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President's Note: Searching for the President of WASWAC for the period 2011-13

WASWAC has a period of three years for each council. During the past 27 years the WASWAC has been practicing in seeking a person to head the council and the association as the WASWAC President by asking its members to nominate persons who are willing to run the association in the next three years and invite all members to vote. The process used to take place during the third quarter of the last year of each 3-year period, and it is now time for that.

I therefore would like to invite nominations for persons who are willing to run the association during the period of 2011-13. Self-nomination is also welcome. In either case there should be a reasonable number of persons who second such nomination(s). We allow two weeks (until September 28) for the nomination to proceed and will get the outcome from that for the voting. Voting, which will be done by all members except Guest members, will last until Friday, October 8, 2010. The result from that will be tabled at the First WASWAC Council Meeting at the LANDCON 1010 Meeting at Xi'an, China during the period October 11-15, with subsequent announcement of the result.

However, it is a pleasing experience for us during this Transition Year when we are establishing the WASWAC Secretariat in Beijing, China, that we have got one prominent person who voiced his willingness to head the WASWAC in the next three years. That is Prof Li Rui of the Institute of Soil and Water Conservation at Yangling, Shaanxi Province of China. Prof Li Rui has been a Vice President of WASWAC since 2002 and also a Councilor since the council of 2005-07.

We therefore announce this nomination of WASWAC President for 2011-13 open and you can nominate someone you think he or she can run the association to a good progress or you can nominate yourself. When the time comes we would get a suitable person to make our global association run further to enable our natural resources to be well taken care of as the Vision and Mission of the WASWAC indicate.

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LANDCON Series of Meetings*

No.	Meeting topic	Place	Time
0902	Conference of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA): Environmental Connection 09 www.ieca.org	Reno, Nevada, USA	Feb 9-12, 2009
0903	Conference on Land Degradation in Dry Environments jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw	Kuwait City, Kuwait	Mar 8-14, 2009
0905a	Global Change, Challenge for Soil Management: From Degradation – Through Soil and Water Conservation – To Sustainable Soil Management www.sfb.bg.ac.yu/erosion2009/	Tara Mt., Serbia	May 26-30, 2009
0905b	Conference on “The sustainable development of water resources”, organized by Hydrotechnics Faculty of “Politehnica” University of Timisoara, Romania gcr@mail.dnttm.ro	Timisoara, Romania	May 27-28, 2009
0906a	The 10th international meeting on Soil with Mediterranean Type of Climate http://www.cnrs.edu.lb/10IMSMTC.pdf	Beirut, Lebanon	Jun 22-26, 2009
0906b	Conference on “Challenges and Opportunities of Bioindustrial Watershed Development for the Prosperity of the Farming Community”, organized by the Soil Conservation Society of India www.soilcsi.org/	Bengaluru, India	Jun 25-27, 2009
0909	International Conference on Desertification in memory of Professor John B. Thornes http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornes/doku.php , arodi@um.es	Murcia, Spain	Sep 16-18, 2009
0911	International Seminar on Upland for Food Security, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Soedirman, Purwokerto, Central Java. Contact Budi Prakoso prabud2001@yahoo.com	Purwokerto, Central Java, Indonesia	Nov 7-8, 2009
1004a	Interpraevent Conference in the Pacific Rim http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/scchen@nchu.edu.tw	Taipei, Taiwan	Apr 26-30, 2010
1004b	6 th National Seminar on Watershed Management and 4 th National Seminar on Soil Erosion and Sediment. wmconf6@gmail.com , seconf4@gmail.com	Noor, Iran	Apr 28-29, 2010
1005	First International Conference on Soil and Roots Engineering Relationship habibibalani@gmail.com	Ardebil Province, Iran	May 24-26, 2010
1009	FAME 2010 , an annual event organized by Green World Conferences Contact: Derek Michalski at dm@greenworldconferences.com , www.greenworldconferences.com	Berlin, Germany	Sep 13-14, 2010
1010	FIRST WASWAC COUNCIL MEETING and Int. Conf. on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas: www.ms.iswc.ac.cn , lirui@ms.iswc.ac.cn , wafe@ms.iswc.ac.cn , landcon1010@gmail.com	Xian, Shaanxi, China	October 11-15, 2010
1011	International Conference on Cooling the Earth , coolingtheearth2010@rediffmail.com , coolingtheearth2010@gmail.com , drvirsingh@rediffmail.com , www.gbpuat.ac.in	Pantnagar, India	Nov 15-17, 2010
1012a	International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission Seminar on Land Use, Biodiversity and Climate Change dr.mahfuzarahman@gmail.com , http://iguguwahati2010.org	Guwahati, Assam, India	Dec 11-13, 2010
1012b	ASADWA Arid and Semi-arid Development through Water Augmentation, Optimizing water resources in a world of water shortage , www.asadwa.ugent.be . Contact asadwa@ugent.be	Valparaiso, Chile	Dec 13-17, 2010
1101	SWAT SEA II Workshop and Conference: nguyenkimloi@gmail.com http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn ,	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	January 4-8, 2011
1103	BioWise 2011 , an annual event organized by Green World Conferences , Contact: Derek Michalski at dm@greenworldconferences.com , www.greenworldconferences.com	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Mar 14-15, 2011

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

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GOOD NEWS San Diego, CA, June 20, 2010: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 earmarked \$14.6 million to the U.S. Geological Survey for upgrades to its 7,500-station national streamgauge network, and in direct response, has purchased \$3.4 million dollars worth of hi-technology electro-acoustic instruments from San Diego-based SonTek/YSI. **With sincere congratulations from WASWAC. – Ed.**

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Conference organizers may ask for a 'LANDCON Cooperation Package' from WASWAC, where among several benefits you may ask WASWAC to endorse your event, register it in the global LANDCON series of meetings as well as to offer participants free Guest membership in WASWAC for one year.

This is our service to society. Ask for the file Cooperation Package from sombatpanit@yahoo.com or click <http://waswac.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html> & <http://waswac.soil.gd.cn/package.html>.

IMPORTANT

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MEETINGS 2010

September 2010

[12th International Conference of Agronomy](#) Location: North Sinai, Egypt

September 5-9, 2010

7th Solanaceae Conference in Dundee, Scotland

The Scottish Crop Research Institute and the UK-SOL - the research consortium for the Solanaceous crops in the UK will host the SOL 2010 from 5-9 September 2010 in Dundee, Scotland. The conference programme will include sessions on: SOL Biodiversity and Evolution, Plant Growth and Development, Biotic Stress, Abiotic Stress, Informatics and Computational Biology, Tools and Emerging Technologies, The SOL Genomes, Translational Genomics and Molecular Breeding, Metabolomics and Proteomics and Crop Specific Workshops. Delegates wishing to give an oral or poster presentation at the conference can submit an abstract online till 30 June. Details of the Conference and registration information can be viewed at <http://www.sol2010.org/>

September 6-8, 2010

AgEng2010 – International Conference on Agricultural Engineering "Towards Environmental Technologies", Venue: Clermont-Ferrand, France, Organiser: Cemagref, SitmaAFGR,AFEID, www.ageng2010.org,

info@ageng2010.fr Deadline for Submission of abstracts on-line via AgEng2010 CF website: December 15, 2009 (short time extension is possible, please write to info@ageng2010.fr)

International Conference on Agricultural Engineering **AgEng 2010 CF** Towards Environmental Technologies



September 6-8, 2010

The **Third IASTED African Conference on Water Resource Management** (AfricaWRM 2010), SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, September 6-8, 2010, Gaborone, Botswana. Contact calgary@iasted.org.

September 6-9, 2010

The **Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) conference** is pleased to announce a Call for Workshops and Tutorials for the 2010 conference, being held September 6-9, 2010, in Barcelona, Spain.

Please visit our site to subscribe and find more information about this conference: <http://2010.fooss4g.org>

Or contact Conference Chair for details about this announcement: Lorenzo Becchi E-mail: lbecchi@osgeo.org

September 7-9, 2010

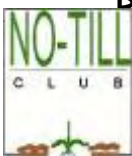
International conference on high nature value farmland for the delivery of ecosystem services in Europe, 7-9 September, Sibiu, Romania

The European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism, in partnership with Fundia ADEPT and Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, are hosting a conference entitled "High Nature Value (HNV) grasslands: securing the ecosystem services of European farming post 2013." The conference will propose improved EU strategies for maintaining HNV farming and grasslands. Central to the conference is the field trip to the Tarnava Mare area, one of the most biodiverse farmed lowland landscapes remaining in Europe. ADEPT is working to maintain HNV farming and encourage appropriate rural development as keys to conserving the values of this extensive Natura 2000 site. The conference will discuss the role of HNV farming in providing a wide range of ecosystem services, including biodiversity, carbon sequestration, quality and security of water and food, and resistance to climate change, fires and flooding. For more information, please visit their [website](#).

September 7-9, 2010

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Day 1 TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER : VIEW EQUIPMENT EXPO

12h00	Expo of no-till equipment in the precincts of the conference hall.	Delegates to view the latest no-till equipment plus get an opportunity to talk to the dealers and have a chance to win valuable prizes while doing so. BUT YOU MUST HAVE BEEN AT THE EXPO!
18h00	All registered delegates attending the conference! The Club invites you to a braai to meet new friends, renew old acquaintances and mix with exhibitors and speakers.	Enjoy a sociable time together at the braai. Braai packs will be on sale and the Club will supply salads and bread rolls.

Day 2 WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER: CONFERENCE: THE FUTURE IS NO-TILL.

09h00	Welcome – Outline of conference. General discussion on Club's activities and future plans.	RALF KUSEL, Chairman of the No-Till Club of KZN.
09h45	What is the situation of no-till conservation tillage worldwide? What are the new developments?	A world authority on no-till conservation tillage – DR. ADEMIR CALEGARI from BRAZIL.
11h00	Tea and Coffee	LOOK AT MACHINERY AND OTHER DISPLAYS
11h30	Growing vegetables successfully using the	An expert in vegetable production, who has used

	no-till system.	no-till with great success, will share his experiences. BILL KERR, ALPHA SEEDS
12h15	Weed control in no-till conservation tillage is very important: GRANT ORSMOND: TEE JETS THOM STEYN: MONSANTO	Controlling weeds is not easy; practical hints will be shared on the use of correct nozzles and pressures together with water quality to ensure accurate and effective herbicide application.
13h00	LUNCH	LOOK AT MACHINERY AND OTHER DISPLAYS
14h00	Protein Research Committee. JOHAN FOURIE.	Report on the yields and winners of the Protein Research Supa Soya Competition.
14h45	PowerPoint presentations of machines to be demonstrated prior to going to the field.	All exhibitors involved in demonstrating equipment will be able to explain their equipment in the hall.
15h15	FIELD DEMONSTRATIONS	Attend machinery and cover crop demo in field.
18h00	Cocktail party and prize giving for Super Soya Competition.	A cash bar will be available.
18h40	Message from SANTAM Agriculture.	SANTAM Agriculture.
19h30	CONFERENCE DINNER	Guest speaker HENNIE VILJOEN – AMOS AGRIMIN.
Day 3 THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER : SUCCESS STORIES FROM NO-TILL FARMERS		
08h30	No-till conservation tillage in the Northern Cape.	Dr. Ben Spies of Petrusville will discuss his no-till experiences.
09h15	No-till Conservation tillage in Mphumalanga.	André de Villiers who farms in the Leslie and Kinross area will share his experiences with no-till.
10h00	What role do cover crops have with no-till? The implementation of crop rotation with no-till. How are carbon credits working in the world?	We have asked DR. ADEMIR CALEGARI, BRAZIL, to discuss cover crops in our summer rainfall areas, and what to use to increase the health of our soils.
10h45	Tea and Coffee	
11h15	Panel discussion and summary.	Facilitator – Johann du Plessis.
13h00	LUNCH	

IT IS NECESSARY TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE

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**“ALWAYS LEAVE THE SOIL IN A CONDITION SO THE NEXT GENERATION
CAN USE IT TO GROW”**

