as well as the use of tracers, molecular approaches and modeling of soil-plant systems. The section on processes deals with mycorrhizal symbioses, microbial P solubilization, soil macrofauna, phosphatase enzymes and rhizosphere processes. On the system level, P cycling is examined for grasslands, arctic and alpine soils, forest plantations, tropical forests, and dryland regions, while aspects of P management with respect to animal production and cropping are also presented. The final chapter examines the interactions between global change and P cycling. (From IUSS Alert 73)

▲ **Understanding Soils in Urban Environments.** Pam Hazelton (University of Technology, Sydney),



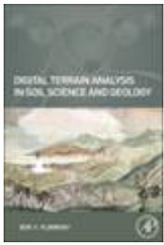
Brian Murphy (NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change), 160 pages, Publisher: CSIRO Publishing, February 2011, Paperback, ISBN: 9780643091740. Price AU \$ 59.95. Soil properties such as water retention, salinity and acidity are not just issues for agriculture and forestry. They are equally as significant in creating environmental and structural problems for buildings and other engineering works. As an increasing proportion of the world's population is living in cities, and building and related infrastructure development continues, these problems assume ever-greater importance. In addition, existing works contribute to urban soil erosion and pollution as well as increased levels of urban runoff. Understanding Soils in Urban Environments explains how urban soils develop, change and erode. It describes their physical and chemical properties and focuses on specific soil problems, such as acid sulfate soils, that can cause environmental concern and also affect engineering works. It also addresses contemporary issues such as green roofs, urban green space and the man-made urban soils that plants may need to thrive in. It provides a concise introduction to all aspects of soils in urban environments and will be extremely useful to students in a wide range of disciplines, from soil science and urban forestry and horticulture, to planning, engineering, construction and land remediation, as well as to engineers, builders, landscape architects, ecologists, planners and developers. (From IUSS Alert 73)

▲ **Biocommunication in Soil Microorganisms.** Series: [Soil Biology](#), Vol. 23, Witzany, Günther (Ed.), 1st Edition., 2011, XX, 474 p., Hardcover. ISBN: 978-3-642-14511-7. Price 149,95 €. Communication is defined as an interaction between at least two living agents which share a repertoire of signs. These are combined according to syntactic, semantic and context-dependent, pragmatic rules in order to coordinate behavior. This volume deals with the important roles of soil bacteria in parasitic and symbiotic interactions with viruses, plants, animals and fungi.



Starting with a general overview of the key levels of communication between bacteria, further reviews examine the various aspects of intracellular as well as intercellular biocommunication between soil microorganisms. This includes the various levels of biocommunication between phages and bacteria, between soil algae and bacteria, and between bacteria, fungi and plants in the rhizosphere, the role of plasmids and transposons, horizontal gene transfer, quorum sensing and quorum quenching, bacterial-host cohabitation, phage-mediated genetic exchange and soil viral ecology. (From IUSS Alert 74)

▲ **Digital Terrain Analysis in Soil Science and Geology.** By I.V. Florinsky (Institute of



Mathematical Problems of Biology, Russian Academy of Sciences). ISBN: 978-0-12-385036-2. Hardcover, 430 pages, October 2011, 2011, Elsevier - Academic Press. Price \$149.95. This book provides an integrated view of the theory, principles, and methods of digital terrain modeling in the context of multi-scale problems of soil science and geology. *Digital Terrain Analysis in Soil Science and Geology*, based on the author's original interdisciplinary research, is divided into three parts. The first part represents the state-of-the-art in the field outlining mathematical methods used in digital terrain modeling. The second part looks at methods for analysis, modeling, and mapping of spatial distribution of soil properties using digital terrain analysis. The third part considers techniques for recognition, analysis, and interpretation of topographically expressed geological features. The book is addressed to GIS scientists, soil scientists, geologists, geoscientists, geomorphologists, and geographers (at scholar, lecturer, and postgraduate student levels, with mathematical skills), as well as GIS professionals in industry and research laboratories focusing on geoscientific and soil research. (From IUSS Alert 74)

▲ **Unsaturated Soils: A fundamental interpretation of soil behaviour.** E. J. Murray, V.

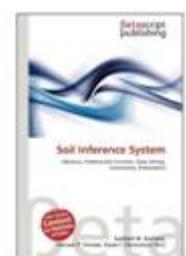
Sivakumar, ISBN: 978-1-4443-3212-4. Paperback, 304 pages, August 2010, Wiley-Blackwell. Price €84.00. An understanding of the mechanical properties of unsaturated soils is crucial for geotechnical engineers worldwide, as well as to those concerned with the interaction of structures with the ground. This book deals principally with fine-grained clays and silts, or soils containing coarser sand and gravel particles but with a significant percentage of fines. The study of unsaturated soil is a practical subject, linking fundamental science to nature. Soils in general are inherently variable and their behaviour is not easy to analyse or predict, and unsaturated soils raise the complexity to a higher level. Even amongst practicing engineers, there is often lack of awareness of the intricacies of the subject. This book offers a perspective of unsaturated soils based on recent research and demonstrates how this dovetails with the general discipline of soil mechanics. Following an introduction to the basic soil variables, the phases, the phase interactions and the relevance of soil structure, an up-to-date review of laboratory testing techniques is presented. This includes suction measurement and control techniques in triaxial cell testing. This is followed by an introduction to stress state variables, critical state and theoretical models in unsaturated soils. A detailed description of the thermodynamic principles as applied to multi-phase materials under equilibrium conditions follows. These principles are then used to explore and develop a fundamental theoretical basis for analysing unsaturated soils. Soil structure is broken down into its component parts to develop equations describing the dual stress regime. The critical state strength and compression characteristics of unsaturated soils are examined and it is shown how the behaviour may be viewed as a three-dimensional model in dimensionless stress-volume space. The analysis is then extended to the work input into unsaturated soils and the development of conjugate stress, volumetric and strain-increment variables. These are used to examine the micromechanical behaviour of kaolin specimens subjected to triaxial shear strength tests and lead to observations not detectable by other means. (From IUSS Alert 74)

▲ **Soil Mechanics.** NOVA, ISBN: 978-1-84821-102-5, Hardcover, 416 pages, June 2010, Wiley-ISTE. Price €152.40. Knowledge of the behavior of soil mechanics is essential for forecasting the internal displacements and actions of any construction. This book, although theoretical at first glance, also offers a more practical scope, giving readers adequate tools to plan geotechnical projects correctly. (From IUSS Alert 74)

**This article is for our readers to aware!**

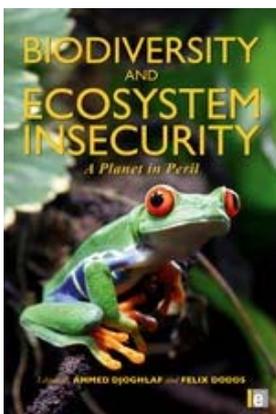
▲ **Caveat Emptor: Soil Science Books (?) from Alphascript and Betascript**

One can find a book on sale on Ebay with the title “Soil Inference System”. The book is 108 pages with an ISBN. But, if you take a clear look at the cover, you’ll see “High Quality Content by WIKIPEDIA articles!” There seems to be a Print-on-Demand company under imprints such as Alphascript and Betascript which has harvested Wikipedia articles, and made them into a series of books, many of them with soil titles.



