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This electronic newsletter is meant as a way to inform the community on all aspects of DIVERSITAS. It is published every 3 months. **Deadline** for reception of material for the next issue is **May 25<sup>th</sup> 2007**.

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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**

*04 December 2006 - UNEP Secretariat, Paris*

Meeting at UNEP to discuss possible ties between **UNEP/EC International Panel on the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources** and **IMoSEB**, the International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity

*13 December 2006 - DIVERSITAS, Paris, France*

**A Abreu**, new Director of **ICSU Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean**, met **A Larigauderie** to discuss possible collaboration between this new ICSU office and DIVERSITAS

*14 December 2006 - DIVERSITAS, Paris, France*

Meeting between the Nodal Point team for **GBIF France** and **A Larigauderie**, DIVERSITAS

*01 January 2007*

DIVERSITAS welcomed **H Mooney** as chair-Elect of the SC-DIVERSITAS, **MW Lonsdale**, **D Capistrano** and **K Kogure** as new members of the SC-DIVERSITAS

*10-12 January 2007 - Washington, USA*

The ESSP programmes (DIVERSITAS, IGBP, IHDP and WCRP), ICSU and START held briefings on their activities for US National Science Foundation (**NSF**) Program Directors and for the Principals of the US Climate Change Science Program (US CCSP)

*15 January 2007 - Brussels, Belgium*

A-H Prieur-Richard (DIVERSITAS) participated to the **briefing by the EC on Regional Dimension on Framework Programme 7 on the activity Earth Observation under theme Environment**

*19 January 2007 - Paris, France*

HA Mooney, C Perrings and J Sarukhán attended a meeting organised by ICSU to discuss **follow up to Millennium Assessment**

*01 February 2007*

B Walther joined the DIVERSITAS secretariat as science officer to work on the implementation of the bioDISCOVERY and bioGENESIS core projects

*02-03 February 2007 - Paris, France*

**Conference on International Ecological Governance**, hosted by the French Presidency to discuss international ecological governance and progress toward an UN Environment Organisation More...

*27-31 March 2007 - Cap Town, South Africa*

**DIVERSITAS Scientific Committee annual meeting** (invitation only) and **South African Science-Policy Dialog on biodiversity**: a contribution to the IMoSEB consultation

## International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity (IMoSEB)

*05-06 December 2006 - Paris, France*

**Executive Committee meeting of the IMoSEB consultation** (invitation only)

*29-31 January 2007 - Montreal, Canada*

**IMoSEB North American Regional Consultation**. As part of the IMoSEB consultative process, about 80 participants from Canada, Mexico and the United States attended a 2-day meeting to consider needs and options for an IMoSEB. Read the full report

*28 February-02 March 2007 - Yaoundé, Cameroon*

**IMoSEB African Regional Consultation**. Read the highlights

## **B CORE PROJECTS AND NETWORKS**

### bioGENESIS

*02-03 November 2006 - Fukuoka, Japan*

**First SC-bioGENESIS**. This meeting produced the bioGENESIS science plan and implementation strategy which will be submitted for discussion and approval at the March 2007 SC-DIVERSITAS meeting

*19-20 April 2007 - Durham, North Carolina, USA*

**Synergies between the Tree of Life and the Bar Code of Life** (invitation only). This activity is carried out in collaboration with the European Distributed Institute of Taxonomy (EDIT) at the National Evolutionary Synthesis Centre (NESCent). The event is organised by M Donoghue (DIVERSITAS), S Tillier (EDIT) and D Schindel (Sloan Foundation)

*03-06 June 2007 - Beijing, China*

**Symposium "Evolutionary Biology in the 21st Century - Tracing Patterns of Evolution through the Tree of Life"**. 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 coordinated by D Faith (SC-bioGENESIS) at the "[Evolution 2007 joint annual meeting of the SSE/SSB and ASN](#)". Contact [D Faith](#), read the [Rational](#)

*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 organised by E Conti, (University of Zurich, Switzerland, SC-bioGENESIS). You can register [here](#). Contact [E Conti](#)

## bioDISCOVERY

*January 2007*

**TROPI-DRY: Human and Biophysical Dimensions of Tropical Dry Forests**, a project of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (Collaborative Research Network Program CRN-2). Of the few research article produced on the tropical environment, only 10% relate to tropical dry forest. Overall, no multidisciplinary and comparative studies exist for tropical dry forests in the Americas.

