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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 **August 25<sup>th</sup> 2007**.

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### A DIVERSITAS General

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

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

**IMoSEB African Regional Consultation.** Read the [highlights](#) and the reports [here](#)

*26-28 April 2007 - Geneva, Switzerland*

**IMoSEB European regional consultation**, the third of a set of regional consultations. The final report identifies ten needs for an IMoSEB; a possible structure to meet these needs; and goals and guiding principles for a strategy to communicate scientific information on biodiversity. More information on the regional consultation and the upcoming ones (report, list of participants, presentations given...) click [here](#)  
Also see [Earth Negotiations Bulletin](#) for a report on the meeting

You can contribute to the debate via the [IMoSEB Forum](#)

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

**South African Science-Policy Dialog on biodiversity: a contribution to the IMoSEB consultation** organised by DIVERSITAS. Please read the conclusions of this event: [Cape Town recommendations](#) and the [Geneva report](#)

*15-17 March 2007 - Postdam, Germany*

**IMoSEB discussed at the G8 Environment Ministers Meeting.** The G8 environment ministers adopted the Potsdam Initiative on Biological Diversity: in launching the Initiative on 17th March, Ministers made a number of commitments including (1) initiating a process of analysing the global economic benefit of biological diversity, (2) building on ongoing efforts at gathering and making available information on all known species, (3) **supporting the ongoing consultative process on an international mechanism for providing scientific advice (IMoSEB)**, (4) **supporting the activities of the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP)** and (5) stepping up and better integrating biodiversity issues into development co-operation. Read the [Press release](#) from German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety; [Potsdam Initiative](#); [Background paper on biodiversity](#) and the [Transcript](#) of teleconference with J Baird (Minister Environment, Canada)

## **B CORE PROJECTS AND NETWORKS**

### bioGENESIS

**The SC-bioGENESIS welcomes 3 new members: Kazuhiro Kogure** (Ocean Research Institute, University of Tokyo, Japan), **Keith Crandall** (Brigham Young University, Utah, USA) and **Andrew P Hendry** (McGill, Montreal, Canada)

*11-16 March 2007 - Tsumagoi, Japan*

**Fifth Okazaki Biology Conference, OBC 5 on "Speciation and Adaptation -Ecological Genomics of Model Organisms and Beyond-".** T Yahara (Kyushu University, Japan, SC-bioGENESIS) presented " From Daylily to Nightlily: An Evolutionary Shift of Floral Syndromes " and gave an introduction of bioGENESIS

*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](#)) and is co-sponsored by DIVERSITAS. The event was organised by [M Donoghue](#) (DIVERSITAS), S Tillier (EDIT) and D Schindel ([Sloan Foundation](#))

*30-31 May 2007 - Padova, Italy*

**2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Scientific Advisory Council (SAC) of the European Distributed Institute of Taxonomy ([EDIT](#))** to review the progress and activities of EDIT. A Larigauderie (DIVERSITAS International Secretariat) is 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 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 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 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." The 1 day symposium will highlight the importance of phylogenies to ecological research and stimulate 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** (invitation only)

## 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). 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) is a member of the Scientific Committee

C Sullivan (SC-freshwaterBIODIVERSITY) is chair of the session entitled "Environmental Indicators" and presents 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) is part of the review panel and presents results on *The ecological economics of traditional knowledge*

## bioSUSTAINABILITY

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

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

## 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

## freshwaterBIODIVERSITY

26-27 April 2007 - Elewijt, Belgium

Second workshop on **cooperative strategies for current international initiatives on freshwater biodiversity**. The workshop was organized by the Belgian Biodiversity Platform and the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences and sponsored by the Global Water System Project (GWSP) and the Belgian Science Policy Office ([Belspo](#)). The goal of the meeting was to finalize a common view for the consortium and to define a strategy to build a synthetic knowledge platform/webportal on Freshwater Biodiversity.