Yes, the books have derived all their contents from Wikipedia. This appears to be a scam which seems to have started last year. So, this is just a warning to people not to get tricked. Alphascript and Betascript are imprints of VDM Publishing (Verlag Dr. Muller) which apparently will publish any book including undergraduate and postgraduate theses. [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and various online book shops are selling these books. There are about 80 soil-related titles available from Amazon, with titles from “Serpentine Soils” to “Soil Classification”, “Soil Physics”, “Biochar”, “Soil Function”, “World Reference Base for Soil Resources” etc. These some 80 ‘soil’ titles were all published in 2010, by 3 very productive editors: LAMBERT M. TIMPLEDON, MIRIAM T. MARSEKEN, SUSAN F. SURHONE. All together they have edited more 260,921 books, all available from Amazon. That must beat any academic record one can imagine. One wonders what their h indices are? Could be very high if they refer to all the other ones in each book. Further investigation has revealed that this approach is not even original, Philip M. Parker has [patented](#) a method to automatically produce a set of similar books from a template which is filled with data from [database](#) and internet searches’ see [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip\\_M.\\_Parker](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip_M._Parker). All sad really, but probably inevitable. An automatic reading machine requires to be patented so humans don’t have to bother with this. (From IUSS Alert 74)

▲ **NEW BOOK: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Insecurity: a planet in peril, NOW AVAILABLE**



"Biodiversity and Ecosystem Insecurity: A Planet in Peril" has been produced by **Stakeholder Forum**. It was edited by **Ahmed Djoghlaif** and **Felix Dodds** and includes chapters by: **Gusti Muhammad Hatta, Thomas E. Lovejoy, Craig Bennett, Johan Rockstrom, Bob Watson, Achim Steiner, Jan McAlpine** and **Monique Barbut**. The book provides an authoritative and comprehensive assessment of the threats presented to human security and well-being by the loss of ecosystems and biodiversity – recently confirmed as one of the critical 'planetary boundaries' that has already been exceeded.

Contributors examine the current trends and state of biodiversity globally, the drivers of biodiversity loss including climate change and economic and population pressures, and the mechanisms and policies needed for conserving and restoring biodiversity in the future. Strong emphasis is placed throughout on the fundamental importance of placing a realistic economic value on nature and the services that ecosystems provide if we are to manage our natural resources successfully; and also on the crucial role of international institutions and government policies achieving this goal.

As the recent high-profile meeting of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Nagoya, Japan, underlined, the scale and pace of the destruction of natural habitats and species imperil us all. This volume is an invaluable resource for conservationists, students and those in the private and public sectors concerned to redress the damage being done to the natural world.

*'Many people around the world remain totally unaware that the Earth is losing its incredible array of plant and animal life at an unprecedented and alarming rate. The dangers to our global biodiversity and the impacts this will have on human society are clearly spelled out in this book which stresses that if we continue with business as usual, we will soon reach a tipping point, causing irreparable and irreversible damage to the major ecosystems that support life on our planet.'*

**Edward Norton, United Nations Goodwill Ambassador for Biodiversity**

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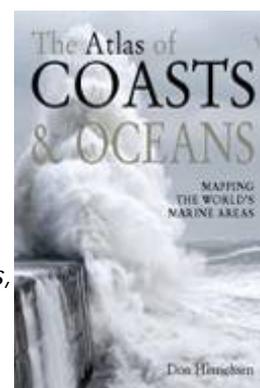
## HANDBOOKS, MANUALS, GLOSSARIES

▲ **The Atlas of Coasts and Oceans**

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*Greg Stone, Senior Vice President for Marine Conservation and Chief Scientist for Oceans, Conservation International*

- This unique assessment of the world’s coasts and oceans details the ecological, environmental and economic importance of each and the global challenges we



face to manage common waters and the resources they contain before development threatens to destroy the ultimate source of all life on the 'blue planet'.

- With global and regional maps, this atlas considers the impact of climate change, industrial growth, tourism, pollution and over-fishing on all major global waterways, as well as the steps being taken towards conservation. [Read more>>](#)

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### ▲ **Wetlands-At-Risk Protection Tool (WARPT) Website**

This tool provides a process for local governments to develop a plan for protecting at-risk wetlands, which are vulnerable to impacts from development or other land uses. The WARPT process outlines the process of protecting at-risk wetlands by updating wetland maps, estimating wetland loss, identifying priority wetlands, estimating wetland values, and protecting wetlands. This tool was developed by the Center for Watershed Protection under a cooperative agreement from the U.S. EPA, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds and was reviewed by an advisory committee of local governments and wetland scientists.

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

### ▲ **The Value of Green Infrastructure: A Guide to Recognizing Its Economic, Environmental and Social Benefits**

This guide was published by the Center for Neighborhood Technology, with assistance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and American Rivers. It explains the multiple benefits of using green infrastructure within the urban context, including green roofs, trees, rain gardens and permeable pavement to reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality. <http://www.cnt.org/repository/gi-values-guide.pdf>

### ▲ **How to Make a Rain Barrel**

Rain barrels capture stormwater that runs off your roof and would otherwise be wasted. That water can then be reused to irrigate your lawn or flowerbeds. There are many rain barrels available for sale and many sources of information to build your own. Your local conservation district is a great place to start. Often though of being an eyesore, rain barrels can add charm to your landscape if you're creative with material choices. Here's an article that details how to make your own rain barrel. "Conserve Water by Harvesting Rainwater: How to Make a Rain Barrel" By Carol Steinfeld, *Natural Home & Garden*, March/April 2007

[http://www.naturalhomeandgarden.com/article.aspx?id=936&utm\\_content=NH+eNews+04.07.11&utm\\_campaign=NH\\_ENEWS&utm\\_source=iPost&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.naturalhomeandgarden.com/article.aspx?id=936&utm_content=NH+eNews+04.07.11&utm_campaign=NH_ENEWS&utm_source=iPost&utm_medium=email)

### ▲ **IFA fertilizer glossary** The glossary is now available on-line in five languages: English, French,



German, Spanish and Chinese. Revisions have been made since 1980 by groups of experts brought together in IFA's Agricultural Committee. There are more than 150 terms and expressions related to fertilizer use, soil science, fertilizer manufacture and analysis, and application machinery and methods. The glossary is organized in five sections, one for each language. Terms are listed in alphabetical order with brief definitions. In some cases there is no equivalent term in other languages, which explains the unequal number of entries in different sections. In some cases the nearest equivalent terms may differ from one language to another. The glossary is a key tool requested by a large majority of members. More information click [here](#) (From IUSS Alert 74)

### ▲ **SWAT Manual in Thai Language**, Please visit:

<http://www.tnmckc.org/showplandetail.php?subjecttitleID=219>

## JOURNALS

### ▲ **The Irish Farmers Journal On Facebook**

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## ▲ **JAFSCD issue 4** on Food Value Chains is on its way

May 2011

We will start posting papers to the fourth issue of JAFSCD in June. The call topic on **Small- and Mid-Scale Food Value Chain Development** generated strong papers, and we are happy to announce the following are among those that will be included in this issue:

