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A DIVERSITAS General

DIVERSITAS is interested in your project: In order to submit your project for endorsement as an official DIVERSITAS project, please look at the [endorsement procedure](#)

International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity (IMoSEB)

DIVERSITAS has supported the IMoSEB consultation since its inception. The consultation on an IMoSEB will continue with the last regional meetings, and the final steering committee meeting

The Fourth issue of the IMoSEB newsletter is available - Click [here](#)

04-06 June 2007 - Beijing, China

A Larigauderie (Executive Director DIVERSITAS), P Daszak (Treasurer SC-DIVERSITAS) and M Donoghue (cochair bioGENESIS) met with a delegation of Chinese scientists and officials, led by Prof. Le Kang, to discuss the possibility for **China to host an Asian consultation on IMoSEB**.

12-15 June 2007- Brussels, Belgium

Greenweek. [More](#)

02-06 July 2007 - UNESCO, Paris, France

12th meeting of CBD-SBSTTA: a side event on IMoSEB was held in the margins of CBD-SBSTTA 12. [More](#)

01-02 August 2007, Sao Paulo, Brazil

IMoSEB Consultation. [More](#)

M Loreau (cochair IMoSEB International Steering Committee) presented the IMoSEB consultation at a meeting of Brazilian officials and scientists from the biodiversity science and policy community of Brazil (BIOTA-FAPESP).

24-25 September 2007, Beijing, China
IMoSEB Asian Regional Consultation

01- 06 October 2007, Bariloche, Argentina
IMoSEB Latin-American Consultation

14 November 2007, Montpellier, France
IMoSEB Executive Committee

15-17 November 2007, Montpellier, France
IMoSEB International Steering Committee.

This is the final meeting of the IMoSEB consultation, which will discuss and propose a set of final recommendations for IMoSEB.

B CORE PROJECTS AND NETWORKS

bioGENESIS

30-31 May 2007 - Padova, Italy

2nd meeting of the Scientific Advisory Council (SAC) of the European Distributed Institute of Taxonomy ([EDIT](#)).

This meeting reviewed the progress and activities of EDIT, and made recommendations to the EDIT Board of Directors and Network Steering Committee. A Larigauderie (Executive Director DIVERSITAS) is a member of the SAC-EDIT

03-06 June 2007 - Beijing, China

Symposium "Evolutionary Biology in the 21st Century - Tracing Patterns of Evolution through the Tree of Life". Co-sponsored by DIVERSITAS and organized by [M Donoghue](#) (DIVERSITAS) and Y-L Qui (NNSFC, China-CAS, JSPS). [More...](#)

16-21 June 2007 - Christchurch, New Zealand

SSB symposium "Phylogenetic diversity: towards a synthesis of concepts and applications for biodiversity conservation". Event co-sponsored by DIVERSITAS-bioGENESIS and coordinated by D Faith (SC-bioGENESIS) at the "[Evolution 2007 joint annual meeting of the SSE/SSB and ASN](#)". Contact [D Faith](#), read the [rationale](#)

14-15 July 2007 - University of Zurich, Switzerland

Mediterranean symposium: Origin and evolution of biota in Mediterranean climate zones, with emphasis on the Mediterranean basin: an integrative vision. Symposium co-sponsored by DIVERSITAS-bioGENESIS and organised by E Conti, (University of Zurich, Switzerland, SC-bioGENESIS). Contact [E Conti](#). [More...](#)

15-19 July 2007 - Morelia, México

The impact of plant phylogenies on tropical ecology and evolutionary studies. Symposium co-sponsored by DIVERSITAS- bioGENESIS and organized by A Jaramillo (University of Missouri-Columbia, USA) and LG Lohmann (Universidade de São Paulo, Brasil, SC-bioGENESIS) at the [ATBC Annual meeting](#) "Linking Tropical Biology with Human Dimensions." This symposium highlighted the importance of phylogenies to ecological research and stimulated discussion on ecological questions from a phylogenetic standpoint. Contact [LG Lohmann](#), read the [rationale](#)

28-29 September 2007 - MNHN, Paris, France

DIVERSITAS bioGENESIS Scientific Committee meeting (upon invitation only). Contact [B Walther](#)

bioDISCOVERY

31 May-01 June 2007, Brussels, Belgium

Third Meeting of the GEO Science and Technology Committee, A Larigauderie (Executive Director DIVERSITAS), N Jürgens (cochair SC-bioDISCOVERY) presented progress on Task BI-07-01.