[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. Much of eastern Australia is in the grip of the worst drought in 100 years and everyone is struggling to cope with severe water restrictions, while rivers dry down to remnant pools that are the last strongholds of freshwater biodiversity in many catchments. New environmental flow methods, models and management practices to help sustain aquatic biodiversity will be hotly debated at this critical time for Australia and many other countries experiencing the effects of drought and climate change

## agroBIODIVERSITY

*06-07 June 2007 - Zeist, the Netherlands*

**Scientific Symposium - Soil and Water.** P de Ruiter (SC-agroBIODIVERSITY, Head Soil Science Centre Wageningen UR), will participate in a session on the [TRIAS](#) (TRiartite Approach to Soil System Processes) - a research programme with a focus on the balance between an efficient use of the soil and the quality of it - and present a talk entitled: *Soil organisms and sustainable land use*. Read the [programme](#)

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

### Australia

**Pre-proposal for a new global Campaign "GBIF data serving the 2010 biodiversity target" or "GBIF for 2010".** Members of the Australian National Committee joined with UNEP WCMC, CSIRO, Kew Gardens, the University of Kansas Natural History Museum and others to prepare a Pre-proposal for a new global Campaign with [GBIF](#). [More...](#)

**Book: Estuarine Ecohydrology** Wolanski E. 2007. Amsterdam, Elsevier, 178 pp. The book covers critical natural and human interactions in estuaries and is endorsed by UNESCO-IHP, ERCE-UNESCO, SCOR, LOICZ and EMECS. [More...](#)

### Belgium

*26-27 April 2007 - Elewijt, Belgium*

Second workshop on **cooperative strategies for current international initiatives on freshwater biodiversity**. (see freshwaterBIODIVERSITY section)

*21-22 May 2007 - Brussels, Belgium*

**International biodiversity day.** The [Belgian Biodiversity Platform](#) (DIVERSITAS Belgium national committee) held the 2007 conference "Biodiversity and Climate Change" following the 2007 theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity ([IBD-22 May](#)). [More...](#)

### European Union

*12-15 June - Brussels, Belgium*

**[Green Week on Biodiversity](#): Past lessons, Future challenges**

### France

The EU network ERA\_NET [bioDIVERsa](#) has launched a new Research Information System on European Funding programs and funding organisations for biodiversity research". The DIVERSITAS Belgium and French National Committees (the [Belgian Biodiversity Platform](#) and [Institut Français de la Biodiversité](#)) were involved in this effort. [More...](#)

*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

*26-30 November 2006 - Morelia, Mexico*

**Mexican Congress in Ecology 2006.** R Dirzo (SC-DIVERSITAS) chaired the round table "Perspective in ecology in Mexico" in which J Sarukhán (SC-GMBA) participated. R Dirzo and E del Val de Gortari presented a talk entitled *The history of studies on plant-herbivore interaction, and promising future trends*. L Eguiarte, V Souza, S Magallón (SC- bioGENESIS) and M Olson led the session "Adaptive radiations: ecological processes and phylogenetic patterns", with a presentation from E Conti (SC-

bioGENESIS): *Dating the origin of plant endemics to the Corso-Sardinian Plate: a window on the biogeography of the Western Mediterranean Basin* [More...](#) (in Spanish)

## 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 focus on the input for preparing the Ninth Conference of the Parties to the CBD in Germany in 2008. Contact: [Norway's Directorate for Nature Management](#), [More...](#)

## Spain

The DIVERSITAS Spain-NC is pleased to announce the establishment of the DIVERSITAS-es web page <http://www.diversitas-es.org>

*25-27 April 2007 - Madrid, Spain*

**First National Conference on Global Change by the Spanish Committee of Research on Global Change (ceiCAG)**. As chair of the IUBS committee, R Zardoya is co-organiser of the biodiversity conference, with F Pugnaire of the Spanish DIVERSITAS National Committee. [More...](#)

## Switzerland

*04 April 2007 - Bern, Switzerland*

During the **8th Swiss Global Change Day**, the best posters in each of the fields of WCRP, IGBP, IHDP and DIVERSITAS were selected by a jury and honoured with a travel award of SFr. 1000.- each.

