

What's New

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ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT: 2ND BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ECOLOGY AND HEALTH: 2008

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 Merida, Mexico, hosted by the Instituto Nacional Salud Publica (INSP) (<http://www.insp.mx>). 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>.

NCSE CONFERENCE 2008

The National Council on Science and the Environment will be holding its 8th Annual Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment on January 16–18, 2008, in Washington, DC. The conference theme is Climate Change: Science and Solutions. Vice Chair of the IPCC Mohan Munasinghe will be giving an overview of the IPCC and moderating a plenary panel presentation that includes topics such as Hydrological, Landscape, and Agricultural

Impacts; Biodiversity and Ecological Impacts; and Human (Health and Well Being) Impacts. There will also be a Presidential candidates' forum entitled "What Will the Next President Do to Manage Climate Change?" in which candidates or their representatives will discuss their plans to address climate change. A number of concurrent workshops, breakout sessions, and symposia will also take place during the conference. More information can be found at <http://www.ncseonline.org/2008conference/>.

COHAB 2 CONFERENCE 2008

The second Conference on Health and Biodiversity (COHAB) has been scheduled for February 25–28, 2008, in Galway, Ireland. Delegates from 60 countries are expected to attend, including representation from a number of United Nations agencies. Three workshops are currently scheduled: "Disaster relief and emergency response": harnessing ecosystem services for prevention, recovery, and redevelopment programs; "Food resources, diet and nutrition": meeting food security and poverty challenges with biodiversity; and "Emerging infectious diseases": integrating biodiversity conservation and management into disease prevention and control programs. It is intended that these workshops produce a series of reports to be presented at future meetings on environment, health, climate change, and development.

Additional workshops are proposed to take place immediately after the main conference, on topics including Indigenous peoples' nutrition and natural food resources, and biodiversity, trade, and health.

More information on the conference and the brochure can be found at <http://www.cohabnet.org/cohab2008/index.htm>.

POPULATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT: REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Population Reference Bureau held a regional conference November 14–17, 2007, on population, health, and the environment (the PHE approach) at the United Nations Convention Centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This conference focused on integrated development in East Africa and was held to “explore concrete ways to address development priorities such as poverty reduction, improved health, and natural resource management through an integrated population-health-environment approach.” The plenaries and parallel sessions focused on a number of

themes, including integrated approaches to wildlife and forest conservation, biodiversity and human health, livelihood alternatives and microfinance in population, health, and environment programs, and water and sanitation. Country-level reports on PHE assessments carried out for Ethiopia, Kenya, and Tanzania were released, and teams were formed to begin assessments for Rwanda and Uganda in 2008. More information can be found at the conference website: <http://www.prb.org/EventsTraining/InternationalTraining/PHEWorkshops/InternationalConferencePHE.aspx#ConfDesc>.

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