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International Association for Landscape Ecology

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by Helen Buitenkamp

Kluwer Academic Publishers merges its business with Springer-Verlag; the new entity will be known as Springer

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If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me

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For more information see: <http://www.blackburnpress.com/>



Vegetation of New Zealand by Peter Wardle

THE IALE WEBSITE

by Rob Jongman

The IALE website (<http://www.landscape-ecology.org>) is regularly updated. We distinguish three categories of links: general links, Landscape Ecology links and software links. If you want yours links to be included, you can send them to Rob Jongman (rob.jongman@wur.nl). Depending on their added value for Landscape Ecology they will be included.

New publications are added as well as links to the publication sites of some chapters. If your link is missing, please inform me. Soon IALE will be publishing material that is important for Landscape Ecology, but could (can) not be published through a commercial publisher. Distribution will be organized via the Web site. Members or chapters with publications or publication plans that fall into the category described above are kindly invited to contact the President of the Executive Committee (Dr. Bob Bunce, bob.bunce@wur.nl) to discuss their ideas.

Members or chapters that plan to publish regional announcements are kindly invited to use the IALE Web site. Information can be in any language, but must be accompanied by an English translation. Please contact Rob Jongman for further details.

The directory 2004 is available for all members. Distribution as a pdf file was done via electronic mail in July 2004. Members without e-mail address will receive it via surface mail. The directory contains name, address and e-mail of all members, the Executive Committee and the regional boards. Due to privacy reasons the Directory is not freely available, but members can order it through the web (see "News" or "About us").

In September the first announcements for the IALE 2007 congress will be placed on the Web. First meetings have been taken place and the process of setting up the congress has been started. We will keep you informed through the Bulletin.

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INTERNATIONAL PHD COURSE

“Landscape Ecology: Its Methods
and their Application”

Linked to the European IALE Congress 2005 in Faro, Portugal; <http://www.apep.pt>

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Detailed information: ftp://ftp.wsl.ch/pub/kienast/iale/phd_faro.doc

Aims:

- o to explore the global aspects of Landscape Ecology
- o to make contact with more established scholars
- o to further the professional background
- o to train young scientists in formal and informal rules of scientific communication through attendance at an international scientific meeting
- o to focus on the tools and methods of Landscape Ecology, with theoretical considerations applied to Mediterranean Landscapes

Themes: Landscape Ecology and its Nature, Cultural Landscapes, Introduction to the Algarve Landscape, Research design and hypothesis testing in Landscape Ecology, The use of GIS and Scenarios in applied Landscape Ecology, Understanding Pattern and Processes, Transdisciplinary approaches in Landscape Ecology.

Field Trip: Portuguese Landscapes in Transition

Instructors: Marion Potschin, Roy Haines-Young, Marc Antrop, Francisco Moreira, Richard Aspinall, Jesper Brandt, Rosário Oliveira, Jacinta Fernandes, Teresa Pinto Correia



MEETINGS

June 16-19, 2005

First announcement and call for papers: 11th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM), Östersund, Sweden

ISSRM 2005 will focus on the social and cultural dimensions of natural resource issues and their importance to natural resource decision makers and managers. The organizing theme of the symposium is "From Knowledge to Management – Balancing Resource Extraction, Protection and Experiences". Specific topics of the symposium are listed on the Web Page.

The symposium will provide an opportunity for social scientists from around the world to present research relevant to natural resource use. Because of the applied nature of the research, we also encourage those from resource management agencies and responsible for natural resources to attend. ISSRM is the official meeting of the International Association for Society and Natural Resources.

The program includes four days of plenary sessions including plenary speakers, paper presentations, and posters as well as in conference field trips to some of Sweden's most visited tourist attractions, museums, forest sites, protected areas, hunting areas etc. The symposium language is English. There will be awards for the best posters and student papers.

Scientific paper abstracts are due Jan. 31, 2005

Regular registration before Feb. 28, 2005

ISSRM 2005 is hosted by the European Tourism Research Institute (ETOUR), Mid-Sweden University and the Mountain Mistra Research Program.

