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HIGHLIGHTS

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 14 & 15 February 2017

This year will be the 10th edition of the Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting (NAEM). As always, the meeting will be held at the Conference Centre "De Werelt" in Lunteren. Currently, the **call for parallel session proposals is open** on our website! A new feature here is that you can see which sessions have already been proposed, and thus also which sessions are still lacking in your opinion! All this can be found on the NAEM website (www.nern.nl/NAEM2017). Finally, of course, **you are warmly invited to register.**

1. Workshops / Meetings / Symposia

- **Symposium Human-Wildlife conflicts in Africa** (27 October 2016) @ Academiegebouw, Rapenburg 67-73, Leiden, The Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).

- **Future for Nature Academy presents: Lecture by Ofir Drori 'Wildlife Trafficking' (28 October 2016)** @ C1005, Orion Building, Wageningen University Campus, Wageningen, The Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Workshop Metabolomics in Chemical Ecology (31 October – 1 November 2016)** @ Netherlands Institute of Ecology, Droevendaalsesteeg 10, Wageningen, The Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **International Conference Functional-Structural Plant Modelling (7-11 November 2016)** @ Qingdao Holiday Inn Expo, Qingdao, China. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Forests & Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement (FLARE) Meeting (2-5 December 2016)** @ University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Global soil security conference (5-7 December 2016)** @ Paris, France. 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](#).

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](#).

3. Position Announcements

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

4. Other News

- **KNAW Beijerinck Prizes for Virology** (Deadline for submitting nominations: 1 November 2016). For more information, please click [here](#).
- **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](#).

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. The messages are generally sent around the first of the month. Please note that NERN now corresponds primarily via office@nern.nl.