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Dear colleagues,

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With best wishes,
Hannah

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1. Funding & Job opportunities

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1.1 Fellowship opportunities with FEEM

Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM) looks forward to hosting researchers from the EU, the Associated Countries or the Third Countries within the Marie Curie Individual Fellowships scheme.
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/home_en.html

These Fellowships are awarded by the European Commission within the FP7 PEOPLE programme for a period between 1 and 2 years. They are addressed to experienced researchers, typically with PhD degree or four years research experience(full-time equivalent), since obtaining a university degree giving access to doctoral studies. Candidates must be Non-Italian researchers and must not have resided or carried out their main activity in Italy for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the reference deadline for submission.

Fellowships will focus on the areas of research carried out at FEEM:

- *Climate Change Modelling and Policy*
- *Sustainability Indicators and Environmental Valuation*
- *Natural Resources Management*
- *Knowledge Technology and Human Capital*
- *International Energy Markets*
- *Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainable Management*
- *Privatisation Regulation Corporate Governance*

FEEM will also provide support to potential applicants in the presentation of the proposal.

More information on FEEM research activities is available at: <http://www.feem.it/>
Expressions of interest can be submitted through FEEM web site at: <http://webfeem.it/cv/> or by
contacting Roberta Camera (roberta.camera@feem.it).

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1.2 TU Dresden: Junior professor (W1) Land-use Management in the Tropics and Subtropics

The Faculty of Forest, Geo and Hydro Sciences in the Institute of International Forestry and Forest Products invites applications for the position by 6 July 2007.

We are looking for a personality well-versed in research and teaching, profound knowledge and international experiences in the following areas:

- Land-use planning focussing on forests/woody plants in the tropics and subtropics,
- Analysis and development of forestry and agroforestry systems,
- Integrated management of land-use at local and superior spatial levels.

The applicant's background should be in forest sciences or related disciplines. Jointly with the Professor of Tropical Forestry the candidate is responsible for the guidance of the Master Course "Tropical Forestry and Management" as well as for the coordination of the Erasmus Mundus Course "SUTROFOR (Sustainable Tropical Forestry)". Teaching language in both programmes is English.

The Faculty sets a high value on an excellent teaching ability, verified by evaluation results. International experience focussing on the tropics/subtropics is to be proved on the basis of successful research co-operations. The acquisition and supervision of research projects in tropical countries is expected.

The preconditions for employment are based on the Sächsisches Hochschulgesetz i.d.j.g.F (§46 SächsHG). Accordingly, graduation from a university, teaching aptitude as well as a particular capability for scientific work (normally an outstanding doctoral thesis) are to be exhibited.

A Juniorprofessor is employed first for a period of up to 4 years, and upon positive evaluation this time span is to be extended to a total of 6 years (§45 Sächsisches Hochschulgesetz i.d.j.g.F.).

Applications from women are particularly welcome. The same applies to the disabled. Please send your application including CV, description of academic career, list of publications, copies of five major publications, abstract of your teaching activities, and certified copies of diplomas and documents as well as a supplemental letter explaining your motivation for application to: Technische Universität Dresden, Dekan der Fakultät Forst-, Geo- and Hydrowissenschaften, Prof. Dr. Peter Werner, 01062 Dresden (Germany) by July 06, 2007.

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2. Workshops & Training Courses

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3. Publications & Information

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3.1 Bridges Trade BioRes Newsletter

News, events and resources at the intersection of trade and biodiversity
Vol. 7 No. 12, 22 June 2007

Here is information about a very interesting bi-weekly newsletter on all aspects of biodiversity and trade – Apologies that I can't provide the HTML links and full stories. You can access via <http://www.ictsd.org>. There is also a weekly Trade News Digest on that website.

CITES: Commercially Valuable Species in the Balance

Tensions between economic and environmental interests came to the fore at a recent wildlife meeting, pitting those in favour of strict conservation measures through trade bans against those supporting "sustainable trade," which could bring significant benefits back to the communities playing a stewardship role for endangered species...

Wildlife Convention Tentatively Branches Out To Timber

Only one timber species won additional trade protections at a recent international wildlife meeting that considered trade restrictions on a wide range of species of plants and animals. Brazilwood earned the added trade restrictions, while proposals to strengthen protection of three other species were withdrawn in the face of strong opposition. However, meeting participants called for stricter enforcement of previously imposed trade restrictions on mahogany, and officially acknowledged their commitment to working with a partner international organisation to encourage sustainable forest management around the globe...

Global Organic Market on the Rise - Will Developing Countries Benefit?

The EU has recently introduced a uniform labelling scheme for organically produced foods, and East Africa has adopted a common organic standard for the region. Meanwhile, a debate centred in the UK continues on the environmental impacts of air-freighted agricultural products, pitting those concerned about "food miles" -- the carbon footprint of air-freighted foods -- against those prioritising "fair miles," i.e. the development opportunities provided through sales of air-freighted agricultural niche products...

