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New items are highlighted in light blue for easy identification

REDUCE

REUSE

RECYCLE

These are what every one of us can do to help mitigate global climate change - our imminent threat.



PLEASE CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENT BEFORE YOU PRINT THIS HOT NEWS

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Can you help Burmese people a bit?



I am sure everyone has heard of the cyclone Nargis that has recently killed almost 30,000 people in Myanmar and affected several hundred thousand more. If you can help, even with a small amount of money, that would help alleviate the sorrow of a number of people in this world, the only one world that we share. Many Burmese people are waiting for your help.

I got to know from a colleague in Chiang Mai yesterday that a donation if made through the website www.foundationburma.org your money will get through to the hand of the needy, or you may contact the following e-mail address rookezobrist@hotmail.com for other alternatives. (In case you want to donate through WASWC, please see how to

send money to us at the last page of this HOT NEWS). Or you can donate through your or other organization close to your base that involves in this humanitarian activity, or a lot of other charity organizations:

<http://www.networkforgood.org/topics/international/cyclone/myanmar0508.aspx?source=YAHOO&cmpgn=NEWS>.

See the letter below, which is from a Burmese in Yangon who has first-hand knowledge of the catastrophe there and has asked for help:

"Few colleagues and I drove to outlying townships today - we focused on the areas in which we started our work with Foundation for the People of Burma. In a Hindu temple ceremony hall - there are 800 people camped out with less than satisfactory sanitation, diminishing clean water supply and very little else than rice porridge in the last two days. We headed over to Hlaing Thaya and before we even got to the monastery where we help out - stopped in an elementary school that had around 300 homeless people with a broken water pump. Across the way, in another temple, we saw another 250 or so from the same village where thatch houses had been totally smashed by cyclone Nargis. We then went to the opposite side of the city -Shwebaukan- to the 11th and 12th quarters. Up to 500 people in one school – being threatened by the local army guy that they could not stay there for long, and further a village of people with NO building for shelter, no clean water and a foot of flood water beneath/in each more or less roofless house. I went to Insein yesterday where drinking water is very scarce. The Karen Women's Group will assess the most urgent needs of families there and tell us tomorrow.

"The Myanmar Red Cross was in Yankin today - but does not have enough supplies of rice or water and needs donations.

"The regime is busy chopping up fallen trees on roads - mostly in rich areas in town and is beginning to work on electric poles - in rich areas of town. Survival for the poor or communication with citizenry is not their forte. They even neglect their own... As I passed some soldiers cutting trees yesterday, I asked if they'd eaten breakfast. Of course not! So, I went back home to get them some bread. There is a big issue of Myanmar government wanting supplies but not relief personnel to come into the country. After today's slight confrontation with this Shwebaukan thug trying to control things, I understand why.

"We've identified these communities linked to us already - around 3,000+ people. We figure we will need to raise at least \$150,000 in the coming weeks - just to keep these communities afloat until some of the markets get up and running. We're concentrating on food/water/ medicine first. We will be responsible for delivery, the monks will deliver food (some of which will feed them, too). We have a budget-savvy assistant who will handle fund transfers and communication.

"There are other NGOs here - Metta Foundation, IDE, Hope International, etc who will work in the Delta region. We can only take care of what we know. If any of you have ideas for fundraising - can you contact rookezobrist@hotmail.com or check the Foundation for the People of Burma website www.foundationburma.org – they have a link with a pay pal type thing for donations. Thank you so much for your support."



Irrawaddy delta of Myanmar on April 15 and May 5, 2008

MESSAGE FROM ISCO PRESIDENT

Dear Participants to the 15th ISCO in Hungary,
Please find below information on presentations.

Oral presentations

Keynote presentations: 30 minutes

Each oral contribution will have altogether 15 minutes including discussions. Projector will be available at the congress. Please bring your **PowerPoint presentation in Microsoft Powerpoint 2000 (Microsoft Office 2000) format** on CD or pendrive to the congress. Please hand over your presentation upon arrival at the registration desk!!

Poster presentations

Poster size:

Maximum width: 80 cm

Maximum height: 100 cm

Please put out your poster in the morning of the day of your session and take it down at the end of the day.

Best wishes on behalf of the Organizing Committee

Prof. Ádám Kertész

ISCO President

AWARDS/ PRIZES/ FUNDS

▲ African Fellows Programme: 8th call for Pre-Proposals

The aim of the African Fellows Programme is to support sustainable agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa by catalysing innovative solutions needed to achieve food security. Projects should aim to develop lasting partnerships and strategic alliances that will help in developing local scientific capacity relevant to sustainable agricultural production. African scientists will carry out research projects in a partner European research institute, or university, for periods normally of 6 to 8 months.

Closing date: 6 August 2008. Contact: t: +44 (0) 1582 763133 ext. 2475 | 2441, f: +44 (0) 1582 467490, e: rothamsted.international@bbsrc.ac.uk | [More...](#)

▲ IFAD Funds

Français: Le texte en français suit le texte en anglais.

Español: Por favor mire abajo para la versión español.

The [International Fund for Agricultural Development](#) is inviting indigenous peoples' organizations and communities, and organizations that work with them, to apply for grants that fund micro projects and partnerships to promote the development of indigenous peoples and their unique cultural identity.

Grants ranging from US\$10,000 to US\$30,000 will be awarded to applicants from IFAD's developing Member States through the Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility.

You can find more information on application requirements and an application form at <http://www.ifad.org/english/indigenous/grants/index.htm>

You can e-mail or mail your application to IFAD. The closing date for applications is **30 June 2008**. IFAD will not accept applications after that date.

E-mail your application to indigenouspeoples@ifad.org.

Or mail your application to:
Antonella Cordone
Coordinator for Indigenous and Tribal Issues
Policy Division
International Fund for Agricultural Development
Via del Serafico, 107
00142 Rome
Italy

A board made up primarily of indigenous members will work with IFAD staff to consider the proposals and make recommendations.

Good luck and warm regards, Gaby

Français

[Le Fonds international de développement agricole](#) invite les organisations et communautés autochtones, ainsi que les organisations qui collaborent avec elles, à solliciter un don pour financer un microprojet ou un partenariat visant à promouvoir le développement des populations autochtones et leur identité culturelle spécifique.

Des dons compris entre 10 000 USD et 30 000 USD seront attribués, par l'intermédiaire du Mécanisme d'assistance pour les peuples autochtones, à des ressortissants d'un des pays en développement membres du FIDA qui en auront fait la demande.

Vous trouverez de plus amples informations sur les critères de sélection, ainsi qu'un formulaire de demande, en cliquant sur le lien: <http://www.ifad.org/english/indigenous/grants/f/index.htm>

Vous pouvez faire parvenir votre candidature au FIDA par courrier électronique ou voie postale. La date limite de candidature est fixée au **30 juin 2008**. Le FIDA rejettera tout dossier reçu après cette date.

Pour faire parvenir votre dossier par voie électronique, envoyez-le à indigenouspeoples@ifad.org.

Pour faire parvenir votre dossier de candidature par voie postale, adressez-le à:

Antonella Cordone
Coordonnatrice des questions autochtones et tribales
Division des politiques
Fonds international de développement agricole
Via del Serafico, 107
00142 Rome
Italie
Bien cordialement, Gaby

Español

[El Fondo Internacional de Desarrollo Agrícola](#) invita a las organizaciones y comunidades de pueblos indígenas, y a las organizaciones que colaboran con ellas, a solicitar donaciones para financiar microproyectos y asociaciones que promuevan el desarrollo de los pueblos indígenas y su excepcional identidad cultural.

Se concederán donaciones, por una cuantía de entre 10 000 y 30 000 dólares de los Estados Unidos, a solicitantes de países en desarrollo Miembros del FIDA con cargo al Fondo de Apoyo a los Pueblos Indígenas.

Puede obtenerse más información sobre los requisitos exigidos para la presentación de solicitudes, así como un formulario de solicitud, en <http://www.ifad.org/english/indigenous/grants/s/index.htm>

Puede enviar su solicitud al FIDA por correo electrónico o correo postal. El plazo para la presentación de solicitudes termina el **30 de junio de 2008**. El FIDA no aceptará las solicitudes que lleguen después de esa fecha.

Correo electrónico: indigenouspeoples@ifad.org.

Dirección postal:
Antonella Cordone
Coordinadora de Cuestiones Indígenas y Tribales
División de Políticas
Fondo Internacional de Desarrollo Agrícola
Via del Serafico, 107
00142 Roma
Italia

Una junta integrada principalmente por miembros indígenas examinará, en colaboración con el personal del FIDA, las propuestas presentadas y formulará recomendaciones.
Saludos cordiales, Gaby

▲ The [United Nations Foundation](#) is now accepting proposals for small grants to support **UNESCO World Heritage site conservation and sustainable tourism projects**.

Please refer to the attached documents for applicant eligibility, application procedures and requirements, and the timeline for grant review and award.

Qualified community-based initiatives around the Sian Ka'an World Heritage site or the Belize Barrier Reef World Heritage site are encouraged to apply.

If you have further questions, please contact Lulu Zhou at LZhou@unfoundation.org

▲ **Call for Applicants: Fulbright Scholar Awards in Agriculture**

Applications continue to be accepted for Fulbright Scholar awards for lecturing, research or combined lecturing/research awards in agriculture during the 2008-2009 academic year. Faculty in agriculture may apply not only for awards specifically in their field, but also for one of the many "All Discipline" awards open to any field.

Visit www.cies.org for descriptions of available awards and new eligibility requirements. Awards are closing daily, so please consult the relevant program officer before applying.

▲ **FORESTRY FUNDING NEWS ALERT** This electronic newsletter is compiled by the FAO Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) team. It is a compilation of news related to forestry funding for fund seekers worldwide. All back issues of the newsletter can be found on the CPF Sourcebook's discussion platform at <http://www.fao.org/forestry/foris/community/main/listthreads?forum=1>.

▲ **Fund from the Global Environment Facility (GEF, www.thegef.org)** is open for you to send proposal for small grants of US\$15,000 each (at least, but can be more). See some more information in the WASWC Newsletter 22(4) on our website. You may contact 'Al' (Alfred Duda) at aduda@thegef.org. Refer to him where you have seen this news. **There is NO deadline.**

▲ **Echoing Green** (a funding resource), www.echoinggreen.org/

Launched in 1987, Echoing Green's mission is to spark social change by identifying, investing and supporting the world's most exceptional emerging leaders and the organizations they launch. Through a two-year fellowship program, we help our network of visionaries develop new solutions to society's most difficult problems. These social entrepreneurs and their organizations work to close deeply-rooted social, economic and political inequities to ensure equal access and to help all individuals reach his/her potential. To date, Echoing Green has invested nearly \$25 million in seed and start up grants to over 400 social entrepreneurs and their innovative organizations.

▲ USAID (until **June 2, 2008**)

US Agency for International Development

Guidelines and Procedures for Fiscal Year 2008 International Food Relief Partnership

Modification 1

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=40111>

▲ USAID (until **December 5, 2008**)

US Agency for International Development

Public-Private Alliances

Modification 2

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=40156>

▲ **World Challenge 2008** is open for nominations until **May 31, 2008!**

World Challenge is BBC World's global competition for sustainable enterprise and its back for its fourth season. Once again we're looking to highlight and reward small businesses or projects that have shown enterprise and innovation at a grass roots level. We would love to hear from you about social entrepreneurs who are making a difference without costing the earth. It could be you or someone you know. So if you know of an initiative that's making a difference, **go to www.theworldchallenge.co.uk and fill out the simple nomination form.** The 12 best nominees - chosen by a distinguished jury - will be featured in the 7-part series on BBC World.

Who will take home \$20,000 dollars to reinvest in their business? It is all in your hands!

Saskia Roskam, Assistant to Robert Lamb

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▲ **Equator Prize 2008: Celebrating Community Success in Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction.**

This marks the fourth round of the internationally renowned Equator Prize. Awarded biennially, the Equator Prize recognizes community-based initiatives that demonstrate extraordinary achievement in reducing poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in the equatorial belt. Prize winners receive worldwide recognition for their work as well as an opportunity to help shape national and global policy and practice in the field.

Twenty-five community organizations will be honored with the Equator Prize 2008 and US\$5,000 each. Five of these communities will receive special recognition and an additional US \$15,000. Special recognition will be given in the following categories: one for each region of eligibility (Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean), one to the initiative that best exemplifies community approaches to adapt to climate change, and one to the initiative that best exemplifies the conservation of agricultural biodiversity. The Equator Prize will be presented in October 2008, in Barcelona, Spain, at the IUCN World Conservation Congress. All winners will have the opportunity to showcase their work in the "Poble" Dialogue Space at the Congress.