As I thought that some CA-CoP subscribers may be interested, I have attached hereto a copy of the programme covering the KwaZulu-Natal No-Till Club's 2010 annual conference which is to be held from September 7th to the 9th. Through your circulation of a similar programme last year, a number of delegates from Africa attended the 2009 conference from such countries as Kenya and Tanzania. For those interested in attending, contact details are given on the programme and as below

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September 8-29, 2010

Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the **Convention on Biological Diversity - CBD COP 10**
<http://www.cbd.int/meetings>:

September 9-11, 2010

Croatia Branch Plans Conference on Soil Tillage

The Organizing Committee of the Croatia Soil Tillage Research Organization – CROSTRO and International Soil Tillage Research Organization – ISTRO, invites all ISTRO members and other interested persons to an international scientific conference entitled “Soil Tillage, An Open Approach” in Osijek, Republic of Croatia, from the 9-11 of September 2010. <http://suncokret.pfos.hr/~hdpot/simpozij.htm>, Bojan.Stipesevic@pfos.hr

Over 40 delegates have already registered. The conference themes will be:

1. Soil tillage in function of environmental protection
2. Conservation tillage – direct seeding – no-tillage

3. Soil biotic and abiotic degradations – causes and consequences
4. Soil tillage – new approach – technologies – perspectives

The scientific and professional presentations will promote correct application of agrotechnical measures, the newest state-of-the-art information and techniques, and alternative approaches in agricultural production – all in the scope of soil tillage. English will be the official language for the conference. For more information including regards travel and accommodation, see the website contact Dr. Bojan Stipešević – Branch President at: Bojan.Stipesevic@pfos.hr

September 12-15, 2010

ABIC 2010 *Bridging biology and business* is the theme of the Ag-Biotech Conference in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada scheduled September 12-15, 2010. Conference organizer is Ag-West Bio, Inc. Details of the conference which targets biotech industry players, biotech managers, government officials, scientists, and academics, are at <http://www.abic.ca/abic2010>

September 13-15, 2010

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

LandCon 1009 Meeting

September 13-14, 2010

FAME 2010, an annual event organized by **Green World Conferences**

Contact: Derek Michalski at dm@greenworldconferences.com, www.greenworldconferences.com

NOTE: WASWAC members are eligible to have 50% discount of the registration fee.

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

September 14, 2010

(Full Day Highly Interactive Workshop as a part of the Biofuels Hall Of Fame 2010 Summit And Exhibition)

Integrated Energy Systems for Biodiesel Production Utilizing Algae and Jatropha, by Mr Russell Teall, President and Founder, Biodiesel Industries, USA. Contact: Derek Michalski, President, [Green World Conferences dm@greenworldconferences.com](mailto:dm@greenworldconferences.com)

September 15-17, 2010

New Zealand Soil Carbon Conference



The second New Zealand Soil Carbon Conference is being held in Wellington, NZ from the 15-17th of September. We are pleased to offer participants a rich content of insightful keynote addresses, panels as well as intellectual and practical discussions. The wide

variety of speakers will draw together the science and practical methods behind biological/carbon farming, and the benefits of building humus and soil carbon. This conference will address the challenges facing many of us at this present time along with some ideas for change through innovation. The New Zealand Soil Carbon Conference brings together an unprecedented range and calibre of participants, offering a unique opportunity for attendees to socialize, network and exchange ideas with peers from across the cutting edge of agricultural and scientific communities. For more information please go to www.soilcarbonconference.co.nz or email Nicole@integritysoils.co.nz (From IUSS Alert 60)

September 18-20, 2010

I am sending you for circulation to all the readers of the CA-CoP-listserv an announcement on the **International Conference on**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON
TRADITIONAL PRACTICES IN CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE
September 18-20, 2010

Organized by
Asiatic Agri-History Foundation (AAHF), Secunderabad
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At
Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth University, Pratap Nagar,
Udaipur-313001, Rajasthan, India

Traditional Practices in Conservation Agriculture to be held from 18-20 September 2010 in Bengal Chapters in collaboration with Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology and the Rajasthan College of Agriculture, Udaipur. It is co-sponsored by Center for Indian Knowledge System, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India. I am confident that the scientists/agencies involved in research and development in conservation agriculture would find it extremely useful. The persons interested in attending it should fill the attached form and send it to the Organizing secretary, Dr. S. L. Choudhary (slcchoudhary@yahoo.com or slc_aahfrc@rediffmail.com). **Surendra Beniwal, Ph.D., Hon. Prof., Trustee, Asian Agri-History Foundation, Tel (Cell-India):+91 98102 74491.** An 8-p digital brochure (right) is available upon request.

September 20-24, 2010

Henry A. Wallace/CATIE Inter-American Scientific Conference Series, 6th Conference, Turrialba, Costa Rica September 20-24, 2010, Agrobiodiversity in Mesoamerica from genes to landscapes

The aim of this conference is to strengthen the use and management of agrobiodiversity in Mesoamerica by bringing together international research and public sector organizations, universities and civil society to study, analyze and take action to promote sustainable land management, in recognition of the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010, as declared by the United Nations. The conference will link science, practical action and policy to address the challenge of loss of agricultural biodiversity in Mesoamerica.

For more information, contact Fabrice DeClerck, CATIE, fdclerck@catie.ac.cr, + (506) 2558-2596. (From PES Newsletter for February 2010) Register [here](#).

September 21-22, 2010

**ForeStClim Mid-term Conference,
Nancy (France), 21/22 September 2010
*European Forestry - Fit for Climate Change?***



On behalf of the *ForeStClim* Project Steering Committee it is my privilege and pleasure to invite all those who are interested in participating in the *ForeStClim* Mid-term Conference to be held at Nancy, France, in a town with a long-lasting forest tradition.

High population densities, strong economic activities and climate change, place natural environments in North West Europe under increasing pressure. The sustainable management of these natural resources is of vital importance of the advancement of the entire North West European area.

Forests cover about 17.4 million hectares of North West Europe and, as long-lived ecosystems, will be especially vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Adaptation strategies are necessary to preserve the present diversity of forests and to use them sustainably in a changed climate.

It is the aim of the *ForeStClim* Mid-term Conference to gather forest scientists, decision-makers, NGO's and all stakeholders from Europe and even around the world. The *ForeStClim* Mid-term Conference will be a great opportunity to get together and exchange views on how to develop adaptation strategies to give forests a sound and sustainable future. I am looking forward to meeting you in Nancy!

Prof. Dr. Gebhard Schüler (ForeStClim project manager) <http://www.forestclim.eu>, midterm@forestclim.eu

September 21-22, 2010

[IECA Mid-Atlantic Chapter 17th Annual Conference, Workshop & Trade Exposition - "NTUs and You":](#)
September 21-22, 2010 in Front Royal, VA. Hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter.

September 22-24, 2010

XI International Rice Conference for Latin American and the Caribbean

Rice centers Latin American Fund for Irrigated Rice (FLAR), the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), the Rice Growers Federation of Colombia (FEDEARROZ) and the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) have co-organized the XI International Rice Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean on 22 to 24 September 2010 at the Intercontinental Hotel, Cali, Colombia. The theme "Rice Challenges in the XX1 Century" aims to showcase the progress made in the region, highlighting the strategic position it has made in the future supply of rice, not only at continental level but also with the ever-increasing global demand. The focus will be on a) Innovation and development for rice; b) Breeding and Biotechnology - expectations and realities; and c) Production, markets and trends.

For details see the invitation at: http://www.conferenciaarroz2010.com/inicio_eng.html

September 23-24, 2010

Climate Governance - The way forward in a post-Copenhagen world *Graz, Austria* [More Information](#)

OR

September 23-24, 2010

Climate Governance - The way forward in a post-Copenhagen world *London, UK* [More Information](#)

September 23-24, 2010

[STEPS Conference 2010](#): Pathways to Sustainability: Addressing environmental sustainability has become a central practical, moral and political challenge of our times. The conference, "Pathways to Sustainability: Agendas for a new politics of environment, development and social justice", which will take place on **23rd-24th September 2010 at the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University, Brighton (UK)**, will explore how to conceptualise and build 'pathways' that link environmental integrity and social justice, while alleviating poverty and inequity. The five themes of the conference are: contesting sustainabilities; framing narratives; dynamics and sustainability; uncertainty, ambiguity and surprise; pathway-building and governance.

August 23-28, 2010

Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC) 2010 Annual Meeting "Tropical biodiversity: surviving the food, energy and climate crisis" *Bali, Indonesia* [More Information](#)

September 27-28, 2010

[12th Annual BIOECON Conference](#): Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, in association with Conservation International and the United Nations Environment Programme, announces the Twelfth International BIOECON Conference "From the Wealth of Nations to the Wealth of Nature: Rethinking Economic Growth". The Conference will be held at the **Centro Culturale Don Orione Artigianelli, Venice, Italy, on September 27th-28th, 2010**. The central theme will focus on the identification of the most effective and efficient instruments for biodiversity conservation, such as auctions of biodiversity conservation contracts, payment-for-services contracts, taxes, tradable permits, voluntary mechanisms and straightforward command and control measures. Special attention will be given to the role of public bodies/NGOs in the creation of innovative mechanisms for the delivery of ecosystem benefits and in promoting the participation of a wider range of economic agents in biodiversity conservation.

The conference organizers invite submission of papers by **May 28, 2010**. For more information on paper submission please go to: http://www.bioecon.ucl.ac.uk/04_12_ann-conf.htm

The Conference Programme Committee will provide 10 grants to researchers coming from developing countries to participate in the conference. To be considered for a Conference scholarship, applicants must submit a paper and attach a letter from their institution or supervisor that establishes financial need, and send it to Silvia Bertolin (silvia.bertolin@feem.it) by **May 28, 2010**.

September 27-29, 2010

[International conference "innovation in food science and nutrition.....future challenges"](#)

Location: Cairo, Egypt, Documents: [Image 1](#) - [Image 2](#)

September 27-October 1, 2010

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

September 27-October 1, 2010

Senegal to Host 5th World Cowpea Conference

The Fifth World Cowpea Research Conference, the gathering of scientists to assess threats to the survival and production of cowpea will be held in Saly, Senegal on 27 September to 1 October 2010. Cowpea or black-eyed peas are a global commodity grown in nearly every region in the world with Sub-Saharan Africa accounting for about 70% of total world production. "Black-eyed peas have been largely neglected despite their multiple benefits and the fact that developing new, high-yield varieties could boost farm incomes by as much as 50 percent while improving household nutrition," said Peter Hartmann, director general of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA).

The topics to be discussed include among others:

- "Designer" peas: State-of-the-art genetic research to develop "designer," insect-resistant black-eyed peas.
- Space food: NASA's efforts to use cowpea as food for astronauts because of its exceptional nutritional value and potential for cultivation in space station greenhouses.

- Cowpea genemap: Update work to produce a new genetic map for cowpea which has used methods developed through the Human Genome Project to accelerate efforts to breed improved varieties.
- Biological controls for cowpea pests: Utilizing genomics tools to develop and deploy biocontrol agents to manage insect pest populations.
- Postharvest - Reducing insect damage to cowpea in storage is a cost-effective way to increase the food supply. Millions of African farmers are using hermetic storage without insecticides to safely store cowpea.

IITA will be co-hosting the event with the Government of Senegal, the Dry Grain Pulses Collaborative Research Support Program, and Purdue University.

To get involved in the conference, check the website at <http://cowpea2010.iita.org/>. Details of this article can be viewed at http://www.iita.org/cms/details/news_feature_details.aspx?articleid=3716&zoneid=342.

September 29-October 1, 2010

2010 BioSpain in Pamplona, Spain The Spanish Association of Biotechnology and the Société de développement de Navarra (SODENA) are organizing the biennial event BioSpain 2010 in Pamplona, Spain from 29 September to 1 October. The event brings together a large group of national experts in the biotechnology sector, and to date, about 160 companies have already confirmed their participation in the commercial area, mainly from Spain, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany and India. The event boasts scientific sessions, roundtable discussion on "Opportunities and Challenges in Global Biomarkets", biopartnering and investors' forum.

