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### *Greetings on Year of the Tiger*



This year has reminded us of the importance of thinking globally in how we view our roles as ecologists.

So far the "year of the tiger" has provided many opportunities regardless of where we live or how we think about ecological research and education. From discussing extremes in weather that generate different views of their causes to creating ideas on how to improve environmental sustainability, the world is increasingly interested in what we think, and especially what we do, as ecologists.

We have many ways to contribute to better ecological understanding of this widening range of interests as the International Association for

Ecology (INTECOL) continues to represent an important long-term, global perspective on environmental issues. Our statement on the importance of climate change transmitted at Copenhagen was one of many that made the point we have some immediate needs to consider. INTECOL will continue to address these issues as we further develop our strategic planning to meet the many challenges of a changing world.

As mentioned in our previous report, the INTECOL Board has discussed how we can increase our capacity to deal with opportunities as they emerge over the next five years. Our strategic plan in this e-



Bulletin calls for increasing our membership in general and especially among students. We plan to improve representation on the Board by graduate student members who are among the most active participants in our meetings. These members are the future of INTECOL and bring new ideas to our discussions.

We want to help them participate by providing funding and opportunities for exchanging their views with other members around the world. We also want to expand our centralized source of information on meetings, workshops and events of interest by expanding coverage on our website. Your help in contributing information and in supporting the website is essential in meeting this goal.

As an international forum for ecologists, the Board recognizes the need to seek funding to provide for basic organizational operations. We have benefited greatly over the years from the generous support for our activities contributed by national ecological societies.

We need their continued help as well as additional support from our individual members. We plan to continue free membership to graduate students to

encourage their continued participation while seeking modest dues from members as they attend each INTECOL congress so that they then can receive a reduced registration fee. Thus, beginning in 2013, members will receive a reduced registration fee as a benefit of their dues payment. These dues will help provide travel funds for graduate students who might not otherwise be able to attend. Moreover, this plan will also help in preparing the budget for each congress and encourage support by our most actively participating members. We will also continue to provide services at no cost for others, especially graduate students.

The program committee is discussing topics to be included in London meeting in 2013 that is being hosted by the British Ecological Society as part of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I would very much appreciate receiving any suggestions you have regarding topics for special sessions, workshops and plenary speakers.

Let's make 2010 a great year for increasing our communications within and beyond INTECOL. We need you to express your views in our e-Bulletin and to provide us with information on your activities.

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## INTECOL Activities

### 1. INTECOL STRATEGIC PLAN

#### Vision

The International Association for Ecology (INTECOL) supports and coordinates activities of professional societies, research organizations, and individuals who study diverse ecological problems. INTECOL's primary function is to provide a dynamic forum for timely exchange and creation of new ideas and conceptual frameworks in ecology to meet local, regional and global needs. Ecological advances are

brought to the world-wide attention of ecologists and others interested in resolving environmental issues. Members conduct basic research and educate students, policy makers and the general public. INTECOL's goal is to increase the application of ecological principles and to improve data analyses that enhance understanding of complexly coupled human and natural systems.

#### Mission Statement

INTECOL enhances the creation, cooperation, and communication of the global scope of ecological activities by development and co-sponsorship of meetings and exchanges of information among ecologists. Representatives of national ecological societies and organized research programs, together with some 2,000 individual members, from 100 countries collaborate to share insights of global ecological challenges and their solutions on a wide range of emerging environmental issues. Founded in 1967 as the Ecology Section of the International Union

of Biological Sciences (IUBS), INTECOL has contributed much to UNESCO's goals. The organization has grown to provide a dynamic platform for a broad spectrum of ecological research on biodiversity, ecological functioning and social issues related to the management and sustaining the planet's diverse ecosystems. INTECOL helps new organizations achieve their goals through collaboration and exchange of information. As a non-profit organization, INTECOL relies on donations and member contributions and seeks no financial gains beyond sustaining its activities.

