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	<p><i>Netherlands Ecological Research Network</i></p> <p><i>NERN Messages</i></p> <p><i>May 2017</i></p>
	
	

1. Workshops / Meetings / Symposia

- **Conference Pedometrics 2017 (26 June – 1 July 2017)** @ Wageningen, The Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **BES Symposium 2017- The Macro-ecology of Alien Species: Patterns, Drivers and Consequences of Global Biotic Exchange (24 – 26 July 2017)** @ Durham University, United Kingdom. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Fundamentals of Life in the Universe Symposium (31 August – 1 September 2017)** @ Energy Academy Building, Zernike Campus, Nijenborgh 6, Groningen, the Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Joint Annual Meeting; Ecology Across Borders (11 – 14 December 2017)** @ Ghent, Belgium. For more information, please click [here](#).

2. Courses

- **Plant Nutrients in Terrestrial Ecosystems – acquisition and turnover (15 – 19 May 2017)**
Upon completing the course the student will have achieved state-of-the-art knowledge on: Concepts and theories underlying nutrient use efficiency and sustainable use of plant nutrients, Concepts and methodologies used for studying plant nutrition and soil fertility, Processes that determine acquisition and utilization of plant nutrients and their turnover and bio-availability in soils and fertilizers. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **The Art of Modelling (12 – 23 June 2017)**
Modelling is a crucial part of today's science. Particularly in agronomy, ecology and environmental sciences, where models are used for assessing sensitivity of

systems to disturbances or changes in external factors, and for predictions of future system states. This course provides an introduction to modelling. For more information, please click [here](#).

- **Political Ecologies in/of the Anthropocene: value, life and critique (21 – 27 June 2017)**

The summer school gives motivated PhD candidates the chance to deepen their knowledge on political ecologies in the Anthropocene. The course covers two broad and interrelated thematic areas of interest in contemporary political ecology: The emergence of the 'Anthropocene' and its competitors and The value of life in the Anthropocene. For more information, please click [here](#).

- **Animal Movement Analysis (2 – 7 July 2017)**

The aim of this course is to provide participants with skills to assist them in working with animal movement data including data management and organization, working with large tracking datasets, data exploration, visualization and analysis of movement data. For more information, please click [here](#).

- **Environmental Signalling in Plants (28 – 30 August 2017)**

Our society depends on plants, not only as the primary source of food and dominating role in ecosystems, but also as provider of commodities such as pharmaceuticals and building materials. In many ways plants are essential contributors to human well-being and health. Experimental Plant Sciences study the fundamental life processes of plants at different organisational levels, from molecules & cells to whole plants and ecosystems. For more information, please click [here](#).

- **MOOC: Landscape Restoration for Sustainable Development: a Business Approach (Continuously open) @ Online.** For more information, please click [here](#).

3. Position Announcements

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

4. Other News

- **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. For more information and application click [here](#).

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