

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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Action in Place Conference

The "Action in Place: Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability" conference will take place October 6-9, 2005, in Plainfield, Vermont. The conference will showcase place- and regionally-based programs of education and action promoting environmental and community sustainability, as well as provide a forum for discussion of related ideas and issues.

<http://www.goddard.edu/academic/actioninplace.html>

Alliance of Natural Resource Outreach and Service Programs

Alliance of Natural Resource Outreach and Service Programs requests presentations for their national conference *Diverse Practices by Natural Resource Outreach & Service Programs*, on September 9-11, 2008, in New Braunfels, Texas. This conference is for professionals who coordinate, administer, or intend to develop training and volunteer programs in natural resource conservation, education, and outreach. The deadline for submission is June 30, 2008.

<http://www.nralliance.org/>

American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, February 17-21, 2005, in Washington, DC, brings together the breadth of science, engineering and technology from the world's premier researchers. Education and outreach will be featured throughout the meeting.

http://www.aaas.org/meetings/Annual_Meeting/02_PE/PE.shtml

American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting

The AAAS annual meeting, *The Nexus—Where Science Meets Society*, will be held February 17-21, 2005, Washington, D.C. More than 15 theme tracks are listed on the website, including Teaching and Learning in Science.

http://www.aaas.org/meetings/MPE_08_index_Prop.shtml .

American Cetacean Society International Conference

The American Cetacean Society hosts the 10th international conference, *Whales Without Borders*, November 10-12, 2006 in Ventura, California. The theme highlights the fact that most large whale species migrate thousands of miles, crossing international boundaries, between their breeding and feeding grounds.

<http://www.acsonline.org/conference/index.html>

American Cetacean Society International Conference

The American Cetacean Society will hold its International Conference, November 13-16, 2008 in Monterey Bay, California, with the theme *Whales in a Changing World*, with a Gray Whale and Climate Change Symposium following on November 17, 2008. The

conference will look at how whales, dolphins, and porpoises are currently adapting to rapid environmental changes and altered ecosystems.

<http://www.acsonline.org/conference/changing2008/index.html>

American Cetacean Society International Conference

The American Cetacean Society announces their 9th international conference, *Learning From Whales: Education, Inspiration & Action*, November 11-14, 2004, Long Beach, California. Their focus this year is a central part of their mission to protect cetaceans—education—and how to use it to inform and inspire. Attendees will leave the conference armed with new information. Breakout groups for peer interaction will provide materials to be used when attendees return to their classrooms or boats.

<http://www.acsonline.org> .

The American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting

The theme of the 134th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, August 22-26th, 2004, Madison, Wisconsin, is *The Gathering: Leopold's Legacy for Fisheries*. Gather on the Isthmus to learn how Leopold's legacy has influenced the conservation of our aquatic resources in the past and to plan how it may influence the future. Symposia include discussions about socio-economics and extension, history, stewardship, and science.

<http://www.afs2004madison.org/index.shtml> .

American Fisheries Society and Symposium

The 135th American Fisheries Society's annual meeting will be held September 11-15, 2005 in Anchorage, Alaska. The theme is *Creating a Fisheries Mosaic: Connections Across Jurisdictions, Disciplines, and Cultures*. Posters are solicited for a symposium entitled "Partnerships for a Common Purpose: Cooperative Fisheries Research and Management."

<http://www.wdafs.org/Anchorage2005/index.htm>

http://www.fisheries.org/apa_symposium05/

American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting

The American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, December 11-15, 2006 in San Francisco, California, provides an opportunity for researchers, teachers, students, and consultants to present and review the latest issues affecting the Earth, the planets, and their environments in space. This meeting will cover topics in all areas of Earth and space sciences, including ocean sciences and education.

<http://www.agu.org/meetings/fm06/>

American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists Symposium - Washington

The American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists is celebrating its 50th anniversary with an International Fisheries Symposium, *Future of Fishery Science in North America*, February 13-15, 2007 in Seattle, Washington.

http://www.aifrb.org/symposium_home.htm

American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting

The American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting, January 11-15, 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona, will feature workshops and short courses, town hall meetings, the Sunday WeatherFest, a Monday Presidential Policy Forum on the role of weather and climate in urban affairs, and two special named symposia. The theme is *Urban Weather and*

Climate: Now and the Future. The student conference and career fair will be held January 10-11, 2009.

<http://www.ametsoc.org/meet/annual/call.html>

American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting

The theme of the American Meteorological Society's (AMS) annual meeting, January 20-24, 2008 in New Orleans, Louisiana, is *Enhancing the Connectivity between Research and Applications for the Benefit of Society*. There will be a special two-day Hurricane Symposium, career fair, short courses, and much more. The AMS Student Conference will be held January 19-20, 2007 at the same location.