The Equator Prize 2008 nomination process will be open through **May 31, 2008**. Details on the criteria for the Prize, information on the award process, and the online nomination system can be accessed through the Equator Initiative website at www.equatorinitiative.org.

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

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

▲▲▲ OTHER GRANTS-AWARDS from F. X. Browne, Inc. website

http://www.fxbrowne.com/html/newsletters/May_2008/news_may08.htm

[PennVEST Infrastructure Loans/Grants](#)

[Conservation Security Program Sign-up](#)

[PADEP Growing Greener Grants](#)

[PA Invasive Species Volunteer Monitoring Training](#)

[Southcentral PA Riparian and Ag BMP Initiative](#)

[Kodak American Greenways Awards Program](#)

[Wissahickon Water Quality Improvement Grants](#)

[Northeastern Pennsylvania's Environmental Partnership Awards](#)

[Rachel Carson Sense of Wonder Poetry, Essay and Photography Contest](#)

[PA Recycling Development and Implemental Grants](#)

[2008 Central Catskill Smart Growth Program](#)

[NY Hudson River Estuary Grant Program](#)

[EPA Region 3 Environmental Achievement Awards](#)

[PA Boating Facilities Grant Program](#)

FELLOWSHIPS

▲ Scholarships for Young Researchers

The ISTRO Board unanimously agreed to once again help young researchers attend the 18th Triennial **ISTRO conference** by sponsoring four (4) scholarships. Note that young scientists are defined as being under the age of 40, and having demonstrated superior research accomplishments. The Cees van Ouwerkerk scholarship is open to young scientists from all countries. The other three scholarships are open to researchers from all countries except those classified as being "high-income." Eligible "low-income" countries can be found at:

http://www.worldbank.org/data/countryclass/classgroups.htm#Low_income

The scholarships will cover the costs of airfare (lowest cost possible) and the package deal of the ISTRO2009 conference (www.istro2009.ege.edu.tr). This package deal of € 650 includes registration, lodging (shared double room), all meals, banquet dinner, field day tour and CD. Scholarship candidates must be current members of ISTRO themselves and be nominated by current members of ISTRO.

Nominations including supporting material documenting their research activities (e.g., two recent journal or conference publications), a curriculum vitae listing education and all publications, presentations and teaching activities, and the Abstract for a paper to be presented at the 2009 ISTRO Conference must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary- General (Doug Karlen, doug.karlen@ars.usda.gov) by **December 31, 2008**. The selection committee will consist of the three new Board Members (Totka Mitova-Trifonova, John Fielke, and Mekhlis Suleimenov). After the selection, all applicants will be informed by the Assistant Secretary-General who will also notify the Conference Organizers to help make the final arrangements.

Becky J. Roland

Secretary (OA)

Soil and Water Quality Unit, National Soil Tilth Laboratory, 515-294-5014

Becky.Roland@ars.usda.gov

▲ Opportunity to apply for fellowships to study in Australia towards a doctorate; write to:

Professor Paul Martin, Director
paul.martin@une.edu.au
Direct phone: 0416015161

or

Dr Ian Hannam
ian.hannam@ozemail.com.au

Both of the Australian Centre for Agriculture and Law
Faculty of Economics, Business and Law
University of New England Armidale, 2351 NSW Australia
www.une.edu.au/aglaw

COURSES

2008

Several training courses in India by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
<http://www.icar.org.in/miscel/inttrg07.pdf>

May-November 2008

▲ PARTICIPATORY PLANNING MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Uganda: 5-16 MAY 2008

South Sudan: 9-14 JUNE 2008

Kenya: 17-28 NOVEMBER 2008

▲ FACILITATING COMMUNITY MANAGED DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Ethiopia: 9-20 JUNE 2008

South Sudan: 18-29 AUGUST 2008

Uganda: 20-31 OCTOBER 2008

To enroll ... Please contact us for the course brochures which provide further details. To register, simply fill in the application form and email it back to us.

In Ethiopia, Uganda and Kenya: The two-week course is \$1,500 for international delegates and \$1,300 for residents of the host country.

This amount covers tuition fees, training handouts, field/agency visits, full board accommodation, and airport transfers. Participants are expected to cater for travel, medical and insurance covers as well as out of pocket allowances.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Nicola Kiara
Training Assistant

Capacity Development for Poverty Reduction

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P.O. Box 66873-00800, Nairobi, Kenya
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Physical address: Westlands, Brookside Grove off Waiyaki Way, Brookside Close

June 1-5, 2008

▲ Training course on Sustainable Management for Renewable Resources in Arid Lands

Date: June 1-5, 2008, Location: Syria

28 July-28 September 2008

▲ Master Program: Biodiversity, Conservation and Environmental Policies, Nicaragua, Cost: USD \$ 6,700.00. **Contact:** Ms Ana María Hernández, e: anamaria.hernandez@uam.edu.ni | Dr. Antonio Mijail Pérez, e: mijail64@gmail.com | [More....](#)

JOBS

▲ **Postdoctoral Position.** Department of Geography, Rutgers University. Web Site: <http://geography.rutgers.edu/>. Closing Date for Application: **June 1, 2008**

Methods to Foster Community Participation in Marine Resource Science and Management

The Department of Geography seeks to appoint a postdoctoral research fellow for a fixed period of one year beginning September 2008. The appointee will take the lead on a project designed to make available,

via a dedicated website, information related to Northeast U.S. coastal communities' use of the marine environment. GIS and community generated maps, interview narratives, and analytical reports will make up the content for the website. Such information is increasingly important to both coastal communities and marine resource managers interested to foster greater community participation in marine science and management.

The ideal appointee should have a strong interest in participatory forms of resource management, political ecology, and community-based approaches. In addition, the ideal appointee should have, or be interested to develop, technical skills related to GIS database development and web-based delivery of GIS generated maps. Key tasks in the project include the transcription and coding of interviews, digitizing hand drawn maps, GIS analysis, integrating interview excerpts and maps into on-line stories and reports, archiving and database management, and hosting a community-based workshop where website design and content will be reviewed and the project assessed.

Inquires are welcome. Also, to apply, please send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and contact information for three people willing to write letters of recommendation upon request to: Kevin St. Martin; Rutgers University, Department of Geography, 54 Joyce Kilmer Drive, Piscataway NJ 08854-8045. kstmarti@rci.rutgers.edu

▲ Professor of Biochar and Soil Science Research, New Zealand



Massey University

Massey University seeks to appoint a world-class Soil Scientist or Agronomist with experience in research on carbon and nutrient management in agricultural systems to co-lead a Government-funded research programme into the potential for Biochar to

mitigate and possibly offset greenhouse gas emissions from New Zealand agricultural and forestry systems. You will have experience of research at both laboratory and field-scales and be able to work collaboratively with industry and other research partners. For further information contact Professor Mike Hedley via email at M.Hedley@massey.ac.nz For further information and to apply online, visit <http://jobs.massey.ac.nz>

PHOTO COMPETITION

Oikocredit has organised a photo competition entitled "How fair is your world?". Are you interested in participating? Take a photograph of yourself or someone else to show us what fair financing and being a fair trade consumer means to you or them.

The winner will visit one of Oikocredit's project partners in Asia, Africa or Latin America and will be able to see with his or her own eyes how Oikocredit's fair financing can support people to empower themselves.

Instructions:

- The competition is open to amateur photographers only.
- Entries must be received by **31 October 2008**.
- Pictures must be submitted to photocompetition@oikocredit.org accompanied by:
- name of the photographer, address and contact phone number.
- a short description of what or who is depicted in the photograph (name, age, country, job) + you or their words on fair financing
- Ensure that the photograph is high-quality, so it can be used in publications or in other ways at a later date.
- Upon sending the photograph, you should receive a confirmation mail with as sender photocompetition@oikocredit.org. If you do not receive this mail, it may have been rejected by your provider. Resend the message in a lower resolution.
- By entering the competition, the entrant verifies that he/she has read and agrees to the [Rules of Entry](#).

NEW INFORMATION SOURCES (This is a new column; every item is new every time)

BOOKS

▲ [CLIMATE CHANGE AND AGRICULTURE IN AFRICA: Impact Assessment and Adaptation Strategies](#) Ariel Dinar, Rashid Hassan, Robert Mendelsohn and James Benhin and others

[Climate Change and Agriculture in Africa](#) encompasses a comprehensive quantitative analysis and assessment of the extent of potential economic impacts of future climate change, and value of adaptation measures in Africa for different zones, regions, countries and farm types.

Published with CEEPA and the World Bank

[READ MORE/ORDER ONLINE](#) – Get your 10% discount with the code **ClimateChangeMay08**

▲ [CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBALIZATION IN THE ARCTIC: An Integrated Approach to Vulnerability Assessment](#)

E. Carina H. Keskitalo

[Climate Change and Globalization in the Arctic](#) presents the latest research in the rapidly growing field of climate change vulnerability assessment. Drawing upon case studies of forestry, fishing and animal husbandry in the European North, it assesses the degree to which stakeholders find adaptation to climate change possible in a way that could be generalized to other geographic areas or sectors characterized by renewable natural resource use.

[READ MORE/ORDER ONLINE](#) - Get your 10% discount with the code **ClimateChangeMay08**

▲ Visual Soil Assessment (VSA) Home

Environmental and economic sustainability of cropping and pastoral farms can be greatly influenced by soil quality. The visual soil assessment method (VSA) provides land managers with a simple tool to

assess and monitor soil quality. Visual soil properties are diagnostic of soil quality, and provide an effective and immediate way to assess soil quality quickly and cheaply in the field.

VSA is based on the visual scoring of key bio-physical indicators of soil quality, and incorporated on an easy to use scorecard. The soil indicators are supported by plant 'performance' indicators that link soil condition to crop production. The indicators are underpinned by extensive research and are linked to economic performance. Soil indicators used are generic, and have the advantage of being largely independent of soil type. This enables VSA to be applied throughout the country.

The [VSA Field Guide](#), contains all the information necessary to carry out VSA on your land. The guide is currently **out of print**. [All four volumes](#) are available for download as PDF files.

Contact:



Allan Hewitt [Email](#)

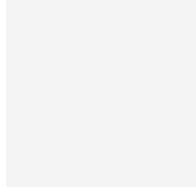
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Soil Management Guidelines for Sustainable Cropping

T G Shepherd, C W Ross, L R Basher, & S Saggar

\$NZ 19.95 (+ shipping)



[e-mail to a friend](#)

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Healthy soil is productive soil and the keys to maintaining soil health can be found in this full colour booklet. Devised by experienced Landcare Research soil scientists, it is a practical, easy to follow manual which will help farmers and vegetable growers manage their soils sustainably.

Visual soil assessment methods are given as a tool to gauge the soil condition. Best soil management practices are suggested to achieve and maintain healthy soil. Issues covered include machinery compaction, erosion and loss of soil organic matter. The booklet is concluded by a useful summary of take home messages.

The crucial balance between conservation and productivity is addressed. The conclusions deliver a positive message for the

arable farmer: improved soil quality can lead to improved yields, greater profits, and environmentally friendly farming. Clear photographs help to make this an indispensable self-help guide.

2000, Colour photos, 26pp,
295x210mm, soft cover, \$19.95

Categories:

- [Farming](#)
- [Land Management](#)
- [Soil Management](#)

<http://www.mwpress.co.nz/store/viewItem.asp?idProduct=326>

PRODUCT DETAILS:

Title:	Soil Management Guidelines for Sustainable Cropping
Author:	T G Shepherd, C W Ross, L R Basher, & S Saggar
ISBN:	0-478-09338-1
List price:	\$19.95
Format:	Paperback
Illustrations:	Colour photos; Black & white illustrations;
Pages:	26
Publisher:	Manaaki Whenua Press
Publication date:	2000

HIGHLIGHTS AND PROMOTIONS:



Send Me A Postcard: New Zealand postcards and the story they tell

William Main

Price \$34.99

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Carbon Neutral by 2020: How New Zealanders can tackle climate change

Niki Harré & Quentin D. Atkinson

Price \$35.00

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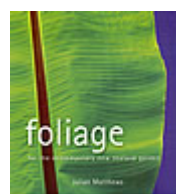


Plant Names : A guide to botanical nomenclature, Third Edition

Roger Spencer, Rob Cross and Peter Lumley

Price \$44.95

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Foliage for the Contemporary New Zealand Garden

Julian Matthews

Price \$39.99

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▲ Guidelines on Nitrogen Management in Agricultural Systems



This publication is the fourth in the IAEA Training Course Series produced by the Soil and Water Management and Crop Nutrition Sub-Programme. It was conceived as a technically oriented document for a target audience

comprising soil and environmental scientists and technicians, agronomists, ecologists, extension workers, and upper-level undergraduate and graduate students in these disciplines, staff of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other stakeholders involved in sustainable agricultural development at local, national, regional and international levels. The manual (237 pp) can be freely downloaded, click [here](#)

No-Till Farming Systems book

Special Publication No. 3 of the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation - <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn>, www.waswc.org, edited by: T. Goddard, M. Zebisch, Y. Gan, W. Ellis, A. Watson and S. Sombatpanit. Thirty-four contributions from renowned experts and practitioners around the world provide a comprehensive review of the rapid growth of no-till, the barriers that have been overcome and the challenges that still lie ahead. Chapters cover current research and new directions as well as policy needs, adoption and extension. Five other new books on the topic are also reviewed.