Details on this event can be viewed at <http://fundacion-antama.org/biospain-2010-se-vuelve-mas-internacional-con-mas-de-1-500-participantes/>

October 4-7, 2010

EUROPEAN CONGRESS on CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE: Towards agro-environmental, climate and energetic sustainability

The Spanish Conservation Agriculture Association / Living Soils (AEAC/SV), jointly with the European Conservation Agriculture Federation (ECAAF) and the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) are organizing the "European Congress on Conservation Agriculture: Towards agro-environmental, climate and energetic sustainability", to be held in Madrid 4th-7th October 2010.

This European Congress offers a quality leap forward on issues under a holistic view within the field of Conservation Agriculture. This event will comprise presentations communications and experiences delivering the latest results achieved, not only in the traditional Conservation Agriculture areas of research, but also in those that have been opened in response to current problems facing the environment, including climate change, energy saving and economic profitability, and the search for models of sustainability in European agro-ecosystems.

Development agencies and donors, policy makers and administrators, environmentalists, farmers, agricultural scientists and advisors, and the agricultural industry are welcome to attend this event. The Congress has attracted among its keynote speakers and delegates, authorities and leading scientists on conservation agriculture, soil management, agronomy, crop protection and global environmental issues.

Additional details about this European Congress can be found in our Web site:

www.eurocongressca.eu, Contact info@eurocongressca.eu for more information.

Looking forward to meeting you in Madrid. The Organising Committee Tel:+34 957 422 099; Fax:+34 957 422 168

NOTE: A well-described 20-page brochure is available from info@eurocongressca.eu upon request.

October 6-8, 2010

ECHO Agricultural Conference for Northeast India

The *ECHO Agricultural Conference for Northeast India*, the first of its kind in the region, will be hosted by **NEICORD** (North East India Committee on Relief and Development) in collaboration with the ECHO Asia Regional Office. The conference, organized for those engaged in agriculture development in Northeast India, will focus on sharing among participants, particularly with regard to improvement of hill cultivation, eco-forestry, SRI and preserving the environment. The conference will include plenary sessions on important issues provided by excellent resource persons. Participants will be able to network and exchange skills and knowledge. Venue: Barapani, Shillong - Meghalaya

For more information contact: Joshi Tuisum, Phone - +919436102076, +919436102076 Email -

jtuisum2003@yahoo.com, charity@neicord.org

October 6-10, 2010

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

October 8-29, 2010

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

The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) will be held in Nagoya, Japan on 8th-29th of October 2010. This meeting is expected to assess achievement of the 2010 target to reduce significantly the rate of biodiversity loss, adopt an international regime on access and benefit-sharing and celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity 2010. <http://www.cbd.int/meetings>
<http://www.cop10.jp/aichi-nagoya/english/cop/cop.html>

October 9-13, 2010

[THE 7TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE ABU DHABI](#), Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates

October 11, 2010

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



October 11-14, 2010

[Workshop on "Science Centre in Promoting a Knowledge and Innovative Society for Sustained and Responsible Growth in Developing Countries"](#) Date: 11-14 October 2010 Location: Kuala Lumpur,

Malaysia

October 11-15, 2010

COP-MOP 5, Nagoya, Japan

The fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties will be held in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan from 11 to 15 October, 2010. During the whole year, events will occur in every region of the world to raise public awareness of the importance of **biological diversity to human well-being**. Documents on the Standing Issues and on the Substantive issues arising from the Medium-term Programme of work and Previous COP-MOP Decisions can be viewed and downloaded at <https://www.cbd.int/mop5/>.

LANDCON 1010 Meeting*

October 11-15, 2010

International Conference on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas and the First Annual Councilor Meeting of WASWAC (LANDCON1010)

(The 3rd Announcement)

I INVITATION

You are cordially invited to participate in the International Conference on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas and the First Annual Councilor Meeting of WASWAC (LANDCON1010) to be held in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China from October 11th to 15th, 2010.

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

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

We sincerely hope that you will join us in making LANDCON1010 a success.
We look forward to welcoming you to LANDCON 2010 and Xi'an, China.

II THEMES

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

III ORGANIZATION

1 Initiative organizations

World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWAC)
Soil and Water Conservation Society of China (CSWCS)

2 Sponsors

Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)
Ministry of Water Resources, China (MWR)
Shaanxi Provincial People's Government

3 Host

Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, CAS & MWR



IV VENUE AND DATE

Date: October 11-15, 2010

Venue: Paradise Resort Xi'an (Qujiang Xian Hui Yuan Bin Guesthouse – see above pictures)

www.87663333.com/php/en_index.php Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, P. R. China. Contact sales@87663333.com

V PUBLICATION

1 The proceeding of Landcon1010 will be published by Springer. All full paper would be indexed by JSTP and EI.

2 Important date of paper (*New update*)

Deadline for Abstract Submission: June 10, 2010

Abstract Acceptance Notification: June 20, 2010

Deadline for Full Paper Submission: July 31, 2010

IMPORTANT: WASWAC members are still welcome to send their abstracts.

VI SECRETARIAT

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October 12-13, 2010

Conference on Agribiotech and Seed Market in Jakarta, Indonesia

Agribiotech & Seed Market 2010 is set for October 12-13, 2010 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The conference theme will be "Increasing farm productivity through technology". Topics for discussion include seed market development and consolidation, agricultural development, outlook for key crops, and research and development advancements in breeding and yield improvement.

Details of the conference are at <http://www.cmtevents.com?ev=101041&st=54&pg=sc>

October 13-15, 2010

IECA Fifth Ibero-American Congress on Erosion and Sediment Control: October 13-15, 2010 in Panama, Panama. Hosted by the Ibero American Chapter.

October 14-16, 2010

1st Latin American Conference of Vetiver, Santiago, Chile www.conferenciavetiver.cl

Contact: carolinarivas@conferenciavetiver.cl





1st Latin American Conference of Vetiver

www.conferenciavetiver.cl *A green hope...*

October 20-21, 2010

VII Seminário sobre Pragas, Doenças e Plantas Daninhas do Feijoeiro Melhores informações e inscrição:

<http://www.iac.sp.gov.br/Inscrição%20cursos/Feijoeiro/feijoeiro.htm>

October 24-26, 2010



2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON APPLIED BIOTECHNOLOGY "ICAB-2010"

"BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE HUMAN SOCIETY"

Date: 24-26 OCTOBER 2010 Location: Sudan, KHARTOUM

O Instituto Agronômico e o Polo Regional do Sudoeste Paulista, da Agência Paulista de Tecnologia dos Agronegócios, da Secretaria de Agricultura e Abastecimento do Estado de São Paulo, convidam Vossa Senhoria para participar do VII Seminário Sobre Pragas, Doenças e Plantas Daninhas do Feijoeiro, a realizar-se nos dias 20 e 21 de outubro de 2010, em Campinas (SP).

Local: Instituto Agronômico - IAC
 Anfitriã: "Olívio Tissoti Filho"
 Av. Barão de Itapura, 1.481 - Campinas (SP)
 Fone: (19) 2157-0600

Programação

20 de outubro

- 8h - Inscrições e entrega de material
- 9h - Abertura
- 9h30 - Palestra: Desafios do Agronegócio Brasileiro
Eduardo Daher - ANDEF
- 10h30 - Intervalo
- 10h30 - Espaço Técnico
- 10h45 - Palestra: Agricultura de Precisão
José Paulo Medeiros - ESALQ/USP
- 10h45 - Espaço Técnico
- 11h45 - Almoço
- 13h30 - Mesa-redonda: Capacitação Tecnológica de Operadores da Rede de Defensivos Agrícolas - Segurança Pessoal, Ambiental e Alimentar
Moderador: Margal Zuppi da Conceição - Consultor
José A. Alves Kurthoff - ANDEF
Henrique Mazzoni - ANDAM
Aramis Moutinho Junior - OCESP
- 15h15 - Espaço Técnico
- 15h30 - Intervalo
- 15h30 - Mesa-redonda: Pragas na Cultura do Feijão
Moderador: César Fagotto Stein - IAC/APTA
Insetos Pragas: Arinda Leal Bojça Junior - UNESP/IJabotocabal
Mossigo-dourado: Valdir Atsushi Yuki - IAC/APTA
Nematóides: Carlos Eduardo Rossi - IAC/APTA
- 17h35 - Coquetel

21 de outubro

- 7h30 - Inscrições e entrega de material
- 8h - Palestra: Melhoramento Genético do Feijoeiro no Brasil: Atualidades e Perspectivas
Sérgio Augusto Menais Carbonell - IAC/APTA
- 8h45 - Espaço Técnico
- 9h - Intervalo
- 9h30 - Mesa-redonda: Plantas Daninhas na Cultura do Feijão
Moderador: Edson Ulisses Ramos Junior - DOD/APTA
Pedro Jacob Cristoffolini - ESALQ/USP
Manejo de Plantas Daninhas e Adequação da Tecnologia de Aplicações para a Cultura do Feijão
Cleber Daniel de Goes Masciel - Consultor
Sistemas de Produção de Palha para o Manejo de Plantas Daninhas na Cultura do Feijão
Francisco Skora Neto - P. R. Ponta Grossa/APAR
- 11h - Sessão de Pôsteres
- 13h - Almoço
- 13h30 - Mesa-redonda: Doenças na Cultura do Feijão
Moderador: Marco Akira Ito - DOD/APTA
Doenças Fúngicas: Trézilze José de Paula Junior - EPAMIG
Doenças Bacterianas: Antônio Carlos Marignoni - UNESP/Botucatu
Qualidade Sanitária de Sementes: José Otávio Machado Memes - ESALQ/USP
- 15h45 - Espaço Técnico
- 15h30 - Intervalo
- 15h45 - Mesa-redonda: Perspectivas em Fitossanidade para a Cultura do Feijão
Moderador: Elaine Bahiá Wutke - IAC/APTA
Visão do Pesquisador
João Kurthoffski - Pesquisador - EMBRAPA Arroz e Feijão
Visão do Consultor
Zaurina Alexandrina Lóioles - Consultor
Produtor
Elizama Baldasserri Paranhos e Fernando Antonio Paranhos - Produtores
- 17h30 - Encerramento

Ficha de Inscrição e Instruções para Resumos

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October 25-29, 2010



Global Forum on Salinization and Climate Change

Valencia, Spain, 25-29 October 2010

2nd Circular



Salinization is a problem long being associated to agriculture, both as a constraint and as the result of inappropriate practices. In addition, agriculture intensification, as well as changes in temperature and precipitation patterns expected from climate change, are likely to further affect the salt-water balance of fragile ecosystems.

Information on the relations between climate change, salt affected habitats and salinization processes is scattered. There is a need to have a better picture of which are the most affected or vulnerable areas and promote practices that can be used to adapt agricultural production in fragile areas to climate change. This will contribute to food security and reducing stress on ecosystems.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Universidad de Valencia, together with several sponsors, are convening a *Global Forum on Salinization and Climate Change*. The Forum will be hosted by the Universidad de Valencia and Spanish authorities, in Valencia, Spain, from the 25 to 29 October 2010.

The Forum will constitute an opportunity to discuss, from a multi-disciplinary perspective, the problems associated with salinization and climate change and will strengthen the dialogue between policy makers, scientists and field experts. We are calling for soil, water, agriculture and biodiversity experts and institutions, environment and agriculture ministries, private sector and regional and international organizations dealing with salinization or climate change.

The forum will have a mixed format: the scientific basis for different thematic areas will be presented and discussed during the mornings, while there will be time for economic and policy considerations during the afternoons, providing opportunities for interaction between policy makers, scientists and field experts. The following topics will be covered:

- I. Identifying systems vulnerable to salinization, including agroecosystems (irrigated and rainfed), soils, water bodies, biodiversity and fragile ecosystems and available tools and information systems to assess and monitor the evolution of salinization
- II. Preventing and managing salinization under climate change threats: learning from past experiences, introducing new technologies and facilitating the exchange of knowledge
- III. Alternative land use systems/ecosystem services in salt-affected habitats
- IV. Evaluating the effects of climate change on coastal areas, lagoons and wetlands, including economical, social and environmental aspects.
- V. Analysis of the effects of increased salinization on food security at national, regional and global levels.