<http://www.ametsoc.org/meet/annual/>

American Shore and Beach Preservation Association Coastal Summit

The theme of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association's Coastal Summit, set for March 21-23, 2007 in Washington, DC, is *America's Coasts, America's Treasures: National Perspective & Policy*. This conference will look at critical issues affecting beach preservation and management; enhance media relations and lobbying skills; offer an understanding of federal budgeting and appropriations; and provide networking opportunities with Members of Congress, federal officials and beach lovers.

<http://www.asbpa.org/conferences/conferences.htm>

American Society of Limnology and Oceanography – Education Session

The American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO) 2004 summer meeting, June 13th - 18th, Savannah, Georgia, theme is *The Changing Landscapes of Oceans and Freshwaters*. The University of New Hampshire's Coastal Ocean Observation and Analysis Program and the Gulf of Maine Ocean Observing System (GoMOOS) will be co-hosting a special session titled, *The Educational Value of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems*.

<http://www.aslo.org/savannah2004> . tom@gomoos.org .

American Society of Limnology and Oceanography

The annual meeting of the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO), Santiago de Compostela, Spain, June 19-24, 2005, will include a special session on ocean literacy (SS49: An Ocean Literacy Campaign). Abstract submission deadline is February 1, 2005. Presentations that focus on efforts to integrate K-12 teachers and students in scientific research, and those that identify new scientific discoveries and make this information available to teachers and classrooms, are encouraged.

<http://aslo.org/santiago2005/index.html>

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American Water Resources Association Spring Specialty Conference

American Water Resources Association (AWRA) and its GIS Technical Committee members offer the AWRA 2006 Spring Specialty Conference, May 8-10, 2006 in Houston, Texas. Discuss how to integrate GIS with watershed modeling, flood control, environmental management, and infrastructure planning and maintenance.

<http://www.awra.org/meetings/Houston2006/index.html>

American Zoo and Aquarium Association Annual Conference

The 2004 AZA Annual Conference, *What a Wonderful World: Our privilege to protect. Our legacy to preserve*, will be held September 18-23, 2004 in New Orleans, Louisiana, hosted by the Audubon Nature Institute. The theme of the 2006 annual conference of

the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, September 25th–30, 2006 in Tampa, Florida, is *Everything Under the Sun*. The program committee invites your proposals, with the submission deadline of April 7, 2006. Regional meetings will be held March 29-April 1, 2006 in Jacksonville, Florida, and April 25-28, 2006 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

<http://www.aza.org/ConfWork/>

<http://www.aza2004.com/> .

The Aquatic Resources Education Association Conference

The Aquatic Resources Education Association (AREA), September 18-22, 2004, Duck Key, Florida, fosters knowledge about fishery and aquatic resource educational programs and services. Association members are employed either by state or federal fish, wildlife and natural resource agencies, universities involved in resource education, the fishing tackle industry, and other partners. Information about the 2006 conference is also available for those who plan ahead.

<http://www.areanet.org/> .

Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education Conference - California

The Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (AEOE) held its annual statewide conference, *California's People and Places*, April 15-17, 2005 in Petaluma, California to explore how California's diverse ecosystems shape its population and how its people shape the landscape. The conference will include over 60 workshops, keynote speakers, entertainment, and a job fair.

<http://www.aeoe.org/conference/spr05/>

Association for Environmental & Outdoor Education Annual Conference

The Association for Environmental & Outdoor Education convened *Metamorphosis in Outdoor Education: The Change of Nature, The Nature of Change*, April 4-6, 2003, Pescadero, California. The 2004 meeting was *Teaching Outside the Lines*, April 30-May 2, 2004, Malibu, California.

<http://aeoe.org/conference/>

Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education - California

The Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (AEOE) is calling for presenters for their 2006 Spring Conference, *Environmental Education: From Words to Action*, April 28-30, 2006 in Malibu, California.

http://www.aeoe.org/conference/spring/2006/workshops/call_for_presenters.html

Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean Scientific Meeting

The scientific meeting of the Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean will include poster and verbal presentations to promote the exchange of scientific and technical information concerning Caribbean marine sciences. Topic areas include coral reef ecology, Caribbean oceanography and coastal processes, public awareness and education, and more. The deadline for abstract submittal is April 1, 2005.

education@curacao-sea-aquarium.com

Association of Partners for Public Lands Convention

The Association of Partners for Public Lands convention, *Portland Pathways*, March 6-10, 2005 in Portland, Oregon, provides opportunities to network with public lands agency representatives, nonprofit organization staff, board members and other volunteers who are engaged in efforts to connect people with our nation's parks, open spaces, forests,

lakes, refuges, cultural, and historic sites. The sessions include volunteerism; marketing on a low budget; and outreach programming to diverse audiences.