ISBN: 978-974-8391-60-1, 544 pages. Depending on the destination, price ranges from US\$15-20 per one set (book + CD described below) including delivery (Asean: \$15; Other Asian countries: \$16; Africa, Australia, Europe, Oceania: \$18; Western Hemisphere: \$20). Up to now, more than 9,000 copies have been distributed worldwide.

For details please contact Samran Sombatpanit (sombatpanit@yahoo.com, <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn>), WASWC Immediate Past President and Coordinator.

CD on NO-TILL and Other Works from CIMMYT, CIRAD, FAO, ICRISAT, LDD, USDA, WASWC, etc

This CD was planned as a collection of supplementary reference materials, to serve as a companion to the printed book *No-Till Farming Systems* (2008). This CD is entitled the **25th Anniversary Souvenir Edition** of the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC – established 1983) and it is a contribution to the **International Year of Planet Earth**. There are 17 sections, comprising 1,008 files in 106 folders, mostly in PDF, PPT, Word, describing no-till and other related SWC works from many national and international organizations. An application form is also provided for those who wish to join WASWC.

WASWC's publications are available widely and inexpensively. This CD, if purchased separately, costs US\$5/copy, with delivery to any post address worldwide. You are most welcome to reproduce and use all materials in any form, without restriction. To get your copy(ies) please contact Samran Sombatpanit at sombatpanit@yahoo.com.

BULLETIN-NEWSLETTER



▲ New and old – all on the web www.iuss.org

A new IUSS Bulletin has been published – number 112. In this Bulletin, there are four short articles on long-term soil research, on arsenic irrigation water, on land degradation, and on the need for soil policies in developing countries. The five questions to a soil scientist are answered by Roland Poss, Hans-Peter Blume, Hossein Khademi, Pandi Zdruli and Tibor Toth. Sergey Goryachkin and Mary Idowu discuss their favourite books. Furthermore, Don Nielsen won the Don and Betty Kirkham medal and there are also three obituaries, reports of meetings and a whole series of new publications reviewed by Hans van Baren. There is a high resolution PDF of

28.3 Mb and a low resolution version of 3.9 Mb.

The Bulletin of the International Society of Soil Science (now IUSS) has been published since 1952 and all ISSS/IUSS Bulletins have been scanned and are available on the IUSS Website as PDF. Happy reading! We are now starting to digitise all World Congress of Soil Science Proceedings back to 1927, and part of our photo archives – some of them are already on the website under IUSS INFORMATION.

▲ Please find Outreach Issues for Saturday 9th May at <http://www.sdin-ngo.net/publications/outreachissues.html>

▲ Please find Outreach Issues for Monday 12th May at <http://www.sdin-ngo.net/>

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- Felix Dodds latest book is **Human and Environmental Security: An Agenda for Change**, edited with Tim Pippard

- Felix Dodds next book will be **Climate and Energy Insecurity** edited with Richard Sherman out Oct 2008

JOURNAL

▲ Dear Scientist,

You and your colleagues are cordially invited to publish research papers in the **Journal of Food, Agriculture and Environment – JFAE** <http://www.isfae.org/publishurwork.php>

Following is the List of the new articles published in the Journal JFAE Vol. 6(2) 2008,

<http://www.isfae.org/scientificjournal/2008/issue2.php>

<http://www.isfae.org/scientificjournal/2008/issue2.php>

Print and Online Journal: Print ISSN: 1459-0255 / Online ISSN: 1459-0263

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WEBSITES

▲ Thai Translation of Crop Biotech Update

A Thai version of the Crop Biotech Update (CBU), the weekly e-newsletter of the Global Knowledge Center on Crop Biotechnology is now available for downloading at <http://www.isaaa.org/kc>. The Biofuels Supplement is also translated every two weeks and appears along with the CBU. The CBU is also available in Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Bangla, Chinese (Mandarin), French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese and Thai.

▲ Wetland Buffer Planning Guidebook Released

The Planner's Guide to Wetland Buffers for Local Governments, from the Environmental Law Institute (ELI), identifies both the state-of-the-art and the range of current practice in protection of wetland buffers by local governments. The guide book presents ELI's detailed examination of more than 50 enacted wetland buffer ordinances around the nation and nine model ordinances, as well as several hundred scientific studies and analyses of buffer performance. The Guide provides to local governments considering enacting or amending a wetland buffer ordinance what they need to know to manage land use and development in these important areas. http://www.elistore.org/reports_detail.asp?ID=11272

▲ **New EPA Watershed Handbook Online**

EPA's Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds released an online document to help readers develop and implement watershed plans to meet water quality standards and protect water resources. The "Handbook for Developing Watershed Plans to Restore and Protect Our Waters" is designed to help anyone undertaking a watershed planning effort, but should be particularly useful to persons working with impaired or threatened waters. It contains in-depth guidance on quantifying existing pollutant loads, developing estimates of the load reductions required to meet water quality standards, developing effective management measures, and tracking progress once the plan is implemented. New materials were added to the handbook including ways to protect important elements of the landscape and aquatic habitats within a watershed.

http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/watershed_handbook/

▲ **Study Examines Wetlands Programs in Each of the 50 States**

The Environmental Law Institute (ELI) announces the publication of State Wetland Protection: Status, Trends and Model Approaches. This report examines state-level efforts to protect wetland resources. Research for the report is based on a 50-state study conducted by the Environmental Law Institute with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The report examines seven core elements of all 50 states' wetland programs (regulatory programs, water quality standards, monitoring and assessment, restoration, public-private partnerships, coordination, and education and outreach) and outlines model approaches.

http://www.elistore.org/reports_detail.asp?ID=11279

▲ **Historic Water Bodies Celebrate Quadricennial**

Next year, 2009, marks the 400th anniversary of the voyages of Henry Hudson and Samuel de Champlain along the water bodies that bear their names. New York has also included recognition of Robert Fulton's steamboat journey up the Hudson (1807) as part of the official commemoration. The Quadricennial Legacy Program will be rolled out over several years is intended to focus on conservation of the Hudson River and Lake Champlain. NYSDEC will develop plans to provide more waterway access, protect open spaces, improve water quality and restore signature species and habitats of these waterways. Action plans for the river and the lake will guide these efforts. Keep an eye on the Quadricennial website over the next year to keep track of the program. Among the goals is to provide a "State of the Lake" report for Lake Champlain and a "State of the River" report for the Hudson. DEC will prepare a report on the river using high-tech maps and digitized comparisons and provide Web resources and curriculum materials. <http://www.exploreny400.com/>

▲ **Samran: I would love to have you join my website. I need your type of scientist on there.**

Grand Opening of DrTom Building an Environmental Community <http://www.drTom.tv>
(Please bookmark this url)

This month is the Grand Opening of my online portal. The portal, or website, will be dedicated to providing information, provocative discussion, links to relevant sites, and videos on environmental issues, natural history of plants and animals, and conservation of biodiversity for the global community. Perhaps most importantly, the "social networking" functionality of the site makes it a sort of "facebook for ecologists", which should facilitate your finding a volunteer or paid position, a major advisor, a field technician, a graduate student, or professionals with similar interests.

I am able to reach many more people on the web with conservation messages than I would ever be able to achieve in the classroom and I have complete control over the content on this site. I am particularly excited about the production of original short videos about the environment; we begin filming the first in this series soon in Thailand. For a detailed description of my philosophy with respect to this new venture, please read the "WHAT THIS PORTAL IS ABOUT" on the home page at www.drTom.tv.

I am also developing an online business around this venue (click on the tab that says "DrTom's EcoStore"). In this store, you will find hundreds of items used by the nature lover, ecologist, birder, environmentalist, and world

traveler. I have books on ecology and the environment, Rick Steves' travel guides, and field guides to the birds of nearly every region or country of the world; binoculars, spotting scopes, night-vision scopes, cameras, and other optical equipment; outdoor clothing and footwear; GPS units, satellite phones, and outdoor watches; and even bird feeders. You can buy any of these items from Amazon.com as well, but I would appreciate your business and you do not pay one cent more when purchasing these items from my EcoStore. In addition, there are banner ads that take you to merchants who sell organic Fair Trade coffee, CFL light bulbs, natural cosmetics, landscaping items, adventure travel, and more.

Let me mention just a few features of this site.

1. Direct communication with other members can occur in three ways:
 - a. leave a private message in their mailbox
 - b. instant messaging for real-time, one on one conversations
 - c. chat room, where groups of people can hold a discussion or a meeting

2. "Groups" feature, which currently consists of four groups. You can choose to join as many groups, or none at all, as you want. And you can create a new group at any time:
 - a. Educators--where those interested in teaching environmental education can share ideas.
 - b. Researchers--where those of us doing field or lab research work can get feedback on our ideas, ask for help, discuss the philosophy of what we are doing, etc.
 - c. BackPackers--a group interested in hearing about research or other educational opportunities in the world, paid or volunteer. This is a great place to list internships, scholarships, and research positions.
 - d. Cornellians-for information and announcements especially for the Cornell community.

3. State of the art search engine for finding "green" links, coming soon.

4. Regular features like Book Reviews, Taxonomy Matters!, A Planet in Peril, and Featured Biological Stations.

This effort is being promoted by Buzz Technologies, Inc. and its CEO, who is an environmentalist. He is using his resources to brand "DrTom" through a variety of mechanisms. For example, the portal will be featured on a satellite television channel owned by Buzz that currently has 100 million Chinese subscribers; the channel will be launched this spring. This website will also be promoted using some sophisticated SEO techniques on the web. But to access all of the features of this richly functional site, you need to register. Joining is free and takes only about a minute.

I am extremely excited about the educational and business potential that this opportunity presents. I am hopeful that DrTom Building an Environmental Community will prove to be a valuable resource, especially in developing countries. But the content becomes richer with your help, so I strongly encourage you to contribute by writing about your favorite environmental issue or topic. My colleagues and friends from academia will be encouraged to join the portal, and to contribute material to enrich the site. Let's have some fun!

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▲ New portrait of the Earth



A new global portrait has been taken from space details Earth's land cover with a very high resolution. ESA, in partnership with the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, recently presented the preliminary version of the map to scientists in Italy. This map, which will be made available to the public upon its completion in July, has a resolution 10 times sharper than any of its predecessors. The GlobCover product will

be the first freely available product at 300m resolution, for further information click [here](#)

▲ The Global Earth Observations System of Systems

<http://www.earthobservations.org/geoss.shtml>



The Global Earth Observation System Systems (GEOSS) is an inter-governmental initiative to achieve comprehensive, coordinated and sustained observations of the Earth system. It aims to improve monitoring of the changing state of the planet, increase understanding of complex Earth processes and enhance prediction of the Earth system. With a focus on access and sharing of Earth observation data and products, there has been significant advancement in the definition of interoperability standards and mechanisms for the allocation and use of data and

information products, and in the synergetic system development resulting in improved data access and data sharing. The GEO Web Portal and Clearinghouse aim to provide a single interface for access to GEOSS data and information; and GEONETCast, a satellite-based dissemination system, allows users to access real-time, global, Earth observation data and derived information.

CD-DVD

▲ "Lessons of the Loess Plateau"

We are going to start selling the DVD "**Lessons of the Loess Plateau**" relatively cheaply for 100 RMB apiece or around 15 dollars. This should cover the shipping and the price would be less for larger orders.

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APPOINTMENT

Jia Hepeng, 23 August 2007, Source: SciDev.Net

[BEIJING] The appointment of a leading Chinese scientist at the world's major agricultural research body is expected to better apply Chinese resources and expertise to the global fight against poverty. Wang Ren was this week (22 August) announced as the first Chinese scientist to be appointed director of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), a major agricultural

research consortium launched by the World Bank to help the poor countries.

"I think my work here is like a platform, or a catalyst, to promote the partnership between international agricultural development agencies and China's agricultural research and aid," said Wang.

An entomologist by training, Wang has been the deputy director general for research at the CGIAR-supported International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in the Philippines since 2000. He has also served as vice-president of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) since 1995. According to Wang, China has good expertise in practical farming, mountain development strategies and small agricultural mechanical technologies — valuable resources to help other developing countries.

China has gradually increased its international aid, especially to African countries, in recent years. However, says Wang, few Chinese aid programmes involve local organisations and experienced international aid agencies.