Space for displaying posters, information from institutions and a technology fair will be available in the premises. The Forum language will be English.

Contributions to the Forum can be in the form of extended abstracts of between 2000 to 3000 words (see guidelines for preparation), posters and questionnaires addressed to scientists or policy makers for discussion sessions. The meeting proceedings will be available in December 2010.

Funding is available to cover the participation of a limited number of scientists, field experts and policy makers presenting extended abstracts from [eligible countries](#). The funded participants will be selected by the scientific committee. **Registration for non-funded participants will be 100 Euros.**

Your participation in the Forum is an opportunity to expose your work and expertise to a wide audience, to identify further needs from the scientific and policy point of view, to identify priorities for action and exchange practices and technologies to combat salinization and adapt agriculture to climate change.

To register or request funding, please send an e-mail to the organizing committee at Jorge.Battle@uv.es and SPUSH-Secretariat@fao.org, specifying if you are requesting funding or if you are interested in a space for exhibition. The following are the Forum important dates:

For funded participants

- 30/06/ 2010: Deadline for applications (due).
- 31/07/2010: Authors will be informed of the decision of the scientific committee regarding their application for funding.
- 31/08/2010: Deadline for reception of extended abstracts.

For self-funded participants

- 15/09/2010: End of Pre-registration period (link to the pre-registration form) and Abstracts reception.
- 18/09/2010: Notification of Acceptance for contributions (with indication of oral or poster modality) and opening of the registration period.
- 01/10/2010: Deadline for fee payment and submission of formatted extended-abstracts for self-funded participants.

For all participants

- 10/10/2010: Deadline for file submission of the powerpoint presentation and manuscript, for oral presenters.
- 25/10/2010: Opening of Global Forum.

For extended information visit <http://www.uv.es/jorba/GFSCC2010>

The Organising Committee

October 25-29, 2010

The Mexican Society of Soil Science and Institute of Agricultural Science of the University of Baja California, Mexico, are pleased to invite you to participate in the **XXXV National Congress of Soil Science and XIII International Congress of Agricultural Sciences**, which will take place from 25 to 29 October 2010 in Mexicali City, Baja California, Mexico. This event is an excellent opportunity to join the researchers, academics, professionals, students and farmers to share their knowledge, research and experience about Soil Science, and discuss about the “Soil, as life sustenance and our best ally against weather change”. For more details please visit http://ica.mx1.uabc.mx/icaweb_archivos/xiiicongreso/xiiiCongreso.htm (From IUSS Alert 63)



October 27-29, 2010

SOCIEDAD COLOMBIANA DE LA CIENCIA DEL SUELO XV CONGRESO COLOMBIANO DE LA CIENCIA DEL SUELO

Hotel de Pereira, Pereira-Risaralda Octubre 27-28 y 29 de 2010

“EL SUELO:

**SOPORTE DE LA BIODIVERSIDAD Y PRODUCCIÓN EN
AGROECOSISTEMAS TROPICALES”**



COMISIONES CIENTÍFICAS:

- Fertilidad de suelos y nutrición vegetal
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- Biología del suelo
- Usos de la tierra
- Educación en ciencia del suelo

SIMPOSIOS:

- Captura de carbono y cambio climático.
- Calidad de suelos.
- Innovación educativa y futuro de la ciencia del suelo.
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- Suelos ácidos, salinos, sódicos, calcáreos y yesíticos.
- Suelo, ambiente y sociedad.

NORMAS PARA PRESENTACION DE TRABAJOS

INSTRUCCIONES A LOS AUTORES

RESUMENES PARA TRABAJOS ORALES

Fecha límite de entrega: **JUNIO 30 de 2010**

TAMAÑO: 1 Hoja Tamaño Carta (21,5 x 27,0 cm) con márgenes de 2,5 cm a todos los lados, a una columna, espacio sencillo

TITULO. Times New Roman, tamaño 12 en mayúscula y negrita. Sin espacio entre líneas y centrado.

AUTORES: Times New Roman, tamaño 11 en negrita y centrado

ENTIDAD: Times New Roman, tamaño 12 en negrita e itálica.

CORREO ELECTRONICO DE LOS AUTORES: Times New Roman 11.

TEXTO DEL RESUMEN: Times New Roman, tamaño 12. Deberá contener objetivos, situación actual del tema muy sucintamente, métodos y técnicas empleadas, resultados y conclusiones. (Con un máximo de 350 palabras). Incluya al final del resumen, tres palabras claves que identifiquen el contenido del trabajo en un renglón aparte en *itálica*.

RESUMEN AMPLIADO

El resumen expandido no debe exceder las 4 páginas, los cuadros y/o figuras deberán estar insertados dentro del texto con el título en la parte inferior, no se aceptarán en archivos separados. Los trabajos deberán ser escritos en español en formato Microsoft Word, Times New Roman 11. Es obligatorio el uso del Sistema Internacional de Unidades.

INSTRUCCIONES PARA EL RESUMEN AMPLIADO

TITULO. Times New Roman, tamaño 12 en mayúscula y negrita en Español y en Ingles (Minúscula y tamaño 11 en negrita).

AUTORES: Times New Roman, tamaño 11 en negrita y Cursiva

ENTIDAD: Times New Roman, 11, cursivas.

CORREO ELECTRONICO: Times New Roman 11 cursiva.

RESUMEN EN ESPAÑOL Y ABSTRACT.

INTRODUCCION: En forma breve indicar la motivación, la importancia y los objetivos de su trabajo.

MATERIALES Y METODOS: Explique su metodología resaltando solo lo más importante, utilice la literatura citada en el mismo resumen o haga alusión a métodos convencionales sin describirlos. Es importante indicar cómo evaluó y analizó sus datos experimentales.

RESULTADOS Y DISCUSIÓN: En esta sección describa sus observaciones más sobresalientes y discuta cada resultado relevante con relaciones a las hipótesis planteadas, los objetivos y los antecedentes de su revisión de la literatura. Cada cuadro o figura debe ser introducido, analizado, discutido e insertado como texto dentro del documento.

CONCLUSIONES. 3-4 conclusiones del trabajo que sean coherentes con los objetivos del mismo.

REFERENCIAS BIBLIOGRAFICAS: La Literatura citada deberá estar indicada en el texto.

AUTOR A, AUTOR B, AUTOR C. 2009. Título. Publicación vol. (número): páginas.

Las citas deberán simplificarse al máximo según este ejemplo y no usar doble espacio después de los puntos, ni sangría.

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De ser aprobados por la Comisión Científica y Técnica, tendrán plazo hasta **JULIO 30 de 2010** para su envío.

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1.2 Cuerpo. Los encabezados de los cuadros y figuras, así como el texto, deberán tener al menos 1 cm de altura, de tal manera que puedan ser leídos a 2 metros de distancia, debiéndose reducir la escritura de párrafos u oraciones complejas.

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Socios: \$400.000

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Estudiantes de pregrado socios: \$350.000

Estudiantes de pregrado no socios: \$370.000

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October 31-November 4, 2010

ASA-CSSA-SSSA International Annual Meeting is in Long Beach California, U.S.A. 31 October – 4 November 2010. <https://www.acsmeetings.org/>

November 4-5, 2010



[Annual conference of the Arab Forum for Environment and Development \(AFED\)](#)
[Water: Sustainable Management of a Scarce Resource](#) Date: 4-5 November 2010. Beirut, Lebanon

November 5-7, 2010

Conference on Asian Borderlands – Enclosure, Interaction, and Transformation, Chiang Mai, Thailand: 5-7 November 2010. This conference draws from James C. Scott's book, *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia*, which explores the mountainous regions of the Himalayas and its lower ranges where many groups of people live across multiple national borders. It intends to encourage scholarship that looks across Asian borders, and invites papers that develop new perspectives on this study. For more information, <http://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/newmandala/2009/10/05/asian-borderlands-enclosure-interaction-and-transformation/>

November 8, 2010

[Drylands, Deserts and Desertification: The Route to Restoration](#) Sede Boqer, Israel

November 8, 2010

[STORMWATER 2010 - Stormwater Industry Association National Conference](#) Sydney, Australia



November 8-10, 2010

[International workshop on the role of university collaboration in innovation strategies.](#) Date: 8-10

November 2010 Location: South Africa

November 8-11, 2010

Annual meeting of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil, highlighting the role of smallholders, Jakarta, Indonesia. The **8th Roundtable Meeting on Sustainable Palm Oil (RT8)**, an open conference organized by the RSPO, will feature plenary sessions with eminent speakers and interactive sessions to help make sense of complex matters around sustainable palm oil production and related eco-certification schemes. The theme for the meeting is *RSPO for Smallholders too*.

November 8-12, 2010



The **16th Congress of the International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO 16), THE LAND WE WANT FOR THE FUTURE MUST BE BUILT TODAY**, scheduled for November 2010 in Santiago, Chile, has now established an active website with most of the information needed by potential contributors and participants. Please visit <http://www.iscochile2010.cl/> for pertinent details, and inform your associates, colleagues and ISCO friends accordingly. Expedient publicity in your organization's bulletins and newsletters will be particularly appreciated. Contact: Claudio Perez Castillo (cperez@inia.cl) and German Ruiz Cardenas (german.ruiz@sag.gob.cl) and ezagal@udec.cl

CONGRESS FEES (from the website):

Registration fee will cover the welcome reception, participation in the scientific sessions, book of abstracts, coffee, tea and snacks, social dinner, and field excursion (including lunch) at the end of the conference.

Members of SISS, IUSS and ESSC: **€250, USD325, CLP175.000**

Students (evidence in support): **€50, USD65, CLP35.000**

Non-members: **€300, USD390, CLP210.000**

Payments received later than 30 September 2010 will be increased by €50

The 2nd Announcement will provide details on methods of payment.

July 26, 2010. Registration & Payment [Click this link](#)

July 20, 2010. Second Announcement ([Download PDF](#))

June 10, 2010. Abstracts evaluated list ([View list](#))

PROGRAM:

SUNDAY 07 NOVEMBER 2010 Arrival of participants, registration and welcome reception

MONDAY 08 NOVEMBER

Opening ceremony, Keynote paper presentations, Oral and poster session

TUESDAY 09 NOVEMBER Oral and poster presentations

WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER Field excursion (details will be provided latter)

THURSDAYS 11 NOVEMBER Oral and poster presentations, Social dinner

FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER Oral and poster presentations. Conclusions of the workshop

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER Departure



November 9, 2010

[STORMWATER 2010 - Stormwater Industry Association National Conference](#) Sydney Australia

November 11, 2010

[3rd International Conference on Infrastructure Systems and Services 2010 - Next Generation Infrastructure Systems for Eco-Cities](#) Shenzhen, China

November 11-12, 2010

Quivira Coalition annual meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 10-12, 2010

The Quivira Coalition's 9th Annual Conference is organized around the topic "The Carbon Ranch: Using Food and Stewardship to Build Soil and Fight Climate Change." A carbon ranch reduces its carbon footprint, enriches its soil, maintains a healthy carbon cycle, conserves natural habitat, restores degraded watersheds, and provides climate-friendly co-benefits, including grassfed meat. The meeting will convene world leaders on this topic and provide a vibrant atmosphere for learning and networking.

November 11-13, 2010

Forestry Faculty of Belgrade University has the pleasure to invite you to participate in the International Scientific Conference "First Serbian Forestry Congress", under slogan Future with Forests, to be held on 11-13 November 2010 in Belgrade, Serbia.

Please, hereby find attached the Second Announcement and accommodation information.

Additional information on the Conference could be found at: www.sfb.rs

We shall look forward to meet you in Belgrade in November 2010.