http://www.appl.org/Training_Conventions/2005/2005%20Convention_Main.htm

Association of Zoo and Aquariums Annual Conference

The 2008 Association of Zoo and Aquariums Annual Conference will be held September 15-18, 2008 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The program committee is accepting program proposals for sessions and posters for the conference in a variety of program tracks, including education.

http://www.aza.org/ConfWork/AC_Intro/

Behavior, Energy, and Climate Change Conference

The 2008 Behavior, Energy and Climate Change Conference, November 16-19, 2008 in Sacramento, California, focuses on understanding the nature of individual and organizational behavior and decision making and using that knowledge to accelerate our transition to an energy-efficient and low carbon economy.

http://piee.stanford.edu/cgi-bin/htm/Behavior/becc_conference.php?ref=nav4

Best Education Practices for Water Outreach Professionals

The Best Education Practices Symposium, June 2-4, 2004, Madison, Wisconsin, engages national extension water quality coordinators, outreach professionals, and key stakeholders in fine-tuning Water Outreach National Facilitation Project products. The symposium's goal is to assist natural resource professionals meet their water management education and outreach objectives. Sessions will provide a mix of speakers, interactive events, poster sessions, and networking opportunities.

<http://www.uwex.edu/erc/waterbeeps/symposium.html> .

Beyond the Obituaries: Success Stories in Ocean Conservation – Washington, DC

The International Marine Conservation Congress will take place May 20-24, 2009 in Washington, DC. The Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History will kick off the conference with one-day public program, *Beyond the Obituaries: Success Stories in Ocean Conservation*. The program will highlight conservation efforts that are making a difference around the world, allow conservation professionals to learn from the success of others, and demonstrate that the situation is not hopeless.

<http://officialmpa.blogspot.com/2008/09/beyond-obituaries-success-stories-in.html>

Blue Vision Summit

The Blue Vision Summit, March 7–10 in Washington, D.C. will host regional and national groups who care about our public seas. The summit will include two days of speakers and panels on federal action on the ocean, solutions that are working, and ways to address climate change impacts. The third day is set aside for Capitol Hill Day, offering an opportunity to meet your representative.

<http://www.bluefront.org/bluevision/>

Building Coastal Knowledge and GI - Ireland

The ECO-IMAGINE Conference, *Building Coastal Knowledge and GI*, in Cork, Ireland, June 13-17, 2006, is organized in co-operation with the Coastal and Marine Resources Centre of the University College Cork. Some Marie Curie grants are available for supporting the participation of early stage and more experienced researchers in the conference.

<http://www.gisig.it/eco-imagine>

California and the World Ocean Conference

California and the World Ocean Conference, organized by the California Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency, and the Coastal Conservancy Association, will be held September 17-20, 2006 in Long Beach, California. Topics will include the California Ocean Protection Act; the Governor's Ocean Action Plan; and the California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy.

<http://resources.ca.gov/ocean/cwo06/>

California and the World Ocean Conference Online Archives

California and the World Ocean Conference in 2006 brought together more than 1000 attendees from 23 states and six countries to focus on improving ocean and coastal management. Invaluable information from fisheries to sediment management was shared with participants during the 67 sessions spanning four days. Video archives of most sessions are now available free to the public through this website.

<http://resources.ca.gov/ocean/cwo06/>

California Science Education Conference

The California Science Education Conference, Science for a Changing World, will be held October 27-30, 2005 in Palm Springs, California. October 25-29, 2007 in Long Beach, California. The conference will feature speakers, workshops, short courses, field courses, and special events addressing the diverse needs of science educators from all grade levels and all science disciplines.

<http://www.cascience.org/conference.html>

California Science Education Conference

The California Science Education Conference, October 25-29, 2007 in Long Beach, California, will address all areas of science education, including life science, earth/space science, physical science, environmental science, assessment, and more. The program includes field trips, short courses, and workshops. Included is a four-day marine science strand and *Water Connects Us All*, a mini-university course for K-6 teachers, held in three parts over three days.

<http://www.cascience.org/conference.html>

Capitol Hill Oceans Week – Washington D.C.

The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation will host the annual Capitol Hill Oceans Week, June 7-9, 2005 in Washington D.C. Topics will include predicting and preparing for natural disasters, wetland restoration, aquaculture, oceans and human health, and marine transportation. The Foundation will also host a mini Ocean Film Festival and an Ocean Exhibit Fair during the week.