**TROPI-DRY's** goal is to bring together researchers in conservation biology, ecology and evolution, remote sensing and geographic information systems, sociology, anthropology, policy analysis, and forestry to develop a comprehensive, "state of the art" understanding of the status of tropical dry forests (primary and secondary) in the Americas. Contact [Secretariat](#), [More...](#)

*07-09 February 2007 - Alicante, Spain*

**DIVERSITAS-IGBP Fast Track Initiative "Refining plant functional classifications for earth system modelling"**. This initiative is searching to exploit the rapidly growing data sets on plant functional traits as a means of improving the representation of plant functional diversity in earth system models. Contact [P Leadley](#)

*28 February-01 March 2007 - Paris, France*

N Jürgens, P Leadley (co chairs bioDISCOVERY), B Walther, A-H Prieur-Richard and A Larigauderie met to finalise the text of **the bioDISCOVERY science plan and implementation strategy**. This plan will be submitted to all interested parties for input, and to the SC-DIVERSITAS for comments and approval at their March 2007 meeting

## ecoSERVICES

*2006-2008 - South America*

**EREMIBA programme endorsed by DIVERSITAS' ecoSERVICES** Contact [C Chevillon](#), [More...](#) (in French)

*25 February-02 March 2007 - Monte Verità, Switzerland*

**"Colonization versus invasion: do the same traits matter? Towards a joint perspective in research on range expansion of native and biological invasion of non-indigenous plants"**. The aims of this workshop were to work at the interface of native-species range expansion and non-indigenous species invasion and to bring together scientists from these different, but closely linked ecological fields, to kick-off an intensified research effort on possible climate warming effects on ecosystems and on mechanisms leading to biological invasion of non-indigenous species. Until now, research groups working on biological invasion, on the impact of biodiversity on invasion resistance and on range-shifts of native species due to climate-mediated habitat change have not worked closely together even though the three areas of research are closely related. Collaboration in these research areas could result in a deeper understanding of traits that enable both native and invasive species to expand their ranges under novel environmental conditions.

Contact [J Joshi](#), [A Hector](#), [More...](#)

*14-16 May 2007 - Paris, France*

**ecoSERVICES Scientific Committee meeting** and meeting of **Working Group on Economy of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services** (invitation only). The meeting will discuss the state of the art on the economics of biodiversity and ecosystem services, and in particular will develop 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

## Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment (GMBA)

*11 December 2006*

**UN International Mountain Day 2006: Managing Biodiversity in Mountain Areas: Enhancing food security and livelihood.** Read the short report, More...

## freshwaterBIODIVERSITY

*October 2006*

B Naiman accepted the chairmanship of the Scientific Advisory Committee of UNESCO IHP's Ecohydrology Programme. B Naiman wishes to establish fruitful collaboration between freshwaterBIODIVERSITY and UNESCO-IHP, and, in particular make use of UNESCO's 500 Biosphere Reserves, 80 HELP watersheds and global connections for data assimilation and outreach

*08-09 December 2006 - Brussels, Belgium*

International workshop "**Cooperative Strategies for current international initiatives on freshwater biodiversity: Exploring the willingness and feasibility of sharing information and expertise on global freshwater biodiversity**". This workshop was the first in a series of workshops on Global Fresh Water Species Inventory for establishing a 'virtual' database that connects information via the Web on the distribution of these organisms. Particularly, the objectives were (1) to investigate strategies for collaboration and (2) to initiate an active network for sharing information and developing synergies amongst organizations in order to fill in knowledge gaps and to become a key source of information on freshwater biodiversity. Supported by the Belgian Biodiversity Platform, co-sponsored by DIVERSITAS (D Dudgeon and B Naiman) and by the Global Water System Project (GWSP). Contact E Balian, 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* **2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## **C NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND REGIONAL NETWORKS**

### Belgium

*01-03 December 2006 - Brussels, Belgium*

International workshop on "**Cooperative Strategies for current international initiatives on freshwater biodiversity: exploring the willingness and feasibility of sharing information and expertise on global freshwater biodiversity**". See freshwaterBIODIVERSITY event

### China

*20-22 January 2007 - Beijing, China*

**First Joint Open Science Conference of Chinese National Committees (CNC) for WCRP, IGBP, IHDP and DIVERSITAS.** This was the first time that the four Chinese national committees of the four ESSP programmes met. Three key issues were discussed: 1) strategy and research methodologies for earth system science; 2) pattern and simulation of earth system and 3) extreme events and sustainable development of society and economy. Following this joint event, the CNC-DIVERSITAS held a business meeting during which K Ma summarised the work achieved in 2006 and proposed a work-plan for 2007. For CNC-DIVERSITAS, the contact is X Xu