#### Goals

The 2010-2015 Strategic Plan for INTECOL highlights the following goals:

1. Increase the diversity of its membership by expanding the number of professional societies, research organizations and individuals who represent ecologists from additional nations and organizations. Encourage all members to participate in the General Assembly associated with the International Congress of Ecology held every four years and to submit suggestions for inclusion in agenda of the Board meetings and the General Assembly.
2. Expand the inclusion of new members, especially early-career ecologists and under-represented
- groups by providing travel support for participation in meetings.
3. Promote the inclusion of more social scientists who are interested in environmental issues to foster new approaches for a better understanding of complexly coupled socio-ecological systems. Encourage social and natural scientists to learn from each other and to create a stronger level of exchanges and interdisciplinarity through participation in INTECOL workshops and meetings.
4. Stimulate capacity building through professional development, especially among students and beginning researchers, by providing opportunities for enhanced communication and networking among members. Make full use of communication



tools to increase access to information and virtual contacts among members such as blogs, wiki pages and video conferences.

5. Increase opportunities for all members to learn new methods for advancing ecological science by co-sponsoring and coordinating additional workshops, conferences, and focused meetings on topics of ecological interest.
6. Highlight the importance of ethical conduct and professional development by organizing workshops and opportunities for exchange of views on fair use of ecological information and research methods and by enhancing discussions about professional responsibilities.
7. Champion the use of best practices and ethical standards to insure responsible use of traditional ecological knowledge to benefit indigenous people.
8. Enhance the participation of science writers, news reporters and other media at meetings and specific workshops designed to communicate with a wider public and more policy makers.
9. Provide timely leadership for additional culturally diverse ecological communities by distributing the locations of activities on a global basis and by enhancing access to web-based information. Increase outreach activities with additional long-term planning of future congresses, conferences, and workshops.
10. Include development of a new Scientific Coordinating Committee (SCC) in the INTECOL organizational structure to identify emerging areas of study that complement ongoing research activities and that create new principles needed for advancing solutions to societal needs. The SCC will provide timely and focused suggestions and advice to the INTECOL Board by meeting periodically to convey a broad array of interests within the ecological profession. Working groups within the SCC will review and develop lectures, power-point illustrations and courses for international use by members who teach concepts related to global change.
11. Initiate new opportunities for members in conjunction with the next EcoSummit planned for 2011, the 9th INTECOL Wetlands Conference in 2012, and the 11<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Ecology, co-sponsored with the British Ecological Society in 2013 in London.
12. Sustain and enlarge the INTECOL network of professionals by providing a common source of information on the web site and in the e-Bulletin on related activities organized by both member and non-member organizations.
13. Recognize major contributions of ecologists through conferring honorary memberships and awards to identify innovative discovery and dedicated service to the profession. INTECOL will continue to honor its current leaders by organizing dinners of appreciation while also inviting past leaders to attend these events at International Congresses of Ecology. This network of individuals provides a valuable legacy of experience and insight for professional development by beginning scientists.
14. Continue to rely on individuals who volunteer their time to achieve INTECOL goals, while also collaborating with diverse professional and scientific organizations for co-sponsorship of activities in order to increase effectiveness.
15. Increase use of the website ([www.intecol.org](http://www.intecol.org)) and e-Bulletin to inform members of new opportunities for collaboration and to update members regarding long-term plans. Minutes of the General Assemblies, Board Meetings, and Scientific Coordinating Committee meetings will be archived online.
16. Complete synthesizing the history of INTECOL activities and provide additional suggestions for long-term planning of events that complement those of regional and international organizations.

### Organizational Overview

INTECOL provides a dynamic network for communicating among its members and strives to increase its international scope and effectiveness by growing in the numbers of members and inter-connected activities. INTECOL facilitates timely exchange of inter-disciplinary ideas by providing clarity

in its organizational structure, function, and goals. In a rapidly changing world, it is essential that INTECOL continue to grow in its scope and effectiveness by recruiting new members and by building a robust, sustainable network.