Prof. Dr. Milan Medarević, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry, Chairman of the Organizing Committee

Prof. Dr. Ratko Ristić, Vice Chairman of the Organizing Committee

Please contact for more information: Vukasin Milcanovic vukasin.milcanovic@sfb.rs

November 11-13, 2010

Contact **Suraj Bhan, SCSi President, for more information** soilcsi@yahoo.co.in, www.soilcsi.org

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KEY DATES

Issuance of First Circular	April 15, 2010
Last date of submission of abstracts	July 31, 2010
Information of acceptance of abstracts	August 16, 2010
Submission of full-length papers	September 15, 2010
Registration (with/without fee)	October 15, 2010

REGISTRATION FEES

Delegate (SCSi Member)	Rs. 1500/-
Delegate (SCSi Non-member)	Rs. 2000/-
Late Registration Fee	Rs. 2500/-
Student (SCSi Member)	Rs. 500/-
Student (SCSi Non-member)	Rs. 750/-
Accompanying person	Rs. 1000/-

November 15-17, 2010

International Conference

on

COOLING THE EARTH

TACTICS FOR RESTORING CLIMATE ORDER AND SAVING THE LIVING PLANET

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Background

Global warming and climate change are the worst realities of our times. Never before in the recorded history of life has the living planet faced such an alarming situation. Local, national and international organizations have generated, collected, exchanged and disseminated enough information on the on-going trends, patterns, factors and implications of the global warming and consequent climate change. Volumes of information on the subject have come into being. Earth's warming climate is estimated to contribute to more than 150,000 deaths and five million illnesses every year and, according to WHO, this toll could double by 2030. The climate change is driving up rates of malaria, diarrhea, outbreak of dengue fever in South Asia, and fast adding to human woes, such as glacier melt, gloom on Antarctica, rise in sea level, loss of species, and the likes. The catastrophic changes need not to confine only to the altered socio-economic scenarios. The implications might be much more formidable than the humanity could predict or even thought of. If the warming up trend goes on rampantly, the ecological processes that keep life in the state of equilibrium and sustainability might be knocked down giving rise to a situation that would spell a doom on the planet. The rampantly going-on processes of liberalization, privatization and globalization (LPG) are increasingly giving way to economic development without a thought at the cost of the living planet.

Time is now ripe for us to evolve all possible strategies which could be of critical value for resolving vital issues of our times. The state of the planet is largely owing to anthropogenic dimensions. Therefore, restoration of the Earth's climate order and cooling of Earth is possible. Humanity is capable not only of arresting and reversing the global warming process, but also of putting the living planet back into the state of vibrancy, *joie de vivre* and sustainability. This, amongst other things, demands efficient environmental management with focus on carbon emission reduction and abatement, enhanced carbon sequestration, increased use of clean and non-polluting sources of energy, ecological philosophies nurtured by philosophers that could be vital for evolving eco-centric strategies of development, and formulation and implementation of policies and programmes that could lead to cooling of the Earth.

Issues relating to global warming and climate change are relatively new. Emphasis on the work towards handling these issues vigorously dates back to mid 1990s. The very notion of climate change increasingly becoming a buzzword of our times and the contribution to awareness about the issues has even won Nobel Prize for ex-US Vice-President Al Gore and IPCC. Intensive efforts towards evolving effective strategies implementable at global scale that could dynamically lead to cooling of the Earth, however, are still to be made. Further, in global warming mitigation efforts focus has rather been on piecemeal approach, not on comprehensive strategies of

cooling the Earth that could provoke action at global level. The proposed international conference would give this opportunity.

The recent Environment Report based on a pilot study, called the 2006 Environmental Performance Index, indicates about the dismal state of environment in the context of India. This has to be taken seriously and remedial measures to maintain our environment safe and sound need to be taken up and implemented effectively.

When it comes to address the issues of global warming and consequent climate change, it could be realized that most of the seminars and conferences have focused on carbon sequestration, also known as carbon farming. The GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology conducted a National Conference on Ecosystem Diversity and Carbon Sequestration in 2007. Carbon sequestration, eventually is linked with ecosystems diversity. If the carbon sequestration issues are to be effectively addressed, they need be done so against the background of the ecosystem diversity. Carbon sequestration through physical/ artificial means, clean development mechanisms, carbon-trading, etc. is the major focus so far often discussed on various forums throughout the world. No-till farming being taken massively by the International Society of Soil and Water Conservation is the other area of intensive discussion. World Bank in Washington, DC has mobilized the Bio Carbon Fund to alleviate poverty and promote biodiversity conservation by aiding farmers in developing countries to practice no-till. There are many other such agencies which are coming forward to pay for carbon sequestration efforts of farmers.

Cooling the Earth is undoubtedly has to be the greatest concern and challenge before the humanity– as well as the most critical human obligation to be accomplished. We need to evolve holistic strategies to solve the problems that have implications for the very survival and sustainability of our planet, as well as of our own species on the planet. The proposed International Conference would be an attempt towards that direction.

Objectives

- To bring scientists, academicians, researchers, thinkers, philosophers, environmentalists, managers, social workers, industrialists, administrators, institutions, government representatives, and NGOs committed to the cause of the Earth from all over the world on a single platform to analyse and discuss the alarming problems and trends facing humanity and costing the living planet
- To evolve viable, effective and workable strategies, including promotion of eco-philosophy and lifestyles without carbon footprints, that could contain and reverse the processes of global warming and help restoring climate orders of the Earth
- To send an appeal to all peoples of the world for creating synergies and social atmosphere conducive to resolving critical socio-economic, development and environment related issues of our times and work out a plan for global cooperation for promoting long-term strategies aimed at preparedness against global warming and climate change.
- To promote life enhancing ecological philosophy, alternate and frugal lifestyles and prepare a ground for ecological renaissance for healing and reviving our tormented planet.

Themes/ Topics

1. Our Common Biosphere: State of the global environment
2. Climate change impacts on different environmental components (lands and soils, waters, atmosphere, biosphere)
3. Himalayan mountains and their contribution to cooling of the Earth
4. Biodiversity and climate change mitigation
5. Climate change impacts on various food production and livelihood systems (cropping, forestry, rangelands, pastoralism, animal husbandry, fisheries, etc.) and on food, nutrition and livelihood security, and on human health
6. Concerns, challenges and conflicts being borne out of the current state of free carbon in environment manifesting into global warming, climate change and socio-economic unsustainability
7. Social, cultural, and political dimensions of the problems
8. Environmental management, energy resources, clean development mechanisms, adaptation strategies, case studies and success stories
9. International legislations and agreements
10. Eco-philosophy, alternate lifestyles, ecological renaissance; ushering in a sustainable future; searching new horizons of sustainability

Participants

University/ college teachers, researchers, environmental managers, agriculturists, research students, representatives from R&D organizations, ministries, government departments/ organisations, expert NGOs/

International NGOs, representatives from industries, administrators, policy makers, sociologists, economists, committed environmental activists and eco-philosophers.

Submission of Abstract

Participants are requested to send an Abstract on any of the themes of the Conference through e-mail attachment to: coolingtheearth2010@rediffmail.com, coolingtheearth@gmail.com

Format of Abstract

Title (14 PT BOLD, CENTRED) – double space after title

Presenting author, other authors (12 Point, Normal)

Department/ institute/ company address (10 Point, Normal)

e-mail (9 Point, Normal) – double space after this line

Abstract not exceeding single page should be typed in 12 Point, Times New Roman, Normal font, single space

Use A4 size paper with margins: Top, bottom and right 1 inch and left margin 1.5 inch

Last for Abstract submission: 15 May 2010

Last date for Abstract acceptance: 30 May 2010

Last date for submission of full paper: 30 June 2010

Registration Fees

	Indian (Rs.)	Foreign (US\$)
Delegate	2,000.00	200
Student delegate	1,000.00	100
Accompanying person	1,000.00	100
Delegates from industry	3,000.00	300
Post-conference tour (optional)	200.00	5

Registration fee will include registration kit, accommodation, all meals and refreshments, cultural events, compendium and other literature, etc. **NOTE: Non-Indian WASWAC members abroad receive 50% discount for their registration fee.**

Day-long post-conference tour is an opportunity for the participants to have a glimpse of the panorama of majestic Himalayas, picturesque lakes and life of mountain people.

Payment can be made through draft in favour of COOLING THE EARTH payable at Punjab National Bank, Pantnagar (Uttarakhand, India) Branch or through direct bank transfer. Please write to the Coordinator for details. On-the-spot payment in cash or through draft/ local cheque can also be requested.

The Venue

The GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology based in Pantnagar in the foothills of the Himalayas in the Uttarakhand State of India is the first and the largest agricultural university in India based on the Land Grant Pattern of USA. Established in 1960, the University is ushering in its Golden Jubilee Year from November 18, 2009. The University is recognised as the Harbinger of Green Revolution in India. It carries out four major programmes: education, research, extension and seed production. The College of Basic Sciences and Humanities (CBSH), one of the ten faculties of the University, came into being along with the establishment of the University. CBSH runs degree programmes for Undergraduate, masters and Ph.D. students and conducts research on vital issues relating to environmental science, chemistry, agri-chemicals, plant physiology, biochemistry, physics, bio-physics, biological sciences, molecular biology and genetics, maths and statistics, sociology and languages, etc. The Department of Environmental Science came into existence in 1984 as the eleventh department of CBSH. The Department runs M.Sc. and Ph.D. Degree programmes and conducts research on environmental management, eco-toxicology, eco-restoration, forest/ rangeland ecology, carbon sequestration, climate change, etc.

Patron: Dr. B.S. Bisht, Vice-Chancellor, GB Pant University of Agriculture & Technology

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Affiliation:

Country of Residence:

Citizenship:

Mailing Address:

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Date of issues/expiry of passport:

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Registration fees: INR _____ / USD _____ paid through:

Draft Bank transfer ; Fee will be paid in cash at the time of registration

(Draft should be in favour of COOLING THE EARTH payable at Punjab National Bank, Pantnagar. Details for direct bank transfer can be obtained from the Coordinator. On-the-spot payment can also be requested)

Paper presentation Yes No

Paper title:

The Registration form should be mailed to:

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November 15-19, 2010

An **international conference on Sustainable Tourism** will take place on 15-19 November 2010 in Mbombela, South Africa. Issues of conservation and poverty will be integral to this event. For more information go to:

www.mbombela.gov.za/International%20Conference1.html

November 18-21, 2010

Indian Horticulture Congress 2010 The 4th Indian Horticulture Congress is being organized by the Horticultural Society of India and National Skills Foundation of India at NPL, Pusa Campus, New Delhi from November 18-21st 2010. The four day event aims to provide a unique platform to strategize and explore all growth avenues that exist in the horticulture sector. The Congress will showcase innovative technological advancements in horticulture and address the emerging challenges in the sector. Reform packages through public-private partnership will also be formulated during the event.

For registration, participation and exhibition contact Dr. A.K. Singh at: hsiihc10@gmail.com Details of the event are available at: <http://horticongress2010.com/>

November 23-26, 2010

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Plenary Sessions
- Conference Workshops
- Lunches and Talks
- Networking sessions
- Post-conference tour
- Conference dinner

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- MEMBERS: MERA, ERAS, HGERA
- Secretary: Research Management Centre

REGISTRATION FEE

- International: USD450
- Malaysian: RM750.00
- Post Graduate: RM500.00
- *exclude of accommodation

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November 30-December 2, 2010

Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) is proposing to organize an international conference from November 30–December 2, 2010 to address local, regional and international themes on climate change; and exchange information on climate change mitigation and sustainable development strategies adopted by various countries.

Attached is the First Announcement of the conference. If you would like to present a paper, kindly send the Abstract as per the guidelines in the Announcement to the Scientific Committee for approval.

Dr. Samira Omar

Chairperson, Scientific Committee

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December 4, 2010

Agriculture and Rural Development Day at UNFCCC COP 16 in Cancun, Mexico, December 4, 2010

A second Agriculture and Rural Development Day will be held parallel to the UNFCCC COP-16 in Cancun. This will be a follow-up to the first ever Agriculture and Rural Development Day which ran parallel to last December's meeting in Copenhagen where a group of more than 350 policymakers, farmers and scientists met to share ideas and urge negotiators to recognize agriculture's vital role in climate change adaptation and mitigation. For outcomes from the first Agriculture and Rural Development Day and for details, as they come, on the second, click [here](#).