For example, Chinese experts sent to help Nigeria increase rice output were unaware of endemic plant diseases and local varieties, so the programme failed to produce any commercially sustainable practices.

Wang believes that he can help Chinese policymakers and scientists become more aware of organisations like CGIAR and promote public-private partnerships involving the Chinese government, Chinese institutions and companies, and international organisations.

Huang Dafang, a leading scientist at CAAS, says while China has had some agricultural expertise close to that in the developing world, the country is struggling to catch up with the West in many frontiers of agricultural science.

"I think Wang's position at CGIAR is a chance to help explore suitable Chinese technologies and expertise to help other developing countries," Huang told SciDev.Net.

<http://www.sci-dev.net/News/index.cfm?fuseaction=readNews&itemid=3845&language=1>

Related SciDev.Net articles:

[GM maize gives virus nowhere to hide](#)

['Indefinite funding' safeguards biodiversity of rice](#)

Related links: Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research

A CALL FOR YOUR ATTENTION (sometime for help)

▲ About No-Tillage and GIS

Dear Samran Sombatpanit,

I am in receipt of the book on No Tillage farming. Thanks a lot for the same. It shall be an valuable resource for me. Wanted to explore a possibility, as written earlier we are aiming to have integrated GIS portal which aims to provide integration of spatial and non spatial data on varied topics in a systematic format. We are identifying some pilot institutions to help us develop the portal, would you like to help us with the spatial and non spatial data on no tillage farming on the same? We would capture all efforts on no tillage farming across the globe with local data, maps, best practices etc. and make it available for preview in an integrated form.

Dr. Megha Phansalkar, Pakistan drmegha@hotmail.com

▲ Inquiry about SOILS MUSEUM (080421)

Dear Samran,

I just want a little inquiry what's inside the "SOILS MUSEUM". What things I should put in there if I want to establish a 'soils museum'. I want to build a simple 'soils museum' in my place. There are many tourists both foreigners and locals coming to our place, Loboc on Bohol Island, every day. In this way I could help conserve our very fragile planet. I don't have any idea what it looks like. Should I put in a soil monolith, rocks and others? I don't know either. Please help me....

Conching (📍 "Concepcion Payapaya" cbpayapaya@yahoo.com), The Philippines

▲ Inquiry about soil erosion/conservation experts in SE Asia (080416)

Dear Sombatpanit,

As per our previous conversation by email for searching consultant/organization for our proposed consultancy project on soil erosion and conservation techniques, please can you send suitable experts /agency details with past experience in Southeast Asian countries immediately for further contacts since the tender for the consultancy work is published in a local government newspaper. It may be treated as urgent.

DR H M THIPPESWAMY (☺ "THIPPESWAMY HOLIGE MALLIKARJUNAIAH" thippes_9@yahoo.com), Brunei
Ed: WASWC members and non-members who would like to do consultancy jobs, please write to me, with your CV attached, so we will record in the list and get some assignments for you when available.

▲ A short survey of UNESCO & UNF

Dear Equator Net members,

The UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Fauna & Flora International, and the United Nations Foundation are conducting a brief survey on 'Perceptions of Conservation Emergency'. The information collected through this survey will feed into the future direction of the **Rapid Response Facility (RRF)**, a small grants programme that aims to provide rapid funding to tackle emergency threats to biodiversity.

Input from the wider conservation community will be invaluable in shaping the RRF's future. Given your experience in conservation you are invited to provide your input.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and is available in:

- 1) English: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=GX_2bi98_2f37ORaLX6_2bV75F8A_3d_3d
- 2) Espanol: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Rpq1ksxH2RqcW3P4IDxyHQ_3d_3d
- 3) Francais: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=6MK42Em3BZirUr_2bK3g_2bhcQ_3d_3d

You are also encouraged to forward this survey to others within the conservation community who may wish to contribute. Gaby

▲ Dear Samran Sombatpanit

We are doing a research project titled "Investigation of impact of using managed water harvesting system in increasing crop yield" In semi-arid area in Zanjan, the northwest of IRAN with 350 mm rain fall. If WASWC members have information or experiment about this subject, please help us.

F.B. Movahhed (bayat_nrrcz@yahoo.com)

▲ The **United Nations Development Program (UNDP)** in Mexico and the **World Conservation Union (IUCN)** are undertaking a research project on Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change from a Gender Approach. Part of the process is an open consultation which aims to gather information about the initiatives, studies, projects and works related to these subjects. The questionnaire, herewith attached, seeks to identify the scope of work of the organizations consulted, as well as to know if they can provide information about experts in any of the issues pertaining to the research project. Interested organizations are kindly asked to fill out the questionnaire and send it to Paula Zúñiga Díaz (paula.zuniga@iucn.org).

▲ **Call for researchers - please help in Katavi National Park, Tanzania** - Tanzania's Katavi National Park, with a size of 4,471 sq km, is the third largest park in the country. Located on the western side towards Lake Tanganyika, the park is endowed with high densities and diversity of herbivores, carnivores, birdlife as well as insects. Unexplored and wild, Katavi has a mosaic of habitats which enable it to accommodate one of the highest mammalian biomasses among East African protected areas. Unfortunately, the absence of research studies on park resources and ecological processes hinders science-based management decisions. The current park management is therefore calling for interested researchers to work in Katavi and help inform the long-term management of this jewel in the Tanzanian protected areas system. A number of research priorities have been

identified. For more information and documentation, please contact Dr. Titus Mlengeya, wildvet_tanzania@yahoo.com, www.tanzaniaparks.com.

▲ I wanted to introduce you to the **Group on Science and Innovation Policy (GOSIP)**. This is a moderated forum for sharing information on important developments on science and innovation policy worldwide. The information shared includes news items, books, reports, research papers, websites and updates on the activities members. To subscribe send an e-mail to: InnovationPolicy-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
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▲ Springer publishers will publish a series of books on each of the science themes of the **International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE, www.yearofplanetearth.org)**. The themes include soils, climate change, Earth and life, resource issues, hazards, megacities and oceans. The aim of the books is to present contemporary and innovative research authored by the world's top scientists.

If you are interested to author the soils book for the IYPE series (a single authored as well as multiple-authored edited book is possible) please contact Dr Doe at Springer: Dr. Robert K. Doe, Editor, Geosciences Springer, robert.doe@springer.com The series (8 to 9 books of all themes) will be widely marketed etc - more details can be obtained from Springer.

▲ **Tebtebba Foundation** - a well known indigenous peoples-run research and policy organization based in the Philippines (for more information see: www.tebtebba.org) - is launching an initiative that intends to use positive developments within the global system and other opportunities available to operationalise the human rights based approach in order to strengthen the protection and enhancement of biological and cultural diversity of indigenous peoples.

Amongst the various activities to be carried out under this initiative, it is envisaged to commission review papers on indigenous ecological management practices, including the adaptive ones in the face of globalisation and similar global trends, such as climate change, economic integration, instantaneous communication, urbanisation and others.

In this regard, Tebtebba Foundation is looking for a couple of young people, preferably doc and post doc students, preferably but not necessarily indigenous, who have worked on the topic, both in the South and the North, and are very knowledgeable about the existing literature, willing to prepare review papers on the topic. Could you suggest a few names as well as their contacts?

If you have any suggestions, please send them to Vanda Altarelli - v_altarelli@yahoo.co.uk - who is assisting Tebtebba in her personal capacity.

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MEETINGS 2008

Note: For the following events, please kindly refer to the WASWC HOT NEWS for January 2008 at <http://waswc.soil.qd.cn/hotnews.html>.

- Historical and Temporary Perspectives on Rural Water Governance, July 6-11
- 3rd Global workshop, September 30-October 3, 2008
- Rainforests and Agroforestry, October 5-9, 2008

May 18-23, 2008

15th Conference of the

International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO)

Soil and Water Conservation, Climate Change and Environmental Sensitivity

The Organizing Committee is pleased to invite you to participate in the 15th Conference of the International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO) to be held in Budapest, Hungary, May 18-23,

2008. Attendees will include scientists, university lecturers, policy makers, and stakeholders from public and private institutions and non-governmental organization throughout the world. Four days of oral and poster presentations and a mid conference excursion will make the conference an event to be remembered.

Conference topics include: Soil Conservation, Climate change, Land degradation, Land use change, Water management, Soil erosion, Salinization, Desertification, Soil rehabilitation and management, Socio-economic aspects of land degradation, and Legislative and Institutional aspects of soil and water conservation All interested persons are invited to give oral or poster presentations. Submission of papers require that one of the authors is registered at the Congress.

Venue: Budapest Congress & World Trade Center, H-1123 Budapest, Jagelló út 1-3.

Mailing address: Geographical Research Institute, Hungarian Academy of Sciences H-1112 Budapest, Budaörsi út 45 Hungary. isco2008@imperialroads.hu

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May 24, 2008

Biodiversity for Poverty Reduction Day at CBD CoP9

The IIED-facilitated Poverty and Conservation Learning Group (PCLG)[1] together with the CBD Secretariat and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) will host a one day meeting on **Saturday May 24th, 2008** during the ninth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to review experience to date in linking biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction - in policy and in practice.

The event is intended to help build links between conservation and development communities, to share different perspectives, and to explore the implications of lessons learned. The day will be divided into two sessions – the morning focussing on international and national policy initiatives, the afternoon on practical implementation. The day also provides an opportunity to launch a variety of relevant publications or other resources.

The agenda for the day is under development and we are interested to receive proposals from potential presenters and participants. Please send a brief abstract outlining your proposed presentation as soon as possible and by **25th April 2008** at the latest to: pclg@iied.org.

For more information please see www.povertyandconservation.info or contact Dilys Roe (dilys.roe@iied.org) IIED is a company limited by a guarantee and incorporated in England. Reg. No 2188452. Registered office: 3 Endsleigh Street, London WC1H 0DD, UK. VAT Reg. No. GB 440 4948 50. Charity No. 800066 www.iied.org

May 27-31, 2008

BALWOIS 2008 Ohrid, Macedonia

May 28-30, 2008

Second International Conference on Environmental Economics and Investment Assessment, Cadiz, Spain, 28-30 May 2008

This conference will address the topic of Investment Assessment and Environmental Economics in an integrated way in accordance with the principles of sustainability and considering social and environmental impacts of new investments. It is organized by the Wessex Institute of Technology, UK, University of Cádiz, Spain, and the National Technical University of Athens, Greece and sponsored by the Wessex Institute Transactions on Ecology and the Environment.

For more information, contact: jsolanki@wessex.ac.uk, or see: http://www.biodiversityeconomics.org/events/blank_2.html.

May 28-30, 2008

National Conference on Urban Ecosystems, Orlando, Florida, USA, 28-30 May 2008

The Conference will bring together members of the business, government and conservation communities, to solidify and expand partnerships and assess progress and plan strategies for building communities of the future. The conference will begin

by laying a foundation of Nature and the Human Network, exploring how each system evolved and how each functions today. The conference will address national, regional and local issues required to build this new framework. Conference sessions will provide forums for developing and articulating federal agency ideas for managing Nature and the Network, such as the redesign of the US Forest Service State and Private Forestry. Other agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Economic Development and Department of Transportation will hold forums to discuss their new ideas and then share these ideas within the conference audience as a whole. **Discounted registration is available until May 1.** For more information and to register see: http://www.americanforests.org/conference/conf_08.ph.

May 29, 2008

National Seminar on Agricultural Bioethics in Indonesia

"A bioethics review on the development and application of agricultural science and technology for human welfare sustainability" is the theme of a National Seminar on Agricultural Bioethics in Indonesia on May 29, 2008 at the Indonesian Center for Agricultural Biotechnology and Genetic Resources Research and Development (ICABIOGRAD), Indonesia. The seminar is organized by the Indonesian National Bioethics Commission, with the cooperation of the Indonesian Agency for Agricultural Research and Development (IAARD), State Ministry of Research and Technology, Ministry of Environment, Indonesian Breeding Association, Indonesia Society for Microbiology and Indonesian Society for Agricultural Biotechnology.

The event aims to obtain knowledge and information on bioethics study in the agriculture field (plant, livestock, and agricultural microbe) from agricultural stakeholders. It will also discuss the role of Indonesian National Bioethics Commission regarding science and technology development and the need for bioethics principles.