20-21 August 2007, Beijing, China

International Conference on Long-Term Ecological Research (ILTER 2007), B Walther (bioDISCOVERY) will present what is envisaged for biodiversity monitoring in the context of GEOSS. [More](#)
Contact: [Mr Pengfei LAI](#)

06-07 September 2007, Geneva, Switzerland

Fourth Meeting of the GEO Science and Technology Committee. [More](#)

14-15 September 2007, Cambridge, UK

DIVERSITAS bioDISCOVERY Scientific Committee meeting (upon invitation only). Contact [B Walther](#)

22-24 October 2007, Wageningen, The Netherlands

2nd GEO Biodiversity Observation Network workshop: Towards the GEO Biodiversity Observation Network. This meeting, sponsored by GEO Secretariat and hosted through DIVERSITAS-bioDISCOVERY and NASA will develop a scientifically robust strategy for monitoring biodiversity, based on user needs.
[More](#)

Contact: [Michael Schaepman](#) or [Frank Berendse](#)

28-29 November 2007, Cape Town, South Africa

GEO-IV Plenary Meeting, at the International Convention Centre of Cape Town

01 December 2007, Cape Town, South Africa

Fifth Meeting of the GEO Science and Technology Committee

bioSUSTAINABILITY

20-21 Sept 2007 - Kings College, Cambridge, UK

9th BIOECON Conference on Economics and Institutions for Biodiversity Conservation. Contact: [M Sarr](#)
[More...](#)

ecoSERVICES

21-22 May 2007 - Paris, France

SC-ecoSERVICES (invitation only).

22-23 May 2007 - Paris, France

Working Group on Economy of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (invitation only). **An ecoSERVICES workshop.** The meeting discussed the state of the art on the economics of biodiversity and ecosystem services, and in particular the development of a framework to capture the relationship between the monitoring of, and the valuation of, biodiversity resources and functions, with a view to produce terms of reference for further study of the topic as requested by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

05-08 June 2007 - UFZ, Leipzig, Germany

European Society for Ecological Economics ([ESEE](#))'s 7th international conference, **ESEE 2007: Integrating Natural and Social Sciences for Sustainability**. [More...](#)

C Perrings (SC-ecoSERVICES, SC-agroBIODIVERSITY) was a member of the Scientific Committee.

C Sullivan (SC-freshwaterBIODIVERSITY) was chair of the session entitled "Environmental Indicators" and presented 2 talks: *Water Stress and its Assessment: Building A Matrix Approach* and *Water stress assessment by modelling the dynamics of environment-society interactions*

U Pascual (SC-agroBIODIVERSITY) was part of the review panel and presented results on *The ecological economics of traditional knowledge*

29 October-01 November 2007, Tempe, Arizona, USA

The economics and ecology of invasive species. Organised by ecoSERVICES [More](#)

agroBIODIVERSITY

06-07 June 2007 - Zeist, the Netherlands

Scientific Symposium - Soil and Water. P de Ruiter (SC-agroBIODIVERSITY, Head Soil Science Centre Wageningen UR), participated in a session on the [TRIAS](#) (TRIPartite Approach to Soil System Processes), and gave a talk entitled: *Soil organisms and sustainable land use*. Read the [programme](#)

07-11 April 2008, University of California, Davis, USA

Symposium and Workshop: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Agricultural Landscapes (upon invitation only) DIVERSITAS-agroBIODIVERSITY event

Click [here](#) for more information

freshwaterBIODIVERSITY

12-18 August 2007, Stockholm, Sweden

Working with Nature: Improving Integrated Water Resources Management by Sustaining and Restoring Ecosystem Services and Freshwater Biodiversity, seminar at the World Water Week, Co-organised by Michael McClain (GLOWS, DIVERSITAS). Robert Naiman (Chair freshwaterBIODIVERSITY) made a presentation on progress in environmental flows research. The audience was composed largely of water resource managers and policy makers, providing DIVERSITAS scientists the opportunity to communicate program results illustrating the declining trends in freshwater biodiversity, key ecological concepts like environmental flows, and specific actions that managers can take to conserve freshwater ecosystems and their important services. [More...](#)

27 August-01 September 2007 - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

3rd International Symposium on Riverine Landscapes (TISORL): "Global change and river-floodplain ecosystems"

03-06 September 2007 - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

2nd International Conference on Environmental-Flows

03-06 September 2007 - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

10th International Riversymposium

For [further information](#) on the 3 events, contact [S Bunn](#)

Members of the DIVERSITAS Freshwater CC Network, GWSP and The Nature Conservancy have worked throughout 2006-07 to help plan the 10th International River symposium and Environmental Flows Conference.