[DIVERSITAS](#) (award sponsored by the Swiss Biodiversity Forum, [SCNAT](#)) singled out [M Hohl](#), FORNAT: *Effects of land use and climate change on diurnal Lepidoptera communities in semi-natural grasslands for the central Swiss Alps* Read the [full report](#)

*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. Contact [C Scheidegger](#), [More...](#)

## Vietnam

*22-23 May 2007 - Hanoi, Vietnam*

**International conference on biodiversity and climate change: linkages to sustainable development and poverty**. This Forum for decision makers, researchers, development agencies, non-governmental organizations and the concerned public is organized by [GTZ](#) and [DED](#), on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development ([BMZ](#)), in cooperation with the Vietnamese Ministry for Natural Resources and Environment ([MoNRE](#)), the International Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity ([SCBD Montreal](#)) and the World Conservation Union ([IUCN](#)). Contact: [I Igney](#)

## D DIVERSITAS PRODUCTS

### ecoSERVICES and freshwaterBIODIVERSITY

Publication: Lecerf A, Risnoveanu G, Popescu C, Gessner MO and Chauvet E. 2007. **Decomposition of diverse litter mixtures in streams**. *Ecology*, 88(1):2. 219-227 (by the Ecological Society of America)

### freshwaterBIODIVERSITY

Publication: Arthington A, Bunn SE, Poff NL and Naiman RJ. 2006. [The Challenge of Providing Environmental Flow Rules to Sustain River Ecosystems](#), *Ecological Applications*, 16(4). 1311-1318

### ecoSERVICES

Publication: Xepapadeas A, Tzouvelekas V and Vouvaki D. 2007. [Total Factor Productivity Growth and the Environment: A Case for Green Growth Accounting](#). *FEEM Working Paper* No. 38.2007

### bioSUSTAINABILITY

Publication: Elmqvist T, Pyykönen M, Tengö M, Rakotondrasoa F, Rabakonandrianina E and Radimilahy C. 2007. [Patterns of Loss and Regeneration of Tropical Dry Forest in Madagascar: The Social Institutional Context](#). *PLoS ONE* 14 May 2007 | Issue 5 | e402

## E OTHER RELEVANT MEETINGS AND PRODUCTS

### Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

*22 May 2007 -*

**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...](#)

*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...](#)

*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*

**13<sup>th</sup> COP on the climate convention (UNFCCC) and 3<sup>d</sup> COP/MOP on Kyoto protocol**. [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...](#)

*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...](#)

20-25 October 2008 - Rome, Italy

4th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties on Environment Quality Protection. Contact [J Yawitch](#)

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

03-15 June 2007 - The Hague, Netherlands

14th Meeting of the COP of CITES which will end with an inter-ministerial round table. Contact: [CITES Secretariat](#), [More...](#)

### European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy ([EPBRS](#))

05-07 May 2007 - Leipzig, Germany

The Delegates of EPBRS held a 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"

### International Council for Science ([ICSU](#))

26 April 2007 -

Goverdhan Mehta (president of ICSU) received the annual Trieste Science Prize administered by the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World. G Mehta was recognized for the significant advances he has made in the synthesis of organic compounds. As president of ICSU, he is now actively promoting international collaboration in science, particularly on issues relating to sustainable development. He also plays a key role in developing science education and policy in India as a member of the country's Scientific Advisory Committee

### 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...](#)

### [UNDP](#)

05 Jun 2007

**World Environment Day: "Melting Ice - a Hot Topic?"** The World Environment Day is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action. The main international celebrations of the World Environment Day 2007 will be held in Norway in Tromsø by the [Norwegian Polar Institute WED](#). [More...](#)

### World Congress on Biodiversity

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

The scheduled 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...](#)



## Discovery of biodiversity

### Barcode of Life

[Spring issue of the European Census of Marine Life Newsletter](#). C Heip, (DIVERSITAS freshwaterBIODIVERSITY network) is part of the executive committee of the CoML

*29-30 May 2007 - Århus, Denmark*

**International conference: Biodiversity Informatics and the Barcode of Life** on 1) DNA Barcoding and Taxonomy; 2) DNA Barcoding, applications and the Nordic perspective (with [GBIF](#))  
The conference was organised by the Danish Biodiversity Information Facility ([DanBIF](#)) - [More...](#)

*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...](#)

## Ecosystems functioning and services

*14-16 May 2007 - Gdansk, Poland*

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

## Health

*25-29 February 2008 - Galway, Ireland*

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

## Sustainable management of biodiversity

Publication: McManis C (edt). 2007. **BIODIVERSITY AND THE LAW; Intellectual Property, Biotechnology and Traditional Knowledge**. Earthscan Publications. pp448