Visit <http://www.indoplasma.or.id/> or email genres@indo.net.id and idaorbani@yahoo.com for more details on this event. For more news on crop biotech in Indonesia email Dewi Suryani of the Indonesian Biotechnology Information Center at dewisuryani@biotrop.org

June 1-5, 2008

Call for e-Biosphere 09: The International Conference on Biodiversity Informatics, London

Bio-Net, along with the Encyclopedia of Life and other leading organizations, is organizing e-Biosphere 09: The International Conference on Biodiversity Informatics, which will be hosted by the Natural History Museum in London from 1-5 June 2009. The new field of biodiversity informatics brings together data on species, higher taxonomic units, and their geographic distributions; specimens preserved in museums, herbaria and other repositories; and observations on organismal properties such as digital images and gene sequences. The conference will provide a platform for database developers and researchers to collaborate, as well as presenting an opportunity for officials from government agencies and NGO's to learn how biodiversity informatics provides a new scientific basis for policy decisions in conservation, agriculture, sustainable development and land management.

The conference Steering Committee has held its first meeting and is now forming subcommittees. They are inviting expressions of interest from other biodiversity initiatives and stakeholders who might be interested in:

- o Becoming a principal co-sponsor of the conference and joining the Steering Committee
- o Having a representative on one of the subcommittees organizing the Conference
- o Being an exhibitor at the conference
- o Demonstrating software systems in the exhibit/poster display areas
- o Sponsoring an event at the conference; and/or
- o Playing another role in the e-Biosphere 09 Conference

Please send your expressions of interest to inquiries@e-biosphere09.org and also send a copy to Richard Smith at bionet@bionet-intl.org. For more information on Bio-net see: www.bionet-intl.org.

June 3, 2008

Partnership, Innovation, Agriculture International Meeting

This international meeting will be held in Paris, France in June 3, 2008 and organized by the National Research Institute (INRA) and the Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD), and their public interest group IFRAI, the French Initiative for International Agricultural Research. The goal is to identify research priorities in agriculture by creating a space for a constructive dialogue between the different players in the agricultural arena. INRA and CIRAD hope that this meeting will initiate future collaborations and provide an opportunity for French agricultural research organizations and their partners to highlight their expertise and establish new partnerships. The programme will consist of oral presentations (keynote papers and case studies) and round-table discussions. This will be followed by floor discussions and debates focusing on: Ecology of Innovation and New Challenges Facing Integration. The deadline for preregistration is 30 April, 2008.

See details at:

http://www.international.inra.fr/all_the_news/events_and_symposia/april_june_2008/partnerships_innovation_agriculture

June 3-5, 2008

FAO will host a high-level international Conference on World Food Security and the Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy in Rome from June 3 to 5, 2008.

Heads of State and Government and ministers will discuss the current global food situation with soaring food prices, how climate change affects agriculture, and how agriculture can contribute to reduce climate change. <http://www.fao.org/newsroom/en/focus/2008/1000829/index.html>

The objective of this conference is to assist countries and the international community in finding sustainable solutions by identifying the policies, strategies and programmes required to safeguard world food security.

The event will deliver the following:

- Identification of the new challenges facing world food security, supply and demand side, policies and market structure.
- A better understanding of the nexus between food security, climate change and bioenergy.
- Identification of a process for institutional action for the integration of food security safeguards into international climate-related and sustainable bioenergy agreements.
- Discussion and adoption of required policies, strategies and programmes for ensuring world food security, in particular measures to address soaring food prices.
- A Declaration on “World Food Security and required actions.”

Accreditation for journalists: [Click here](#) to download an advance accreditation form. Forms should be returned to the FAO Press Office via email (mediapass@fao.org) or regular post or courier to FAO - Press Office (KCIM A309), Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy **no later than 26 May 2008**.

Attendance confirmed:

- Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary General
- Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, President of Argentina
- Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, President of Brazil
- Nicolas Sarkozy, President of France

June 7-8, 2008

Bangladesh International Conference on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering

The First International Conference of the Bangladesh Association for Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering (BABGE) will be held June 7-8, 2008 at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), Dhaka. Guest scientists from such countries as Pakistan, India, Malaysia, Philippines, USA, Australia, Japan, and Italy are expected to attend. Deadline for abstract submission and registration is 31 May 2008. Visit <http://www.bdbic.org> for details on BABGE and for online registration information.

June 8-10, 2008

LAND USE AND LAND DEGRADATION: Land Degradation Processes, Dynamics of Land Degradation: Taiwan / Japan. Conference web site: <http://www.taolin.com.tw/comland/comland.html>

Field Trip I: 5th-7th June 2008; **Seminar:** 8th-10th June 2008; **Field Trip II:** 11th-13th June 2008

Overview of Symposium

The main theme of the symposium is land degradation and land use change in a dynamic environment. Land degradation in response to land cover and land use change are critical issues through out the world.

Regional differences give rise to a diverse array of impacts and scenarios, requiring different approaches for effective management. This symposium will provide a platform for dissemination of research findings and will promote discussion of these topics.

The symposium will be held in Taiwan and Japan, a particularly appropriate venue since these countries lie in a region that is regularly subject to the threat of earthquakes and typhoons and characterised by high population density, so that the problems of landuse and land degradation are especially prevalent and dynamic.

Please submit abstracts or questions to Gudrun Gissladottir (ggisla@hi.is) or Paul Hudson (pfhudson@mail.utexas.edu).

Paul F. Hudson, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas at Austin (2007-2008 Fulbright Fellow and Visiting Researcher, Department of Physical Geography, Utrecht University, The Netherlands)

June 8-11, 2008

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE CONFERENCE 2008

Abstracts: Close April 30th 2008

Title: Te Tatau Pounamu - The Greenstone Door: Traditional knowledge and gateways to balanced relationships

Dates: 8 - 11 June 2008

Venue: The University of Auckland, New Zealand

Theme: The Conference focuses on traditional indigenous concepts, values, ideals, models and strategies for sustaining balanced and healthy relationships within and across families, communities, nations, nation-states, local, regional and global borders, territories and environments. The Conference will provide opportunities to discuss indigenous strategies for sustaining relationships between collectives Andover generations, for resolving conflict, for peace-making, reconciliation and restorative justice. There will also be opportunities to share what has been learned from diverse contexts around the world about how indigenous models, values, concepts and processes have been incorporated into state or government initiatives and with what impact for indigenous peoples. The international conference with associated community workshops and satellite meetings enables us to bring together in dialogue a wide range of participants, perspectives, voices, frameworks and models for understanding indigenous frameworks.

The Conference email address is: indigenous-conference@auckland.ac.nz and website address is: www.indigenous-peace-conference-2008.ac.nz

June 9-10, 2008

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- Create an infrastructure fund for the planet that will invest in our vital natural services

Contact: "Michael Jenkins" mjenkins@forest-trends.org

June 9-13, 2008

International Conference: **Mining and Sustainable Development in Africa**, Conakry, Guinea.
siffee@siffee.org t: 1 (514) 288-2663, f: 1 (514) 288-7701. [More...](#)

June 10-14, 2008

14th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM)

The 14th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) will take place on **10th -14th June 2008**, at the University of Vermont, **Burlington, USA**. The theme of the 2008 ISSRM Symposium is "People and Place: Linking Culture and Nature". ISSRM offers many types of opportunities to participate, including traditional paper (oral) presentations, poster presentations, and a variety of sessions that can be organized by participants. Abstracts for all of these forms of participation are due by February 8, 2008.

<http://www.ISSRM2008.org>

June 16-19, 2008

I would like to invite you to Warsaw in POLAND for the **International Symposium and the Workshop** organized in the frame of CASCADOSS Project which main subject is evaluation of FOSS4G (Free and Open Source for Geomatics) solutions in environmental applications.

Evaluating Free and Open Source Software for Geoinformation for Environmental Applications
International Symposium **June 16th 2008** and International Information Workshop **June 17th-19th 2008** Warsaw, POLAND*

A 1-day International Symposium and a 3-day International Information Workshop will be held in Warsaw. The Symposium will take place on 16 June, immediately followed by the Workshop from 17 to 19 June 2008.

The main purpose of the International Symposium is to present results accomplished so far by the CASCADOSS Project such as outcomes of an evaluation of available GIS&RS OSS solutions, and to demonstrate the most promising and useful applications.

The following subject will be also discussed:

- How can open-source software foster use of GI technologies (particularly with respect to the GMES Programme) in the public sector?
- How do existing GI standards contribute to the development of open-source applications?
What are the current trends in this area?
- How can GIS&RS services benefit from open source solutions and stimulate development of business-related GIS&RS applications?

The rationale and leading element of the International Information Workshop will be to discuss “ with a group of experts“ the issues and topics raised at the preceding International Symposium.

The discussions will be followed by training sessions in working groups, devoted to a further analysis of topics defined during the expert debates.

At the Workshop, working group sessions in computer labs will also take place, with the purpose to discuss the outcomes of the evaluation of available GIS&RS OSS solutions collected on the LIVE CD, and familiarizing with environmental applications that are based on, and/or utilize, GIS&RS OSS.

Both events are being offered to the international GIS community “in particular:

- members of organizations dealing with geo-information (GI);
- scientists;
- small- and medium entrepreneurs;
- representatives of regional self-government authorities;
- staff of institutions involved in implementation of the GMES Programme, including representatives of national GMES offices;
- staff of National Mapping Authorities (NMAs);
- members of the Open Source community

Participation in both events is free of charge. Both events will be held in English.

VENUE: The Conference and Congressional Center in the Public School of Business Administration (PWSBIA), 9 Bobrowiecka Street, 00-728 Warsaw, POLAND

REGISTRATION: To register for both events, please fill the electronic form at the CASCADOSS Project website.

Deadline for registration is 10 May 2008.

MORE DETAILS can be found on the CASCADOSS website: www.cascadoss.eu in the EVENTS section.

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June 17, 2008

Mapping For Sustainable Communities - 17th June 2008 - University College London

An interactive day of reports and discussion for community practitioners, academics and community groups

There is a growing interest in the use of collaborative and participatory mapping to draw together local information and to develop action plans that can address local environmental and social issues.

The seminar will consider recent work and ways forward. It is being organised by University College London and the London 21 network as part of their 'Mapping Change for Sustainable Communities' project funded under the UrbanBuzz programme and their Environmental Justice programme. These projects use internet-based and paper mapping along with other tools to work with communities on collecting and collating local information.

The seminar will bring together academics, practitioners and community groups to discuss the use of mapping as a means of engagement and tool for collaborative action, and to consider the benefits and limitations. The seminar includes sessions for academics and practitioners and a celebration of community work.

Outline Agenda

10.30 am - Theory and research

- * The use of different methodologies in participatory mapping
- * Mapping, impacts and inequalities
- * Panel discussion: the balance between participation and the use of technology

2pm - Practice

- * The use of mapping with local communities
- * Mapping, empowerment and Community Development
- * Local Government, Regeneration and the use of community mapping
- * Practical workshop: starting a participatory mapping project

4.30pm Community Showcase

- * A brief introduction to the development of the two projects, followed by presentations about the five case studies.

6pm Reception

The conference is **free** but numbers are limited. Register on-line at http://www.communitymaps.london21.org/includes/mcsc_conference.php

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June 17-18, 2008

Technical and vocational education in Palestine ... Reality, Challenges and ambitions Location: Gaza, Palestine

June 17-19, 2008

International conference: Using Evaluation to Enhance the Rural Development Value of Agri-environmental Measures, Pärnu, Estonia, 17-19 June 2008

The aim of this conference is to bring together a range of stakeholders with an active interest in the evaluation of agri-environment measures, including governmental officials and independent evaluators and experts. The conference will be jointly organized by Estonia (Agricultural Research Centre, the Ministry of Agriculture) and Finland (the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Ministry of Environment, University of Helsinki).

The objectives of the conference will be to improve understanding of the linkages between rural policies, farm practices and environmental outcomes; review and analyze the tools and methods available for the evaluation of agri-environment measures; and to identify those evaluation tools most useful for improving the integration of biodiversity conservation into agri-environment measures, particularly for the support of High Nature Value farming systems in the context of the 2007-2013 programming period.

Participants are invited to pre-register and to submit a presentation or workshop proposal addressing any of the themes of the conference at the conference website: pmk.agri.ee/conference or by e-mail at conference@pmk.agri.ee. The call for pre-registrations, presentation, and workshop proposals closes 1 February 2008. The detailed program will be available soon after and call for registrations opens in March 2008.

June 18-20, 2008

16th Organic World Congress in the theme, The Principles of Fairness and Health, Modena, Italy. Organized by IFOAM, Tel: +49-228-92650-10, Fax: +49-228-92650-99, headoffice@ifoam.org, <http://www.ifoam.org>

June 23-25, 2008

Universidad Internacional de Andalucia ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOPS 2008
“INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL TURBULENCE”
Baeza, Spain Contact: Dr. Lourdes Soria (baeza@unia.es)

June 24-25, 2008

International Conference on "Management of resources in Muslim countries and communitieschallenges and prospects" Location: Malaysia

June 29-July 5, 2008

International Grassland and Rangeland Congress

The International Grassland and Rangeland Congress will be take place in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, June 29-July 5, 2008. Information on the Trade Show/Exhibits, Tours (Pre-congress, Post-congress and Mid-congress), Workshops and Delegate Sponsorship can be found at www.IGC-IRC2008.org.

