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SEMINARS OF INTEREST

Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Indonesia

Luca Tacconi, Center for International Forestry Research and The Australian National University,
Iwan Kurniawan, Center for International Forestry Research
Date & time: Tuesday 5 July, 12.30 - 1.30
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU campus
(joint RMAP/Indonesia Study Group Seminar)

Ocean Uptake of CO₂: Are the Oceans Acidifying?

Dr Steve Widdicombe, Plymouth Marine Laboratories, UK

Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂): Where and How Long?

Dr John Bradshaw, Geoscience Australia/ CO₂CRC
Date & time: Thursday 7 July, 5.30 to 6.40pm
Venue: Shine Dome, Gordon Street, ANU

RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

Conference Calendar

http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf_calendar.php

Forests, Wood and Livelihoods – Finding a Future for All, 16 August 2005, New Parliament House, Canberra.

This year's Crawford Fund annual conference will get beyond the emotion and polarisation by highlighting the issues and the significant role of international forestry research in finding a balance between the competing demands for forest products and services, and the ability of natural and plantation forests to supply them. For further information and on-line registration:

www.crawfordfund.org

International Farming Systems Association Global Learning Opportunity (IFSA GLO)

Themes: Overall Challenge Theme -- **Farming Systems and Poverty: Making a Difference**, 31

October – 4 November, 2005, Rome Italy.

Theme 1 -- Food, Agriculture and Rural Development Policies in a Globalizing World

Theme 2 – Trade and Market Linkages

Theme 3 -- Knowing and Learning Processes

Theme 4 -- Development Strategies, Pathways and Synergies

For further information contact: farming-systems@fao.org

OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

Global International Waters Assessment (GIWA) is soon presenting a **Global Report to summarize the assessments on transboundary waters around the world**. The GIWA Global Report will conclude the assessment and its bottom-up and multi-disciplinary process and highlight the findings and the root causes identified. The report will be widely spread to environment stakeholders around

the world and it aims to inspire actions to obtain global food security and ecosystem health in international waters. **Recent Regional Assessment Reports include:** Indonesia Seas, South China Sea; Pacific Islands. These can be downloaded from the GIWA website: <http://www.giwa.net/>

WRM Bulletin, June 2005

"Open For Business": How The International Finance Corporation Subsidises The Pulp And Paper Industry". http://chrislang.blogspot.com/2005_06_28_chrislang_archive.html

How IFC uses tax-payers' money to support pulp and paper companies, with little pretence of even attempting to relieve poverty.

"Secrets And Lies: The Asian Development Bank's New Forest Policy"

http://chrislang.blogspot.com/2005_06_29_chrislang_archive.html

The ADB's proposed new forest policy is shrouded in secrecy. No surprises there, then.

OTHER NEWS

1. Workshop - Water Governance in Context: Issues for Development Assistance

IBI, AusAID House, 62 Northbourne Ave, Canberra, 15 July, 9.30 am - 4.30 pm

The workshop, hosted by the AusAID Development Research Program and the AusAID Water Group, will report on the findings of a 12-month research project funded by AusAID's Australian Water Research Facility (AWRF) on Water Governance in Context: Issues for Development Assistance. The workshop will seek to refine the applied findings of the research among participants from academia, Whole of Government and NGO's. It will provide a forum for organisations with a common interest in development assistance and expertise in water issues to provide input into the analysis and documentation of the research outcomes.

The Australian Mekong Resource Centre (AMRC) has been working on the project since May 2004, examining issues relevant to appropriate water regulatory frameworks and wider aspects of governance. The team has focused on contextual issues of governance with the aim of suggesting lessons for approaching water-related development assistance in a manner compatible with country-specific circumstances. The study is structured around five key themes in six case study countries/river basins: 1. Drivers for change in water regulatory and governance systems, 2. Catchment management and issues of scale, 3. Private, public and community roles and initiatives, 4. Equity implications of market and property rights mechanisms, 5. Dealing with conflict and risk

The presentation of findings will be followed by a workshop on the implications for development assistance and the establishment of applied outcomes for the research.

Please register your interest to Natalie McKelleher: natalie_mckelleher@ausaid.gov.au, Phone (02) 6206 4251

2. Position available: World Vision Australia are looking for a **social researcher to investigate food security and HIV/AIDS in southern Africa**. The purpose of the research is to provide direction to our future programming - the recurrent episodes of food insecurity, HIV/AIDS and other diseases and the deplorable rates of child malnutrition and mortality in southern Africa are posing huge challenges to our partner communities. Evidence is growing that food shortages will occur again this year and emergency relief efforts are currently being mobilised. The sort of questions we will be asking will require a broad understanding of the complexity of issues relating to poverty and food insecurity, including HIV/AIDS, national rural development policies, dependency and community notions of shared poverty and underlying economic failure of rural economies. We are looking for a strong policy focus - how can World Vision engage more effectively with policy makers to make our programming and advocacy more effective in addressing urgent needs. It would involve desk reviews of projects and evaluation reports, travel to the region, networking with World Vision and other NGOs and some government contact.

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