How do we promote global economic development, while simultaneously preserving local biological and cultural diversity? I-Biodiversity: What are we losing and why - and what is to be done? (with a chapter from P Raven (Advisory board SC-DIVERSITAS)); II-Biotechnology: Part of the solution or part of the problem - or both? III-Traditional knowledge: what is it and how, if at all, should it be protected? IV-Ethnobotany and bioprospecting: thinking globally, acting locally

*14-16 April 2008 - Stockholm, Sweden*

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

*03-04 May 2007 - National Museums of Kenya*

**Conference: Integrating Environmental Sustainability & Development in East Africa**. The meeting launched the Ecological Society for Eastern Africa (ESEA), an East Africa wide professional body where African ecologists unite for environment. [More...](#)

*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 was to position sustainability research as an engine for European competitiveness within the Lisbon Agenda. Read the [Lisbon to Leipzig Declaration](#): Promoting a sustainable and competitive Europe

22-27 May 2007 - Beijing, China

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

10-15 June 2007 - Balatonfüred, Hungary

[ALTER-Net](#) WP I3 and [LTER-Europe](#) meeting to address the development of Europe's long-term ecosystem research network (LTER) [More...](#)

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...](#)

## **Freshwaters biodiversity**

18-23 May 2008 - Budapest, Hungary

**ICSO 2008: "Soil and Water Conservation, Climate Change and Environmental Sensitivity"** 15th International Congress of the International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO): Deadline for receipt of abstracts: 30 June 2007, deadline for registration: 30 November 2007. [More...](#)

21-23 May 2007 - Kos Island, Greece

**4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sustainable Water Resources Management** The Conference will present the more recent technological and scientific developments associated with the management of surface and sub-surface water resources. Contact: [Z Bluff](#) [More...](#)

13-15 November 2007 - Toulouse, France

**50<sup>th</sup> congress of the French Association for Limnology: "Hydrosystems: biodiversity, functioning and management"**. [More...](#) (in French)

## **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

Read the [DIVERSITAS at a GLANCE special ESSP-OSC2](#) for information about DIVERSITAS contribution to the Open Conference.

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

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

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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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)

**Publication:** Gullison RE, Frumhoff PC, Canadell JG, Field CB, Nepstad DC, Hayhoe K, Avissar R, Curran LM, Friedlingstein P, Jones CD and Nobre C. 2007. **Tropical Forests and Climate Policy.** *Science*. 316:5827. pp 985 - 986

*09-14 July 2007 - U C Irvine, USA*

**Radiocarbon in Ecology and Earth System Science** Contact: [T Schuur](#), [S Trumbore](#) [More...](#)

*16-19 July 2007 - Poitiers, France*

**International Symposium on Organic Matter Dynamics in Agro-Ecosystems** [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](#)

*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)

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

**Workshop: Global Assessments: Bridging Scales and Linking to Policy** hosted by The Integrated Assessment Society ([TIAS](#)) and GWSP to bring together scientists and practitioners in order to share and consolidate new research ideas and foster future co-operations in the area of global assessments. The event was held back-to-back with the International Water Association's [WATERMATEX 2007](#): the 7th International Symposium on Systems Analysis and Integrated Assessment in Water Management (07-09 May 2007). [More...](#)

*11-21 July 2007 - Bad Krozingen, Germany*

**NeWater 2007 Summer School** on 'Managing Transitions to Adaptive River Basin Management' is intended as a sequel to last year's Autumn School (Peyresq, France) which introduced researchers to

concepts of and methods for adaptive river basin management. It is organised by the Institute of Environmental Systems Research, University of Osnabrück, Germany, in cooperation with GWSP. [More...](#)

*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)

*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)

*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)

Major changes at IHDP: its International Secretariat is now located into the United Nations Campus in Bonn, and hosted by the United Nations University (UNU). IHDP is now a joint programme of International ICSU, ISSC and UNU.

*09-11 May 2007 - Bonn, Germany*

**International Conference 'Towards Sustainable Global Health'** [More...](#)

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