June 30-July 2, 2008

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“HABITAT FRAGMENTATION AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPES: THE ROLE OF ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY AND BIOLOGICAL CORRIDORS” **Baeza, Spain** Contact: Dr. Lourdes Soria (baeza@unia.es)

July 2-3, 2008

'First International Conference on Flood Recovery, Innovation and Response', London, England. Contact Carly Rose (Flood Repair Network Administrator) at C.Rose@wlv.ac.uk, Phone: +44-(0)-1902 518530

Call for papers will be issued shortly. Please visit the Flood Repair Net website for further details:

www.floodrepair.net

July 2-3, 2008

The 'Flood Repair Network' is pleased to draw your attention to the 'First International Conference on Flood Recovery, Innovation and Response' (FRIAR)

Venue: Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE) Headquarters, Great George Street, London, UK Dates: 2 and 3 July 2008 (please note the revised dates).

This two day Conference will provide a unique opportunity for Practitioners and Researchers to meet in order to exchange experience and ideas.

Scientific and technical sessions will provide an opportunity for the international flood repair community to share experiences and best practice. Themes will include flood repair, research, recovery, response, insurance and innovation in this field. A schedule of social events will also be offered.

The first call for Abstracts is currently being put into circulation, along with details of various advertising and promotional packages.

There is already significant interest in this event, so please register on our website. To obtain further details about this exciting project and to reserve your place, please visit our web site:

www.floodrepair.net

July 2-4, 2008

International Conference on Research for Development (ICRD 2008) 2-4 July 2008, Bern, Switzerland

The ICRD was first announced on 15 January 2008. We are pleased to inform you that the second announcement is now available at <http://icrd.unibe.ch>.

There was a great response to our call for contributions, so that we were able to compile a most ambitious and challenging programme:

Keynote speakers on each day, addressing five principal research themes, and researchers from the international North-South community, presenting their experiences and the results of their work in three parallel sessions devoted to each conference theme. An extended poster session will allow optimal interaction with the contributors present.

All participants, whether confirmed as contributors or interested persons, are invited to register formally by 15 May 2008. You will find the details and the registration form on our website. We apologize for any cross-mailing.

Hans Hurni, Director NCCR North-South

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July 3, 2008



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●●● *Biodiversity and ecosystem service impacts and challenges* ●●●

Dr Diana Mortimer (JNCC)

Professor Paul Armsworth (University of Sheffield)

Dr Peter Brotherton (Natural England)

●●● *Mitigation opportunities* ●●●

Professor Joe Morris (Cranfield University)

Dr Juliet Vickery (BTO)

Paul Wilkinson (The Wildlife Trusts – East of England)

●●● *10-point action plans* ●●●

Nicholas Watts (Vine House Farm)

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Professor Chris Garforth (University of Reading)

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July 7-11, 2008

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WASHINGTON, DC — SeaWeb, a global, non-profit organization, is offering travel scholarships for media to attend the world's preeminent summit on coral reef science and management. At this year's International Coral Reef Symposium in Fort Lauderdale, Florida from July 7 to 11, the media will have access to leading ocean experts from around the world and to press briefings on the latest scientific findings, as well as a field trip to see firsthand the threats to coral reefs.

About the Symposium:

Held only once every four years, the International Coral Reef Symposium will host more than 2,500 international scientists, policy makers, managers and conservationists. This year's symposium occurs during the 2008 International Year of the Reef. Key focuses of the symposium include the challenges that climate change, overfishing and pollution pose to coral reefs. Symposium sessions will be held in a question-driven format, with reports and breaking news on:

- The emerging link between ocean acidification and coral reef health
- Diseases killing coral reefs around the world
- Recovery of coral reef ecosystems following bleaching episodes
- Effectiveness of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

For more information, please visit www.nova.edu/ncri/11icrs/index.html. Contact Info: Corinne Knutson, Coral Program Coordinator, SeaWeb Tel: 619.269.1284; cknutson@seaweb.org; [SeaWeb](http://SeaWeb.org)

July 8-9, 2008

» [The 3rd international conference on Future Trends in Genetics and Biotechnology for safe Environment](#)

Date: July 8-9, 2008, Location: Ismailia, Egypt

July 14-18, 2008

2nd international conference on ground bio-and eco-engineering: the use of vegetation to improve Slope Stability, Beijing, China

This Conference is the second in the series '**The Use of Vegetation to Improve Slope Stability.**' The first Congress was held at Thessaloniki, Greece, from 13 – 17 September 2004. In an era where more natural hazards are occurring; soil erosion, landslides and other catastrophic events cause loss of lives and infrastructure and major environmental damage. The aim of these meetings, therefore, is to bring together scientific researchers, practitioners, geotechnical and civil engineers, biologists, ecologists and foresters to discuss current problems in slope stability research and how to address those problems using ground bio- and eco-engineering techniques.

Ground bioengineering methods integrate civil engineering techniques with natural materials to obtain fast, effective and economic methods of protecting, restoring and maintaining the environment. Eco-engineering has been defined as a long-term ecological strategy to manage a site with regards to natural or man-made hazards. Conference sessions will focus on an area where such engineering techniques are used increasingly frequently (i.e. natural and man-made slopes). Papers will be presented on slope instability, erosion, soil hydrology, mountain ecology, land use and restoration and how to mitigate these problems using vegetation. The mechanics of root-soil interaction are of utmost importance, along with the modelling of root reinforcement and the development of decision-support systems, areas where significant advances have been made in recent years. Proceedings will be published in a special edition of an international journal. We hope that you will be able to join us at this meeting, to be held in exciting Beijing, the 2008 Olympic City!

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July 14-18, 2008

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For more information see: www.iascp.org/iasc08/2008themes.html.

July 22-24, 2008

FAO Technical Workshop for the Alleviation of Poverty in the Tropics

A Technical Workshop towards the Alleviation of Poverty in the Tropics, sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome will be held on **22-24 July 2008**. About 80 public, private and civil society stakeholders across the four primary interest groups in policy, science and technology, field practice and financing and donor support, and those who have influence, commitment and capacity to make a difference will be invited. The forum will be held to: 1) describe the principles of conservation agriculture (CA) and to widen attention of potentially-supportive decision makers in policy-making, science & technology, practice, and financing; 2) discuss, suggest and agree on the chief forms of interlinking decisions and action which would provide positive encouragement of, and support to, farmers to make and sustain their transition to beneficial CA systems as most appropriate to their different agro-ecological and socio-economic situations; 3) pave the way for comparable fora to develop and function at continental, national and local levels; and 4) favor the development of an inter-connected community of practice around the subjects pertaining to and the benefits deriving from conservation agriculture.

For details of the training workshop, contact Theodor Friedrich (Theodor.Friedrich@fao.org), FAO, Rome; Amir Kassam (kassamamir@aol.com), TAA, UK; and Francis Shaxson (fshaxson@gotadsl.co.uk), TAA, UK.

July 26-30, 2008

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July 28, 2008

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10:30 am, July 28

Describing

- potential effects of global climate and population pressures on coastal zones land and water resources
- how the conservation community is monitoring of the effects of real and predicted changes in coastal zones of North America

The Symposium is a result of leadership by Demetrio P. Zourarakis, Kentucky Division of Geographic Information, Frankfort, KY.

The **2008 Annual Conference** will be held from July 26-30 in Tucson, Arizona. The conference theme is "Getting the Water Right: Hydrology, Climate Change, and the Bio-economy"

Online registration is now available.
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The schedule for presentations at the 2008 SWCS Annual Conference is available at:
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Sarah
IAC Chair

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July 26-30, 2008 (same venue as above)
SWCS Annual Conference with the International Symposium on Global Land Cover and Land Use Change

Demetrio Zourarakis is organizing the International Symposium on Global Land Cover and Land Use Change for the 2008 SWCS annual conference. I would like to ask you for your considered opinion in response to this initial call. If you or colleagues have active interest in the topic and would consider taking part in the July 2008 symposium, I ask you to kindly reply to Dr. Zourarakis (Demetrio.Zourarakis@ky.gov).

It will be especially helpful if you can forward this request to colleagues or interested scientists/institutions working on Land Use Change who have the potential to participate and contribute to the symposium. Scientists from Mexico and continents other than North America would be especially beneficial to reach with this call.

Given the extent of research taking place on Land Use Change, one idea is to use this symposium as a spring board for a stand alone conference, focused on soil and water conservation, in the future.

Thanks with regards, Sarah Workman (sworkman@uga.edu)

2008 Annual Conference: July 26-30 in Tucson, AZ ; Soil and Water Conservation Society

http://www.swcs.org/en/conferences/2008_annual_conference/

July 28-31, 2008

1st Conference on Hydropedology - USA

The conference will be held from 28-31 July at Penn State University, USA. The International Union of Soil Sciences' Working Group on Hydropedology (WG-HP) is organizing this inaugural conference to advance the emerging interdisciplinary field of hydropedology and to promote its synergistic collaborations across scientific disciplines, including soil science, hydrology, geomorphology, and other related bio- and geosciences. Hydropedology addresses interactive pedologic and hydrologic processes and landscape-soil-hydrology relationships across space and time, aiming to understand pedologic controls on hydrologic processes and properties, and hydrologic impacts on soil formation, variability, and functions. Such synergistic approach is needed to advance the integrated studies of the earth's Critical Zone, i.e., the critical interface between the solid earth and its fluid envelopes (generally viewed as that part of the earth from the top of vegetations to the bottom of aquifers). Abstract submission deadline is March 31, 2008. More information click [here](#)

August 7-11, 2008

Conference: Applying Ecological Economics for Social and Environmental Sustainability, Nairobi, Kenya, 7-11 August 2008

The International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE) is co-hosting its 10th Biennial Conference, along with African Society for Ecological Economics and the United Nations Environment Program. The conference will highlight the vision, methods, and policy adjustments needed to enable ecological economics principles be applied to the design and management of environmentally and socially sustainable development processes in the face of increasing global change and interdependence. More information about the conference will follow on the conference's official website.

For more information, see: www.ecoeco.org/.

August 12-14, 2008



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August 12-15, 2008

International Geographical Union's Congress in Tunis

COMLAND Session: "Land Degradation and Environmental Change"

The IGU Commission on Land Degradation solicits papers for "special sessions" to be held at the 2008 International Geographical Union's Congress in Tunisia. We encourage papers which concern the topic of "Land Degradation and Environmental Change". We are interested in research with a focus along one or several of the following interdisciplinary fronts: Historical Human Impacts, Land Degradation and Society, Management of Land Degradation, and Natural drivers of Land Degradation. We welcome papers from a range of methodological approaches, as well as historical and process based studies.

Please submit abstracts or questions to Guorun Gisláttir <ggisla@hi.is> or Paul Hudson (pfhudson@mail.utexas.edu).

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August 17-23, 2008

World Water Week. 17-23 August, 2008. "Progress and Prospects on Water: For a Clean and Healthy World". Stockholm, Sweden. [Website_](#)

August 25-29, 2008

EUROSOIL 2008

Soil – Society – Environment



25-29 August 2008, Vienna, Austria

<http://www.ecsss.net>

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Congress is organised in co-operation between the national soil science societies of Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia and Switzerland, supported by the International Union of Soil Science Societies (IUSS), the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, the Vienna Convention Bureau, the Vienna Medical Academy, Austrian Airlines, and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Science and Research.

Venue: Technical University, Vienna
Organiser: Winfried E.H. Blum, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna
winfried.blum@boku.ac.at
Secretariat: Vienna Medical Academy,
Ms. Mirjam Uebelhoer
(Eurosoil2008@medacad.org)

The Congress offers approx. 30 symposia, 10 workshops, further meetings, 24 technical excursions and 2 social events.

