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## HIGHLIGHTS

# LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATION: Current Themes In Ecology

[Ecological Networks - Networks in Ecology](#)

**24 November 2016**

Studying ecological networks is not only crucial for understanding population dynamics and persistence, but also ecosystem processes like energy and nutrient cycling, the spread of pests and diseases, and in this way human welfare. In the present Current Themes in Ecology symposium, Networks in Ecology, we will address a wide variety in novel approaches to understand the functioning of ecological networks and the consequences for biological diversity and ecosystem dynamics.

# Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting 2017

**14 & 15 February 2017**

The full programme for the upcoming NAEM meeting is now available online and the **call for submitting abstracts for a presentation in one of the parallel sessions is now open!** You can find all selected parallel sessions in the full programme on the website. The call for presentations will be open until **Tuesday**

**13 December 2016.** So if you are interested in presenting your work as an oral presentation in one of the parallel sessions, then please contact the conveners of the parallel session directly and send them your presentation abstract! More details can be found on the NAEM website ([www.nern.nl/NAEM2017](http://www.nern.nl/NAEM2017)). Finally, of course, **you are warmly invited to register and to spread the news to your friends and colleagues!**

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## 1. Workshops / Meetings / Symposia

- **Global soil security conference (5-7 December 2016)** @ Paris, France. For more information, please click [here](#).
  - **CWE Symposium: From Wadden Sea to Marker Wadden: functioning and restoration of large aquatic ecosystems (9 December 2016)** @ University of Groningen, Linnaeusborg, Zaal 'Het OOG', Groningen, The Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
  - **Mini Symposium: Environmental Justice & Urban Green (14 December 2016)** @ Wageningen University, GAIA 1, Wageningen, The Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
  - **INTERWOVEN: How Science and Art Meet Belowground (14 December 2016)** @ Wageningen University, Impulse, Stippeneng 2, Wageningen, The Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
  - **1st Symposium 'WURomics: Technology- Driven Innovation for Plant Breeding' (15 December 2016)** @ Wageningen University, Orion, Combi Room, Wageningen, The Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
  - **Zoology 2016 Congress (16-17 December 2016)** @ University of Antwerp, Belgium. For more information, please click [here](#).
  - **Joint symposium on Eco-Evolutionary dynamics and Flanders Annual Meeting of Ecology (19-21 December 2016)** @ Ledeganck Campus, Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium. For more information, please click [here](#).
  - **European Conference of Tropical Ecology (6-10 February 2017)** @ Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Belgium. For more information, please click [here](#).
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## 2. Courses

- **European Forest Resources and the Bio-Economy (27 November-2 December 2016)**  
*Within Europe, forests cover 36% of the land area and are one of the most important types of land use for biodiversity conservation, storage of carbon and provision of renewable raw materials for the bio-economy. Under the bio-economy the demand for wood is expected to increase rapidly, both to produce new products, traditional products, as well as for energy. This course addresses the role of European forests in the bio-economy and the changes that are taking place in management and forest industry. For more information, please click [here](#).*
- **Uncertainty Propagation in Spatial Environmental Modelling (5-9 December 2016)**  
*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. For more information, please click [here](#).*
- **GIS in Practice (12-23 December 2016)**  
*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. For more information, please click [here](#).

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### 3. Position Announcements

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