

Conferences and Events

The International Conference on Rodent Biology will be held in Italy in 24-28 July, 2006. The conference will be held at the University of Parma. The 10th R&S will encompass four full conference days supported and sponsored by the Italian Theriological Association, The Center of Alpine Ecology of Monte Bondone (Trento). For any information or request, please contact: Prof. L. Nieder Dip. di Biologia Evolutiva Viale delle Scienze - 43100 Parma, Italy, Tel. 0521-905634; Fax: 0521-905657; e-mail: nieder@biol.unipr.it; rodensetspatium@unipr.it; <http://www.rodensetspatium.unipr.it/>

2006 Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists will be held in University of Massachusetts at Amherst, USA in June 17-21, 2006. For more information, please contact: Betsy Dumont, e-mail: bdumont@bio.umass.edu; Vhayssen@email.smith.edu; <http://asm06.org/>

Commercialization of Biotechnology Crops in Asia (A Training Course) will be held in Somerset Millennium Hotel Makati, Philippines in 19-23 June, 2006. For more information, please contact: Asia BioBusiness Pte. Ltd., Singapore, Fax: +65-6735-2119; e-mail: info@asiabiobusiness.com; <http://www.bic.searca.org/>

The 5th Asia-Pacific Bio Technology Congress & 35th Annual Convention of the Philippine Society for Microbiology will be held in Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines in 10-13 May, 2006. For more information, please contact: Dr. Rosario G. Monsalud, Chair, Secretariat, BIOTECH, U.P. Los Baños College, Laguna 4031, Philippines, Tel: (+63-49) 535-2884; e-mail: rosegm@laguna.net; <http://www.bic.searca.org/>

The 6th Asia-Pacific Conference on Algal Biotechnology (APCAB) will be held in Dusit Hotel, Nikko Makati City, Pilippines in 12-15 October. For more information, please contact: Dr. Milagrosa R. Martinez-Goss, P.O. Box 169, University of the Philippines, Los Baños College, Laguna 4031, Philippines; e-mail: mgoss2003@yahoo.com; [http://www.bio-edge.cn](http://www.bio-edge.cn;); Fax: (63-49)536-2517

Life Sciences Society Computational Systems Bioinformatics Conference will be held in Stan-

ford, California, USA in 10-14 August. For more information, please contact: e-mail: CSB2006@LifeSciencesSociety.org; <http://www.LifeSciencesSociety.org>

International Conference of Agricultural Biotechnology will be held in Melbourne Convention Centre, Melbourne, Australia in 6-9 August, 2006. For more information, please contact: ABIC 2006 Conference Managers Tel: (61-2)9265-0700; Fax: (61-2)9267-5443; e-mail: ABIC2006@tourhosts.com.au

US-Mongolia Field Research Program. The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) in conjunction with the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) and the US Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce the creation of the US-Mongolia Field Research Program to support academic research projects in Mongolia by US and Mongolian students in summer or fall 2006. The program is expected to support approximately 3 students from US universities and 6 students from Mongolian universities to conduct field research in Mongolia between May and December 2006. Applicants must be either US or Mongolian citizens or permanent residents currently enrolled full-time in a university or college in the United States or Mongolia. Undergraduate applicants must have at least third year standing in their program, while graduate applicants can be at a masters or pre-dissertation doctoral level. The student research work for the US-Mongolia Field Research Fellowship Program must be conducted under the supervision of a Research Sponsor who plans to be on site in Mongolia in summer 2006. No independent field research projects by students will be supported under this fellowship. The Research Sponsor should have previous experience conducting academic field research, and must agree to oversee the student's research project in the field including a period of direct oversight. The field research project should last a minimum of 6 weeks, and be conducted in Mongolia between May and December 2006. Mongolian students are expected to work with a Research Sponsor from a US-based institution, while US students may work with either US or Mongolia based Research Sponsors. Research projects in any field, including humanities, sciences and social sci-

ences are eligible. Final selection will be made by a selection committee, and the students selected will reflect a diversity of academic levels, fields of study, gender and other characteristics. Funding for the program is provided by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) and the US State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. For more information, please contact: Dr. Peter K. Marsh, Resident Director American Center for Mongolian Studies Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/>

20th Annual meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology under the title of "Conservation without Borders" will be held in San Jose, California, USA in 14-28 June, 2006. For more information, please contact: Erica Fleishman, Chair of the Steering Committee, Center for Conservation Biology, Department of Biological Sciences, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-5020, USA. For more information, please contact: e-mail: 2006@conbio.org; info@conbio.org; <http://www.con.bio.org/2006/Index.cfm/>

A Biodiversity Symposium "Conserving Birds in Human-Dominated Landscapes" will be held in April 27-28, 2006 at the Center for Biodiversity and Conservation (CBC), American Museum of Natural History, in New York City, USA. For detailed information, please contact: biodiversity@amnh.org or visit the CBC website at <http://cbc.amnh.org/birds/>; <http://cbc.amnh.org/symposia/birds/agenda>

The Public Lecture (Free Admission) on the title "Biodiversity and the Evolutionary Roots of Beauty" will be given by Ecologist, Dr. Gordon Orians in Thursday, 27 April, 2006 at 7:00-8:00 PM at the American Museum of Natural History, New York City, USA. To learn more about Dr. G. Orians and his lecture, please visit: <http://cbc.amnh.org/center/features/events/>

IV World Congress on Mountain Ungulates will be held in Munnar, Kerala, India, in 12-15 Sep-

tember 2006. For more information, please contact: Dr. S. Sathyakumar, e-mail: ssk@wii.gov.in; Fax: +91 135-264-0117 or visit the website at <http://www.wmcu2006.org/callforpaper.htm/>

26th Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment. "Power, Poverty and Sustainability: The Role of Impact Assessments" will be held in Stavanger, Norway in 23-26 May 2006. For more information, please contact: e-mail: info@iaia.org or visit the website at http://www.iaia.org/Non_Members/Conference/IAIA06/Conf_main_page/index.html

Carnivores 2006: Habitats, Challenges and Possibilities. The Defenders of Wildlife is pleased to announce Carnivores 2006: Habitats, Challenges, and Possibilities. The conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel in St. Petersburg, Florida, November 12-15, 2006, and will feature three full days of sessions on terrestrial and marine carnivore issues, plus a poster session, field trip, silent auction and ambassador wolf sessions. For more information, please visit the conference website at <http://www.carnivoreconference.org>.

The Computer Society Bioinformatics Conference will be held at the Stanford University, California, USA in 14-18 August, 2006. The conference's goal is to facilitate exchange of ideas and collaborations between computer scientists and biologists by presenting cutting-edge computational biology research findings. For more information, please contact: e-mail: CSB2006@LifeSciencesSociety.org or visit the website at <http://www.lifesciencesociety.org/CSB2006/>

International conference "Deserts and Desertification: Challenges and Opportunities" will be held in Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel in 6-9 November, 2006. For more information, please contact: e-mail: info@desertification.bgu.ac.il or visit the website at <http://www.desertification.bgu.ac.il/>