Members Remain Undecided on Key Fisheries Disciplines

WTO Members clashed over the shape of future rules on fisheries subsidy spending during a 14 June meeting of the Negotiating Group on Rules. In particular, a new proposal from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan was criticised by countries that argued that far broader restrictions on subsidy payments would be necessary in order to counteract the rapid depletion of marine fish stocks...

India, Argentina Table New Proposal on Environmental Goods in Doha Negotiations

With their eyes on the ongoing push for a breakthrough in the Doha Round talks, WTO delegates met to discuss the trade and environment negotiations from 11-12 June. Progress has been slow in talks on expedited trade liberalisation for environmental goods and services, as well as on the WTO's relationship with multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs). However, the pace of negotiations is expected to pick up if Members manage to break the current deadlock on trade in agricultural and industrial goods. A breakthrough in those areas could set the stage for a conclusion of the Doha Round by early next year...

In Brief

- Brazil Loses Used Tyres Dispute
- Whale Conservation Scores a Double Victory
- Report: Cocoa Trade Fuelling Armed Conflict in Côte D'Ivoire
- 'Disclosure Group' Gains Ground at WTO TRIPS Council

Events & Resources

Events

25-26 June, London, UK: CLIMATE CHANGE: POLITICS VERSUS ECONOMICS. Climate change is global, both in cause and consequence, and the response requires international action. The difficulty is that environmentalists, scientists, economists, foreign policy and security experts and investors all speak different languages and have different understandings of how best to tackle the issue. The aim of this conference, which is being organised by Chathamhouse House London, is to bring together well-respected representatives from each of these fields to discuss the connections and debate whether it is international politics or economics or a mixture of both that will deliver a step-change in the global response to climate change. For information on the conference contact conferences@chathamhouse.org.uk.

[More Events...](#)

Resources

UPHOLDING THE LAW: THE CHALLENGE OF EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT. By the Environmental Investigation Agency, June 2007. Effective implementation and enforcement of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) is critical to the success of every aspect and objective of the Convention. This briefing paper calls upon parties to CITES to acknowledge that environmental crime, including wildlife crime, is a form of serious transnational organised crime and to

adopt appropriately stringent measures to tackle it effectively. To this end, the authors offer a number of specific policy recommendations for CITES delegates. The paper is available at <http://www.eia-international.org/cgi/reports/reports.cgi?t=template&a=139>.
More Resources...

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3.2 Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS)

Throughout history, human beings have domesticated plants and animals and shaped harsh and remote environments to guarantee their survival. Generations of farmers and herders have, for more than 12 thousand years, developed ingenious farming systems to overcome extreme climatic conditions, geographic isolation and scarcity of natural resources.

This patient work has resulted in magnificent reservoirs of globally significant agricultural biodiversity and valuable cultural inheritance, but also in sites of great aesthetic beauty. However, many of these systems are now under severe threats from global development challenges, including climate change, rural impoverishment, exodus towards urban areas and exclusion of local economies from international markets, and are at risk of disappearing forever.

In 2002 FAO initiated a wide programme on conservation and adaptive management of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage systems (GIAHS) aiming to establish the basis for the global recognition, conservation and sustainable management of such systems and their associated landscapes, biodiversity, knowledge systems and cultures.

During the preparatory phase (2002-2006), the GIAHS initiative has identified pilot sites in Peru, Chile, China, the Philippines, Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria. For the next seven years (2007-2014), the pilot systems will implement dynamic conservation management approaches aimed at helping the national and local stakeholders to protect and sustainably conserve the systems and their components. The lessons learned will serve as basis for creating a World Agriculture Heritage category, in collaboration with other institutions, like UNESCO and the World Heritage Convention, to guarantee the sustainability of these globally important traditional agricultural systems.

To learn more about this initiative, go to <http://www.fao.org/sd/giahs>.

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4. ICUC-related information

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4.1 Second Circular: International Symposium on Underutilized Plant Species for food, nutrition, income and sustainable development"

The second circular and registration form for the Underutilized Plants Symposium is now available on www.icuc-iwmi.org/symposium2008.

Please note the abstract submission deadline **15 August 2007**; please submit your abstract via email to symposium08@avrdc-rca.co.tz. This is our new central email address. Please also use it for all communication regarding the symposium.

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4.2 Awareness Raising Conference on Horticulture for Development

ICUC joined the over 120 participants of the “ARCH” for Development on 25 July in Brussels. The conference was co-organised by GlobalHort, ISHS and CTA and aimed to raise awareness of the need for greater investment in horticultural research and the activities by GlobalHort and its partners amongst the relevant EC departments and representatives from African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. Proceedings will be published as a volume of Scripta Horticulturae by the ISHS.

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Championing underutilised plant species for food, nutrition and sustainable development