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

LandCon 1012a Meeting

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



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December 11-13, 2010

Circular No. 1

Organised by

Department of Geography, Cotton College,

Guwahati-781001, Assam, India

Website: www.iguguwahati2010.org

About the College:

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

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

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

About the Geography Department:

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

Location and Weather:

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

Important Dates:

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

Abstract submission - 31st August 2010

Registration (early bird) - Before 30th September 2010

Full paper submission - 31st October 2010

Theme & Sub-themes:

Land use, Biodiversity and Climate Change

Sub-Themes-

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

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

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Status/Designation_____

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Organisation/ Affiliation_____

MailingAddress_____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

- I intend to participate in the Seminar
 I intend to present paper in the Seminar
 I intend to take part as Student participant
 I intend to join in the post Seminar Field Trip

Number of Accompanying Persons, if any _____

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

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

Date _____ Signature _____

Submission of Abstract:

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

Proceedings:

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

Registration Fee:

Indian and SAARC participants -Rs. 800/- only, (Early Bird, before 30th September, Rs. 600/- only). For other foreign participants \$125 only (Early Bird, before 30th September, \$110 only)
Indian and SAARC student participants- Rs 500/- (Early Bird, before 30th September-Rs. 400/-only)
Accompanying Participants- For Indian and SAARC Rs. 600/- for other Foreign participants \$110 only.
Institutions & Industries- Rs 1000/- only
The registration fee should be sent to the Treasurer, IGU Commission Seminar by DD payable at Guwahati or by wire transfer.

Accommodation:

Hotel accommodation will be provided on request and payment for at least one day in advance to be sent with registration form. Hotel tariff range from Rs. 800/- onwards in semi deluxe rooms. Limited accommodation shall be provided in College Hostel and Guest Houses on first come first chance basis at a nominal rate.

Food:

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

Field Trips: (Subject to adequate number of intending participants)

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

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December 11-13, 2010

The 11th Asian Urbanization Conference

December 10th - 13th, 2011

Department of Geography

Osmania University, Hyderabad 500007, India

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

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December 13-15, 2010

First International Conference on “Biodiversity of the Aquatic Environment: towards a diverse and sustainable world” Date: 13-15 December, 2010

Location: Lattakia, Syria



December 13-17, 2010

International Conference, Valparaiso, Chile, December 13-17, 2010

“Optimizing water resources in a world of water shortage”*

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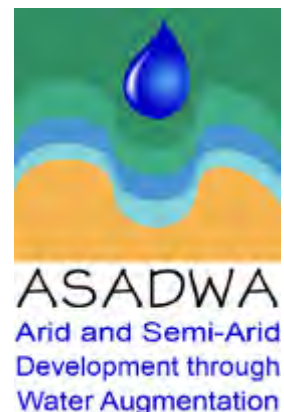
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Context

It needs no introduction that water scarcity is one of the mayor problems nations are facing in the next decades, especially in (semi)arid locations. It has also been shown that climatic vulnerability is increasing in these areas, due to global change, exacerbating climate risks in already drought prone regions. Given the continuous rise in water demand due to further development of these drylands, and the occurrence of large (mega)cities in some of these regions (Lima, Santiago, Mexico City) the water resources are under enormous pressures that threaten their sustainable use in the long run. Ensuring water availability with acceptable quality therefore remains a key task for policy makers, increasing the need for sound scientific research in these areas. The problem tackled within the conference is the need for sustainable ways to secure water availability in regions where climatic uncertainty highly influences growth potential. Out of the myriad of possible solutions, those need to be documented that effectively address the problem and contribute to the further consolidation of sustainable development in these dryland regions.



Conference Goals

The international conference on water augmentation intends to unite scientific researchers that are working worldwide to increase the water availability in drylands. Secondly, it aims at generating useful output that can stimulate new techniques to be adopted, and allow learning from successes and failures. Third, it is intended to develop a network of water augmentation experts.

Conference Topics

Development, efficiency assessment, design, implementation, impact, constraints and social, economical and cultural aspects of

- 1: Rainfall-Runoff Water Harvesting
- 2: Fog and Dew Harvesting
- 3: Aquifer Management and Recharge
- 4: Desalinization (for Dryland Applications)
- 5: Water Reuse
- 6: Water Use Efficiency



Venue

The ASADWA conference will be organized in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Valparaiso, Chile, and forms part of the larger Universal Forum of Cultures, organized in Valparaiso from October 2010 until January 2011. This allows to open up dialogs with decision makers, give presentations and interact with the general public on sustainable development of drylands under increased climate variability. Proposals for extra-conference activities are welcomed as well.



Important Dates:

The submission process has four stages:

1. **May 15**, 2010: Intention to participate:
2. **June 15**, 2010: Deadline for submission of abstracts: An extended abstract in English should be submitted to the conference secretary: asadwa@ugent.be
3. **July 15**, 2010: Notification of abstract acceptance.
4. September 15, 2010: Deadline for submission of short papers (in Spanish or English).

IMPORTANT: WASWAC members should still send their abstracts.

Participants to the conference should register as soon as possible to take advantage of reduced conference fees that include:

- Admittance to oral and poster sessions
- Conference material
- Opening Reception

- Coffee breaks
- Conference banquet

Early Registration Deadline: **October 15**, 2010

Early Registration fee: 130 EUR

Late Registration fee: 170 EUR

Students (without banquet): **85 EUR** (Scholarships available for selected countries)

Additional activities:

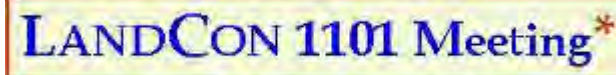
Field Excursion: 40 EUR; Conference banquet (accompanying persons): 35 EUR

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December 17-18, 2010

[The 3rd Global Fisheries & Aquaculture Research Conference](#) Cairo, Egypt Documents: [1](#) - [2](#)

MEETINGS 2011++



January 4-5 and 6-7, 8, 2011

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Second International SWAT-SEA Workshop and Conference

(SWAT-SEA II) January 4-8, 2011 <http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn>

Ho Chi Minh City (former Saigon), Vietnam

The Second International Conference on the Soil and Water Assessment Tool - Southeast Asia (SWAT-SEA) is scheduled to take place in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, January 4-8, 2011. SWAT-SEA 2011 is being organized by Nong Lam University – Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, USA. Additional information about the conference is available at <http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn>. This conference is supported by USAID-SANREM, the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation, USDA-ARS, Texas A&M and many other organizations.

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

The first SWAT-SEA Conference was successfully held in Chiang Mai, Thailand in January 5-8,

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

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

- Introductory SWAT
- Advanced SWAT
- MapWindows
- Stream Restoration

January 6-7, 2011: SWAT Conference

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

January 8, 2011: Field trip (Mekong Delta)

REGISTRATION FEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



IMPORTANT: Registration fees: Prices shown above are for those paying up to November 15, 2010; after that date the fee will be \$50 higher.

Payments can be made by:

- By credit card (Visa, MasterCard) when registering online. Write to Cathy Smith at cathy_smith@ncsu.edu.
- By international bank transfer. For bank account information and payment details please contact:
 - International participants: Cathy Smith
 - Vietnam: Dr. Nguyen Kim Loi at ngkloi@hcmuaf.edu.vn or nguyenkimloi@yahoo.com

Cancellation policy

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

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

For more information please contact:

Dr. Nguyen Kim Loi, Conference Co-Chair, Nong Lam University – Ho Chi Minh City – Vietnam (nguyenkimloi@yahoo.com, nguyenkimloi@gmail.com, ngkloi@hcmuaf.edu.vn) or

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January 18-21, 2011

Geospatial World Forum 2011: Don't Miss the Opportunity to Showcase your work on a grand platform.....Submit abstract Now!

GIS Development - an India based Geospatial Media Company having its mission to promote usage of geospatial technologies in Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa region. Pursuing its endeavour it **publish an internationally acclaimed magazine and organise conferences** exclusively dedicated to provide an international communication platform to various stakeholders of geospatial community from across the globe to come together to deliberate upon the various issues. GIS Development been working towards building and strengthening geospatial community around the world for past few years and in this regard GIS Development is organising **Geospatial World Forum 2011** (formerly known as Map World Forum). The Conference is expected to see more than 1700 delegates this year. For more details on the conference kindly visit the website www.geospatialworldforum.org

Geospatial World Forum scheduled for 18-21 January, 2011 at Hyderabad International Convention Centre, Hyderabad, India will offer a unique in-depth learning environment on different aspects of geospatial technology. It will bring together some of the most evolved minds of this domain to share with the audience the future directions and expanding dimensions of geospatial technologies. The theme of the conference is "**Dimensions and Directions of Geospatial Industry**".

The conference will host plenary sessions, various informative symposia, seminars, round tables, workshops, technology tracks, technical sessions and much more in order to address relevant issues pertaining to geospatial and its applications. The conference endeavors to transmit knowledge and applications of GIS and Remote Sensing right from industry to Lehmann. Various sessions of Geospatial World Forum 2011 will provide opportunities to the Indian Geospatial community to showcase their work and innovations through paper presentations.

To present your work on a grand platform, Submit abstract online at <http://www.geospatialworldforum.org/2011/conference/submitabstract.htm>

Information related to abstract are as follows:

Abstract Submission	15th August
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	31st August
Author Registration	25th September
Full Paper Submission	20th October

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January 19-21, 2011

2011 ECHO Asia/Partners Thailand Tropical Agriculture Workshop

January 19-21, 2011, 7:45 AM - 5:00 PM

The [ECHO Asia Regional Office](#) and [Partners Thailand](#) will co-host a three-day workshop to be held at the Partner's farm on the outskirts of Chiang Mai. Divided into six half-day sessions, the Tropical Agriculture Workshop will offer 20 participants a chance to engage in hands on practice related to:

- Moringa (*Moringa oleifera*) propagation, production and processing of products.
- Basic fruit tree grafting and propagation.
- Soap making for development.
- Natural farming for pig and compost production
- Backyard mushroom production.
- Introduction to vermiculture (to be held at Mae Jo University).

Workshop Cost

- **3,200 Thai baht (about US\$100)**, includes:
 - three days of training, including six morning and afternoon sessions
 - lunch and transportation between the ECHO Asia office and Partners Farm/Mae Jo University

Or 700 Thai baht per workshop session *(about US\$22)

**Those not participating in the entire day's event must handle their own transportation to/from Partners Farm/Mae Jo University*

Note: If the event is overbooked, preference will be given to those interested in attending the entire workshop (six sessions).

- Workshop participants *will be responsible for their own lodging and non-workshop related meals and transportation.*
- Please note that this workshop will be held during Chiang Mai's high season for tourism. It is recommended that participants register and make their own lodging reservations as soon as possible prior to January.

Workshop Registration

To inquire and register for the Tropical Agriculture Workshop, contact the ECHO Asia Regional Office at echoasia@echonet.org.

Registration deadline: December 1, 2010

Workshop Sessions

January 19

Moringa (*Moringa oleifera*) propagation, production and processing of products - The Partners Thailand team will introduce participants to the basics of establishing and managing plantings of moringa trees for the mass production of leaf shoots. Additionally, participants will be able to engage in key steps related to harvesting and processing moringa leaf shoots for the production of leaf powder to be used to supplement food rations and overall nutrition.

Basic fruit tree grafting and propagation - Betsy Langford, a previous ECHO intern with recent international development experience, and Boonsong Thansrithong of Partners will lead participants through the basics of fruit tree grafting and propagation. Techniques will include the production of root stock as well as making grafts. Propagation by air layering as well as stem cuttings will also be covered.

January 20

Soap Making for Development - Experienced soap maker, Marv Kahn (Partners Thailand), will introduce the basics of home soap production for possible application in community development work. Various types of soap making techniques and materials will be introduced. Products will include not only simple soap for basic sanitation and hygiene but also valued-added soaps made from botanical materials.

