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#### ECOHEALTH 2012 ART COMPETITION

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*EcoHealth* proudly announces our 2nd Biennial International Art Competition. The journal would like to extend an open invitation to students, graphic artists, and any other interested individuals to participate. Artwork should exemplify the IAEH mission: *To strive for sustainable health of people, wildlife, and ecosystems by promoting discovery, understanding, and transdisciplinarity.* The top nominees will be displayed during the biennial EcoHealth 2012 conference in Kunming, China from October 15–18, 2012. The winning artwork will be decided during this event, which will include prizes and one-year subscriptions to the print-version of the journal *EcoHealth*. Artwork will be judged upon its relevance to the mission of our organization and winners will have a chance to be featured on the cover of an upcoming issue of *EcoHealth*. For more information on how to submit and the competition's rules, please visit this webpage: [http://ecohealth.net/events\\_art.php](http://ecohealth.net/events_art.php).

#### ECOHEALTH PRESENCE AT THE GRF SYMPOSIUM ON "ONE HEALTH"

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The Global Risk Forum in Davos developed from the Swiss avalanche and snow disaster research and became a global forum for risk mitigation and prevention. Every year, hundreds of delegates attend meetings on global risks, like earthquakes, volcano eruptions, flooding and man made disasters. This year's topic was "One Health". From February 20–23, 2012 several hundred delegates debated how "One Health", the potential of closer cooperation of human and animal health within shared social-ecological contexts, can move from theory to policy and practice. The forum aimed to develop a "Davos declaration on One

Health" as a road map to contribute to the current momentum. *EcoHealth* was represented by its vice-president, Jakob Zinsstag, members of the board and members of the editorial board of the *EcoHealth* journal including Martyn Jeggo and Colin Butler. For more information, visit the webpage at [http://www.grforum.org/pages\\_new.php/One-Health/1013/1/938/](http://www.grforum.org/pages_new.php/One-Health/1013/1/938/).

#### ARTHROPOD GENOMICS SYMPOSIUM

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Scientists who are fascinated by the genomics of arthropods will find their intellectual peers at this symposium. Biologists, informaticists, policy makers, and other researchers are invited to submit abstracts for oral talks and posters. The symposium also includes the i5 K Workshop. The i5 K initiative aims to sequence 5,000 insects and arthropods over the next 5 years.

For more information, check the website: <http://www.k-state.edu/agc/symp2012/>.

You may download the announcement PDF at this link: <http://www.k-state.edu/agc/symp2012/images/Announcement#3.pdf>.

#### 6TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BIOGEOGRAPHY SOCIETY

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From January 9–13th, 2013, the 6th Biennial Conference of the International Biogeography Society will convene at the Kovens Convention Center, in Miami, Florida, USA. Plenary symposia will include: Beyond Bergmann: new perspectives on the biogeography of traits, Island Biogeography, Predicting species and biodiversity in a warmer world and Conservation paleobiology: using knowledge of past

ecosystems to inform conservation priorities. Supporting poster sessions will cover topics such as neotropical biogeography, phylogeography, disturbance biogeography, and others. Prior to and following the conference, the Society will organize field trips to several of the protected natural areas near Miami, including the Everglades National Park. Registration and abstract submission for symposia and contributed papers will open in July 2012. For more information, check the website: <http://www.biogeography.org/html/Meetings/2013/index.html>.

## **55TH SYMPOSIUM OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR VEGETATION SCIENCE**

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For this conference, titled “Climate Change and Vegetation Science” and under the special focus of “Vegetation diversity and dynamics in cultural landscapes of coastal-island regions,” researchers and professionals will gather in

Mokpo, Korea from July 23–28, 2012. The following is a sampling of the topics that will be covered in the sessions: Anthropogenic vegetation, Biogeochemistry perspectives in vegetation science, Conservation of plant communities and habitats, and Ethnoecology: Traditional ecological knowledge in vegetation use. The deadline for abstracts is March 31, 2012. For more information, visit this website: <http://www.iavs2012.org/>.

## **SAVE-THE-DATE FOR IMED 2013**

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The International Meeting on Emerging Diseases and Surveillance will be held in Vienna, Austria on February 15–18, 2013. To join the mailing list, visit the website: <http://imed.isid.org/>.