- *Food Value Chains: An Introduction*, by G. W. Stevenson, Kate Clancy, Robert King, Larry Lev, Marcia Ostrom, and Stewart Smith
- *Using a Supply Chain Analysis to Assess the Sustainability of Farm-to-Institution Programs*, by Gail Feenstra, Patricia Allen, Shermain Hardesty, Jeri Ohmart, and Jan Perez
- *Informal and Formal Mechanisms of Coordination in Hybrid Food Value Chain*, by J. Dara Bloom and C. Clare Hinrichs
- *Acting Collectively to Develop Mid-Scale Food Value Chains*, by Larry Lev and G. W. Stevenson
- *Food Value Chain Development in Central New York: CNY Bounty*, by Becca B.R. Jablonski, Javier Perez-Burgos, and Miguel I. Gómez
- *Increasing Farm Income and Local Food Access: A Case Study of a Collaborative Aggregation, Marketing and Distribution Strategy that Links Farmers to Markets*, by Michele C. Schmidt, Jane M. Kolodinsky, Thomas P. DeSisto, and Faye C. Conte
- *Money and Mission: Moving Food with Value and Values*, by Adam Diamond and James Barham
- Commentary from Bob Perry on the challenges faced when *Kentucky State Parks developed a local-food purchasing system*

## Food System Planning Issue Coming this Summer!

Volume 2 issue 1 on the topic of Food System Planning is also forthcoming! We are pleased to see so many papers on this emerging field, including those focusing on geographic information systems, urban food access, mapping foodsheds, and planner approaches to addressing food system issues.

## Open Call Submissions

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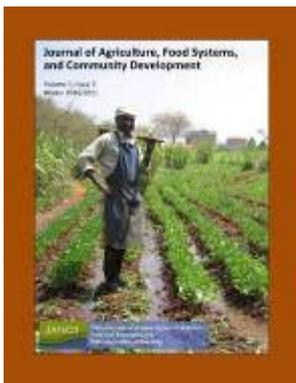
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#### Open Call Papers

1. [Between Conventionalization and Civic Agriculture: Emerging Trends in the Chilean Agroecological Movement](#) Beatriz Cid-Aguayo
2. [Planting Seeds for an Improved Agrifood System? Linking the Aims of the Alternative Agrifood Movement to Executive Action in the First Two Years of the Obama Administration](#) K. Michelle Glowa, Sarah Carvill, and Costanza Rampini
3. [Beliefs, Attitudes, and Propensity To Buy Locally Produced Food](#) Steven Dukeshire, Renée Garbes, Chloe Kennedy, Ainslie Boudreau, Theresa Osborne
4. ["Somos del Campo": Latino and Latina Gardeners and Farmers in Two Rural Communities of Iowa — A Community Capitals Framework Approach](#) Diego Thompson

## Urban Agriculture Call Papers

1. [Expanding Technical Assistance for Urban Agriculture: Best Practices for Extension Services in California and Beyond](#) Kristin A. Reynolds
2. [Integrating Agriculture and Food Policy to Achieve Sustainable Peri-urban Fruit and Vegetable Production in Victoria, Australia](#) Rachel Carey, Fanny Krumholz, Kena Duignan, Kathy McConell, Jessica L. Brown, Catherine Burns, and Mark Lawrence
3. [Smallholder Peri-Urban Organic Farming in Nepal: A Comparative Analysis of Farming Systems](#) Gopal Datt Bhatta and Werner Doppler
4. [Community-Based Wastewater Farming and its Contribution to Livelihoods of the Urban Poor: Case of Nairobi, Kenya](#) Mary Njenga, Nancy Karanja, Gordon Prain, Kuria Gathuru, and Diana Lee-Smith
5. [Building Gardens, Rebuilding a City: Baltimore's Community Greening Resource Network](#) Sarah Krones and Shari Edelson
6. [Perceptions and Attitudes Regarding Organic Waste: Feasibility of Establishing an Urban Composting Program in Chiapas, Mexico](#) Jorge Camacho Barboza, Helda Morales, Ricardo Alvarado Barrantes, Antonio Saldivar Moreno, Esperanza Huerta Lwanga
7. [Community Gardening in Disadvantaged Neighborhoods in Phoenix, Arizona: Aligning Programs with Perceptions](#) Tommy Bleasdale, Carolyn Crouch, and Sharon L. Harlan

## Companion Website AgDevONLINE

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▲ **New IUSS Cooperating Journal "Soil Science and Plant Nutrition** is the official English journal of the Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (JSSSPN, Webpage: <http://jssspn.jp/index.html>), and publishes original research and reviews in soil physics, chemistry and mineralogy; soil biology; plant nutrition; soil genesis, classification and survey; soil fertility; fertilizers and soil amendments; environment; socio cultural soil science. 6 issues per year. Publisher: Taylor & Francis Group, Abingdon, UK. Webpage: <http://www.informaworld.com/tssp> Personal subscription rate for IUSS members for 2011: US\$ 146.00". (From IUSS Alert 74)

## ▲ WaA: Volume 4 | Issue 2

Volume 4 | Issue 2, June 2011

### Articles

#### **What are the effects of decentralization in large scale irrigation? Evidence from the Philippines**

Eduardo K. Araral, Jr.

*Water Alternatives* 4(2): 110-123

[Abstract](#) | [Full Text - PDF](#)

#### **The World Court's contribution to international water law: The Pulp Mills Case between Argentina and Uruguay**

Owen McIntyre

*Water Alternatives* 4(2): 124-144

[Abstract](#) | [Full Text - PDF](#)

#### **Valuing soft components in agricultural water management interventions in meso-scale watersheds: A review and synthesis**

Jennie Barron and Stacey Noel

*Water Alternatives* 4(2): 145-154

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#### **Paradox of the moving boundary: Legal heredity of river accretion and avulsion**

John W. Donaldson

*Water Alternatives* 4(2): 155-170

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## Sharing water on the Iberian peninsula: A Europeanisation approach to explaining transboundary cooperation

Jeanie J. Bukowski

*Water Alternatives* 4(2): 171-196

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## Understanding the emergence and functioning of river committees in a catchment of the Pangani basin, Tanzania

Hans C. Komakech and Pieter van der Zaag

*Water Alternatives* 4(2): 197-222

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## A decidedly unfriendly commodity? Counter-intuitive findings in water supply charging systems

Bernard Barraqué

*Water Alternatives* 4(2): 223-244

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## Book Reviews

*Water policy in Texas: Responding to the rise of scarcity* (Griffin, R.C.; Ed. 2011).

Zachary Sugg

*Water Alternatives* 4(2): 245-247

[Full Text - PDF](#)

*Water politics and development cooperation* (Scheumann, W.; Neubert, S. and Kipping, M.; Eds. 2008).

Maria Koenig

*Water Alternatives* 4(2): 248-251

[Full Text - PDF](#)

*Time to reform South African water reforms: A review of "Transforming water management in South Africa"* (Schreiner, B. and Hassan, R.; Eds. 2011).

Douglas J. Merrey

*Water Alternatives* 4(2): 252-255

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*Water, place and equity* (Whiteley, J.M.; Ingram, H. and Perry, R.W.; Eds. 2008).

