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SEMINARS OF INTEREST

Community Engagement in PNG: Building Community Infrastructure and Human Resources for Humane, Sustainable Development

Elizabeth Cox, HELP Resources, Wewak, Papua New Guinea
Date & time: Thursday 18 August, 11:00am - 12.30pm
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU
(SSGM Seminar)

Was She Pushed or Did She Fall? - Climate Change and Agricultural Interactions in Semi-Arid Environments

Ann Hamblin, Visiting Fellow CRES, ANU
Date & time: Thursday 18 August, 12.30-2.00pm
Venue: Seminar Room, 6th Level, WK Hancock Building West, Bldg 43, Biology Place off Sullivans Creek Road, ANU
(CRES Seminar)

RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

Conference Calendar

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

1. Electronic Conference on: Climate Change and Biodiversity Conservation: Knowledge Needed to Support Development of Integrated Adaptation Strategies

The organisers of the UK presidency meeting of the European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy (EPBRS) and the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH) invite you to participate in this electronic conference which will run from 29 August to 16 September 2005. The results of the Electronic Conference will be presented at the EPBRS delegates meeting in Aviemore (Scotland), from 2-5 October 2005. You are invited to subscribe to the electronic conference by filling the subscription form available at: <http://www.nbu.ac.uk/biota/e-conference.htm>. In case of any difficulty subscribing, please e-mail Juliette Young j.young@ceh.ac.uk.

2. Sustainable Water Management: Comparative Perspectives from Australia, Europe and The United States, 15 - 16 September 2005, The National Museum of Australia, Canberra, Australia.

Hosted by the National Europe Centre at The Australian National University
<http://www.anu.edu.au/NEC/water.php>

OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

1. **Global warming and the greenhouse effect** have been discussed from time to time on this list. There is an interesting paper online by Warwick McKibbin, director of the ANU Centre for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis. In it he discusses the defects of the Kyoto protocol and proposes what he

sees as a more workable, thus pragmatically better, approach. It is online at <http://www.lowyinstitute.org/Publication.asp?pid=212>

2. In celebration of World Environment Day on June 3, 2005 the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in cooperation with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), United States Geological Survey (USGS), and the University of Maryland launched '**One Planet, Many People: Atlas of our Changing Environment**', a publication that provides visual evidence of environmental change using satellite images, graphics, and text. The focus is on the status and trends over several decades, both in physical and human geography. The 334-page hardbound Atlas discusses human influences on our Earth including changes in land use, biological diversity, and climate. You may access the Atlas on line at www.na.unep.net or you may purchase a hard copy from <http://www.earthprint.com>.

OTHER NEWS

1. **Position available** - The WorldFish Center, located on the island of Penang, Malaysia is looking for a talented leader with a record of applying social science analysis to natural resources management and development challenges; the person need not necessarily have experience in fisheries / aquaculture. This position will be open until it is filled. However, applications should reach us by **15 August 2005** to receive full consideration. For further information: <http://www.worldfishcenter.org/vacant-disiplinedirpess.htm>

2. World's Biodiversity Hotspots

From a Conservation International [Press Release](#). Conservation International's Center for Applied Biodiversity Science (CABS) and Intel Corporation have announced the re-launch of www.biodiversityhotspots.org, a vividly designed Web site containing detailed and updated information about the world's biodiversity hotspots. Nine new hotspots also have been added to the original list of 25. **Pacific Hotspots:**

[East Melanesian Islands](#)
[New Caledonia](#)
[New Zealand](#)
[Polynesia-Micronesia](#)

3. **Positions available:** SaciWATERs announces the following three vacancies in its '*Crossing Boundaries. Regional Capacity Building on IWRM and Gender and Water in South Asia*' project: Project Director, Education Expert and Research Expert. The CB project is a five-year capacity building project on water resources education and research, with partners in Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and the Netherlands. The project will be based at and coordinated by SaciWATERs, Hyderabad, India. The project is financially supported by the Dutch Ministry of Development Cooperation. For this implementation of this project we seek to compose an international and gender balanced South Asian team, of experienced and highly motivated individuals of global standard, dedicated to promoting interdisciplinary education and research on water resources in the South Asian region. We are looking for candidates with a PhD in a relevant topic, a publication record, and at least 5 years experience (10 years for the project director) in the activities described in the job profiles.

Background information on the project can be requested from the Office Manager SaciWATERs at saciwaters@rediffmail.com, on submission of full name and address, institutional affiliation, PhD title/topic and present area/focus of academic/professional work.

4. Grants in Marine Environmental History and Historical Ecology

Marine Conservation Biology Institute is embarking on the third year of the Mia J. Tegner Memorial Research Grants in Marine Environmental History and Historical Ecology. This program provides funding for high-quality, results-oriented research projects in the areas of marine environmental history and historical ecology.

http://www.mcbi.org/Advancing/Tegner_grant_announcement%202004.htm