

What's New?

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ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT – 2ND BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ECOLOGY AND HEALTH

The International Association of Ecology and Health is pleased to announce that the next biennial conference will be held in early December 2008 and co-convened with the International Development Research Centre (<http://www.idrc.ca>). The conference will be held in Latin America, with the host and location to be announced in October 2007. All members of the International Association for Ecology and Health will receive discounted registration at the event and will be kept notified of forthcoming deadlines for abstract submission, registration, Association activities, and student events. Full details about the conference will be updated regularly at the *EcoHealth* website: <http://www.ecohealth.net/events.php>.

ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH IN THE 21ST CENTURY: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

The Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health Sciences (PBC) will hold its 12th international conference, “Environment and Health in the 21st Century: Challenges and Solutions,” October 26-29, 2007 at Peking University. The conference is being held in partnership with the Chinese Society for Environmental Sciences, Peking University, and the Chinese Academy of Sciences Institute of Geochemistry. Scientists, engineers, policy makers, government

officials, and students will present research in human and environmental health topics. Ecohealth-relevant sessions include agriculture, the environment, and health; climate change and health; persistent organic pollutants and health; and more. Notably, included among the primary objectives of the conference is to “situate discussion of reducing risks to human and environmental health within a larger context which addresses issues of equity, poverty, development and sustainability.”

Details can be found on the conference website at <http://www.pbc.eastwestcenter.org/2007Conference-Home.html> or via contacting the secretariat Jill Holden at holdrenj@eastwestcenter.org

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CONFERENCE

The 19th annual conference of the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology took place on September 5-9, 2007, in Mexico City, Mexico. A number of *EcoHealth*-affiliated persons were in attendance and participated in plenary sessions. Preconference workshops of note included “Climate Change and Health Research in Developing Countries” and “The Ecosystem Approach to Human Health.” A plenary session was held on global environmental change and human health and another on the topic of translating environmental epidemiology into policy. Ecohealth topics were well represented in the symposia, including Epidemiology with an Ecohealth Approach; Integrating Environmental Epidemiology into an Ecosystem Approach to Foster Intervention; and Agriculture, Development and Human Health—Ecohealth Approaches.

More information can be found at <http://www.isee2007mx.org/home.php>

SECOND EWDA STUDENT WORKSHOP

The Second European Wildlife Disease Association Student Workshop 2007 was held at the Athena Pallas Village, Sithonia Chalkidiki, Greece, April 26-29, 2007. Its primary objective was to further promote the sharing of knowledge on wildlife diseases in relation to public and animal health between professional researchers and wildlife health students. The theme of the workshop was "Wildlife Conservation and the Threat of Infectious Diseases." This student workshop brought together established scientists and European students from a variety of disciplines. Graduate, undergraduate, and veterinary students were informed of the latest knowledge pertaining to infectious wildlife diseases in the field of wildlife conservation. Foremost, they had the opportunity to get acquainted with cutting-edge research and scientific concepts that are rarely taught during formal veterinary training. Among the topics addressed were conservation medicine as an emerging discipline linking wildlife, ecosystem, and human health; highly pathogenic influenza H5NI in Europe; emerging zoonoses, climate change, and vector borne diseases; management of wildlife disease outbreaks; the dynamics of pathogens with multiple host species; and specific wildlife disease case studies. Several students presented their research during a poster session.

For more information please see <http://www.ewda.org/workshop.html>

WORLD WATER WEEK

The 2007 World Water Week was held in Stockholm, Sweden, August 12-18, 2007. Established to serve as a link between practice, science, policy, and decision-making, World Water Week brings together members of the scientific, business, and policy communities to foster the exchange and development of ideas and to advance efforts related to water, the environment, livelihoods, and poverty reduction. This year's theme was "Progress and Prospects

on Water: Striving for Sustainability in a Changing World." Nearly 2500 attendees from more than 130 countries participated in the conference.

Notable ecohealth-related seminars included: Water for Food, Bio-fuels or Ecosystems?; Sanitation and Hygiene: Approaches for Sustainable Development; Pollution Management in Urban Watersheds of Developing Countries; and Working with Nature: Improving Integrated Water Resources Management by Sustaining and Restoring Ecosystem Services and Freshwater Biodiversity. Plenary speakers addressed the conference's theme, and an internationally representative panel, which included the chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, discussed "Climate Change, Water and Vulnerability." The conference activities included a full-day workshop on "Progress in Environmental Public Health."

For more information, please see the conference web site: <http://www.worldwaterweek.org/index.asp>

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH AND BIODIVERSITY

The Second International Conference on Health and Biodiversity (COHAB) will be held in Galway, Ireland, from February 25-28, 2008. Organized by the COHAB Initiative Secretariat in collaboration with its international partners, COHAB 2 will highlight the application of the ecosystem approach to health and development programs, including strategies addressing climate change and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. The conference organizers are pleased to offer a reduced registration rate for members of the International Association for Ecology & Health (IAEH) and subscribers of *EcoHealth*. Please visit <http://www.EcoHealth.net> to download the *EcoHealth* member registration form. Details of the event are available on the COHAB conference website at <http://www.cohab-net.org/cohab2008>.

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