25-27 February 2008, Seattle, University of Washington, USA

freshwaterBIODIVERSITY SC meeting (upon invitation only)

Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment ([GMBA](#))

GMBA project on **Geo-referenced Biological Databases as a tool for Understanding Mountain Biodiversity**. There is a strong potential in biological databases linked to geophysical data (e.g. altitude, temperature) for the analysis of mountain biodiversity patterns. In cooperation with the Global Biodiversity Information Facility ([GBIF](#)), the Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment (GMBA) encourages a global effort to mine georeferenced archive databases on mountain organisms. The EUROMONT initiative is one example of such a data analysis. It assesses climate threat to alpine plant diversity and focuses on European mountain ranges.

Please, read the paper by A Guisan, EM Spehn and C Körner. 2007. MRI Newsletter 8: [Georeferenced Biological Databases - A tool for Understanding Mountain Biodiversity. Mountain Research and Development](#), 27(1):80-81

GMBA project on Georeferenced Biological Databases as a tool for understanding Mountain Biodiversity. [More...](#)

23-25 June 2007, Kampala, Uganda

A Global Change Research Network in African Mountains. GMBA co organised a meeting with the Mountain Research Initiative on global change research in sub-Saharan African mountains. Researchers, site managers and representatives of funding agencies attended the meeting with the goal to develop a multi-site network on global change research in highland Africa. Workshop outcomes soon available at <http://mri.scnatweb.ch/>

26-28 September 2007, Copenhagen, Denmark

GMBA-GBIF meeting on geo-referenced biological databases- synthesis of examples and principles of e-database-mining for mountains. This GMBA follow-up meeting in cooperation with the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) will illustrate the power of using data-bases, cross linked ones in particular, to test ecological and evolutionary theory related to life in high mountains.

C NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND REGIONAL NETWORKS

Australia

The Australian Government Department of the Environment and Water Resources has just released a report on "**Biodiversity conservation research in a changing climate**". It is downloadable from: <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/publications/climate-priorities/index.html>

CSIRO is setting up a new Climate Adaptation Flagship research program, a multidisciplinary, collaborative research program, initially \$44M over 4 years, aimed at helping Australia adapt to the impacts of climate change. It has four themes: Biodiversity sits in Theme 3 on "Protecting Ecosystems and Natural Resources".

Belgium

21-22 May 2007 - Brussels, Belgium

International biodiversity day. The [Belgian Biodiversity Platform](#) (DIVERSITAS Belgium National Committee) held a conference untitled "Biodiversity and Climate Change" which is the 2007 theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity ([IBD-22 May](#)). [More...](#)

China

04-06 June 2007, Beijing, China

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Germany

Since July, [Dr Bettina Höll](#) who has replaced Dr.Thomas Kraft is now the new contact person for the secretariat of the German national committee for global change.

France

18-19 October 2007, Paris, MNHN, France

Buffon International Symposium

[More information \(in French\)](#)

03-07 December 2007 - Tours, France

5e Journées de l'Institut Français de la Biodiversité (IFB, DIVERSITAS-France). This year's theme will be "Dynamics of the ecosystems and ecological engineering"

Mexico

Book: "About Biological Diversity: the meaning of alpha, beta, and gamma diversity," co-edited by DIVERSITAS-Mexico.

This book is a Mexican contribution to the International DIVERSITAS Program and can be purchased.

Contact: [Ana Morales](#) for more information

Interchange of seeds, plants and animals between Mayan communities in Yucatan, Mexico: a Mexican school project. [More...](#)

Norway

June 2007-2015 - Oslo, Norway

Norwegian research programme "Environment 2015". Within the framework of its national research programme "Biological Diversity -Dynamics, Threats and Management (BIOMANGFOLD)", that started in 1997 and ended in 2007, the Norwegian Research Council funds individual research projects carried out in collaboration with institutions in various developing countries. From 2007, biodiversity research will be continued within the new research programme "Environment 2015", possibly in collaboration with developing countries provided sufficient funding

29 October-02 November 2007 - Trondheim, Norway

Fifth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity: Safeguarding ecosystems. This Norway/UNEP Expert Conference on Biodiversity will prepare input to the Ninth Conference of the Parties to the CBD in Germany in 2008. Contact: [Norway's Directorate for Nature Management](#), [More...](#)