For more information and the first call brochure, see the symposium web site: www.issrm2005.com

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IALE on the Internet: IALE International: www.landscape-ecology.org

May 2 - 6, 2005

Our shared landscape - conference, Centro Stefano Franscini, Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland

At the proposed conference we will explore the common ground and the conflicts between aesthetic, ecological and socio-economic aspects of landscape planning and management and determine how to integrate these issues from both a theoretical and practical perspective.

More information on: <http://osl.ethz.ch>

March 12-16, 2005

20th Annual Symposium of the International Association for Landscape Ecology US Chapter, Syracuse, New York, USA

The 2005 US-IALE Symposium planning committee is developing a program of invited and contributed papers, posters, symposia, workshops and field trips emphasizing tangible landscape management goals that can be accomplished through the application of knowledge developed in landscape ecology. Join us in March 2005 to share your knowledge and experience. Abstracts due November 1, 2004.

More information and registration details: <http://iale.esf.edu/>

May 18-19, 2005

„Multifunctionality of Landscapes“ - Analysis, Evaluation and Decision Support, Germany

More information: <http://www.sfb299.de/conference/>

September 12-18, 2005

4th European Conference on ecological restoration, 17th Conference of the Society for Ecological Restoration. World conference to various themes of ecological restoration. Zaragoza, Spain.

More information soon on: <http://www.ecologicalrestoration.net> or secretariat@ecologicalrestoration.net

March 29- April 2, 2005

Landscape Ecology in the Mediterranean. Inside and outside approaches, Faro, Portugal

Mediterranean landscapes are changing rapidly under driving forces leading to different pathways of change. This situation calls for an adequate framework of approaches, methodologies and management practices.

More information: <http://www.apep.pt/>

July 19-23, 2005

Changing Landscapes of Africa: A Common Approach to Diverse Challenges; Paysages Changeants de l'Afrique: Une Approche Commune aux Défis Divers, 1st Regional Biannual Conference of the African Chapter of the International Association of Landscape Ecology (Africa-IALE), Elmina, Ghana

Recent developments in the collection and processing of landscape-based data have resulted in increased opportunities to address environmental, socioeconomic and developmental problems in African countries.

These developments, together with recent inauguration of the African Union, present unique opportunities for collaboration among researchers, policy makers and resource managers that are interested in mitigating degradation of resources common to African countries and in sustainable management of these resources.

As the concept of landscape ecology receives proper attention on the African continent, it is important to bring together researchers, educators, politicians, policymakers, resource managers, and development agencies in a forum that focuses on landscape perspectives of environmental management and socioeconomic development of the natural resources of the African continent.

More information soon on: <http://calmit.unl.edu/africa-iale/>

Download flier: <ftp://ftp.wsl.ch/pub/kienast/iale/africa.pdf>

September 20-24, 2005

Biodiversity Conservation and sustainable development in mountain areas of Europe: The challenge of interdisciplinary research, Ioannina, Epirus, Greece

For centuries agriculture has played a multifunctional role in defining and sustaining mountain biodiversity in Europe through the management of habitats, species and landscapes. With significant agricultural adjustment and contraction now in prospect, there is potential for major impacts on mountain biodiversity. Some of these changes may be deleterious, e.g. loss of locally-adapted species and semi-natural habitats; others beneficial, e.g. new successional pathways providing opportunities for restoration of some elements of the pre-agricultural, wilder landscapes.

The focus of the conference will be to examine both the socio-economic drivers of agricultural change across upland Europe and the ecological effects of these new agricultural practices on landscapes and biodiversity. Alternative future scenarios of agricultural restructuring will be discussed along with the implications for biodiversity conservation of market liberalisation and targeted environmental support to farmers. The overall aim of this international conference is to highlight the need for interdisciplinary research in this area which explores the social, economic, ecological and overall sustainability of these change processes and to discuss a variety of methodological approaches, including stakeholder deliberation, sustainability appraisal and landscape ecological modeling, necessary to achieve this.

This conference is organized around the European BioScene research project "*Scenarios for reconciling biodiversity conservation with declining agricultural use in the mountains of Europe*" (<http://www.bioscene.co.uk>) funded by the European Union 5th Framework Programme (DG XII).

More information: <ftp://ftp.wsl.ch/pub/kienast/iale/greece.pdf>