Timothy Moss

*Water Alternatives* 4(2): 256-258

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## NEWSLETTERS-BULLETINS-BROCHURES

▲ **New IUSS Bulletin** A new **IUSS Bulletin** (no. 118) is now available in high and low resolution PDF at [www.iuss.org](http://www.iuss.org) In this Bulletin an Editorial by new SG and some ideas from the new SG and DSG. The IUSS is an union of national societies and from now on we will give national societies the opportunity of discussing how it attracts and engages its members and other noteworthy activities. In this bulletin we start off this series with an article by Ellen Bergfeld of the Soil Science Society of America. There are articles on Darwin by H-P Blume and on the Soil of the Year by Monika Frielinghaus. Five questions to a soil scientist is answered by Jon Chorover (USA), Dani Or (Switzerland), Rosa Poch (Spain), Edward Landa (USA), Teodoro Miano (Italy) and Reinhold Jahn (Germany) whereas Paul Hallett (UK and Victor Asio (Philippines) discuss their favourite books. This – and much more – in the new IUSS Bulletin. (From IUSS Alert 74)

▲ **Micromorphology Newsletter** In this newsletter you will find the report on the course in Tübingen 2011, and the announcement of future courses in Medellín 2011 and in London 2011. Also, there will be meetings, workshops and congresses very shortly: Pisa 2011, Vienna 2011, Lleida 2012, Eurosoil2012 Bari, Moskow-Smolensko 2012. Some of these meetings are very close to each other, which may be an advantage for people coming from overseas. You will also find new publications, announcements, short research notes and new projects where we need your help. See here <http://loess.umcs.lublin.pl/micro.htm> (From IUSS Alert 73)

▲ **Newsletter Commission 1.4 of IUSS** The IUSS Commission 1.4 Soil Classification decided to start publishing a Newsletter. It will be issued two times a year and is supposed to report the most important events related to classification of soils. Though relevant IUSS Working Groups "World Reference Base" and "Universal Soil Classification" publish their own Newsletters, the Commission will also report shortly the most important activities of these groups. The first issue is already available and covers the following topics: 1) Greetings From the New Chair, 2) New Officers of The Commission and Soil Classification-Related Working Groups, 3)

Universal Soil Classification, 4) Guy Smith Medal: Rudi Dudal Presented First Guy Smith Medal, 5) Reports on The Meetings, 6) Forthcoming Meetings, 7) New Books, and 9) Historical Paper. The latter section is supposed to be regular in the Newsletter, presenting the most important old papers related to soil classification. In this issue a chapter from a book by Roy Simonson on the history of soil classification is presented. The Newsletter is available on [www.iuss.org](http://www.iuss.org) under the tab <IUSS Newsletter> (From IUSS Alert 74)

### ▲ Programmes newsletter - Vol 2



Hello!

RFUK has just released the second edition of the Programmes Newsletter. In this edition, we focus on our recently launched work to support indigenous Asháninka communities in Peru to uphold their rights in the face of the proposed construction of huge hydroelectric dams on their territory. The threat to forest communities in general, and indigenous communities in particular, from large hydroelectric dams is becoming ever more present as part of the search for alternative forms of energy.

In this edition, we explore some of the challenges in terms of environmental sustainability and human rights, that the construction of dams poses, focusing on the particular case of the Asháninka of the Ene River Valley in Peru, which RFUK have been supporting for many years, as well as providing some highlights from our other work over the last 3 months.

You can view the newsletter [here](#).

We hope you enjoy reading it and look forward to your feedback.

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### ▲ PACA Newsletter Issue 18

Monday, May 2, 2011 9:04 PM

From: "PACA Information Desk" [info@conserveagri.org](mailto:info@conserveagri.org)



## Professional Alliance for Conservation Agriculture

*PACA is a CASA-Society STADD initiative focused on bringing about a change in agriculture for the benefit of farmers and environment*

Dear Colleague,

We present our 18th issue of the newsletter, delayed but informative to read we hope. Kindly download the same by clicking on this link <http://www.conserveagri.org/PACAn18.pdf>. The PACA team has been busy in the field (see below) and our preoccupation in the field was one of the reasons for delay in bringing out this issue.

Recognising the role of rice within agriculture, this issue carries three articles on the subject. The lead story covers the impact of rice straw management on crop yields and soil health in the rice-wheat system. The second story covers prospects and opportunities for conservation agriculture in rice-based cropping systems in the north-east region of India, and finally we have a story on SRI that looks at possibilities of convergence with

resource conserving principles.

We'd like to take this opportunity to share a quick word on PACA's field plans. Following willing adoption by farmers in Vidarbha, Maharashtra, one of the most agriculturally stressed regions of India, PACA is helping scale this up in surrounding villages where trials were done earlier. Indications are that this might happen to a factor of 10 this year during the monsoon kharif season with cotton and soya crops. Beyond this, encouraged by last year's responses from the field, PACA hopes to introduce trials in 4 more districts of Vidarbha, Maharashtra; and also extend introductory trials to 5 state locations of Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and West Bengal.

You will recall that trials in Vidarbha region over two seasons last year successfully established experience related to cotton, soya, wheat, gram, and sorghum using conservation agriculture principles. These have been covered in our earlier newsletter issues no. 15 and 17 that can be downloaded from [www.conserveagri.org/content.htm](http://www.conserveagri.org/content.htm). The future issues of PACA Newsletter will carry a more detailed coverage of the current scaling up effort including coverage of specific activities and experiences from our NGO partners.

Happy reading and as always we will be happy to hear from you.

Best wishes,

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SOIL Action Newsletter - European Soil Portal:  
<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu> Volume 28 (April 2011)

### Spatial Layers for Estimating GHG Emissions from Indirect Land Use Changes (ILUC) due to the Production of Biofuels

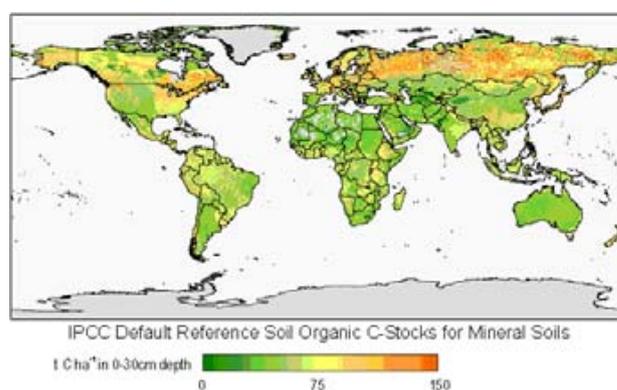
The data made available on these pages are referred to in the Guide for Calculation of Carbon Stock Changes in Soil and Above and Below Ground Vegetation due to Land Use Conversion, which was prepared in support to Commission Decision C(2010) 3751). The thematic spatial layers complement the data already published on the reference climate region and soil type classification.

**Available Layers:** Reference Grid, Global Land Cover, Climate and Ecological Zones, Soil Default C-Stocks, Land Use System Factor (FLUSYS), IFPRI Global Regions, Crop Surface Area. (The data are freely available for Download)

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/RenewableEnergy/MoreData.html>

### Global Soil Partnership (GSP) for Food Security and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation

FAO and JRC have been initiated to develop a vision statement, strategy and action plan towards the establishment of a Global Soil Partnership (GSP) for Food Security and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation. A number of Institutions and



**TOWARDS a Global Soil Partnership for Food Security and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation**



April 2011

countries have already expressed their interest to join this partnership at an early stage. We are pleased to extend to you a preliminary invitation to the formal launch event of this global partnership organised by FAO and Joint Research Centre of the European Commission.

**Venue:** 7-9 September 2011, FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

Confirmation of participation till 30/6/2011. Correspondence: [GSP-Secretariat@fao.org](mailto:GSP-Secretariat@fao.org)  
<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/InternationalCooperation/GSP/>

### **EnvirolInfo Ispra 2011**

The upcoming conference EnvirolInfo Ispra 2011 will cover the complete field of processing environmental information prepared and distributed with cutting edge ICT technologies.