The strategic plan calls for INTECOL to continue co-hosting major meetings around the world. International Congresses of Ecology were planned in 10 countries since 1974 and these will continue to attract some of the world's most outstanding ecologists. The history of INTECOL's activities is summarized on our website along with current activities. The organizational structure is efficient and effective with very low expenditures, given that all Board members volunteer their time. The Board and officers serve for four-year terms and are elected at the General Assembly (Council). The Vice President represents the host organization for the International Congress of Ecology and rotates in response to the meeting's location.

The primary benefits of individual membership in INTECOL include:

1. Expanding each member's unique opportunities to develop professional networks and to interact with other ecologists from around the world in a wide range of ecological sub-disciplines.
2. Receiving up-to-date information on upcoming events and meetings from a common calendar published in e-Bulletin and participating in online discussions in the INTECOL Blog.
3. Learning new skills and methods at workshops organized by outstanding scientists.
4. Contributing to increased understanding of

complexly coupled human and natural systems so that new ideas are effectively communicated to policy makers and the public.

5. Participating in each International Congress of Ecology and other events at substantially reduced registration fees.
6. Being eligible for student travel awards, honorary, and guest memberships for participation at INTECOL events.

The primary benefits of INTECOL memberships of professional societies and research organizations include:

1. Coordination of activities so as to increase effective communication and participation by a wide audience of ecologists in different countries.
2. Provide travel support awards for graduate students and beginning researchers to attend meetings such as International Congresses of Ecology and other activities.
3. Help establish new ecological organizations and societies by providing funding and professional mentoring.
4. Nominate outstanding ecologists for recognition at each International Congress of Ecology.
5. Development of other activities as member interests and needs arise, e.g., contributions towards timely critical analyses of selected topics, independent reviews and advisory groups.

### Sustaining INTECOL in 2010 and Beyond

INTECOL has recently expanded its membership by providing access to its website and e-Bulletin to all interested individuals and groups at no charge. To encourage graduate student participation, they will continue to have membership at no charge. As INTECOL moves to increase its size and effectiveness, beginning in 2010 individual members will be requested to pay modest dues (\$50 for professionals every 4 years) that will be collected online through cooperation of the co-sponsoring organization prior to each International Congress of Ecology. The host national organization will serve as an INTECOL Secretariat in collecting dues and other contributions as well as reduced registration fees for members attending the congress. In this way, individual members will be encouraged to pay online for extended, multi-year

memberships to minimize transaction costs and to help budget expenses for the meeting and related expenses.

National and professional societies have supported INTECOL in the past. Their continued support is essential and much appreciated. Several societies sustaining INTECOL in 2010 and beyond have generously contributed by providing organizational dues and in-kind support as sustaining members. These organizations will be recognized for their contributions during each International Congress of Ecology and on our website. Additional donations for specific purposes and awards or unrestricted contributions are also strongly encouraged. Specifically, additional funds are needed to support travel awards for students attending conferences as well as for honorary and guest memberships.



## ***2. Some thoughts on the goals for a Scientific Coordinating Committee of the INTECOL Strategic Plan***

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The INTECOL Strategic Plan, published in this edition of the e-Bulletin, refers to the need to create a new Scientific Coordinating Committee (SCC). This committee would identify emerging areas of study that complement ongoing research activities and that create new principles needed for advancing solutions to societal needs (see topic 10, p.4). That means INTECOL will seek to explore the scientific bases and uses of information of environmental stressors as they relate directly to specific measurable effects in ecological (both floral and faunal) and human populations (Environmental Bioindicators 2010). The information finally used for communication exchange and (political) discussions should be objective, transparent and international available.

Topics for a more or less objective and emotionally free information transfer can start from climate change via pollution control, alternative energy resources, up to biodiversity and sustainability (Markert et al. 2009).

