

What's New?

What's New?

Keep up to date with new initiatives and activities in the ecohealth field. Regular updates are available at the *EcoHealth* website: <http://www.ecohealth.net>.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL ONE HEALTH CONGRESS

For the last few years, the One Health concept has provided a new synthesis for public health and veterinary communities, particularly in the United States, Europe, and Australia. The First International One Health Congress seeks to expand to a truly global perspective, as well as add environmental issues to the agenda. The One Health Congress will take place February 14–16, 2011, in Melbourne, Australia. The Congress will focus on the risks and challenges brought about by the interactions between animal health, human health, and the environment. It will consider these in the general context of current science and research, but critically it will focus on the steps needed to effectively manage the growing risks to global health. For more information about the conference, please visit: <http://www.onehealth2011.com/>.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ZOOSEMIOTICS AND ANIMAL REPRESENTATIONS

The foundational idea in zoosemiotics is that relations between animals and their environments, as well as among different individuals, are not purely physical. They are also sign-mediated. This gives a significant role to animal subjects, and recognizes more, as well as higher forms of, complexity in animals than previously assumed. A lot has happened since the concept of zoosemiotics was proposed:

The rise of biosemiotics and cognitive ethology are two among the many important developments in the field of animal communication studies. Now, almost 50 years after the emergence of zoosemiotics research, an international gathering will take place in Estonia, at the University of Tartu's Department of Semiotics, April 4–8, 2011. Researchers from various backgrounds who have been inspired by zoosemiotics, or who are interested in different aspects of semiotic studies, are invited to participate in the conference. The deadline for abstracts is September 15, 2010. For more information, or to submit an abstract, please visit: http://www.ut.ee/SOSE/conference/2011_zoosemiotics/index.html.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE (IDRC) INTERNSHIP AWARDS

The IDRC announces a call for applications to its 2010 Internship Awards. The Internship Awards offer exposure to international development research opportunities, through a training program in research management and grant administration under the guidance of IDRC program staff. Internships are designed to provide hands-on learning experiences in the creation, dissemination, and utilization of knowledge from an international perspective. Program areas include: social and economic policy; agriculture and environment; information and communication; technologies for development; innovation, policy, and science; and research for health equity. The application deadline is September 12, 2010. For further details on eligibility and application, please visit: http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-84370-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html (English) or http://www.idrc.ca/fr/ev-84370-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html (French).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FROM FREEDOM TO CREATE

Freedom to Create is a movement of creative people who are changing the world. Practitioners of the Freedom to Create philosophy include artists and development workers from around the globe, who use creativity to build the foundations of open societies. Through our grant programs, Freedom to Create offers funding to projects that use the arts to create transformational change in the developing world. The Freedom to Create grant programs celebrate the power of art to fight oppression, break down stereotypes, and build trust in societies where the social fabric has been ripped apart by conflict, violence, and misunderstanding. For more information on our grant awards, please visit: <http://www.freedomtcreate.com/About.asp>.

NEW ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE

Wildlife Trust is an international organization of scientists dedicated to the conservation of biodiversity. For more than 35 years, Wildlife Trust has focused its efforts on conservation. Today, the organization is known for its innovative research on the intricate relationships between wildlife, ecosystems, and human health. With this evolution and refinement of focus, the organization also decided to choose a new identity that better represents its work in local conservation and global health. In September, Wildlife Trust will be renamed and rebranded as *EcoHealth Alliance*—with the tagline, “Local Conservation. Global

Health.” EcoHealth Alliance remains a conservation science leader developing effective, culturally sensitive solutions for a healthier planet. To learn more about EcoHealth Alliance, please visit: <http://www.ecohealthalliance.org/>.

LAW FOR SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL RESILIENCE CONFERENCE

Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre and Stockholm Resilience Centre invite you to the Law for Social–Ecological Resilience Conference, November 17–19, 2010. The Law for Social–Ecological Resilience Conference is an international and transdisciplinary event that highlights the impact of law on environmental governance, ecosystem management, and sustainability policies—ranging from local to global contexts.

Legal structures, principles, and processes, as well as core concepts of the rule of law, impinge on the capacity of societies to manage ecosystems, withstand environmental degradation as well as economic shocks, and rebuild and renew themselves afterward. The aim of the conference is to bring experts from different disciplines together to assess, analyze, and debate the impact of law in these respects—and thus further the understanding of the role of law, and improve the prospects for environmental governance and sustainable development. Registration closes October 20, 2010. For more details, please visit: <http://resilience.juridicum.su.se/>.