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IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS

The 2012 Congress is set to occur from September 6–15, 2012 in Jeju, South Korea. The Congress theme is Nature+, which also serves as the slogan to emphasize the central importance of nature and its links to other aspects of life. Some objectives of this meeting are to leverage the strategic influencing potential of the Congress, to debate and create consensus on selected issues between the conservation community and intended audiences of its intended influence, to showcase the new concepts and evidence on the topic of resilience, and to showcase successes and conservation results. A desired outcome of the congress is to “enable debates and the sharing of knowledge and experiences amongst participants.” For more information, visit the website: <http://www.iucnworldconservationcongress.org/>.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON APPLICATIONS OF STABLE ISOTOPE TECHNIQUES TO ECOLOGICAL STUDIES

The 8th ISOECOL conference will be held in Brest, France from August 20 through 24, 2012. The scientific topics covered at the conference will include plant, soil, and sediment ecology/biogeochemical cycling, structure of the food web, community approach, isotopes to detect, and quantify anthropogenic effects on ecosystems, animal foraging behavior, using stable isotopes to determine migration patterns, and freshwater ecology/lakes ecology, as well as others. Those interested should be aware that the deadline for submitting your abstract is April 15th, 2012. Please visit the website to find all the necessary information: www.isoecol2012.com.

FORESTSAT 2012

ForestSAT is a conference for science-based applications of remote sensing and other spatial data in forested systems, and is scheduled for September 11–14, 2012 in Corvallis, Oregon, USA. With the aim to promote understanding of how spatial analysis technologies can help describe and monitor forested systems, professionals at this meeting are brought together by the inherent need to integrate data from an array of remote sensing systems, and other spatial information, using a variety of approaches. Topics will range from addressing the needs of local forest managers, to informing forest ecosystem models, to establishing monitoring systems in support of international agreements. To find out more about submitting an abstract to present a paper or poster, check the website for more information: <http://www.forestsat2012.com>.

LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

The announcement linked below in Spanish is regarding an upcoming international conference to be held on May 14–18, 2012 in Salta, Argentina. The topic of the conference is wildlife management in Latin America, entitled: Segunda Circular del X Congreso Internacional de Manejo de Fauna Silvestre en la Amazonía y Latinoamérica (XCIMFAUNA). The announcement also includes contact information for the conference's organizer. http://www.ciencias.unal.edu.co/unciencias/data-file/user_16/file/extension/XCIMFAUNA_1.pdf.

INTERNATIONAL TERRESTRIAL INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES (TIPS) CONFERENCE

Under the theme of “Understanding Terrestrial Invasive Plant Species in a Changing World,” scientists and professionals around the world are invited to attend the TIPS conference from August 20–22, 2012. Aims of the meeting include: to address contemporary issues in the field of terrestrial invasive plant and associated microbial species biology and ecology, to include all terrestrial natural ecosystems and urban (e.g., forests, grasslands, riparian zones), to address issues of prevention, early detection and control, to discuss environmental and ecological impacts research, and to focus on scientific findings relevant to Ontario. The organizing committee for the TIPS Conference is accepting submissions of abstracts for oral and poster presentations until January 23, 2012. For more information and instructions please visit <http://www.tipsconf.ca>.

RIPARIAN ECOSYSTEMS IV: ADVANCING SCIENCE, ECONOMICS, AND POLICY

From June 27 to 29, 2012 in Denver, CO, riparian specialists including scientists, policy makers, and economists

will gather in the mile high city to discuss national and global issues concerning the management and sustainability of riparian ecosystems. This meeting will serve as an essential forum for exchange regarding topics such as riparian ecosystem responses to flooding, the influence of bio-energy production on riparian function, the impacts of climate change and the effects of greenhouse gas emissions on riparian ecosystems. There will be opportunities for networking as well as intellectual discussion, with the goal of improving our understanding of sound science, discuss future scientific needs, and plan for policies to promote riparian sustainability into the future. This is also an opportunity for crossover with the “Contaminants of Emerging Concern in Water Resources II: Research, Engineering, and Community Action” conference occurring directly before this conference, which makes way for unique exchanges regarding human and environmental health, and riparian and water resources that sustain human and environmental health. The deadline for abstract submission is February 6, 2012. For more information, check the website: <http://www.awra.org/meetings/Summer2012/riparian.html>.

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