The conference will comprise the field of Environmental Informatics. EnvirolInfo 2011 also welcomes contributions describing applications supporting environmental policies, and the further integration of environmental information in European research programs. Ispra (VA), Italy 5-7 October 2011.

<http://www.ec-gis.org/Workshops/EnvirolInfo2011/>

### **The International Conference on "Land Degradation and Challenges in Sustainable Soil Management"**

The Department of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition, Faculty of Agriculture Ege University & Soil Science Society of TURKEY cordially invite you to participate in The International Conference on "Land Degradation and Challenges in Sustainable Soil Management" Çesme - Izmir, TURKEY, 15-17 May 2012.

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/RenewableEnergy/MoreData.html>

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### **▲ Between the Lines**

The newsletter is available for download at: [Between the Lines - May 2011](#)

In this issue, we report on Equator Initiative participation at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held from 18-29 October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan. Equator Initiative staff and community representatives participated in both formal side events and the historic conference that resulted in adoption of the Nagoya Protocol.

We share stories from three Equator Prize 2010 winner representatives on their experiences during the Community Summit dialogue space – held in September 2010 during the United Nations General Assembly in New York – as well as connections made and developments in their work since returning home.

We continue to work with communities to develop their detailed case studies, photo stories, and Millennium Development Goal (MDG) posters. As we compile this information on local best practice, we encourage you to contact us about how this information can be useful in your work.

In our next issue of *Between the Lines*, we will hear about award ceremonies that have been held in 18 countries with Equator Prize 2010 winners. I would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to the UNDP Country Offices, who are amplifying the innovation and leadership of community-based projects at the national level through these award ceremonies. The Equator Initiative Team. For more information: [Equator Initiative](#)

### **▲ The Green Page, May 2011**



green page  
e-news from ESDO

### ***Editorial: This month we cover ESDO participation in conferences around the world and also look at nuclear energy***

There has been a great deal of discussion recently about the relative merits of nuclear power. The earthquake and resulting fallout from the Fukushima nuclear plant in Japan have brought the topic to the forefront of the world's consciousness once more. We will be looking depth at the topic over the course of this issue. And in other news... [Read More »](#)

- [This months focus: Nuclear Power](#)
- [The latest ESDO news](#)
- [What really happens in a nuclear meltdown?](#)
- [In the kids corner, we give you some interesting facts about nuclear energy.](#)
- [See the education material from our new E-Waste Education Program.](#)

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## PAPERS



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A book chapter on conservation and no till that may be of interest. A copy of the article is attached for your information. The increasing pressure to provide food security, enhance environmental quality, and address societal problems creates challenges for agriculture and requires changing current agriculture practices to become more sustainable. The need to change agriculture is outlined in a Chapter 2 of a new book from the American Society of Agronomy, "Challenging Balance between Productivity and Environmental Quality: Tillage Impacts," by D.C. Reicosky, T.J. Sauer, and J.L. Hatfield. The new book, published by ASA and SSSA, **Soil Management: Building a Stable Base for Agriculture**, is suited to scientists, students, and professionals. It integrates management issues, soil research, and long-term conservation efforts.

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

### ▲ HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, June 19, 2011

<http://mp3.zing.vn/playlist/Zing-Collection-Happy-Father-s-Day-Various-Artists/ZWZ9AOWC.html> (International)

### ▲ HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, June 19, 2011

<http://mp3.zing.vn/album/Tinh-Cha-Various-Artists/ZWZ978OA.html> (Vietnamese)

### ▲ My Vietnamese friend Hong Ha wrote on June 19, 2011: "Samran Sombatpanit:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=esapsbVXXsc> A gift for you on the father's day."

### ▲ [Ranking of Universities in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Oceania, Europe, and USA](#)

### ▲ [SAUDI ARABIA: King opens women's university](#)

Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz has officially opened the US\$5.3 billion Princess Nora bint Abdulrahman University in Riyadh, which will eventually cater for 50,000 female students to become the largest women's university in the world.

### ▲ **Improve English Now - 7 Rules You Must Know To Speak English Fast**

[www.EffortlessEnglishClub.com](http://www.EffortlessEnglishClub.com)

▲ **Spanish e-learning resource on soil science** Edafos is a e-learning resource that provides a comprehensive review of the fundamental concepts and processes of soil science in Spanish. It is a multimedia-interactive program with different modules that after outlining the study of soil components goes on to examine the main factors and processes of soil genesis explaining the mechanisms of soil processes. A better understanding of all these new ideas is facilitated by the use of animations, which can illustrate the processes in a more effective manner than static print media. The program ends with the possibility of self-assessment questions obtaining an automatic punctuation. It can be useful from Secondary Education on Natural Sciences to degrees on Agricultural or Environmental Engineering see: [www.cienciadelsuelo.es](http://www.cienciadelsuelo.es) (From IUSS Alert 74)

▲ **Disaster Mapping.** Maybe you are interested in this crowdsourcing mapping following the Christchurch earthquake.

<http://tomnod.com/geocan/>

▲ From the CDEMA site (sorry if you don't know what CDEMA means)

[http://www.cdema.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=902:caribbean-user-defined-satellite-products-for-disaster-management-&catid=35:press-releases](http://www.cdema.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=902:caribbean-user-defined-satellite-products-for-disaster-management-&catid=35:press-releases)

**Caribbean User-defined Satellite Products for Disaster Management**

### ▲ **TWO ladies in a box**

**Two ladies in a 2' X 2' X 2' box, yes it is true.**

**The link is** [http://www.jokeroo.com/bin/player.swf?5f9f\\_f369](http://www.jokeroo.com/bin/player.swf?5f9f_f369)

From my Belgian friend Louis Verschueren [louisverschueren@telenet.be](mailto:louisverschueren@telenet.be)

## 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 download all my YouTube files. – Samran

## **Rubble or stones? No problem with Percussion drilling!**

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

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **WaA call for papers: Water Grabbing?**

#### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Special Issue on

### **Water Grabbing? Focus on the (Re)appropriation of Finite Water Resources**

*With the financial support of [Future Agricultures Consortium](#)*

*Guest Editors:*

Lyla Mehta (Institute of Development Studies, Brighton)

Gert Jan Veldwisch (Wageningen University)

Jennifer Franco (Transnational Institute)

In many river basins in the world, water resources have become the object of increasing competition between food production and other sectors. The rush to acquire new lands as sources of alternative energy, food crops, and environmental services have led to the so called “land rush” or “land grabbing” that have made headlines and which contributed to skyrocketing global food prices in 2008. By drawing on notions of ‘marginal’, ‘waste’ and ‘unproductive’ lands, powerful transnational and national actors have moved into large-scale agriculture to take advantage of potential windfall gains in sub-sectors such as biofuels and major commodities (sugarcane, rice, wheat and other cash crops). New demands for land have also arisen due to climate change mitigation measures in the form of carbon forestry (REDD and tree planting for carbon sequestration). Land acquisition has ranged from buying or leasing land that may or may not be cultivated and/or occupied, and sometimes merely by organising smallholder production and controlling output markets. The process is part of a global re-alignment of political economic relations – the rise of new political and economic power centres through diverse trajectories of neoliberalisation.

