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PLANET UNDER PRESSURE 2012

Great thinkers and researchers from around the world will converge in London from March 26–29, 2012 for Planet Under Pressure 2012. One of the main goals is to take scientific knowledge and work forward on challenges that humans face globally. Speakers will discuss governance and technological solutions across multiple scales, which will help society move towards a more sustainable future. Conference themes include meeting global needs, transforming our way of living, and governing across scales. Although there is a strong focus on policy and solutions, many of the workshops will build upon science and research in physical, natural, health, and social sciences, in addition to the input from policymakers, government officials, journalists, etc., for a truly transdisciplinary approach. For more information, please visit: <http://www.planetunderpressure2012.net/>

GLOBAL RISK FORUM ONE HEALTH SUMMIT 2012

Under the motto “One Health—One Planet—One Future,” the Global Risk Forum (GRF) One Health Summit 2012 aims to address the risks and opportunities regarding human, animal, and environmental health. GRF also emphasizes the importance of agriculture as well as food safety and security as integral components for public health. Next year from February 19–23 in Davos, Switzerland, leaders in One Health are invited to the summit to contribute to the discussion on the integrative approach to managing environmental, technical, societal, or economic risks. For more information, please visit their website: <http://onehealth.grforum.org> or email at info@grforum.org

NEW BOOK: ECOHEALTH RESEARCH IN PRACTICE

With the need to find a path towards “development to alleviate poverty and improve human lives through more equitable access and use of resources and healthier environments,” it is even more imperative to understand how human health is dependent on the quality of ecosystems. This book, written by experts at Canada’s International Development Research Centre (IDRC), discusses the ecosystem approach to health that integrates research and practice from multiple fields, such as environmental management, public health, biodiversity, and economic development. People are part of a socio-ecological system, and ecohealth research and practice provides innovative solutions to multifaceted problems, as expressed by the book’s detailed case studies in agriculture, natural resource management, community building, and disease prevention. It will be available for purchase from Springer starting on September 30, 2011. For more information, please visit: <http://www.springer.com/medicine/book/978-1-4614-0516-0>

HUMAN DIMENSIONS CONFERENCE

Hosted jointly by Colorado State University and Cornell University, this Pathways to Success Conference & Training event is focused on the theme of “Integrating Human Dimensions into Fish and Wildlife Management.” During this training, participants will learn about adaptive capacity for fish and wildlife conservation in the context of value orientations, beliefs, attitudes, norms and behaviors of individuals, communities and institutions. In the Colorado Rockies, participants will stay at the Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge, Colorado for the event, which is planned for

September 24–27, 2012. For more information, email the conference coordinator at: conference@warnercnr.colorado-state.edu

COMMUNICATING CLIMATE CHANGE: BEING ARTICULATE WITHOUT KNOWING EVERYTHING

This workshop is being held as part of The Wildlife Society 18th Annual Conference, on November 5th, 2011 in Waikoloa, Hawaii. It is crucial for scientists to be able to communicate about their research, especially now with climate change being a hot topic everywhere. Wildlife scientists and natural resource managers will benefit from the included topics: knowing your audience, “packaging” your research/work, countering misinformation/misunderstanding, and developing effective responses for climate-related questions. The agenda includes a mix of presentations, discussions, and hands-on role-playing, with the goal of developing a feel for basic techniques and skills involved in effectively communicating about climate change. The workshop fee is \$60 for professionals or \$40 for students. For more information and to register, please visit: <http://www.wildlifesociety.org/>

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE AT THE INTERFACE OF MATHEMATICS AND BIOLOGY

From October 21–22, 2011, the National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis will host the 3rd Annual Undergraduate Research Conference at the Interface of Mathematics and Biology, at the University of Tennessee Conference Center in Knoxville, TN. This conference is an opportunity for undergraduates to present their research through talks and posters. The plenary speaker, Dr. Mariel Vazquez, is assistant professor in mathematical and computational biology and DNA topology at San Francisco State University. The registration deadline is October 7, 2011. For more information and registration, please visit: http://www.nimbios.org/education/undergrad_conf2011

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE CONSTRUCTED ENVIRONMENT

From October 29–30, 2011, the University Center, Chicago, USA, will be the gathering place for the Constructed

Environment Conference, whose goal is to explore the forms and functions of the constructed environment. The conference will serve as a cross-disciplinary forum that brings together researchers, teachers, and practitioners to discuss the past and future shape of the built environment. Some of the fields that will be represented among attendees will include: architecture, anthropology, design, economics, education, engineering, environmental design, industrial design, landscape architecture, sociology, town and regional planning, and transportation. Presenters are also encouraged to submit their manuscripts to the *International Journal of the Constructed Environment*, and are given the option of giving a virtual presentation by posting on the conference's YouTube Playlist. You may find more information by choosing the Online Sessions link on the conference website: <http://www.ConstructedEnvironment.com/Conference/>

FACES OF BIOLOGY PHOTO CONTEST

The Faces of Biology Photo Contest, sponsored by the American Institute of Biological Sciences, is an opportunity to show how biological research occurs in diverse forms, ranging from the field researcher to the mathematical modeler to the lab technician. Instructions for entering are as follows: “Photographs entered into the contest must depict a person, such as a scientist, researcher, technician, or student, engaging in biological research. The depicted research may occur outside, in a lab, with a natural history collection, on a computer, in a classroom, or elsewhere. The Grand Prize Winner will have his or her winning photo featured on the cover of the journal *BioScience*, and will receive \$250 and a 1 year membership in AIBS, including a print subscription to *BioScience*.” The deadline for submission is September 30, 2011. For more information and to enter the contest, please visit <http://www.aibs.org/public-programs/photocontest.html>

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