*06-07 February 2007 - Beijing, China*

**Species 2000, China Node meeting.** The china Node team presented the 3900 species whose description is available on internet and soon on a CDrom. The China Node will organise for its data to be released on the opened software of the annual CD of Species 2000 and to establish a Chinese mirror site of annual checklist of Species 2000. K Ma, Secretary-General of Biodiversity Committee and leader of the Species 2000 China, and F Bisby (Reading Uni., UK) both approved of sending IT engineers to the UK to learn the SPICE technologies, to apply fund for publishing, to maintain website, and to set up exchange visits between the 2 countries. More...

## DIVERSITAS in Western Pacific and Asia (DIWPA)

**Read the DIWPA 21<sup>st</sup> newsletter**

*03 February 2007 - Chuo-Ku, Kobe, Japan*

**APN International Seminar "Pathways Towards a Sustainable Society with Biodiversity Conservation".** Co-organised by the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) and DIPWA. More...

## France

*26-27 October 2006 - Paris, France*

**4eme Journées de l'IFB. A-H Prieur-Richard (DIVERSITAS) participated to a round table on "Enjeux à 15 ans de la recherche et de l'expertise en biodiversité. Ingénieries écologiques et métiers du futur".** Download the proceeding of the colloquium (in French)

## Japan

*26 December 2006 - Tokyo, Japan*

The **new DIVERSITAS National Committee Japan** was officially launched at the Science Council of Japan, Tokyo. The committee is chaired by T Nakashizuka, former member of DIVERSITAS-SC. More...

*11 January 2007 - Tokyo, Japan*

**GEOSS Symposium on Integrated Observation for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific Region (GEOSS AP Symposium).** Z Kawabata (SC-freshwaterBIODIVERSITY and NC-Japan member) introduced the activity of freshwaterBIODIVERSITY. More...

## Norway

*23-24 May 2007 - Oslo, Norway*

**Conference on Biological Diversity - Dynamics, Threats and Management (BIOMANGFOLD).** The programme BIOMANGFOLD started in 1997 and should end in 2007. The Research Council of Norway decided on a conference to retrace the steps and outcomes of the programme, according to the following topics: 1) Biological diversity - composition, function and dynamics; 2) Effects of damage to habitats; 3) Introduction of alien species and genotypes, including genetically modified organisms; 4) Managing diversity. More...

## USA

26-27 April 2007 - New York, USA

Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation's 12th Annual Symposium "Thinking Small: Microbial Diversity and Its Role in Conservation". P Daszak (SC-DIVERSITAS) is a member of the conference steering committee. Keynote Addresses from:

- A Dobson (SC-DIVERSITAS): Multiple Hosts, Multiple Pathogens: The Diversity and Impact of Pathogens and Parasites in Natural Ecological Systems
  - S Naeem (SC-ecoSERVICES): Of Microbes and Macrobes: Are Microorganisms Ecologically Different from Their Plant and Animal Descendants?
- Please, visit the Spring Symposium Web site

## Switzerland

04 April 2007 - Bern, Switzerland

8th Swiss Global Change Day More...

18-21 April 2007 - Engelberg, Switzerland

Forum Alpinum 2007 "Landscape development in mountain regions" More...

03-06 September 2007 - Birmendorf, Switzerland

**International conference: Monitoring the Effectiveness of Nature Conservation.** The conference is organized by C Scheidegger (SC-DIVERSITAS) and will be held at the Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL. Abstract can be sent until April 2007. Contact C Scheidegger, More...

## **D DIVERSITAS PRODUCTS**

### ecoSERVICES

#### Papers

Following on the workshop on "Ecological and Economical modelling" organised in 2004 by J Tschirhart and E Bulte (both SC-ecoSERVICES members), 4 papers and an Introduction are to be published in a *Special Issue of Integrated Modelling of Economies and Ecosystems, Natural Resource Modelling*, early 2007.