Despite headline attention to ‘land grabbing’ the implications for existing surface and groundwater water resources have so far not been adequately examined. There are indications that in many cases ‘land grabbing’ is motivated by the desire to capture water resources. This is because in many cases, the land coveted or acquired by investors is not ‘marginal’ but of prime quality and associated with irrigation facilities or the potential for sourcing freshwater from river systems or aquifers (e.g., in arid areas land is plentiful and agricultural expansion will not create conflict until water is used). This raises the crucial question of whether this water is truly available or will be reallocated from existing users. Hydrologic complexity, in particular surface water/groundwater interactions and inter-annual variability, often obscures how reallocation takes place and what are the associated third party impacts on the environment or other social groups.

Acquisition of land and water resources, therefore, may or may not be related to one another, and each of them may amount to resource “grabbing” or not, depending on whether local people have been deprived from these same resources. (Re)appropriation may be effectuated through various means, ranging from violent expulsion to different types of compensations, to legal purchase, “legality” referring to what dominant discourses and the state consider as acceptable and lawful. There is obviously a fine line, and often a fuzzy overlap, between what some would consider as “resource grabbing” and others as lawful reallocation, be it organised or orchestrated by the state or through market mechanisms.

This special issue will focus explicitly on instances of “water grabbing”, where powerful actors are able to reallocate to their own benefits water resources already used by local communities or feeding aquatic ecosystems on which their livelihoods are based, as well as processes of contestation and resistance. It will in particular focus

on how material, discursive, administrative and political power is mobilised to enable such water reallocation and on the impacts of the latter on local livelihoods, rights, gender, class and other social relations. The call is focused on two generic situations:

- Landlords, agribusiness firms or other corporations investing in large-scale irrigated agriculture and consequently displacing small-users of water
- Powerful (trans)national actors tapping, extracting and polluting surface or groundwater resources in rural and peri urban areas in a way that is detrimental to other existing farmers or to aquatic ecosystems that are the basis of local livelihoods and wellbeing.

In order to avoid conflating and addressing all water allocation issues and conflicts, the call is limited to these situations. In particular it excludes situations of sectoral competition (e.g. between cities and agriculture) as well as water grabbing by touristic resorts.

#### **Timeline**

- Abstract (300 words) by June 30, 2011
- Decision to authors by July 31, 2011
- Full papers by November 31, 2011
- Peer reviewed comments by February 28, 2012
- Final version of paper by April 25, 2012 for publication on the **first of June 2012**

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## **INTERESTING QUOTES**

“The one important thing I have learned over the years is the difference between taking one's work seriously and taking one's self seriously. The first is imperative and the second is disastrous.” ~

*Margot Fonteyn* ~

*In the photo:* Ballerina Margot Fonteyn performing as a guest dancer with the Mariinsky Ballet in Saint Petersburg (Leningrad), Russia in 1948 (Russian photograph)

## **LET'S SING A SONG**

### **LONG, LONG AGO**

My Vietnamese friend (Ms Ha Nguyen-Seu *or* simply ‘Hong Ha’ among friends, right below - we met during last SWAT WS&C in Ho Chi Minh City in Jan '11) introduced a song to me. The song was written almost 200 years ago and is so popular especially among kids and young music students.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaWBWhxFOe8>  
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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYgoNdRSBow&feature=fvwrel>



Tell me the tales that to me were so dear,  
Long, long ago, long, long ago,  
Sing me the songs I delighted to hear,  
Long, long ago, long ago,  
Now you are come all my grief is removed,  
Let me forget that so long you have roved.  
Let me believe that you love as you loved,  
Long, long ago, long ago.

Do you remember the paths where we met?  
Long, long ago, long, long ago.  
Ah, yes, you told me you'd never forget,  
Long, long ago, long ago.  
Then to all others, my smile you preferre'd,  
Love, when you spoke, gave a charm to each word.  
Still my heart treasures the praises I heard,  
Long, long ago, long ago.

Tho' by your kindness my fond hopes were raised,  
Long, long ago, long, long ago.  
You by more eloquent lips have been praised,  
Long, long ago, long, long ago,  
But, by long absence your truth has been tried,  
Still to your accents I listen with pride,  
Blest as I was when I sat by your side.  
Long, long ago, long ago.  
Long, long ago, long ago.  
Long, long ago, long ago.

**Info from Wikipedia, a free encyclopedia:**

*Long, Long Ago* is a song dealing with [nostalgia](#), written in [1833](#) by [English](#) composer [Thomas Haynes Bayly](#) (1797-1839). Originally named *The Long Ago*, its name was apparently changed by the editor [Rufus Wilmot Griswold](#) when it was first published, posthumously, in a [Philadelphia](#) magazine, along with a collection of other songs and poems by Bayly. The song was well received, and became one of the most popular songs in the [United States](#) in [1844](#).

If you search in YouTube you will find perhaps over 100 versions of Long Long Ago being played by all kinds of instruments and even full orchestras. This is the music people love and WILL NOT DIE.

You may like to chat with Ms Ha Nguyen-Seu (or simply 'Hong Ha' among friends), at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/profile.php?id=1136214947&sk=wall>.

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## JUST FOR FUN

A short script about 'races' but is NOT 'racial'

### Colored Folks

Friday, June 17, 2011 2:36 PM

From: "Ludovicus" [louisverschueren@telenet.be](mailto:louisverschueren@telenet.be)



*This was written by  
a black gentleman in Texas and is so funny.  
What a great sense of humor  
And creativity!!!*

**When U Black, U Black  
When I was born, I was BLACK ,  
When I grew up, I was BLACK ,  
When I go in the sun, I stay BLACK,  
When I get cold, I am BLACK ,  
When I am scared, I am BLACK ,  
When I am sick, I am BLACK ,  
And when I die, I'll still be BLACK .**

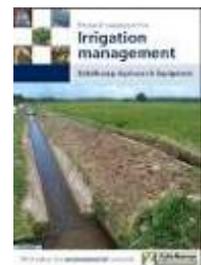
**NOW, You 'white' folks.....**

**When you're born, you're PINK ,  
When you grow-up, you're WHITE ,  
When you go in the sun, you get RED ,  
When you're cold, you turn BLUE ,  
When you're scared, you're YELLOW ,  
When you get sick, you're GREEN ,  
When you bruise, you turn PURPLE ,  
And when you die, you look GRAY .**

**So who y'all be calling us'  
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[SOUND PRINCIPLE NO. 31]

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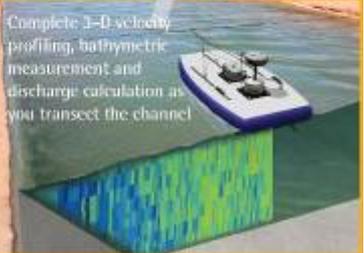
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0902	Conference of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA): Environmental Connection 09 <a href="http://www.ieca.org">www.ieca.org</a>	Reno, Nevada, USA	Feb 9-12, 2009
0903	Conference on Land Degradation in Dry Environments <a href="mailto:jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw">jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw</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/scchen@nchu.edu.tw">http://interpraevent2010.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:wconf6@gmail.com">wconf6@gmail.com</a> , <a href="mailto:seconf4@gmail.com">seconf4@gmail.com</a>	Noor, Iran	Apr 28-29, 2010

1005	First International Conference on Soil and Roots Engineering Relationship <a href="mailto:habibibalani@gmail.com">habibibalani@gmail.com</a>	Ardebil Province, Iran	May 24-26, 2010
1009	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
1010	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
1011	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
1012a	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
1012b	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
1101	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
1103	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
1107a	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
1107b	SWAT Regional Conference and Training Workshop, Contact Li Dingqiang <a href="mailto:ldingqiang@yahoo.com">ldingqiang@yahoo.com</a> ; Samran Sombatpanit <a href="mailto:samran_sombatpanit@yahoo.com">samran_sombatpanit@yahoo.com</a>	Guangzhou, China	July 24-30, 2011
1112	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
1305	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

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## MEETINGS 2011

### June 13-16, 2011

#### Protection of agricultural soils against joint stress of natural and anthropogenic factors

13-16 June 2011 in Pulawy, Poland

Confirmed Plenary speakers include Rob Comans, Anthony Dexter, Joop Harmsen, Martin Holmstrup, Ryszard Laskowski, Lothar Mueller, Joerg Rombke, & Kirk Semple.