Philippines

13-17 November 2007, The Central Mindanao University (CMU), Musuan, Bukidnon, Philippines

4th Symposium on Asian Pteridology and Garden Show. "The Richness of Asian Ferns: Their Uses and Study". This symposium is organized by the Central Mindanao University, Los Angeles International Fern Society, Japan Pteridological Society and the Philippine Horticultural Society in cooperation with DIVERSITAS. Contact [Dr. V Amoroso](#)

[More...](#)

Spain

12-14 November 2007, Segovia, Spain

1st DIVERSITAS Spanish committee meeting. More (in Spanish): <http://www.diversitas-es.org>

Switzerland

4 April 2007, Bern, Switzerland

The **8th Swiss Global Change Day** was held in Bern. Click here for the Meeting Report: <http://www.proclim.ch/Events/8CHGCDay/>

03-06 September 2007 - Birmendorf, Switzerland

International conference: Monitoring the Effectiveness of Nature Conservation The conference is organized by C Scheidegger (representative of IUBS on SC-DIVERSITAS) and will be held at the Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL. Contact [C Scheidegger](#), [More...](#)

9 November 2007, Museum of Natural History of Bern, Switzerland

Congrès: Réseau biologique - de la théorie à la pratique. Dialogue entre chercheurs et praticiens.

Le congrès a pour objectif d'analyser le potentiel des mises en réseau et leurs limites sur la base des connaissances scientifiques et des contrôles d'efficacité effectués dans la pratique.

[More](#) (in French)

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Balvanera P, Pfisterer AB, Buchmann N, He J-S, Nakashizuka T, Raffaelli D and Schmid B. 2006. Quantifying the evidence for biodiversity effects on ecosystem functioning and services. *Ecology Letters*. 9: 1146-1156

D DIVERSITAS PRODUCTS

DIVERSITAS

[DIVERSITAS Annual Report 2006](#)

ecoSERVICES

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agroBIODIVERSITY

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GMBA

New GMBA publication in Mountain Research & Development

Körner C et al. 2007. Creative Use of Mountain Biodiversity Databases: The Kazbegi Research Agenda of GMBA-DIVERSITAS. *Mountain Research and Development* .27(3) doi:10.1659/mrd.0880

Geo-referenced archive databases on mountain organisms are very promising tools for achieving a better understanding of mountain biodiversity and predicting its changes. The Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment (GMBA) of DIVERSITAS, in cooperation with the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, encourages a global effort to mine biodiversity databases on mountain organisms. The paper illustrates the power of openly accessible, interconnected electronic databases for scientific biodiversity research.

E OTHER RELEVANT MEETINGS AND PRODUCTS

Conventions

28 October-04 November 2007 - Changwon, Rep of Korea

10th Conference of the Parties to the [RAMSAR Convention](#). Contact [L Sello](#)

01 November 2007 - Spain to be confirmed

COP-8 for the [UNCCD](#) (UN Convention to Combat Desertification)

03-14 December 2007 - Bali, Indonesia

13th COP on the climate convention (UNFCCC) and 3^d COP/MOP on Kyoto protocol. [More...](#)

18-22 February 2008 - FAO, Rome, Italia

13th meeting of CBD-SBSTTA. Preparation of the review on international agricultural works for COP9 [More...](#)

12-16 May 2008 - Bonn, Germany

CBD PreCOP9: Biodiversity Research - Safeguarding the Future. [More...](#)

19-30 May 2008 - Bonn, Germany

CBD COP-9: Ninth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The main subject will be the implementation of the programme of work on, agricultural biodiversity and the related international initiative on pollinators, soil biodiversity and food, and nutrition. [More...](#)

European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy (EPBRS)

10-12 October 2007, Vilnius, Lithuania (to be confirmed)

EPBRS Meeting bioplatform

06 November 2007, Porto, Portugal

EPBRS Steering Committee

07-09 November 2007, Porto, Portugal

EPBRS Meeting: Life on the blue planet: Biodiversity Research and the New European Marine Policies. [More](#)

The International Group of Funding Agencies for Global Change Research (IGFA)

30 October-01 November, Vienna, Austria

IGFA Annual Meeting. [More](#)

DIVERSITAS will make a presentation on its influence on global change policy and strategy, and future plans.