- CJA Bradshaw and BW Brook: *Ecological-Economical Models of Sustainable Harvest for an Endangered but Exotic Megaherbivore in Northern Australia*
- T Christiaans, T Eichner and R Pethig: *A Micro-level 'consumer approach' to species population dynamics*
- D Finnoff and J Tschirhart: *Using Oligopoly Theory to Examine Individual Plan versus Community Optimization and Evolutionary Stable Objectives*
- S Baumgärtner: *The Insurance Value of Biodiversity in the Provision of Ecosystem Services*

#### Book

KN Ninan (2006) **The Economics of Biodiversity Conservation. Valuation in Tropical Forest Ecosystems. With a foreword by C Perrings.** Earthscan Publications Ltd. Is placing an economic value on biodiversity the only successful way of preserving it? Contact N Baer or go to the earthscan website

### freshwaterBIODIVERSITY

#### Review

- J Latterell is preparing a review on the **relationship between the ecological integrity of rivers and human well-being** that should be completed by June 2007
- E Craswell, M Bonnell, D Bossio, S Demuth and N van de Giesen. (Guest Editors), 2007: **Integrated Assessment of Water Resources and Global Change — A North-South Analysis.** *Water Resources Management*. Volume 21, Number 1. 373pp. ISSN 0920-4741. Springer Netherlands

## DIWPA

The **Proceeding Report** on the 2nd Workshop on **Synergy between Carbon Management and Biodiversity Conservation in Tropical Rain Forests** is [available](#)

DIWPA was awarded a 2-year project fund "**Synergy between Ecosystems Change and Biodiversity Studies in the Western Pacific and Asia: Establishing Case Studies for Carbon Management and Biodiversity Conservation (APN2005-03-CMY)**" from APN, and established a pilot project in Deramakot, Sabah, with the State Department of Forestry

## **E OTHER RELEVANT MEETINGS AND PRODUCTS**

### Austria

The **2007 IIASA Young Scientist Summer Programme** is targeted to graduate students who are studying in fields relevant to IIASA's work on global change issues. [More...](#)

### Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)

*03-15 June 2007 - The Hague, the Netherlands*

**14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties** Contact [CITES Secretariat](#), [More...](#)

### Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

*13-15 December 2006 - Potsdam, Germany*

**Workshop of senior experts on the implementation of the CBD** (invitation only). The Federal Government of Germany held a workshop on ways to improve implementation of the CBD. Germany will host the 9th COP of the CBD in 2008, two years ahead of the target date of 2010

*22 May 2007 - Canada*

**2007 International Day for Biological Diversity: Biodiversity and Climate Change**. Fact Sheets on Biodiversity and Climate Change, and the IBD 2006 Report are [available](#). [More...](#)

*29 October-02 November 2007 - Trondheim, Norway*

**Fifth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity: Safeguarding ecosystems**. This Norway/UNEP Expert Conference on Biodiversity will focus on the input for preparing the Ninth Conference of the Parties to the CBD in Germany in 2008. Registration should be submitted by the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2007. [More...](#)

*02-06 July 2007 - UNESCO, Paris, France*

**12<sup>th</sup> meeting of CBD-SBSTTA** Contact [CBD Secretariat](#), [More...](#)

*09-13 July 2007 - UNESCO, Paris, France*

**2<sup>d</sup> meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention** Contact [CBD Secretariat](#), [More...](#)

*18-22 February 2008 - FAO, Rome, Italia*

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

*12-16 May 2008 - Bonn, Germany*

**Biosafety Protocol COP/MOP4**: fourth Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Contact [CBD Secretariat](#), [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...](#)

## EcoSummit

*22-27 May 2007 - Beijing, China*

**Eco Summit 2007: "Ecological Complexity and Sustainability: Challenges and Opportunities for 21st-Century's Ecology".** You can register [here](#)

## Europe

*22 January-09 February 2007*

**BiodivERsA E-conference: "European Support for Biodiversity Research in Developing Countries, and Mechanisms to Enhance International Collaboration and Co-Funding".** A synthesis report will provide input to [BiodivERsA](#)'s plans for a common call and to the EPBRS meeting in Leipzig (05-07 May). [More...](#)

*04-10 July 2007 - Venice, Italia*

**EAERE-FEEM-VIU Summer School: Trade, Property Rights and Biodiversity** contact [A Marigo](#), [More...](#)

*05-07 May 2007 - Leipzig, Germany*

**European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy (EPBRS) delegate meeting** to present the results of the Electronic Conference "European Biodiversity Research for a Sustainable Europe: Research contributing to the implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy"

*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...](#)

*19 October 2006 - Brussels, Belgium*

**Life Watch: A large-scale European Infrastructure for Biodiversity Research.** The European Strategic Forum for Research Infrastructures ([ESFRI](#)) selected the [Life Watch](#) plan to build a biodiversity research infrastructure in its first Roadmap for new large-scale Research Infrastructures