Possibly SCC can help in understanding the

probability that the presence of a stressor may produce an adverse effect in exposed receptors or populations, the degree of harm that may be indicated, and the integration of these data to characterize environmental health (Environmental Bioindicators 2010).

In the future the day by day use of our INTECOL homepage can be of highest importance for collection, discussion and distribution of diverse ecological ideas and environmental plans in the future. With respect of the global INTECOL conferences and the teaching activities of INTECOL members "hot" ecological topics can be brought in between scientists, students and beginning researches. Press, media and international public awareness can support INTECOL more as it has happened in the past. An excellent introduction and a basis on Communicating Global Change Science to Society is given by Tiessen et al. (2007) in their SCOPE publication No. 68. It gives a potential overview for bringing (transdisciplinary) together natural, social and business scientists.

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## Meeting Reports

### *CENTRAL EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ECOpole '09*

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The Conference ECOpole'09 was held in hotel Uroczyisko (near Szklarska Poreba, Poland), from 14~17 October 2009. It was the eighteenth ecological conference of the series of meetings organised by the Society of Ecological Chemistry and Engineering, Opole, PL.

One hundred twenty-six participants, including delegates representing 10 countries (from Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Great Britain, Latvia, Poland, Russian Federation, Slovakia and Ukraine) took part in the event and presented 16 oral contributions and 118 posters. The Conference issue of the quarterly *Ecological Chemistry and Engineering S* containing among others keynote speakers papers, was distributed at the Conference Reception desk together with a CD-ROM (containing short info on Keynote Speakers, Abstracts of the Conference presentations as well as ECOpole'09 Conference Programme).

The Conference Agenda was divided into 5 sections:

- SI Ecological Chemistry and Engineering - 15.10.2009 (Thursday)
- SII Risk, Crisis and Security Management 15.10.2009 (Thursday)
- SIII Environment Friendly Production and Use of Energy - 16.10.2009 (Friday)
- SIV Forum of Young Scientists and Environmental Education - 16.10.2009 (Friday)
- SV Health, Ecology and Agriculture - 17.10.2009 (Saturday)

The Conference was opened by prof. Maria Waclawek, Chairperson of the Organising Committee and prof. Witold Waclawek, Chairman of the Scientific Board and President of the Society of Ecological Chemistry and Engineering.

Prof. Magnuss VIRCAVS (*University of Latvia, Rīga, LT*) initiated the Plenary Session with the invited lecture: "Chemical composition and assessment of Latvia drinking water quality". During the conference the plenary lectures were delivered also by other invited lecturers: prof. Waldemar WARDENCKI (*Gdansk University of Technology, Gdańsk, PL*): "Application of gas chromatography, mass spectrometry and olfactometry for quality assessment of selected food products", prof. Edward BORODZICZ (*Portsmouth Business School, UK*): "Risk, crisis and resilience", prof. Elena MASAROVICŔOVÁ (*Comenius University Bratislava, SK*): "Cost and benefit of energetic plants - challenges for environment friendly management", prof. Marina V. FRONTASYEVA (*Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna, Moscow, RF*): "Accumulation of trace elements by biological matrice of *Spirulina platensis*" and dr. Hagen SCHERB (*Helmholtz Zentrum München - German Research Center for Environmental Health, Neuherberg, DE*): "Increased reproductive health risks after Chernobyl across Europe". Very interesting presentations were also given by prof. S. FRÄNZLE (*IHI Zittau, DE*): "Environmental chemistry on activated interfaces", prof. R. TSITOURIDOU (*University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, GR*): "Nanoparticle air pollution a case study of Thessaloniki, Greece", dr. Z.A. SZYDŁO (*Highgate School, London, UK*): "Environmental chemistry in English schools" and prof. Manfred SAGER (*Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety, Wien, AT*): "Potassium chlorate - nitric acid reagent for the analysis of trace metals and selected non-metals in food and agricultural products". Thursday, a day of hard work, was finished by the Poster Session of the Section Chemical Pollution of Natural Environment and its Monitoring. Many of the discussions begun at the



posters, lasted until the evening hours. The next point of Thursday Conference Programme was the one-hour-long concert of Tadeusz Pabisiak Trio. Classical and contemporary compositions were played. The audience applauded the musicians and claimed for bis. At 19:30 the Conference participants were invited for a Conference Dinner.