World Congress on Biodiversity

09-12 November 2008 - Bangkok / Chiang Mai, Thailand

This congress will provide a forum for reorienting the policies and programmes for conservation of bioresources. V Amoroso (Philippines DIVERSITAS-NC), J Oszlanyi (Slovak Republic DIVERSITAS-NC) and N Huu Ninh (Vietnam DIVERSITAS-NC) are members of the Advisory Committee. Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 30 June 2008. Contact: [V Sivaram](#), [More...](#)

Barcode of Life

17-22 September 2007 - Taipei, Taiwan

Second International Barcode of Life Conference organised by [CBOL](#) and [Academia Sinica](#). Deadline for submission of abstracts: 01 July 2007. [More...](#)

Health and Biodiversity

25-29 February 2008 - Galway, Ireland

2nd Cooperation On Health And Biodiversity (COHAB) conference: COHAB 2008 will promote research and action on the links between the loss of biological diversity and the health and well-being of people worldwide. Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 05 November 2007 Contact [F Murray](#), [More...](#)

Sustainable management of biodiversity

05-07 September 2007 - Coimbra, Portugal

Sixth International Conference on Ecosystems and Sustainable Development The aim of the Conference is to encourage and facilitate the interdisciplinary communication between scientists, engineers and professionals working in ecological systems and sustainable development. [More...](#)

14-16 April 2008 - Stockholm, Sweden

Resilience Alliance Conference: Resilience 2008[More...](#)

Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (2010BIP)

The 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (2010BIP) was officially launched in Paris on July 12th, by the CEO of the Global Environmental Facility, Monique Barbut, and the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Ahmed Djoglaf. The 2010BIP brings together a wide range of organisations developing and using global biodiversity indicators, and aims to provide the best available information on trends in global biodiversity in support of the 2010 biodiversity target. [More...](#)

F Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP) News

DIVERSITAS is a member of the **ESSP**, which also includes: [IGBP](#), [IHDP](#) and [WCRP](#)

The ESSP aims to deliver research outputs of value to users seeking information regarding changes that are occurring to the Earth System and the implications of these changes for global sustainability

New joint project on Monsoon Asia Integrated Regional Study ([MAIRS](#))

New research initiative: Global Environmental Change and Human Health ([GECHH](#))

16-17 August 2007, Stockholm, Sweden

ESSP Review Meeting. A panel appointed by ICSU and IGFA, and chaired by Prof. L. Fresco is currently performing a review of the ESSP.

22-27 October 2007, Paris, France

ESSP SC meeting (upon invitation only)

ESSP Scientific Committee Chair

As of October 2007, under a new governance structure, Professor Rik Leemans will chair the ESSP Scientific Committee. Rik is head of the Environmental Systems Analysis Group of the Environmental Sciences Department of Wageningen University, The Netherlands. He co-chaired the Response Option Working Group of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and currently leads multidisciplinary projects to develop integrated assessment models for global biodiversity and local/regional ecosystem vulnerability. Rik has also been strongly involved in all assessments of the IPCC over the past decade.

If you have any questions for the ESSP Chair/general questions about the ESSP, please contact [Martin Rice](#), ESSP Coordinator

07-08 May 2008 - Bonn, Germany

ESSP Side Event at [SBSTTA 26 on Climate Change](#): Connecting earth system science research to climate change policy to strengthen the dialogue between scientists and the policy community. The event focused on further identifying relevant Earth System science research that will meet the needs and requirements of the UNFCCC. DIVERSITAS supported M Beniston to present *Climatic extremes in a changing climate*. [More...](#)

IMBER/LOICZ

17-21 September 2007 - Shanghai, China

IMBER/LOICZ Continental Margins Open Science Conference The sessions will be: 1) Ocean-Shelf biogeochemical Exchanges; 2) Continental Shelf Biogeochemistry and Couplings with Benthic Systems; 3) Continental Shelf Carbon in a High CO₂ World; 4) Continental Shelf Ecosystems from High to Low Latitudes; 5) Integrated Observations and Modelling: Visions and Reality; 6) Eutrophication and Oligotrophication in Coastal Systems; 7) Low Oxygen on Continental Shelves; 8) Sustainable Use of Continental Shelf Resources. Contact: [OSC Secretariat](#) [More...](#)

03-07 December 2007- La Paz, Mexico

1st [CLIOTOP](#) Symposium: Climate impacts on oceanic top predators, an IMBER sponsored activity. [More...](#)