*14-16 May 2007 - Gdansk, Poland*

**Marine Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functioning ([MarBEF](#)) General Assembly 2007**

## Germany

*08-10 May 2007 - Leipzig, Germany*

**German EU Council Presidency 2007: Sustainable Neighbourhood - from Lisbon to Leipzig through Research (L2L): A conference on research for sustainable development in Europe.** The aim of this conference is to position sustainability research as an engine for European competitiveness within the Lisbon Agenda. [More...](#)

## International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS)

*10-12 May 2007 - Washington DC, USA*

**Biological Sciences for the 21st Century: Meeting the Challenges of Sustainable Development in an Era of Global Change** [More...](#)



## Society for Conservation Biology (SCB)

*01-05 July 2007 - Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape, South Africa*

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology: One World, One Conservation, One Partnership.** The theme of the meeting will emphasise the need to move away from national, regional and disciplinary territoriality in support of a joint effort to conserve the world's biodiversity by uniting towards a common goal. Contact [M Collett](#), [More...](#)

## World Meteorological Organization (WMO)/International Council for Science (ICSU)

*01 March 2007 - Paris, France*

Official launching of the **International Polar Year (IPY) 2007-2008**. The event is organised by WMO and ICSU

## **F Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP) News**

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

A new - comprehensive - [meeting calendar](#) has been posted on the ESSP website

**New study: Monsoon Asia Integrated Regional Study (MAIRS).** The Earth System Science Partnership has launched [MAIRS](#) during the ESSP-OSC2 in Beijing. Details of this project, as well as outline of research needs and knowledge gaps in the understanding of Monsoon Asia, were shared during several special sessions at the ESSP Open Science Conference. Read the whole [press release](#)

**New research initiative: Global Environmental Change and Human Health (GECHH).** The ESSP launched a new research initiative on "Global Environmental Change and Human Health" during the ESSP-OSC2 in Beijing. The project, co-sponsored by the World Health Organisation, aims to create an international network of researchers who can identify and quantify health risks posed by global environmental change, and develop adaptation strategies that are cost effective for reducing health risks. Read the [press release](#)

## Global Carbon Project (GCP)

*28-30 March 2007 - Tsukuba, Japan*

**Urban and regional development pathways and their carbon implications** Contact [S Dhakal](#), [More...](#)

*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](#)

*08-12 October 2007 - Poznan, Poland*

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

*02-05 October 2007 - Sydney, Australia*

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

## Global Water System Project (GWSP)

GWSP welcomes Anna Middel who joined the GWSP as Administrative and Finance Officer as of January 2007

*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...](#)

*09-11 Mai 2007 - Washington DC, USA*

The Integrated Assessment Society (TIAS) and GWSP WORKSHOP "Global Assessments: Bridging Scales and Linking to Policy" [More...](#)

### Global Environmental Change and Food Systems (GECAFS)

*21-23 February 2007 - Oxford, UK*

**ESSP-CGIAR: Workshop on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security** (invitation only). [L Jackson](#) (SC-agroBIODIVERSITY) will participate and represent DIVERSITAS. Contact [J Ingram](#)

*01-03 April 2008 - Oxford, UK*

**International Conference on Global Environmental Change and Food Systems** [More...](#)

### International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP)

*13-16 March 2007 - Angra dos Reis, Brazil*

**22<sup>d</sup> IGBP Scientific Committee meeting** (invitation only) Contact [J Ometto](#), [S Sahlin](#)

*26-29 June 2007 - Baltimore, Maryland, USA*

**PICES/ICES Conference for Early Career Scientists: New Frontiers in Marine Science** [More...](#)

*17-18 September 2007 - Stockholm, Sweden*

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

*03-07 December 2007 - La Paz, Mexico*

**1st GLOBEC CLIOTOP Symposium.** CLIOTOP (Climate Impacts on Oceanic TOP Predators) is implemented under the international research program GLOBEC and is devoted to the study of oceanic top predators within their ecosystems and is based on a worldwide comparative approach, i.e. among regions, oceans and species. [More...](#)

*04-09 May 2008 - Cape Town, South Africa*

**4th IGBP Congress: Sustainable Livelihood in a Changing Earth System.** The Research Council of Norway has granted 25.000 Euros towards the Congress. Contact [J Morais](#), [More...](#)

### International Human Dimensions Programme (IHDP)

*13-16 March 2007 - Angra dos Reis, Brazil*

**IHDP Scientific Committees meeting** (invitation only)

### World Climate Research Programme (WCRP)

*26-30 March 2007 - Zanzibar, Tanzania*

**28th session of the Joint Scientific Committee** (invitation only)