Submission of abstracts to Rafal Galazka [rgalazka@iung.pulawy.pl](mailto:rgalazka@iung.pulawy.pl) (From ISTRO INFO March)

### June 27-28, 2011

#### 2011 Sustainable Food Lab Annual Leadership Summit, 27-28 June 2011, Portland, Oregon, USA

The theme for this year's annual leadership summit held by the Sustainable Food Lab is "Operationalizing Sustainability in Supply Chains." Break-out sessions look at a wide range of issues pertaining to value chains,

incentive mechanisms for producers, and data collection. The intersection of business, government, and science is a common topic throughout the summit. To view the agenda and register, [click here](#).

### **June 28-July 1, 2011**

#### **Ecosystem Markets: Making Them Work, 28 June-1 July 2011, Madison, Wisconsin, USA**

Hosted by American Forest Foundation and World Resources Institute, the conference will serve as a knowledge exchange for those involved in ecosystem services work. The first two days will cover developments in the field in the last year and steps forward. Field visits to credit-generating ecosystem services projects on the final day will complement the concepts discussed on the first two days. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information and to register.

### **June 29-30, 2011**

#### **CARBON NEUTRAL DESTINATIONS CONFERENCE SERIES 2011 BERJAYA TIMES SQUARE HOTEL, KUALA LUMPUR MALAYSIA HIGHLIGHTING CARBON REDUCTION STRATEGIES FOR TOURISM: OPTIMISING THE RENEWABLE ENERGY MIX FOR TOURISM DESTINATIONS**

*Note: The organizer IJO Sdn Bhd reserves the right to amend the programme in the best interest of the conference.  
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### **June 5-10, 2011**

**12th ISSPA** that will be held on June 5-10, 2011 in **Crete, Greece**. The Soil and Plant Analysis Council (SPAC) organizes an International Symposium of Soil and Plant Analysis (ISSPA) every two years. ISSPA bring together agricultural and natural resource scientists from around the world to disseminate information on methodology, interpretation and application of soil, plant and water analyses for the purpose of efficient resource management, sustainable production and the environment. The 12th ISSPA is being held on June 5-10, 2011 at the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, Crete, Greece. For more information on abstract submission, registration and much more, please, see <http://www.isspaonline.org/> (From IUSS Alert 69)

### **June 14-17, 2011**

#### **Message from the BioNET Secretariat: Pacific Science Conference, June 14-17 2011 - Call for abstracts for the 'Scientific Collections' session**

For more information on the Pacific Science Congress see <http://www.22ndpsc.net/>.

### **June 14-17, 2011**

#### **9th International Conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics, 14<sup>th</sup>-17th June 2011, Bogaziçi University in Istanbul, Turkey**

The European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE) will be holding their 2011 conference on June 14-17 in Istanbul, Turkey. It will focus on an array of topics, including food and agriculture. Information on themes, venue, and deadlines can be found on the conference website.

### **June 26-July 1, 2011**

**Soil Interfaces in a Changing World**. International Symposium on Interactions of Soil Minerals with Organic Components and Microorganisms. 6th ISMOM, 3rd InterCongress symposium of IUSS Commission 2.5. Montpellier, France 26th June - 1st July 2011. Registration fees are low for early birds and students and inclusive of lunches and social events, with low price accommodation available and some bursaries for students and scientists from underfunded countries. For more information and to download the Second Circular, please go to the Web site. Contact Dr Siobhán Staunt, ph 33(0)4 99 61 23 31 <http://www1.montpellier.inra.fr/ISMOM2011/> (From IUSS Alert 69)

### **June 27-29, 2011**

We are honored to invite you to join the **6th International Symposium Soil Minimum Tillage System** University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca.

We are looking forward to welcoming you at our University in Cluj-Napoca and to have your valuable scientific contribution on this special event.

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### **June 28-July 1, 2011**

#### **Ecosystem Markets: Making Them Work conference, 28 June – 1 July 2011, Madison, Wisconsin**

The 4th Annual Ecosystem Markets Conference brings together the world's top thought and policy leaders to determine how to drive ecosystem service markets forward. The conference is run in a World Café format to provide extensive opportunity for audience interaction with renowned experts and speakers. The sponsors are World Resources Institute and the American Forest Foundation. Details and registration will be available soon; for more information on last year's conference, visit:  
[http://www.forestfoundation.org/3rd\\_annual\\_eco\\_markets.html](http://www.forestfoundation.org/3rd_annual_eco_markets.html).

### **June 30-July 2, 2011**

**Nature™ Inc? Questioning the Market Panacea in Environmental Policy and Conservation:** In order to respond to the many environmental problems the world is facing, new and innovative methods are necessary and markets are posited as the ideal vehicle to supply these. This conference, which will take place on **30th June – 2nd July, 2011, in The Hague, The Netherlands**, seeks to critically engage with the market panacea in environmental policy and conservation in the context of histories and recent developments in neoliberal capitalism. **Paper proposals are due 15 December 2010.** Please send a 250-300 word proposal, with title, contact information, and three keywords as a Word attachment to:  
[nature2011@iss.nl](mailto:nature2011@iss.nl)

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### **July 4-7, 2011**

**Second International Conservation Agriculture Workshop and Conference in Southeast Asia  
Royal University of Agriculture, Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
July 4 to 7, 2011 (a rough draft, will be more crystallized in the next issue)**

#### **July 4: Soil Quality Workshop**

Dr. Susan Andrews from United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service

- *Basics Concepts in Soil Quality*
- *Soil Quality Indices*
- *Measuring Soil Quality Using the NRCS Soil Quality Kit – short lecture, hands on the next day in Kampong Cham, site of the Conservation Agriculture experiment of PADAC*

Pr João Carlos Moraes Sá from State University of Ponta Grossa – Paraná, Brazil

- *Soil organic carbon pools': characteristics and functionality*
- *The SOM and soil restoration by cropping system associated with conservation tillage*
- *Introduction to soil aggregation: understanding the aggregation under CA, biological interactions with aggregates formation*
- *Soil particle size fractions in line with dynamic of Soil Organic Carbon sequestration*

#### **July 5, am: Soil Quality Workshop (cont.)**

Pr João Carlos Moraes Sá, 'Pr. Juca' from State University of Ponta Grossa - Paraná, Brazil

- *Keep the Soil Permanently Covered for C sequestration, soil quality, crop profitability and environmental quality or Overview of CA and C sequestration rate for Subtropical and Tropical regions in Brazil*

