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Netherlands Ecological Research Network

NERN Messages

January 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting 2019

(12 - 13 February 2019)

This year will be the 12th edition of the Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting (NAEM). As always, the meeting will be held at Conference Centre "De Werelt" in Lunteren. The near-final full programme is now online! Please register your participation soon as hotel rooms are running out! Also, please spread this announcement in your network! More information and registration at <http://www.nern.nl/NAEM2019>

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.

Dutch Life Sciences Congress 2019 – 'Communication in Life'

(28 - 29 May 2019)

The first NWO life sciences conference called Life2019 will take place on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 May 2019 at the Postillion Convention Centre, Bunnik. The theme of the congress is: Communication in Life. Life2019 is meant to connect researchers covering the broad spectrum of the Dutch Life Sciences, to explore boundaries, to lively discuss new or desirable developments in the field and to get inspired to start new interdisciplinary collaborations.

Call for abstracts is now open: <https://nwolife.nl/calls/> (**deadline 10 February**)

Call for registration is now open: <https://nwolife.nl/register/> (**deadline 1 May**)

1. Workshops / Meetings / Symposia

- **2nd Conference of the Netherlands Society for Evolutionary Biology (NLSEB)** (16 April 2019) @ Ede, The Netherlands
- **International Conference - Innovative strategies for vector control – Progress in the Global Vector Control Response** (11 – 13 June 2019) @ Wageningen, The Netherlands
- **Meeting of the Association of Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC) 2019** (30 July - 3 August 2019) @ Antananarivo, Madagascar
- **Wageningen Soil Conference** (27 - 30 August 2019) @ Wageningen, The Netherlands
- **49th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of Germany, Austria and Switzerland** (9 - 13 September 2019) @ Münster, Germany

2. Courses

- **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

- **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.

- **Survey Naturalis Biodiversity Center (project NWO – ALW)**

The true potential of natural science collections (for many research domains) is yet to be uncovered. This is especially true when digital information on natural science collections is combined and linked with other data types. Establishing data-linkages around digital representations of natural science collections is one of the aims of the DiSSCo initiative. DiSSCo, the Distributed System of Scientific Collections, also aims to unite all natural science collections in Europe into one single virtual collection. The Netherlands is leading the DiSSCo consortium and also takes up a prominent role in several international biodiversity information and research initiatives, such as GBIF and LifeWatch. Initiatives such as DiSSCo have a lot of potential and could influence (contribute to) the future workflow of many researchers. However, therefore we have to establish the needs of the current Dutch researcher. Hence, we want to give the researcher a voice in the development of large-scale infrastructures such as DiSSCo. We are collecting input, opinions and perspectives from researchers from fields that might be influenced by DiSSCo (biology, geology, ecology, bio- & geodiversity, bio-informatics, taxonomy etc). Even if you currently don't work with natural science collections, they might become relevant once increased, validated and inter-linked. Everyone's opinion is welcome: <https://nl.surveymonkey.com/r/sciencecollections-survey>. This survey takes about 10 minutes and will be used to create proposals and present needs for infrastructural services and architecture on an institutional, national and European level. Via the survey, you are also able to participate further via an interview or focus group. Distributing the survey amongst your colleagues is highly appreciated.

- **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.

If you have information that you would like to have included in the NERN messages or on the NERN website, please send this information to Claudius.vandeVijver@wur.nl.