On Friday morning, the day started with an ecological excursion to Kostrzyca Forest Gene Bank in Miłków. This is one of the five existing gene banks around the world, the first to set up in Central Europe. As usually during the ECOpole Conference, the second day included the Session of the Young Scientists (a forum of young scientists that present and discuss local ecological problems of their countries). During the Young Scientists, Environmental Education and Renewable Energy Poster Session, 37 posters were presented. The Scientific Board (consisting of prof. Elena Masarovicová (*Comenius University Bratislava, SK*), prof. Bohumil Vybiral (*University of Hradec Králové, Hradec Králové, CZ*) and prof. Witold Waclawek (*Society of Ecological Chemistry and Engineering, Opole, PL*) granted awards (sponsored by the Society of Ecological Chemistry and Engineering) for the best presentations. The awards for poster presentations were given to N. Baljinnyam for the poster: N. Baljinnyam, Sh. Gerbish, G. Ganbold, S. Lodoysamba, M.V. Frontasyeva and S.S. Pavlov (*Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna, RU*): "Heavy metals in the environmental objects of non-ferrous industrial region of Mongolia, the town of Erdenet", to P. Ostrowski for the poster: E. Radziemska, P. Ostrowski, A. Cenian and M. Sawczak (*Gdansk University of Technology, Gdańsk, PL*): "Chemical, thermal and laser treatment in recycling of photovoltaic solar cells and modules from crystalline silicon" and to L. Trnková for the poster: L. Trnková, I. Boušová, I. Ortová and J. Dršata (*University of Hradec Kralove, Hradec Králové, CZ*): "Damage to proteins caused by free radicals from environment: effect of natural antioxidants". The Scientific Board awarded also honourable mentions for two oral presentations and two posters presented during Forum of Young Scientists.

They were given to K. Nawrotek for the oral: K. Nawrotek, R. Zarzycki and Z. Modrzejewska (*Lodz University of Technology, Łódź, PL*): "Kinetics of adsorption and release from chitosan hydrogels" and to

M. Worłowska for the oral: M. Worłowska and M. Marko-Worłowska (*Jagiellonian University, Kraków, PL*): "Can works of art shape respectful attitude towards nature? - ecological art in Poland" as well as to F. Donigiewicz and M. Wadowski for the poster: F. Donigiewicz, M. Wadowski, K. Hoffmann and J. Hoffmann (*Wroclaw University of Technology, Wroclaw, PL*): "Study on the concentration of extractive phosphoric acid and for fodder phosphates receiving requirements" and to G. Łagód and Z. Suchorab for the poster: G. Łagód, Z. Suchorab, H. Sobczuk, J. Malicki, M. Chomczyńska and A. Montusiewicz (*Lublin University of Technology, Lublin, PL*): "Methodical aspects of bioreactor modeling in water and wastewater management".

After the conclusion of the Friday scientific agenda, the Conference participants were invited for a Grill Party. The third day was dedicated to the impact of environment food and pollution on human health. After very interesting plenary lectures delivered among others by Keynote Speakers Marina V. Frontasyeva and Hagen Scherb the last Conference Poster Session came up.

Closing the conference, profs. Maria and Witold Waclawek made short recapitulation. In general, ECOpole'09 was focused on monitoring the quality of natural environment, its effects on human life, environmental education as well as application of renewable sources of energy.