Dr. Johnny Boyer

- *Conservation Agriculture x Soil biology (with emphasis on Macro-fauna)*

Mr. Pascal Lienhard

- *Preliminary results on soil x CA in Laos (to be confirmed)*

#### **July 5, pm: Transfer to Kampong Cham**

#### **July 6, am and early pm: Field Trip in Kampong Cham**

- *Visit Conservation Agriculture Experimental Plots*
- *Hands on training in using the NRCS Soil Quality Kit by Dr. Susan Andrews, we will apply to both the plow based and Conservation Agriculture Plots*

**July 6, late pm: Return to Phnom Penh**

**July 7: Conference**

- Conservation Agriculture in Cambodia (Boulakia)
- Conservation Agriculture in the Philippines (Mercado if we can find the funds, Reyes if not)
- Conservation Agriculture in Laos (NAFRI/National Center on CA or Pascal Lienhard)
- Conservation Agriculture in Vietnam (NOMASFI or Damien Hauswirth **to be confirmed**)
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**July 6-8, 2011**

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**▲ International Conference on Dryland ecosystem functioning and resilience: integrating biophysical assessment with socio-economic issues**

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**Alghero (Italy) 6-8 July 2011**

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**CONFERENCE THEME AND AIM**

The Conference on *Dryland ecosystem functioning and resilience: integrating biophysical assessment with socio-economic issues* intends to relate a better understanding of the landscape-scale dynamics that lead to improvements in nutrient and water cycling, to their impacts on the climate sensitivity of desertification.

This new knowledge is set against the context of the complexity of increasing the resilience of dryland ecosystems particularly in relation to looming problems of food security and the expected costs and benefits to society of land degradation and sustainable land management respectively.

The conference intends to play an important role as a platform to elaborate scientific issues and make proposals to be presented at the forthcoming COP10 of the UNCCD Convention on combating desertification.

This conference is jointly organized by European Science Foundation, DesertNet International and NRD Desertification Research Group (University of Sassari), and will be held in Alghero (Italy) from 6 to 8 July 2011.

Below please find information on the Conference Programme and Rationale, the Registration form and fees and poster submission.

Information on logistics and accommodation in Alghero will be available soon.

**POSTER PRESENTATION**

Poster guidelines and registration form are available below.

**CONFERENCE VENUE**

The conference will be held at the Conference Hall of the [Chiostrò San Francesco](#), via Carlo Alberto n° 46, Alghero ( Italy).

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## July 20-27, 2011

### Scientific Session in Bern

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Within the framework of the INQUA congress to be held in Bern, Switzerland, on July 20-27, 2011, the Department of Physical Geography and Hydrometeorology at Yerevan State University, the NGO "International Scientific-Research Center on Water, Climate and Recreational Resources" jointly organize a session entitled "Man and Hydroecosystems - Water Ecosystems as a Component of the Geographical Mantle and the Anthropogenic Influence over Them".

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## July 20-27, 2011

**INQUA Congress**, Bern, Switzerland, July 20-27, 2011 <http://www.inqua2011.ch> *Session 67: Indicators of climatic changes in saprolite, paleosols, polygenetic soils, and soil sediments* (Conveners: Daniela Sauer, Mohammed Rafi Sayyed, Birgit Terhorst) <http://www.inqua2011.ch/?a=programme&subnavi=sessions&id=67>. *Session 69: Reconstructing environmental impacts of climate changes from MIS 5 to present, based on terrestrial and lacustrine archives* (Conveners: Stefano Carnicelli, Valérie Andrieu-Ponel) <http://www.inqua2011.ch/?a=programme&subnavi=sessions&id=69>. Deadline for abstract submission: November 30, 2010 (option for poster submission will be re-opened after finalization of oral session programme until May 31, 2011) (From IUSS Alert 68)



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## July 25-29, 2011

The 10th International Conference – Information Technology for People-Centred Development (ITePED 2011) Location: Kaduna, Kaduna State. Nigeria

### July 28-August 1, 2011

**Joint Meeting of the Commissions on Palaeopedology and Soil Geography.** July 28 to August 1 at Hohenheim University, Stuttgart (Germany). Main topics: carbonates in soils and paleosols; features that are indicative for particular (palaeo-)climatic conditions; soil patterns resulting from lateral water and element flows in landscapes etc. Programme: July 28 Arrival, barbecue; July 29+30 Oral and poster symposia; July 31 Field trip Swabian Alb (relics of Tertiary subtropical-tropical weathering and soils); August 1 Field trip Black Forest (Loess-paleosol sequence, Triassic Gleysol, sequence of soils reflecting lateral transport of iron in the landscape) Abstract submission Dec 1, 2010 - Jan 15, 2011; Registration Dec 1, 2010 - May 31, 2011 <https://ppsg2011.uni-hohenheim.de> (From IUSS Alert 68)

### 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. Debasmitta 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).



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on applied soil science

— SOIL SCIENCE IN A CHANGING WORLD —

## 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@aci-ar.gov.au](mailto:Dixon@aci-ar.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

### 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**

REGISTER HERE

### 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@echonnet.org](mailto:eburnette@echonnet.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.

## 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 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 24-27, 2011

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

From: "CIALCA-Conference (Bioversity-Uganda)" <[cialca-conference@cgjar.org](mailto:cialca-conference@cgjar.org)>

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Veillez prendre connaissance de la brochure ci-joint (anglais ou français) pour plus de details, des renseignements d'inscription et des formalités de soumission de l'article ou de l'affiche/du poster pour la présentation y sont repris.

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

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

**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**

**Realização:** Embrapa Semiárido, UNIVASF, IJUSA Instituto Nacional do Semiárido, Ministério da Agricultura, Pecuária e Abastecimento, BRASIL

**Patrocinadores:** Agência Brasileira de Cooperação, FAPESP, SENAI, Ministério do Meio Ambiente, CNPq, SEBRAE

**Apoio:** Embrapa Informação Agropecuária Meio Ambiente, UNIFESP, UNIVASF

**Informações:** Embrapa Semiárido - Fone/Fax 87 3862 1711-3862 1744 - [www.cpatna.embrapa.br/snud/](http://www.cpatna.embrapa.br/snud/)

## 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

### FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

#### 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 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 Field Trip II (To be decided) Dinner and Farewell Party</b>
<b>Thursday 10 Nov. 2011</b>	<b>Summation of the conference results Comments by FAO Representative Awarding of Certificates 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

## **For inquiries, please contact:**

### ***The Conference Secretariat, APEAEN 2011 Biennial Convention***

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International Affairs, National Agricultural Extension and Training Center ([naetckps@hotmail.com](mailto:naetckps@hotmail.com))

## 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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**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.

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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):  
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### **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)

### **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 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)

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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'UICN 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)

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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 integrados 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. Clican aquí [www.iucn.org/congress](http://www.iucn.org/congress) para ver las últimas informaciones y novedades sobre el Congreso y acceder a la Convocatoria de Contribuciones. Tendrán también la posibilidad de ver las propuestas ya ingresadas en el sistema, o crear la suya. La convocatoria seguirá abierta hasta el **15 de octubre de 2011**, y tienen, por lo tanto, hasta esta fecha para identificar sus socios y ingresar su propuesta. 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)

## October 15-19, 2012

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

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Dear Prof. Samran Sombatpanit,

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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## December 2-7, 2012

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 **LANDCON 1305**

**2<sup>nd</sup> WASWAC World Conference and Council Meeting, with SWAT SEA III**, Pattaya, Thailand (to be confirmed). Contact Chinnapat Sukvibool [sukvibool@hotmail.com](mailto:sukvibool@hotmail.com)

## 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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