Natural farming for pig and compost production - Partners Thailand and ECHO Asia staff will introduce participants to various natural farming techniques including the use of natural bedding (e.g, rice husks, leaves) for pigs which can be later used as natural fertilizer. The production of low-cost fermented livestock feed, made from local materials such as banana stalk, molasses and rice bran will also be covered.

January 21

Backyard mushroom production - Covering the basics of backyard mushroom production, Partners Thailand staff member, Sombat Chalermliamthong, will lead participants through key steps in raising straw mushrooms (*Volvarellaria volvaceae*) using both baskets and frame beds. Mushroom production issues such as seasonal management, sources of spawn, production site preparation and problem solving will also be discussed.

Introduction to vermiculture at Mae Jo University - Dr. Arnat Tancho and coworkers will offer an introduction to Thai-style earthworm production at the Mae Jo University vermiculture facility. The workshop will include an introduction to indigenous types of earthworms and an overview of various approaches related to small- and large-scale production of vermicompost and vermicompost-tea.

Resource persons

Marv Khan - Partners Thailand,
Boonsong Thansrithong - Partners Thailand
Sombat Chalermliamthong - Partners Thailand
Rick Burnette - ECHO Asia Regional Office
Betsy Langford SAIWAM (Chiang Mai University)
Dr. Arnat Tancho - Mae Jo University

February 18-22, 2011

[Geomorphology for human adaptation to changing tropical environments](#) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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IAG regional conference in Ethiopia, February 2011? second circular

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Dear colleagues,

The second circular is out now, for the IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology 2011: Geomorphology for Human Adaptation to Changing Tropical Environments: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, February 18-22, 2011

With a most interesting conference and excursion programme!

Check it all on <http://www.geomorph.org/sp/arch/IAG-RCG-2011-Ethiopia-circ2.pdf>

Registration forms are available on the IAG website: www.geomorph.org

Best greetings,

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February 20-23, 2011 IECA Annual Conference

IECA's Environmental Connection 2011's focus is "Environmental Heroes" and IECA is calling all champions of the environment to participate in the world's largest soil and water event by submitting an abstract. Suggested topics range from post-construction stormwater BMP's to Low-Impact Development (LID), but any erosion and sediment control related topics are welcome. Learn more about how to submit by visiting IECA's website at <http://www.ieca.org/submissions>. Please feel free to contact Holly Nicholson, our Education Coordinator at holly@ieca.org.



March 14-15, 2011

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LandCon 1103 Meeting

BioWise 2011 Summit and Exhibition is a two-day event of paper presentations, keynote speeches, panel discussions and roundtable sessions, to take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The overall theme is “**Lab Meets Industry**” with the emphasis on collaborative and cooperative approaches to the multiple issues faced by sustainable fuel industry and response to those issues, both immediate and long-term.

Biofuels and bioethanol industry experts are invited to submit papers (in PDF format). A detailed extended abstract will be considered if it gives a clear reflection of the contents and key points of the coming paper. All paper submissions will be handled electronically and should be emailed to dm@greenworldconferences.com. The submitted abstracts will be subject to peer review. Papers accepted for oral presentation will be given 20 minutes presentation time and 10 minutes questions and answers time at the end of each session. **Abstract submission deadline and acceptance notification falls on 1st June 2010.** The authors will be required to submit a full paper once the abstract is accepted. Final acceptance of the full paper will be subject to confirmation of **registration payment of the author presenter of the paper at the congress**. Any author who does not meet all announced deadlines and requirements will not be allowed to present the paper at the conference. In this case, the corresponding paper will not be included in the conference proceedings.

The annual **BioWise 2011** is supported by many leading industry and academia representatives and provides ideal settings to attend presentations and workshops by an outstanding line-up of the biofuels and bioethanol industry leading executives. It is renowned for creating unparalleled opportunities for networking with targeted groups of senior-level experts and decision-makers from the biodiesel and bioethanol industry, for collaboration and sharing of information on key business strategies, update on novel, state-of-the art technologies and building of meaningful, trust commercial relationships.

BioWise 2011 continues to enjoy a steady increase in participation by teams from producers, governments, commercial, technology and research/educational communities.

BioWise 2011 is where the most influential professionals involved in the biofuel, bioethanol and biomass market gather to share their views, learn about the latest in the industry and academia, and listen to consequential, in-depth presentations - from policy makers, biodiesel and biomass producers to fuel distributors.

The Summit will cover a gamut of topics crucial to the biofuel and biomass industry of today and define the path to the future of the biofuel industry. Over two days the Summit will cover the full research and development story from laboratory experiments through implementation to production, as well as most promising feedstocks. The leading biofuel research and technology companies and service providers will exhibit at the Summit thus promoting their products and acquainting the delegates with the latest technologies and developments.

Join us to learn, network and generate sales at ground-breaking annual biofuel and biomass event focused on the development of renewable sources of energy. This high-profile event will connect you with plant builders, financiers, consultants, government officials, chemical engineers, marketers and producers of biodiesel and biomass.

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April 26-28, 2011



[Conference on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for Desert Regions](#)

Location: Amman, Jordan Date: 26-28 April, 2011

May 6-8, 2011



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May 9-14, 2011

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THEMATIC SESSIONS

1 Policies and thematic strategies for soil protection

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

2 Soil mapping and land evaluation for land use planning

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

3 Forest fires impacts on natural resources and cultural heritage

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

4 Sustainable management of wetlands

- 4.1 Utilization of peatlands (i.e. energy, horticulture)
- 4.2 Chemical, physical and biological properties of peatlands
- 4.3 Peat material used for improvement of soils
- 4.4 Restoration and rehabilitation of peatlands
- 4.5 Ecology and management on forested peatlands
- 4.6 The carbon cycle in peatlands: gaseous nitrogen losses
- 4.7 Peatlands and socio-economic aspects of utilization
- 4.8 Policies for mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions from peat soils.

5 Policies and strategies for combating desertification scenarios

- 5.1 Land degradation and desertification at regional, national and global scales
- 5.2 Best management practises for mitigation of the effects of land degradation
- 5.3 Role responsibilities of stakeholders in combating land degradation and desertification
- 5.4 Strategies for sustainable use of natural resources
- 5.5 Technologies for the prevention and control of desertification.

6 Socio-economic aspects of land degradation

- 6.1 Degradation processes at global and regional scales
- 6.2 Socio-economic factors and consequences of land degradation
- 6.3 Policies to combat erosion
- 6.4 Impacts of physical and chemical land deterioration to society
- 6.5 Indicators of soil quality and soil health
- 6.6 Simulation models in sustainable land management.

7 Soil and water management under global climatic change scenarios

- 7.1 Technology to mitigate the exhaustion and contamination of water resources
- 7.2 Monitoring of drought
- 7.3 Drought and water quality
- 7.4 Impacts of drought on climate change
- 7.5 Policies and actions for mitigation of water deficit
- 7.6 Sources of agricultural greenhouse gas emissions
- 7.7 Nitrogen cycle and its influence on the greenhouse gas balance
- 7.8 Methods and practises for decreasing emissions from soils
- 7.9 Nitrogen turnover processes and effects in the atmosphere and terrestrial ecosystems
- 7.10 Effect of reactive nitrogen on European soil quality and approaches to improve nitrogen management.
- 7.11 Site specific management

8 Biofuels and environmental effects

- 8.1 Energy crops and impact on soil quality

- 8.2 Agriculture and bioenergy production
- 8.3 Energy crops and future prospects
- 8.4 Impacts of biofuel production on soils
- 8.5 Soil and environmental implications of using crop residues as biofuel feedstock
- 8.6 Biogas production from energy crops and plant residues.

9 Conservation and management of soil biodiversity

- 9.1 Biodiversity and agriculture interactions
- 9.2 Conservation of soil biodiversity and Sustainable Agriculture
- 9.3 Biodiversity of micro-organisms involved in decomposition in soils.

10 Restoration and remediation of degraded lands

- 10.1 Restoration at high altitudes
- 10.2 Restoration of road embankments
- 10.3 Restoration of open cast mining areas
- 10.4 Soil restoration with native plant and seed material
- 10.5 Bioremediation of soils contaminated with heavy metals
- 10.6 Bioremediation of soils contaminated with organic compounds.

11 Special session: 'Education in soil conservation and public awareness'

- 11.1 Importance of soil for life and its role to society
- 11.2 Education methods and formats across European Countries
- 11.3 Development of multidisciplinary studies for students in the field, using new technologies to schools
- 11.4 Means of the soil scientific community reaching the public (i.e. debates, exhibitions, mass media, art, games).

Venue

GRAND HOTEL PALACE*****, Thessaloniki

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

Travelling to Thessaloniki

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

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

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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

Contact: José Luis Rubio, President of the European Society for Soil Conservation, jose.l.rubio@uv.es
And Theodore Karyotis, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, karyotis@hellasnet.gr

May 19-21, 2011

Please find below the homepage of an international conference on: "**Climate Change, Agri-Food, Fisheries and Ecosystems: Reinventing Research, Innovation, and Policy Agendas for Environmentally- and Socially-Balanced Growth**", May 19-21, 2011, Agadir. This Conference is jointly organized by:

- [The North-South Center for Social Sciences \(NRCS\)](#), Morocco and
- [The German Technical Cooperation \(GTZ\)](#), Germany

In Collaboration with:

- The Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences, [Ibn Zohr University](#), Morocco
- [The Institute for Research and Development \(IRD\)](#), France
- [Compassion in World Farming](#), England

Conference homepage: <http://nrcs.webnode.com/scientific-events/iccaff2011/english-version/>

 Veuillez trouver ci-après le site web du Congrès international sur "**Le Changement climatique, Agriculture, Alimentation, Pêche et Écosystèmes: Réinventer la recherche, l'innovation et la politique pour une croissance écologiquement et socialement équilibrée**", mai 19-21, 2011, Agadir (Maroc). Ce Congrès est conjointement organisé par:

- Le [Centre Nord-Sud de Recherches en Sciences Sociales \(NRCS\)](#), et

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Thank you in advance for sharing this information
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May 26-27, 2011
Land Quality and Land Use Information in the EU, 26-27 May, 2011, Keszthely, Hungary

Following recent scientific and policy developments - also reflected in international environmental agreements - land quality is now regarded as an integrated measure of different aspects of land ecosystem services.

The Hungarian Academy of Sciences together with the European Commission (Eurostat, DG Environment, JRC) and the University of Pannonia and in association with the Hungarian EU presidency is organizing a conference on the issue.

The conference is planned to facilitate the exchange of information and views among stakeholders involved in different aspects of land quality management; be it research, policy planning, soil management or conservation.

Among the goals of the conference is to enhance the understanding of the role of land quality in rural systems and to progress the development of land information, land use planning and related services based on land quality on different levels; from farm to continental scales.

List of the addressed topics and many more information is available on the conference website: <http://landq2011.uni-pannon.hu/>

The registration to the conference is now open. To register and submit papers for presentation please visit the conference website. (Deadline for paper submission is 30 November 2010.)

September 18-22, 2011

With this we would like to draw your attention to the first edition of a new series of meetings on applied soil science to be held bi-annually in Wageningen, the Netherlands. The first edition will be called **'Soil Science in a Changing world'** and will be held from 18-22 September 2011.

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

We would like to ask you to distribute among your members the first circular of this new conference. We hope to welcome the prime of innovative soil scientists to make steps forwards in making soil science matter for society. We attached both the first circular as well as a short description of the conference, in case you might want to put this in your newsletter.

Thank you very much and with kind regards,
 On behalf of the organizing committee,

Saskia Keesstra and Gerben Mol <http://www.wageningensoilmeeting.wur.nl/UK/>



Climate change. Food security. Water resources. Biodiversity. Not issues that provoke vivid images of soil scientists contributing to solutions to mitigate these problems. These solutions are addressed, however, by many scientists participating in multidisciplinary think tanks. In the first Wageningen Conference on Applied Soil Science, titled "Soil Science in a Changing World", we will discuss the importance of soils and soil science for combating the problems we are facing around the globe.

