

## Conferences and Events

**23-26 June 2004. International Workshop on “Ecosystem Research in the Arid Environments of Central Asia: Results, Challenges and Perspectives” in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.** The meeting is a part of the Mongolian-German science cooperation, and will be organized jointly by the Faculty of Biology, National University of Mongolia, the Faculty of Biology, University of Halle, Germany and the Faculty of Geography, University of Marburg, Germany. The workshop will be held at the National University of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The aims of the workshop are twofold. First is an overall assessment of recent research project carried out in the Gobi Gurvan Saikhan Nature Reserve in the Mongolian Gobi. The second aim will be related to the current research in other Central Asian ecosystems, and the contributions should demonstrate the importance of basic ecological research for sustainable resource management and nature conservation. Conference language is English. After the workshop, participants are invited to join the post-symposium excursion to the Gobi Gurvan Saikhan Research Station in Southern Mongolia. The tour will take a total five days (between 26 June and 1 July), and offers opportunities for on site discussions of the conference topics. More detailed information is available from: [r.samjaa@yahoo.com](mailto:r.samjaa@yahoo.com) or [wesche@botanik.uni-halle.de](mailto:wesche@botanik.uni-halle.de)

**3-8 April 2004. Waterbirds around the World. Edinburgh, Scotland.** A global review of the conservation, management and research of the world's major flyways. A conference jointly hosted by Landbouw, Natuurbeheer Envisserij, Joint Nature Conservation Committee and Wetlands International. Further information is available from Dr Gerard Boere, Wetlands International, PO Box 471, 6700 Wageningen, The Netherlands. E-mail: [boere@wetlands.agro.nl](mailto:boere@wetlands.agro.nl) or at [www.wetlands.org](http://www.wetlands.org)

**5-7 April 2004. Ecology without frontiers: environmental challenges across Europe. Exeter University, UK. British Ecological Society/ European Ecological Federation Annual Symposium.** The symposium will consider environmental problems which affect Europe as a whole and are trans-boundary in their impacts. There are sessions on land-use change, exploitation

of natural resources, biological introductions, pollution and conservation of biodiversity. [www.BritishEcologicalSociety.org/articles/meetings/current/2004/annualsymposium/](http://www.BritishEcologicalSociety.org/articles/meetings/current/2004/annualsymposium/)

**8-11 June 2004. Beijing International Symposium on Biological Invasions: Species Exchanges between Eastern Asia and North America. Threats to Environment and Economy.** Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Xiangshan, Beijing, China. Contact: Dr. Jianghui Huang, e-mail: [jhhuang@ns.ibcas.ac.cn](mailto:jhhuang@ns.ibcas.ac.cn) or Dr. Shili Miao, e-mail: [smiao@sino-eco.org](mailto:smiao@sino-eco.org); at <http://bisobi.sino-eco.org/>

**15-21 August 2004. The 22<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of Entomology in Brisbane, Australia.** Contact: Congress Secretariat. P.O. Box 177, Red Hill Q4059 Australia. e-mail: [ice2004@ccm.com.au](mailto:ice2004@ccm.com.au) or [www.ice2004.org](http://www.ice2004.org); conference organizers: [www.ccm.com.au](http://www.ccm.com.au)

**21-30 August. Multivariate Analysis of Ecological Data. Ceske Budejovice, Czech Republic.** Details from: Petr Smilauer, Faculty of Biological Sciences, USB. Email: [petrsm@jcu.cz](mailto:petrsm@jcu.cz). [www.regent.bf.jcu.cz](http://www.regent.bf.jcu.cz)

**1-8 September 2004. Science for Watershed Conservation: Multidisciplinary Approaches for Natural Resource Management Conference. Ulan-Ude, Russia and Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.** The *Selenga River/Lake Baikal Watershed* offers a unique transboundary model, encompassing both Russian and Mongolian regions. This watershed model facilitates integrated scientific approaches for resource management. The Selenga/Lake Baikal Watershed is the location for this conference and will offer participants a unique perspective on developing science on a landscape scale. Other watersheds from North America and around the world will also be featured. Themes will include: Geology, Hydrology and Watershed Impacts; Vegetation and Animal Interactions and Impacts; Riparian, Wetland and Floodplain Systems; Remote Sensing, Mapping and Monitoring; Ecosystem Dynamics; Socio-economic Dynamics. Participants can register for the conference on line at <http://vcfw.er.usgs.gov/cgi-bin/Conservation/signup.pl> or e-mail: [kmbriggs@usgs.gov](mailto:kmbriggs@usgs.gov)

**6-8 September 2004. International conference on “Biodiversity of Euro-Asian Continental Wetlands” in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.**

The conference will be organized by the Mongolian State University of Education and the Inner Mongolia Normal University, China. Main topics of the conference are the Biodiversity and ecosystem functioning; Biodiversity of aquatic and semiaquatic plants and animals; Water pollution and its monitoring; Long-term ecological research of water ecosystems, and the Problems of conservation of water ecosystems in the protected areas of Mongolia. Conference language is English. Further information is available from Prof. Kh. Munkhbayar, Department of Biology, Mongolian State University of Education, Ulaanbaatar 48, Mongolia.

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**7-9 September 2004. British Ecological Society Annual Meeting. University of Lancaster, UK.**

More details will be available by the middle of February. Delegates from developing countries can apply for a new BES grant to help with the cost of attending the meeting (deadline for applications is 1 April). Students and unemployed postdocs can apply for grants to cover the cost of 50% of registration, accommodation and meals (deadline 1 July). A full

list of provisional topics is available at [:www.britishecologicalsociety.org/articles/meetings/current/annualmeeting2004](http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/articles/meetings/current/annualmeeting2004)

**3-7 December 2004. International symposium on ecology and conservation of steppe birds. Lleida, Spain.**

This symposium aims to check, update and analyse the biology and ecology of steppe land birds of the western palaerctic. At the same time management and conservation aspects of these species and their habitats will also be treated in depth. To register and for more information: [www.ctfc.es/symposium](http://www.ctfc.es/symposium) or email [steppe.symposium@ctfc.es](mailto:steppe.symposium@ctfc.es)

**Mar-Apr 2005. Ecological consequences of extreme events. British Ecological Society Annual Symposium.**

**17-23 July 2005. XVII International Botanical Congress in Vienna, Austria.**

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**2-4 September 2005. Body size in aquatic ecology. British Ecological Society Special Symposium, University of Hertfordshire**

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