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Netherlands Ecological Research Network

NERN Messages

December 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting 2019 – Call for submission of abstracts for a presentation in one of the parallel sessions

(Deadline: Tuesday 11 December 2018)

The parallel sessions have been selected by the NAEM Organising Committee. They can be found in the programme on the [NAEM website](#). The call for submitting an abstract for an oral presentation in one of the parallel sessions is now open and will be open until **TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2018**. So, think about the session that you would like to present your work in, make an abstract (max. 200 words!), and submit that along with a title of your proposed talk to the conveners of the session of your choice (their e-mail addresses are hyperlinked in the programme (under their names)).

8th IOBC/WPRS Working Group Meeting - Landscape management for functional biodiversity

(27 – 29 March 2019)

The aim of the meeting is to bring together the latest insights on current topics in landscape management for functional biodiversity, including the management for multiple ecosystem services, the identification of promising crop and non-crop management options to support biodiversity-based pest management, and initiatives to meet the challenge to halt the ongoing decline of important farmland species. Promising areas for future research will be identified. This meeting can be a perfect opportunity to broaden your insights regarding current challenges in the field, and to expand your network to interact with world-class scientists in the field.

Bugs at your Service - Fundamentals and application of arthropod-mediated ecosystem services

(31 March - 5 April 2019)

This in-depth postgraduate course is organised **in conjunction with the IOBC-WPRS working group meeting**. This course will provide an overview of concepts and tools that can contribute to the design of multifunctional landscapes that are better suited to capitalize on ecosystem services in conjunction with other land use functions.

1. Workshops / Meetings / Symposia

- **Integrale veerkracht: van bodemgezondheid naar gezondheid van plant, dier en mens (only in Dutch)** (7 December 2018) @ Utrecht, The Netherlands
- **ZOOLOGY 2018 - Zoology in the Anthropocene** (13 - 15 December 2018) @ Antwerp, Belgium

2. Courses

- **Uncertainty Propagation in Spatial Modelling** (10 - 14 December 2018)
The purpose of this course is to familiarize participants with statistical methods to analyse uncertainty propagation in spatial modelling, such that they can apply these methods to their own models and data. Both attribute and positional errors are considered. Attention is also given to the effects of spatial auto- and cross-correlations on the results of an uncertainty propagation analysis. Computer practicals make use of the R language for statistical computing.
- **GIS in Practice** (4 - 15 February 2019)
GIS is commonly used as a tool to deal with spatial information. Although GIS packages are becoming increasingly user-friendly, the conceptual model behind the storage, analysis, and display is still essential to properly deal with these systems. This course aims to give an overview of this conceptual model, after which it will go in-depth in the use of ArcGIS using a number of practical cases.
- **ISRIC - Hands-on Digital Soil Mapping** (20 - 24 May 2019)
This course introduces methods and software for management, analysis and mapping of soil type and soil properties within the R environment for statistical computing. After this course participants will be able to apply the methods learnt to their own datasets.
- **ISRIC - Spring school on mapping and assessment of soils** (20 - 24 May 2019)
This course introduces methods and software for management, analysis and mapping of soil type and soil properties within the R environment for statistical computing. After this course participants will be able to apply the methods learnt to their own datasets.

3. Position Announcements

- **For job openings, check [our website](#).**

4. Other News

- **KNAW Academy Ecology Fund** (deadline: 15 December 2018)
The Academy Ecology Fund supports ecological fieldwork in the Netherlands and abroad and ecological research abroad by young ecologists working in the Netherlands. Funding is intended primarily for fundamental research. Projects seeking a fundamental solution to practical problems are also eligible.
- **Call for abstracts 'Aquatic Invasions in the Anthropocene'** (deadline: 14 January 2019)
International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species (ICAIS) 2019 will stimulate discussion, provoke debate and inspire action towards scientific collaboration at a global scale. PhD. With this grant these researchers can stay in the Netherlands for a maximum of four months.
- **NWO Visitor's Travel Grants** (Continuous application)
Researchers in the Netherlands can apply for a visitor's grant for highly qualified senior researchers from abroad who hold a PhD. With this grant these researchers can stay in the Netherlands for a maximum of four months.

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