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#### IAEH'S ECOHEALTH CONFERENCE 2012

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The 4th Biennial Conference of the International Association for Ecology & Health (IAEH) will be held October 15–18, 2012, in Kunming, China. EcoHealth 2012 will be a convening of professionals from various disciplines and sectors. The conference's themes include: epistemology and trans-disciplinary studies, emerging infectious diseases, environmental health risks, food security and human health, policies, public awareness and education, and One Health. This year's hosts are the World Agroforestry Centre China Program and the Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences. Abstract submission is currently open at the following URL: <http://www.ecohealth2012.org/AbstractSubmission.aspx>.

To download a flyer and read the latest announcements, check the *EcoHealth* and IAEH website at: <http://ecohealth.net/>.

For more details, please visit the conference website: <http://www.ecohealth2012.org/>.

#### VIDEOS FROM EVOLUTIONARY RESCUE MEETING

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This Evolutionary Rescue meeting was organized in Montpellier with support from the French Ecological Society. The talks are being posted online for public viewing and commenting. Topics range from migration, plasticity, and adaptation, to a race between decline and evolution, to evolving communities. For links to each topic's videos, please visit: <http://www.sfecologie.org/blog/2011/09/30/evolrescue2011-online/>.

#### ECOHEALTHNET: TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ECOHEALTH RESEARCHERS

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Infectious disease research is a highly interdisciplinary field, and training to enter this field must also be interdisciplinary. EcoHealthNet is a program for US-based and international graduate students interested in infectious disease research, and through which participants will acquire the skills and field experience to prepare them for their own research in the field. EcoHealthNet accepts applications each year for the two parts of the program: an annual workshop and a research exchange program. Workshop participants will receive high-level training from experts on topics such as mathematical modeling and spatial analysis, field and laboratory techniques for disease ecology studies, the economic costs of emerging diseases, and epidemiology and ecology. The 2012 workshop theme will be Epidemiology and Outbreak Investigation. Exchange students will conduct 3-month research projects on high-profile, well-funded US-based and international research projects, ranging from Nipah virus surveillance in Bangladesh to developing primers for avian influenza viruses in China, to wildlife surveillance in Brazil, to White Nose Syndrome in the United States. For those attending Planet Under Pressure in London, UK during March 2012, there will be a poster as part of the session titled "Biodiversity Loss and the Emergence of Infectious Disease." For more information on applying for the next round of the program in 2013, bookmark this webpage: <http://www.ecohealthalliance.org/health/29-ecohealthnet>.

## RESTORATION 2012: BEYOND BORDERS MEETING

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From May 15 to 18, 2012, at the University of Victoria, BC, this meeting will be jointly hosted by the Society for Ecological Restoration NW Chapter and BC Chapter, the Washington-BC Chapter of American Fisheries Society, and University of Victoria Restoration of Natural Systems Program. Restoration 2012 will be a tremendous opportunity to communicate broadly with 500 or more people who share goals in fisheries and ecological restoration. This conference will be a gathering of scientists, restoration professionals, and government agencies involved in restoration and fisheries issues in our local environment in the northwestern U.S. and Canada. The "Beyond Borders" meeting is a four-day event that will consist of three full days of technical talks, symposia and concurrent workshops, as well as some field trips. Individuals from all diverse disciplines (botany, ecology, fisheries, wildlife, forestry, hydrology, marine biology) and expertise representing academics, practitioners, research, and government are welcome to submit a brief (~500 words) abstract for symposia. Registration will open in December 2011 and the deadline for symposia submittals is Friday, January 20, 2012. For more information, please visit the website here: [http://www.ser.org/sernw/Conference\\_2012.asp](http://www.ser.org/sernw/Conference_2012.asp).

## EcoSUMMIT 2012

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From September 30–October 5, 2012 in Columbus, OH, USA, EcoSummit 2012 will bring together the world's most respected minds in ecological science to discuss restoring the planet's ecosystems. Ecosystems such as streams, rivers, inland and coastal wetlands, grasslands, and forests provide essential services that support human health. Join in the discussion and exploration of innovative science-based strategies that are sensitive to social and cultural factors. These strategies will aim to manage and restore ecosystems,

keeping in mind the needs for the future. Special guest speakers include Nobel Prize laureate Elinor Ostrom, Pulitzer Prize winners E.O. Wilson and Jared Diamond, Kyoto Prize winner Simon Levin, Stockholm Water Prize laureates Sven Jørgensen and Bill Mitsch, and many others in the first conference to link the Ecological Society of America, The International Association for Ecology and the Society for Ecological Restoration International. Some topics include: Sustainability and Resilience, Ecosystem Creation and Restoration/Ecological Engineering, Ecosystem Services, Ecological Indicators, Biodiversity and Biological Conservation, Climate Change, Ecotoxicology, Ecological Economics, Ecological Modelling, Biological Invasions, Ecosystem Health, Environmental Policy, Ecological Knowledge, and Ecohydrology. The deadline for abstract submission is January 20, 2012. For more information, please visit this website: <http://www.ecosummit2012.org>.

## AESS 2012 ANNUAL MEETING

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The Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS) is holding its annual meeting June 21–24, 2012 in Santa Clara, CA, USA. Under the theme of "Preparing for our Environmental Future," environmental scientists and scholars will gather for workshops, discussion symposia, presentation panels, and mealtime roundtables. The AESS promotes interdisciplinary approaches to research, teaching, and problem-solving and works to provide its members with tools to improve courses and strengthen research. The deadline to submit an abstract is March 1, 2012. Please visit this website for more details and information on sessions topics that have been accepted: [http://www.aess.info/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=939971&module\\_id=105521](http://www.aess.info/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=939971&module_id=105521).