Global Carbon Project (GCP)

20-23 August 2007 - Cape Town, South Africa

7th meeting of the scientific steering committee of the GCP (invitation only) Contact [P Canadell](#) , [S Dhakal](#)

24-26 August 2007 - Kruger NP, South Africa

Symposium: **Carbon Cycle Research in Africa** Contact: [G Midgley](#), [P Canadell](#), [S Dhakal](#)

02-05 October 2007 - Sydney, Australia

Greenhouse 2007 conference [More...](#)

08-12 October 2007 - Poznan, Poland

5th Annual CARBOEUROPE-Integrated project meeting Contact [A Freibauer](#)

Global Water System Project (GWSP)

25-27 August 2007 - Brisbane, Australia

GWSP SSC meeting in connection with the 3rd International Symposium on Riverine Landscapes (invitation only)

12-15 November 2007 - Basel, Switzerland

1st International Conference on "Adaptive & Integrated Water Management: Coping with complexity and uncertainty" (CAIWA 2007). Contact the [secretariat](#), [More...](#)

Global Environmental Change and Food Systems (GECAFS)

02-04 April 2008 - Oxford, UK

International Conference: **Food Security and Environmental Change: Linking science, development and policy** Contact: [GECAFS IPO](#) [More...](#)

International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP)

7 September 2007, Paris, MNHN, France

Plant Functional Types Fast Track Initiative meeting. IGBP/DIVERSITAS collaboration (Upon invitation only). Contact: S. Lavorel

17-18 September 2007 - Stockholm, Sweden

20th IGBP Anniversary Symposium "Earth System Science and Society: 20 Years of IGBP Research, Future Perspectives" (invitation only)

05-09 May 2008 - Cape Town, South Africa

4th IGBP Congress: Sustainable Livelihood in a Changing Earth System. The Congress will have a major focus on Africa and will be a mixture of plenary presentations, working group discussions and poster sessions. 31 Working Group Proposals have been received and are under review by the International Scientific Committee. The Congress will allow direct interaction between the IGBP Scientific Steering Committees, the IGBP Scientific Committee and IGBP National Committee representatives. Guests will be invited from ICSU, DIVERSITAS, IHDP, WCRP, SCOR and other partner organisations operating at regional level (IAI, APN and AfricanNESS, amongst others) and local stakeholders (the public, the private sector and the policy community).[More...](#)

International Human Dimensions Programme (IHDP)

27 November 2007, Bonn, Germany

2nd Bonn Dialogue "Melting Ice, Vanishing Life: the impacts of environmental change on human society and biodiversity". Co-organised by IHDP, UNU- EHS and the German Committee for Disaster Reduction (DKKV). Contact: [IHDP Secretariat](#). [More...](#)

09-12 November 2008 - New Delhi, India

IHDP Open Meeting. Contact: [L Mullin](#). [More...](#)

World Climate Research Programme (WCRP)

04-06 October 2007 - Sidney, Australia

Workshop: **Future Climate Change Research and Observations: [GCOS](#), WCRP and IGBP Learning from the IPCC** (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) **AR4** (invitation only)

28 January-01 February 2008 - Tokyo, Japan

Third WCRP International Conference on Reanalysis [More...](#)

G IN THE MEDIA

17-18 May, Montreal, Canada

Opening lecture by Prof. M Loreau, Chair SC-DIVERSITAS at the international symposium: **Conservation, Sustainable Use and Benefit-Sharing: obstacles and challenges confronting the Convention on Biological Diversity today**

Interdisciplinary conference organized by the Centre de développement de la recherche internationale en environnement de l'Université de Montréal (CEDRIE) [More](#)

12 July 2007

A Hector (cochair DIVERSITAS-ecoSERVICES) and R Bagchi: Biodiversity and ecosystem multifunctionality (Nature, vol 448, 188-91)

See media campaign for Hector and Bagchi, 2007:

Faculty on Hector & Bagchi.2007: http://www.diversitas-international.org/uploads/File/Faculty%20on%20Hector&Bagchi_2007_Nature448.pdf

Cordis News on Hector & Bagchi.2007: http://www.diversitas-international.org/uploads/File/CordisNews%20on%20Hector&Bagchi_2007_Nature448.pdf

The Daily Telegraph UK on Hector & Bagchi's article.2007: http://www.diversitas-international.org/uploads/File/DailyTelegraphUK%20on%20Hector&Bagchi_2007_Nature448.pdf

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