They expressed gratitude to all participants for coming and taking active part in the Conference and thanked all Chairpersons of Sessions. They announced, that full text of the presented papers will be published (after obtaining reviewers' positive opinions) in the successive issues of the journals *Ecological Chemistry and Engineering A and S* and they will be distributed to all participants.

The Extended Abstracts of the presentations will be published in two subsequent issues of semi-annual *Proceedings of the ECOpole*. Thanks to the financial support of the Polish Ministry of Scientific Research and Higher Education, it was possible, among others to publish Extended Abstracts and full Conference contributions as well as to help to pay the fees of the young scientists taking part in the Conference. At the end they invited all Colleagues to attend the ECOpole'10 conference, which will be held also in Piechowice in next October.



## Meetings & Congress

### **1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Urban Biodiversity & Design (URBIO2010)**

18 - 22 May 2010, Nagoya, Japan  
**"Urban Biodiversity in the Ecological Network"**

URBIO is an open worldwide scientific network for education and research with the aim to promote urban biodiversity through a continuing dialogue with the CBD, Convention on Biological Diversity, initiative on "Cities and Biodiversity". In order to implement the CBD in urban areas, the URBIO2010 will be held before CBD COP10, which will also be held in Nagoya in October 2010. The main theme of URBIO2010 is "Urban Biodiversity in the Ecological Network", which consists of the following two subthemes; I. Ecosystem network and quality of habitats in and around the urban area and II. Networking conservation activities of urban people. 320 titles will be presented under 7 keynote topics.

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Mid-Conference Excursion and Post-Conference Excursion will take you to ecologically interesting landscapes at Nagoya, Kyoto, Tokyo, the Central Mountainous region and the Sanin region.

<http://www.jilac.jp/URBIO2010/doku.php?id=mid-excursions>

<http://www.jilac.jp/URBIO2010/doku.php?id=post-excursions>

### **2. The 7<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Ecological Restoration**

23-27 August 2010, Avignon, Provence, France

**"Ecological Restoration and Sustainable Development - Establishing Links Across Frontiers"**

#### **Objectives**

The 7th conference of the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) Europe will be held in Avignon, South-Eastern France in 2010. For scientists and practitioners who work on biodiversity and habitat

restoration, this SER International European meeting offers an outstanding opportunity for transboundary contacts and exchange of knowledge, experiences and good practices in ecological restoration.

**Important dates:** Deadline for early registration with reduced fees: 15 May 2010  
Deadline for registration with regular fees: 15 July 2010

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### ***3. The 4<sup>th</sup> EAFES International Congress in conjunction with the 8<sup>th</sup> ILTER-EAP Regional Conference***

13-17 September 2010, Kyungpook National University - Sangju Campus, Sangju, Korea

#### **"Ecological Challenges and Opportunities for Regional Green Growth and Biodiversity Conservation in East Asia"**

The theme of the Congress is "Ecological Challenges and Approaches for Regional Green Growth and Biodiversity Conservation in East Asia." There will be a range of plenary lectures, symposia, and workshops to illustrate the theme, together with other activities on diverse ecological topics. EAFES is the

East Asian Federation of Ecological Societies composed of Ecological Society of China (ESC), Ecological Society of Japan (ESJ), Ecological Society of Korea (ESK), International Long-Term Ecological Research East Asia-Pacific Regional Network (ILTER-EAP) and Society of Subtropical Ecology (SSE).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *1. The 6<sup>th</sup> Premi Ramon Margalef d'Ecologia 2010*



The call for submissions to present candidatures for the 6th Premi Ramon Margalef of Ecology and Environmental Sciences went out on 2 February. The candidatures must reach the Technical Secretariat of the Prize before 30 April 2010 and must be submitted by qualified representatives from universities, schools of higher learning, research centres, academies of science, or by persons who have been awarded the Prize or who have been members of the Jury of the Prize.