Detailed information about the scientific and organising committees, registration and abstract deadlines, registration fees and other details is available on the website:

Registration: (registration fees in Euros)

Payment received	until 31 Jan. 2008	until 31 May 2008	after 31 May 2008 and onsite
regular participants	EUR 250.-	EUR 300.-	EUR 350.-
Students	EUR 100.-	EUR 150.-	EUR 200.-
Accompanying persons	EUR 55.-	EUR 55.-	EUR 55.-

PROGRAMME (preliminary):

Symposia:

- Soil Organic Matter
- Soils and Climate Change
- Soil Erosion
- Soil Compaction
- Soil Desertification and Salinisation
- Soil and Water – Theory
- Soil and Water – Practical Applications
- Soil Ecology – Soil as a Living Space
- Forest Management and Soils
- Advances in Soil Monitoring

- Management of Contaminated Soils - Practical Applications
- Management of Contaminated Soils - Concepts and Policy Development
- Buffering Function of Soils
- Organo-mineral Interactions
- Soil Information Systems, Regionalisation of Data, Including Soil Associations
- Soil Indicators
- Land Use and Soil Protection
- Urban and Anthropogenic Soils
- Soil Forming Processes and Soil Morphology
- Soil Classification
- Society's Demands for and Perceptions of Soil Conservation
- Soils and Societies in History
- Education in Soil Science and Raising Public Awareness
- Rhizosphere Processes
- Soils and GMOs
- Memory Function of Recent and Paleosoils
- Pedometrics and Digital Soil Mapping
- The Influence of Soil Quality on Human Health and Food Security
- Soil Fertility and Environment
- Time Scales of Pedogenic Processes for Predicting Soil Changes in Time
- Micromorphological and Mineralogical Features (Evidence) of Soil Environmental Change

Workshops:

- International and EU Politics
- Humus as an Ecological Indicator
- EU Forest Soil Monitoring – BIOSOIL
- European Soil Database
- Contaminant Dynamics in Periodically Flooded Soils
- Critical Zone – Weathering
- "RISK-BASE" – Towards a risk-based management of the soil-sediment-water-system at river-basin scale
- "ENVIASSO"
- Greenhouse Gas Budget of Soils – Hotspots of Emissions /COST 639
- Frontiers in Soil Protection Research: New Perspectives and Challenges (ESSC)

Pre- and Post- Congress Excursions: are scheduled in Austria, Croatia and Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia and Switzerland.

For detailed information on the programme and for the submission of papers, please see the congress website: <http://www.ecsss.net>

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September 1-3, 2008

Climate Change and Systematics, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. e: climate@tcd.ie | [More...](#)

September 1-3, 2008

GeoCart'2008 CARTOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE <http://www.cartography.org.nz/geocart2008/>

In conjunction with SIRC 2008: the 20th Annual Colloquium of the Spatial Information Research Centre
<http://www.business.otago.ac.nz/SIRC/index.html> At the University of Auckland, New Zealand
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September 1-4, 2008

11th International River Symposium. 1-4 September, 2008. "A Future of Extremes". Brisbane, Australia.

[Website](#)

September 4-5, 2008

11th International Specialised Conference on Watershed & River Basin Management. 4-5 September 2008.

Budapest, Hungary. [Website](#)

September 16-18, 2008

WaterTech Central Asia: Central Asian International Water Technology Exhibition & Conference Location: Almaty, Kazakhstan

September 17-19, 2008

Growdiesel International Summit, New Delhi, India

Growdiesel Climate Care Council is pleased to invite you to the inaugural International Summit on Algae Biofuels to be held on 17th, 18th & 19th September 2008 at New Delhi, India. The Summit is focused on next generation of Biofuels using Algae as main feedstock.

You may also visit Summit website at www.astaxanthin.in

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September 17-23, 2008

5th International Conference on Land Degradation, Bari, Italy

We have updated the web page of the 5th International Conference on Land Degradation (www.iamb.it/5ICLD).

You could find updated information at the List of Participants on the left side of the screen related to those who have registered as of 20 January 2008. I would like to thank all of them who have sent us their abstracts and in the same time to request this for those that intend to participate. The deadline is **30 April 2008**. Please distribute this information to other colleagues that may have interest in the topic but are not aware of such event. We'll keep you posted on further news and developments!

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September 23-26, 2008

International Scientific Conference Celebrating the 50th Jubilee of the Lithuanian Soil Science Society, Kaunas, Lithuania

On behalf of the Board of the Lithuanian Soil Science Society (LSSS), we hereby cordially invite you to attend the International Scientific Conference Celebrating the 50th Jubilee of the Lithuanian Soil Science Society to be organized at the Lithuanian University of Agriculture (in Kaunas). We are pleased to announce the possibility to publish original research papers in the journal 'Agricultural Sciences', which is the periodical publication (four issues per year) of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences. The scientific standard of all papers is maintained by the Editorial Board, which comprise scientists of the highest qualification: professors, habilitated doctors and academicians. Currently, the journal 'Agricultural Sciences' is indexed in CABI Publishing: <http://www.cabi.org/>

In this connection, we ask those who might be interested in the above-mentioned publication to give us some simple initial information as soon as possible. This should include name(s) of the author(s) and title of the article (not exceeding 10 words). For the purpose of further planning, it would serve us as a useful indicator of your wish and willingness to prepare the paper for the journal.

Conference topics: The international conference dedicated to the commemoration of the 50th Jubilee of the LSSS allows us to be flexible, to enable participants to present their research results in thematic group discussions referring to divisions recognized by the IUSS:

Genesis, morphology, classification and cartography of soil
Soil processes and properties
Use and management of soils
Role of soil in the environment

Programme:

Tuesday 23 September 2008: Arrival of participants.

Wednesday 24 September 2008: Ceremonial opening of Conference and plenary session followed by discussions and posters session. Welcome party.

Thursday 25 September 2008-Friday 26 September 2008: Two-day field excursion and completion of official conference.

In case you got interested to participate, please contact the LSSS Secretary **Assoc Prof Dr R. Vaisvalavičius**, Secretary of the Lithuanian Soil Science Society rimantas.vaisvalavicius@lzuu.lt or **Prof Dr Habil. A. Motuzas** algirdas.motuzas@lzuu.lt, da@lzuu.lt, Secretary of the Editorial Board of 'Agricultural Sciences' and President of the Lithuanian Soil Science Society

Conference Secretariat: Department of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition, Lithuanian University of Agriculture Studentų g. 11, Akademija Kaunas, LT-53361 Lithuania.

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FYI: Conference Fee: €100; Cost of 2-day Field Excursion: €70 (transport, board, accommodation and excursion guidebook)

September 29-October 1, 2008

Universidad Internacional de Andalucía ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOPS 2008
“MID-HOLOCENE CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION” Baeza, Spain

Contact: Dr. Lourdes Soria (baeza@unia.es)



The banner features the IITA logo on the left with an illustration of bananas and plantains. The central text reads: "Banana and plantain in Africa: Harnessing international partnerships to increase research impact". On the right, there are logos for KARI, FARA, Bioversity International, and ISHS. Below these logos, it says "International Conference Mombasa, Kenya October 5-9, 2008".

www.banana2008.com

PURPOSE

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) is organizing an Africa-based conference that will focus on banana and plantain research across Africa: lessons learnt and the way forward. Fostering international partnerships is a major objective of the conference, with particular emphasis to establish the role of research in promoting future commercial activities and trade in banana, plantain and ensete. There is an urgent need to target basic and applied research that connects to existing and emerging markets. This unique conference will be the first pan-African meeting to link research to markets in an African context. Key priorities:

Develop an African strategy for the next decade to exploit banana and plantain research

Strengthen research partnerships to overcome production bottlenecks

Harmonize research with production trends, emerging markets and trade networks

This conference is urgently needed as banana and plantain are key staple crops in rural households in Africa. They are also being increasingly targeted for income generation through improved linkages with the private sector. The conference also intends to foster research and trade experiences from other commodities. The result of this meeting will be to fully realize the potential of this crucial crop for poverty alleviation and wealth generation.

This conference is being organized in partnership with the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI), Biodiversity International, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) and International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS). We invite you to join us towards a successful and fruitful conference.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The conference will attract an audience with varied but complementary experiences in order to optimize its impact in Africa. This conference will harness experiences from scientists and stakeholders from within and outside Africa. The Scientific Committee is composed of internationally recognized experts to ensure the highest quality of speakers, presentations and papers. Open forum discussions and plenary presentations will be led by prominent keynote speakers and supported by presentations covering both scientific and commercial issues. Further interaction will be stimulated by a comprehensive poster session, field visits and demonstrations.

The conference will be hosted by Leisure Lodge Resort on a beautiful stretch of the Kenyan coast near Mombasa. The Resort is of the highest standard with state-of-the-art conference and recreational facilities. A superb package of pre- and post-conference tours is available for delegates and their families.

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION

The aim is to maintain an affordable rate of 340 USD for registration and 102 USD per night for full-board accommodation. Registration and more information is available on the conference website:

www.banana2008.com

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October 5-9, 2008

International scientific conference: Tropical Rainforests and Agroforests under Global Change, Bali, Indonesia, 5-9 October 2008

Tropical rainforests are disappearing at an alarming rate, causing unprecedented losses in biodiversity and ecosystem services. Despite an increased recognition of the value of these goods at national and international levels, rainforests continue to be seriously threatened by human-induced global change such as agricultural intensification and climate change. Understanding these processes needs an integrated scientific approach linking ecological, economic and social approaches at different scales, from the household and village level to landscapes and regions.

Contact Wolfram Lorenz at lorenz@gwdg.de; info@globalchange-2008.org; www.globalchange-2008.org

October 5-14, 2008

We are happy to invite you to contribute to the **World Conservation Congress**, the premier environmental event of 2008 that will take place in Barcelona, Spain from 5-14 October 2008. The first half of the Congress will be the World Conservation Forum, from 6-9 October. This will be the place to debate pressing environmental issues and solutions for sustainable development. The Forum seeks to reach agreements, share solutions and create new partnerships for a diverse and sustainable world.

Building on IUCN's long history of bringing together diverse stakeholders and providing scientific leadership, the Forum will bring different sectors together from all over the world to share knowledge

and experiences, develop innovative and inspiring solutions and make commitments to help us to move forward together on the path to sustainability.

If you would like to be part of this exciting event and organize one or more event(s) at the Forum, please visit www.iucn.org/congress to find out more. You will be able to submit proposals under this website as of June 1. If you have further questions, please send them to: congressforum@iucn.org

Enrique Lahmann, Congress Manager

October 6-7, 2008



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About the Conference

To address the issue of land use change and climate change in Kanyakumari and its adjacent areas of Tamil Nadu, it is imperative to have a common platform where members of all disciplines come together and discuss its impact on earth. To provide a forum we propose to organize an International Conference on “Land Use Change, Biodiversity and Climate Change” from 6th to 7th October 2008 at Marthandam in Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu. This seminar will focus on global change due to land use change, biodiversity and climate change with special emphasis on South India. It will also study the human response to various ecological changes. It will further concentrate on all aspects of sustainability. Land use change builds bridges among all sciences. It is hoped that the conference will break new ground and foster research among scientists in land use change, biodiversity and climate change.

Sub Topics

- **Land use Change: Physical, Chemical and Biological processes.**
- **Land use Change: Social, Economic and Political Processes.**
- **Land use Change Monitoring: Role of Remote sensing GIS and GPS.**
- **Impact of Land use change on Biodiversity.**
- **Impact of Land use change on Climate change.**

- **Tourism Development and Land use change.**
- **Climate change – Adaptation and Mitigation.**
- **Climate change and Coastal Environment.**
- **Land Resource Management for Sustainable, Biodiversity Development with Reference to Tamil Nadu, India and the world.**

Goals of the Conference:

- Disseminating information on land use change, biodiversity and climate change, methodology, practice and policies.
- Facilitating the exchange of information across disciplines and among individuals, groups and institutions.
- Reaching out to develop collaboration through strengthening the networks and research groups.
 - Highlighting the positive contribution of land use change, biodiversity and climate change, research policy and practice.

Location

Once called the Alexandria of the East, ‘Cape Camorin’, presently Kanyakumari, located on the Southern end of Indian Subcontinent, derived its name from the Virgin Goddess Kanniyakumari. It is a land of harmony where St. Thomas, one of the disciples of Christ, visited and where Swami Vivekananda meditated and enlightenment.

The host town: Marthandam, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu

Steeped in tradition, folklore and history, Marthandam tastes sweet thanks to honey that the beehives yield round the year, going round the world in bottled majesty. Ever-flowing and never-drying river, *Thampiraparani*, would have already injected goodness into the good old village called *Nalloor* that stands high among the rocks and the palm-fringed banks of the river. One kilometer away from the river, there stand the tall and lofty Church that harmoniously links the caste-ridden inglorious past with the enterprising, educational ENDEAVOURS of the present. Nesamony Memorial Christian College (NMCC), Marthandam, Kanyakumari District, is a testament of educational FAITH to the ceremoniously neglected, underprivileged sections of society. And already, it has sent from its womb hundreds of brilliant, talented, confident youth to conquer greater heights of social glory.

The Host College: Nesamony Memorial Christian College (NMCC), (Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli) Marthandam, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu

- **Established in 1964.**
- **Courses UG & PG (Aided & Self supporting).**
- **Co-educational**
- **Students’ strength – 2,750.**
- **Well qualified faculty and well equipped laboratories.**
- **A light to the people of remote and rural regions.**
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- **Nearest International airport - Tiruvananthapuram (45 km).**
- **Nearest Railway station – Kulithurai (1 km).**

Participants

- Academicians
- Research scholars
- Practitioners
- Technicians
- NGOs and
- National and international experts

Papers

- ◆ Papers are invited for presentation in the seminar.