On behalf of the Soil Science Centre of Wageningen University we would like to invite you to this conference. The first edition of the Wageningen soil meetings will address the importance of soil scientific knowledge for global issues. We want to address these topics in a dynamic way, by top key-note speeches, challenging debates, inspiring workshops and master classes as well as oral and poster presentations by participants. For further information please refer to the attached First Circular or the website: www.wageningensoilmeeting.wur.nl.



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on applied soil science

—SOIL SCIENCE IN A CHANGING WORLD—

September 26-29, 2011

5th World Congress of Conservation Agriculture

incorporating 3rd Farming Systems Design Conference

26-29th September 2011 Brisbane Australia

Australia, host for the 5th WCCA and 3rd FSD, welcomes scientists and practitioners to Brisbane to discuss current and future developments of sustainable agriculture next year.

<http://www.wcca2011.org/> Contact: John Dixon at Dixon@aci.gov.au

(Draft) Invitation to Express Interest in Hosting

6th World Congress of Conservation Agriculture, 2014

The World Congress of Conservation Agriculture has now been hosted by Spain, Brazil, Kenya and India, and the 5th WCCA will be held in Australia in 2011. WCCA can now be seen as the premier international forum for broad discussion of the ideas, issues and impacts of more sustainable crop production. It has been particularly valuable in bringing together scientists and practitioners from both the developed world and the developing world, emphasising the issues and importance of smallholder agriculture.

Early WCCA's were primarily concerned with the scientific, technical and adoption issues of conservation agriculture, but the focus of has steadily broadened. Aspects such as consultation, participation and knowledge sharing are now equally important, together with consideration of underpinning policy. The co-location of 3rd International Farming Systems Design Conference with 5th WCCA in Australia and the support of Landcare International will further broaden perspectives on conservation agriculture, its adoption processes and impacts.

The international organizing committee of the 4th WCCA in New Delhi during 2009 considered bids for the next congress and accepted the Australian bid to host 5th WCCA during 2011. At the same time, they recommended that the 5th WCCA international organising committee initiate a process for the ongoing operation of congresses and specifically call for bids to host the 6th WCCA in or around 2014.

National and Regional Organizations supporting Conservation Agriculture are invited to present preliminary expressions of interest in hosting the 6th WCCA for consideration by the current International Steering

Committee, which might seek supplementary information from proposers in order to select a short list of proposers who will be invited to submit full bids by 1st June 2011. The International Steering Committee will review and recommend a one bid for the 6th WCCA for endorsement for endorsement by the 5th WCCA.

Preliminary expressions of interest will be received on behalf of the International Steering Committee by Dr John Dixon, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research [Dixon@aci-ar.gov.au]. These should be received by 1st September 2010.

Important criteria for hosting the 6th World Congress of Conservation Agriculture.

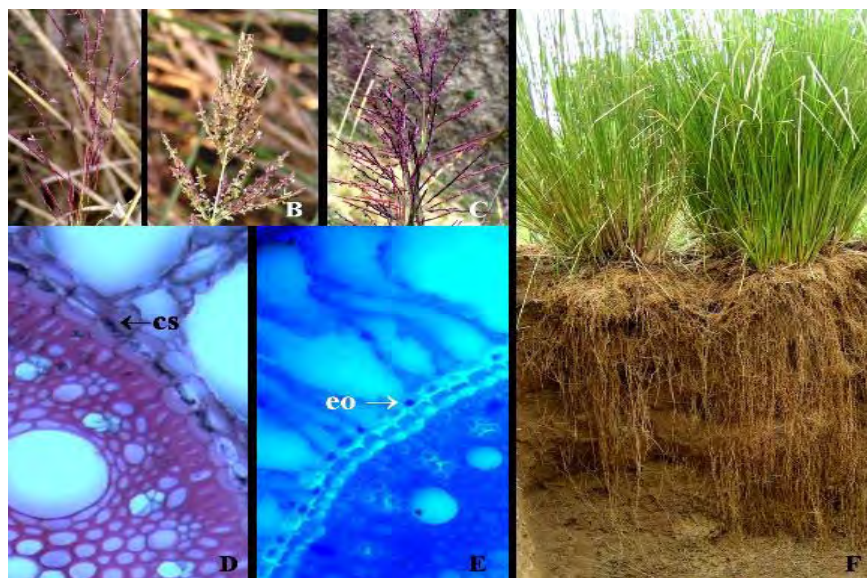
- **Resources:**
 - Human: scientific, practitioner and institutional backing for proposal.
 - Financial: extent of known and anticipated support .
 - Endorsement by appropriate national and governmental bodies
- **Location:**
 - Proximity to significant groups of CA scientists.
 - Proximity to local examples of CA practice and development.
 - Relative to previous WCCA's (developed/developing country alternation)
 - Accessibility from most regions
 - Opportunity to foster greater CA adoption.
- **Logistics:**
 - Cost and convenience of transport, accommodation, communications etc.
 - Availability of Conference facilities
 - Calibre of proposed organizing committees
- **Themes and organization:**
 - Relevance of themes and content to a majority of CA practitioners and scientists
 - Nature of proposed organization
 - Potential alliances with other professional organizations, e.g., FSD or Landcare

If you are interested in organizing the 6th WCCA please contact: John Dixon at Dixon@aci-ar.gov.au

October 3-7, 2011

3rd ECHO Asia Agricultural and Community Development Conference, Chiang Mai, Thailand
(Details Coming Soon) Contact Rick Burnette at echoasia@echonet.org

October 29-31, 2011



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

pigmentation and orientation of stigma, D-E. root anatomy depicting endodermis diversity for occurrence of thick casparian strips (cs) or essential oil secretary cells (eo), F. variation in root growth pattern in the two genotypes (left : seed forming type with small roots, right : low/late flowering non-seed forming type with fast growing deep penetrating roots reaching upto 1.5 M just in one year)

In India, the roots of this grass have been traditionally used for essential-oil production and its hedges in farm contour protection. Taking cues from its traditional usage in environmental protection in India and other countries, The World Bank initiated several projects in India in 1980s for systematic development of Vetiver Grass Technology, now popularly known as Vetiver System (VS). Over a period of time VS has acquired international territories and is now grown in over 100 countries owing to its cost effective environment friendly multifarious applications and sustainable solutions for soil and water conservation, slope and embankment stabilization, pollution mitigation and land and water rehabilitation, agroforestry management and host of other ecosystem services. Some of the notable achievements and impacts of VS applications around the world worth mentioning are: disaster mitigation in Thailand and Vietnam, soil and water conservation and wetland restoration in Ethiopia, infrastructure stabilization in China, Congo, Madagascar and Vietnam; pollution control in Indonesia, Australia, California; handicrafts in Venezuela, China, and Thailand; mine reclamation in Venezuela, South Africa, Australia, Chile; river bank, irrigation and drain stabilization in Vietnam, Zimbabwe, India; and other land and water related uses.

Vetiver has wide range of ecological distribution in India. Lately, there has been rejuvenation and added interest in VS applications in India. A national Vetiver workshop was organized in Kochi, Kerala, India in 2008. Vetiver can be seen in its natural state in and around Lucknow - the venue of ICV-5. It is our privilege to hold this International Conference on Vetiver in India, and also offer an opportunity for the participants to see vetiver in action in its native home. The conference would provide an exciting and startling opportunity to the participants to interact with the leading world vetiver users who have hands on and successful experience ; an experience that could lead to early follow up application, additional research, and promotion in the participants own countries.

Conference Theme

Fast growing deep penetrating roots and high biomass production potential of vetiver grass has opened newer opportunities for its utilization in mitigating global warming through photosynthetic capture of atmospheric carbon and its sequestration in subsoil horizons. Also, the technical advances being made in cellulosic conversion of plant biomass into biofuel could offer integrated approach for optimum utilization of vetiver plantations thereby reducing the load from anthropogenic emissions.

VS could mitigate the collateral adverse effects of climate change, such as flood disaster, soil degradation, loss of water quality and quantity (including groundwater), agriculture, and pollution control (water and land decontamination), and sediment control from roads, mines and other sources that impact basin sediment flows.

Objectives

- Review of the state of art developments on the prospects and potential of VS in addressing issues related to climate change and mitigation of global warming
- An update of latest developments on VS applications to underscore its promises and potential in the service of global community
- Overview of Vetiver Ecosystem Services (an integrated ecological approach for betterment of environment, people and community)
- Utilization of vetiver diversity

Awards

“King of Thailand Vetiver Awards”

There will be two sets of these awards valued at US \$ 10,000 to the best papers on research (US \$ 5,000) and dissemination (US \$ 5,000). Applicants should send their papers to the Selection Committee for the “King of Thailand Vetiver Awards”, Office of the Royal Development Projects Board, 78 Rajdamnern Nok Ave., Bangkok 10300, Thailand, vetiver@rdpb.mail.go.th

“The Vetiver Network International Awards”

Awarded to individual or organization in recognition of their contribution to R & D and promotion of VS

Registration Fee

(includes conference attendance and related events, mid conference transport, conference documents, and some meals)

For participants from outside India: US \$ 300=00

Accompanying person: US \$ 200=00

Indian Participants: Rs. 6000/-

Accompanying person: Rs. 4000/-

Participants

It is estimated that approximately 300 participants would attend ICV-5, of which nearly 120 would be from outside India and international experts.

Accommodation and cost

The participants are required to make their own stay arrangement. However, the conference organizers would facilitate reservation of hotel booking; and make arrangement for local transport. A good number of three to five star hotels are available in the close vicinity of conference venue @ US\$ 100 to 200 per day on single occupancy basis. Further details about tariff and hotels would be provided in the second announcement. Accommodation for a limited number of participants could be arranged in the Guest House at a nominal cost.

Official Language


English

Pre- and Post- Conference Tour of local interest: (to be arranged by the travel agencies on payment basis)

There are several sites of tourist interest in and around Lucknow. In addition to historical monuments (e.g. Residency, Imambara etc.) in Lucknow, there are several tourist sites in close vicinity of Lucknow within the reach of 100-350 Kms. namely, Ayodhya, Nemisaranya, Shravasti, Kushinagar, Varanasi, Sarnath, Agra. Depending upon the interest of participants, the Conference Secretariat could facilitate necessary arrangement with the help of tour operators.

Pre Registration

Download Pre Registration form and send to ICV Secretariat by email (icv-5@cimap.res.in) or fax / post as given under contact us.

[Download Application Form](#) 

Contact address

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Organizing Institution

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

With the support and collaboration from:

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

Place and Date:

Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Lucknow, India October 29-31, 2011

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



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

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

Event Details

Time: [October 29, 2011](#) at 8am to [October 31, 2011](#) at 4pm

Location: [Lucknow, India](#)

Event Type: [vetiver, conference](#)

Organized By: Umesh Lavania, Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Lucknow 226 015, India

Latest Activity: **May 4**

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Event Description

The first announcement for this conference (theme - Vetiver and Climate Change) has been made. See <http://icv-5.cimap.res.in/> It will be held in Lucknow, India from **October 29 to 31**, 2011. The last conference ICV-4 was held in Caracas, Venezuela in 2006. A lot has happened in the intervening 5 years and the conference promises to be interesting and challenging. Please join us in Lucknow, share your vetiver knowledge, and meet many of the key vetiver players from around the world and from India. I can guarantee that you will return home with new ideas and new ways of applying this remarkable plant to solve some of the problems facing your community. Please email your friends and tell them about ICV-5. Past conference information and proceedings can be found at: <http://www.vetiver.org/g/conferences.htm>.

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

Late 2011 or Early 2012

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

2012

Earth Summit 2012

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

As part of these preparations, on **15th May** Stakeholder Forum will host a conference in New York with the UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS) on the themes of the Summit, which will be just prior to the first preparatory meeting for Earth Summit 2012 (17th - 19th of May). If you would like to attend or would any further information please contact Hannah Stoddart: hstoddart@stakeholderforum.org directly.

Stakeholder Forum has just launched a new website for Earth Summit 2012 – www.earthsummit2012.org



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