In 2004, the Government decided to establish this Prize in the name of Ramon Margalef (Barcelona 1919-2004), one of the leading Catalan scientists of all time. The Prize is awarded annually and is endowed with 100,000 euros, making it the most important prize awarded by the Generalitat, and the most important prize, on an international level, exclusively dedicated to ecological and environmental sciences.

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The candidatures must be submitted before 30 April 2010 in a letter or statement of well reasoned justification signed and dated by the presenter, accompanied by a curriculum vitae of the candidate. The letter of well-reasoned justification should indicate the reasons and evidences by which it is believed that the candidate has the qualifications and background that corresponds to the objectives of the Prize and to the criteria to be responded by the candidatures.

The candidatures should be sent to the Technical Secretariat of the Premi Ramon Margalef, Department of the Presidency of the Generalitat de Catalunya. Its content may be sent beforehand by e-mail to the Prize Secretariat at [prm@gencat.cat](mailto:prm@gencat.cat) or via the website. The original letter or statement of well reasoned justification signed and dated by the presenter, plus the curriculum vitae of the candidate should be mailed to:



## 2. Job Opportunities

DIRECTOR, International Foundation for Science (IFS)

The International Foundation for Science (IFS) is a non-governmental organisation with the mandate to contribute to the strengthening of capacity in developing countries. IFS awards research grants and provide capacity enhancing supporting services to young scientists, working on research projects relevant to the sustainable use and management of biological and water resources. Since 1972, IFS has provided close to 7,000 research grants in more than 100 countries. For more information, please visit the IFS website: [www.ifs.se](http://www.ifs.se)

Currently IFS has a secretariat of 20 staff located in Stockholm, Sweden, and a regional office in Kampala, Uganda. The secretariat is led by the Director who reports to the Board of Trustees. The Director has overall responsibility for implementing the strategic goals of the organisation, managing the secretariat and overseeing day-to-day operations.

IFS will complete its current Five Year Programme in 2010. An external evaluation of the organisation has been conducted recently. A visioning process shall now be initiated to define the future programme, taking into account the uniqueness of IFS viz. other organisations.

The current Director will retire in 2010 and IFS is searching for a new Director. The successful candidate will be expected to:

- Implement the recommendations of the external evaluation as decided by the Board of Trustees
- Steer the visioning process leading to the new Medium Term Programme, in close dialogue with

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- IFS stakeholders including partners and donors
- Mobilise resources worldwide to implement the programme

IFS is seeking candidates who:

- Have an advanced university degree in an academic field relevant to the IFS thematic mandate
- Are connected with the international scientific and development community, in particular with institutions in developing countries
- Have several years experience from senior positions in research and development
- Have leadership skills to lead IFS towards the future
- Have experience in fund-raising
- Possess full command of written and spoken English. Knowledge of French is an advantage

The position requires frequent international travel.

The appointment will be for three years with possibility for renewal.

IFS is registered as a Swedish NGO. The secretariat in Stockholm follows Swedish labour laws and regulations as well as salary and tax scales.

Your application should be sent in confidence, labelled "IFS Director 2010" and reach IFS by 12 April 2010. Your application should include CV, names of three referees and expected level of salary, as well as a short description of why you are interested in the position and what you hope to achieve.

Applications are invited from citizens of any country. Women are especially encouraged to apply.

Please send your application by email with attachments to [NewDirector@ifs.se](mailto:NewDirector@ifs.se).



## INTECOL, International Association for Ecology

INTECOL is affiliated with the ICSU family of scientific organizations as the section responsible for general ecology within the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS). The association will assist and/or support the development of the science of ecology and the application of ecological principles to global problems, especially by assisting international cooperation; the collection, evaluation and distribution of information about ecology; national, regional and international actions which will serve ecological research, training of personal, coordination of general publications of ecological principles and the recognition of the importance of ecology for economy and society; the organization of conferences, meetings, symposia, programs and projects, conduct of speaking-series, publication of manuscripts, and measures which are deemed necessary to reach the goals of the association.

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