- ◆ The abstract of paper should be typed with double space in Times Roman (12 Font Size), title of the paper, name of author(s), affiliation, text, and references not exceeding one page in MS Word format.
- ◆ The manuscript should be sent to the convener as e-mail attachment latest by **August 20, 2008**.
- ◆ Poster presentations should be indicated in the registration form, the size of the poster should not exceed A0.
- ◆ The programme includes talks and discussions followed by deliberations for recommendations.
- ◆ Poster sessions will be organized during the seminar.

Field Trip (**October 8-9, 2008**)

Registration fee for the field trip is US\$500 for foreign delegates including transportation, meals, accommodation and technical materials. Programme of field trip includes visit to Monumental Heritage sites & Kanyakumari District, Biodiversity, Hot spot, etc.

Seminar Registration Fee

The registration fee will cover the proceeding lunches, refreshments, cocktails and seminar kits.

Category	Amount
Individual Foreign Delegate	US\$100
Indian Delegates	Rs. 500
Students Delegates / Research Scholars	Rs. 200

Field Trip Fee: Individual Foreign Delegates US\$500

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October 9-11, 2008

Universidad Internacional de Andalucia ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOPS 2008
“PLANT BIOMASS FOR FOOD AND ENERGY: FUTURE AND REALITY”

Baeza, Spain Contact: Dr. Lourdes Soria (baeza@unia.es)

October 15-16, 17-19, 2008

2008 International Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) Workshops and Conference, Beijing, China ([2008 SWAT Conference English Web site](#))

Dates

October 15-16, 2008 SWAT workshops (beginners or advanced)

October 17-19, 2008 SWAT conference

Theme

Development and Application of SWAT Model

Conference Venue

Yingdong Academic Halls, Beijing Normal University

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The Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) is a public domain model jointly developed by USDA Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at the Temple,

Texas, USA. 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. It is developed for assessing the impact of management and climate on water supplies, sediment, and agricultural chemical yields in watersheds and larger river basins.

SWAT is widely used in soil erosion prevention and control, non point pollution control and regional environmental management in watersheds. The major components of SWAT include hydrology, weather, erosion, plant growth, nutrients, pesticides, land management, and stream routing.

SWAT is applied in various fields worldwide. In order to promote the development and application of SWAT in China and international communications, Beijing Normal University (BNU) successfully held the First International SWAT Workshop in China on November 5-7, 2006. Authorized by USDA-ARS, the 5th SWAT International Conference will be organized by School of Environment, Beijing Normal University on October 15-19, 2008.

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October 15-18, 2008

IV International Symposium on Transboundary Waters Management, Thessaloniki, Greece
Organised by UNESCO Chair INWEB in cooperation with UNESCO IHP, IGRAC, SAHRA and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Aims of the symposium: Assess the state of the art and recent progress made in the sustainable management of transboundary waters by different disciplines such as law, socio-economics and water science.

Review current major international programmes concerned with the assessment and management of transboundary water resources.

Promote interdisciplinary approaches for integrated transboundary water resources management.

Read more: http://www.inweb.gr/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=241&Itemid=146

October 20-22, 2008

Farming with Grass - a special conference hosted by the Soil & Water Conservation Society

Clarion Meridian Hotel and Convention Center Monday, October 20, 2008 2:00 PM -

737 S Meridian Ave

Wednesday, October 22, 2008 2:00 PM

Oklahoma City, OK 73108-1601

Central Time Zone

USA

More info at www.swcs.org

October 20-23, 2008

The 10th Asian Regional Maize Workshop

Makassar, Indonesia, 20 - 23 October 2008

The Indonesian Agency for Agricultural Research and Development (IAARD) and the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) are pleased to announce the **10th Asian Regional Maize Workshop** to be held in Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia, 20-23 October 2008. Scientists and maize production specialists of all disciplines, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and seed industries are invited to participate and submit contributions under the thematic areas listed below.

Venue: Sahid Jaya Hotel, Jalan Dr. Sam Ratulangi 33, **Makassar 90132, South Sulawesi, Indonesia**

Theme: Maize for Asia: Emerging Trends and Technologies

Workshop secretariat:

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October 20-25, 2008

During the last WWSM in November 2007 in the Philippines, two weeks in October (13-18 or 20-25) were pre-selected for the next **WWSM**. The **WOCAT** global management now decided that the second option is preferable.

We are therefore happy to announce that the next annual WOCAT Workshop and Steering Meeting (WWSM) will take place from **October 20 – 25, 2008 in Switzerland**. Please reserve these dates. The place will be announced in due time.

Hanspeter Liniger, Godert van Lynden, Rima Mekdaschi Studer, Christine Hauert and Gudrun Schwilch
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November 1-6, 2008

6th International Hani-Akha Culture Conference, Luchun County, Yunnan Province, China, near the border area with Northern Vietnam and Lao P.D.R. Mr Bai Bibo welcomes you to the conference organized in his hometown. Trust our members will be interested in presenting academic papers regarding Alkha-Hani Land and Water Conservation in the Mekong River Basin. Contact Bai Bibo, baibibo@hotmail.com

November 9-17, 2008

Soil Classification - Chile

This conference will be held in Santiago, Chile, from 9 to 17 November 2008. The aim of the meeting is to bring together scientists and researchers in the field of soil classification to discuss recent progress in the World Reference Base for Soil Resources and other classification schemes. The conference is jointly organized by the IUSS, the Chilean Society of Soil Science, the Chilean Ministry of Agriculture, the Universities of Chile, Concepcion and La Serena, and the Centre of Advanced Studies in Arid Zones. Please check the website www.scc2008.uchile.cl

November 16-19, 2008

» [The 3rd International Conference on Water Resources and Arid Environments and the 1st Arab Water Forum](#)
Location: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Date: 16-19 November 2008

November 17-20, 2008

The 2nd announcement of the FORTROP II International Conference, 17-20 November 2008, Kasetsart University, Bangkok, for your information.

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December 2-4, 2008

International symposium on regulatory and safety issues in the commercialization of biotechnology research in the developing world

Date: 2-4 December, 2008

Location: Dhaka, Bangladesh

December 9-12, 2008

World Biodiversity Congress, Chiang Mai, Thailand. [More...](#)

December 10-12, 2008

GEO-CHIANGMAI Thailand, focusing on **New Developments** in

- **Soil & Rock Engineering**
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Other events in 2008 from F. X. Browne, Inc. website

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MEETINGS 2009++

January-November 2009

Darwin 200 Symposia

The International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) and The United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) announce the 'Darwin 200' programme to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth in 2009. Darwin 200 will comprise a series of scientific symposia and satellite meetings on five continents. [More...](#)

January 5-7, 2009

Thailand 2009 - Call for Papers Deadline Approaching

Thailand 2009: An International Perspective on Environmental and Water Resources

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REMINDER: Thailand 2009 - Call for Abstracts

Abstract Submission Deadline: **April 4, 2008**

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CONFERENCE TOPICS:

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...AND OTHER RELEVANT TOPICS

Thailand 2009: An International Perspective on Environmental and Water Resources Conference is scheduled to be held January 5-7, 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand at the AIT Conference Centre. The conference will consist of a three-day technical program, inclusive of opening keynote session, a closing panel discussion session, and three concurrent technical session tracks in between the opening and closing sessions. The conference will also include social and networking events as well as tours of Bangkok.

This conference will cover a wide variety of topics related to environmental and water resources. While technical sessions will include topics on both developed and developing countries, much of the focus of this conference will be on water resources and the environment in developing countries, especially in Asia and Africa. The emphasis will be focused on global effect of regional issues and solutions. Participants, including paper presenters and attendees, will include engineers, scientists, planners, economists, and legal professionals from all over the globe. The deadline for abstract submission is fast approaching. Abstracts should describe the theme and content of the proposed paper and should address one or more of the conference topics. A list of conference topics can be found by visiting the conference website at: <http://content.asce.org/conferences/thailand09>. In addition, your abstract must be 500 words or less, written in English; include the full paper title; list the affiliation; mailing address, phone and fax numbers and e-mail address of the author(s) and indicate the primary contact. Abstracts should be submitted electronically via the conference website and are due by April 4, 2008.

Thailand 2009 is being organized by the Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT). Thailand 2009 is the second EWRI-led international conference which follows EWRI's first successful international conference held in New Delhi, India in 2006 jointly with IIT (Kanpur). EWRI is planning a third international conference which is scheduled to be held in 2010 in Chennai, India where EWRI will work jointly with IIT a second time.

For more information about the Thailand 2009 Conference, visit the conference website at:

<http://content.asce.org/conferences/thailand09>.

January 5-8, 2009



The **International Soil and Water Assessment Tool Workshop and Conference in Southeast Asia (SWAT-SEA)** will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, during January 5-8, 2009. **SWAT-SEA** is expected to bring together 300+ people from SEA region and around the world representing academia, government, non-governmental organizations, and private industry, including a large contingent of undergraduate and graduate students. Contact Dr Attachai Jintrawet at attachai@chiangmai.ac.th and attachaij@gmail.com.

First Announcement is in the website: <http://www2.mcc.cmu.ac.th/swat/index.php>

See also the 2008 International SWAT conference in October 2008 in Beijing, China: [2008 SWAT Conference English Web site](#)

February 4-7, 2009

4th World Congress on Conservation Agriculture (IV WCCA) will be held on 4-7 February 2009 in New Delhi. The First Announcement is placed at the website www.icar.org.in/wccagri/index.html; www.wccagri.ernet.in for information to all those who are interested in agriculture and natural resources.

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February 9-12, 2009

International Congress: Global Warming, Biodiversity of Insects: Management and Conservation, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, India. **Contact:** Dr K. Murugan, **t:** 91 422 2422 222 Ext: 483, **f:** 91 422 2422 387, **e:** kmvkvk@yahoo.com | [More...](#)

February 23, 2009

International Conference on Implementing Environmental Water Allocations Port Elizabeth South Africa

March 16-22, 2009

5th World Water Forum. 15-22 March, 2009. Istanbul, Turkey. [Website](#)

June 15-19, 2009

18th Triennial ISTRO Conference

Hopefully you have already received your copy of the first call for submissions to the 18th Triennial ISTRO Conference that will be held **June 15-19, 2009** in Izmir, Turkey. The conference will last five days and include various technical sessions, Working Group meetings, tours and displays. Two different tours will be offered. They are for a Field Day & City Tour on June 17th and Historical Site: Ephesus – House of Virgin Mary on June 18th. Critical times to remember include:

Date	Critical Action
October 15, 2008	Deadline for abstract submission
December 1, 2008	Notification of authors
December 15, 2008	Deadline for early registration
January 31, 2009	Deadline for submission of full papers
March 15, 2009	Notification of Oral and Poster venues

Conference Themes under which oral and poster presentations are to be submitted are:

1. Conservation tillage, direct seeding, & no-till applications
2. Sustainable forest management
3. Rehabilitation of degraded areas
4. Soil compaction: Causes, effects, & control
5. Soil dynamics & traction
6. Soil Management as a tool to reduce erosion, nutrient leaching and greenhouse gas emission
7. Production of bio-fuel
8. Soil biological quality & health

Abstracts of 250 words or less should be submitted by **October 15, 2008**, as a Microsoft Word file on the Congress website (www.istddro2009.ege.edu.tr) or in an email to istro2009@mail.ege.edu.tr. Please name the file attachment with your last and first name.

The Conference will be held at Surmeli Efes Hotel & Resort in Selcuk, Izmir. This site is located about 60 km from the Adnan Menderes International Airport and is very close to the city centre. For more information about the venue, please view their website at:

<http://www.surmelihotels.com/eng/SurmeliEfes/default.asp>. Registration and lodging as a package that also includes meals, banquet dinner, field day tour, and CD is:

Registration for:	Conference Only		Lodging & Conference	
	Early *	Late	Early*	Late
Members	€350	€450	€650	€750
Non-members	€400	€500	€700	€800
Students	€250	€350	€550	€650
Partners			€500	€600
Children (age 6-12)			€400	€500

*Early registration ends 12/15/2008. Also, hotel room prices are for one bed shared in double bed rooms. For single room, please add €25 per day to the room price.

Registration fees should be paid through the website (www.istro2009.ege.edu.tr) or directly to the following banking account: **AKBANK** (Euro Account) (Office of Ege University, **Office Code: 940**), Account Number: **940-07772**; IBAN Number: **TR40 0004 6009 4003 6000 0077 72**.

August 1-6, 2010

The **19th World Congress of Soil Science** will be held in Brisbane, Australia, 1-6 August 2010.

Contact Philippa Tolmie at philippa.tolmie@nrw.qld.gov.au

The **20th WCSS Congress** will be held in Seoul, Korea in 2014.

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