<http://www.nmsfocean.org/chow2005/index.html>

Capitol Hill Ocean Week – Washington, DC

The purpose of Capitol Hill Ocean Week, June 3-5, 2008, is to provide a neutral forum where a diverse spectrum of ocean science and management expertise, stakeholders, and policy makers can come together to discuss, examine, and exchange information about the key issues affecting the health of our oceans and marine resources. Through interaction, challenges and recommendations are identified and shared with the greater ocean community and public at-large. Check the website for events and information.

http://www.nmsfocean.org/chow_index.asp

Caribbean Islands Water Resources Congress

The Seventh Caribbean Islands Water Resources Congress, October 25-26, 2007 in Saint Croix, Virgin Islands, will offer sessions on wide range of topics that are relevant to the continually growing needs of the islands. The program will provide an exchange of ideas for water resources investigators, educators and management professionals; an update on the current water resources situation in the tropics and the Caribbean; and promote sharing and transfer of data, technology, and management practices.

<http://prwreri.uprm.edu/7CIWRC/>

Carnivores 2006

Carnivores 2006: Habitats, Challenges and Opportunities, the sixth biennial carnivore conservation conference, will be held November 12-15, 2006, in St. Petersburg, Florida. The conference features three days of sessions on terrestrial and marine carnivore issues.

<http://www.carnivoreconference.org>

Challenges of Socioeconomic Research in Coastal Systems

The Center for Natural Resource Economics and Policy hosts *The Challenges of Socioeconomic Research in Coastal Systems: Valuation, Analysis, and Policy Development*, May 27-28, 2004, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The conference focuses on opportunities and challenges of socioeconomic research in coastal systems emphasizes economic valuation and its use in developing coastal zone management policy.

<http://www.agecon.lsu.edu/CNREP/>

Civic Tourism Conference

The national conference, Civic Tourism, the Poetry and Politics of Place, will take place March 16-18, 2006 in Prescott, Arizona. Civic Tourism seeks to provide a forum for communities to decide if and how the individual ingredients of "place" (cultural, built, and natural) can be integrated to create an appealing, dynamic, and distinctive community identity. Presentations are grouped into four themes: sense of place, tourism management, tourism trends, and public voice.

<http://www.civictourism.org/>

Coalition for Education in the Outdoors Symposium

Abstracts are being accepted for the 8th Biennial Research Symposium of the Coalition for Education in the Outdoors, to be held January 13-15, 2006, in Martinsville, Indiana. Researchers will explore current and future trends in using the outdoors for educational and therapeutic purposes, advancing the bases of outdoor education.

<http://www.outdooredcoalition.org/research.htm>

Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration Conference

Restore America's Estuaries hosted *Saving Our Coastal Heritage*, April 13-16, 2003, Baltimore, Maryland. Incorporating the nonprofit, government, business and academic sectors, this gathering enabled networking and communication throughout the growing habitat restoration movement.

<http://www.estuaries.org/nationalconference.php>

Coastal Program Managers Annual Meeting National Estuary Program 2004 National Meeting

These two annual meetings were held March 8-11, 2004, in Washington, DC. The Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management hosts its annual meeting to provide a

forum for the Nation's ocean and coastal program managers to meet with one another and to exchange information about important resource management issues.

<http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/pmm/> and
<http://www.anep-usa.org/meetings/spring04/index.htm> .

Coastal Program Managers' Meeting - 2005

The annual Coastal Program Managers' Meeting provides a forum for the nation's ocean and coastal program managers and coworkers to exchange information about key resource management issues. The 2005 annual meeting will be held March 8-10, 2005 in Washington, D.C. Sessions include Getting to Know National Ocean Service Roundtables, Integrated Ocean Observing Systems, Developing the National System of Marine Protected Areas, and a Preview of the Smithsonian Ocean Hall Exhibit.

<http://www.coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/pmm/>

The Coastal Society International Conference

The Coastal Society will hold its 20th International Conference, May 14-17, 2006 in St. Pete Beach, Florida. The theme of the conference is *Charting a New Course: Shaping Solutions for the Coasts*. Tracks during the conference will cover solutions for land use challenges, governing ocean use conflicts, effective integration of science, mitigating coastal natural hazards, and changing behaviors of professionals and the public.

<http://www.thecoastalsociety.org/conference/tcs20/>

The Coastal Society Conference

The Coastal Society hosts its annual conference, *TCS19*, May 23-26, 2004, Newport, Rhode Island. The conference theme is *Measure for Measure: How Do We Gauge Coastal Stewardship?* Focus areas are coastal governance, water quality, coastal land use, and habitat & ecosystem-based management.

<http://www.thecoastalsociety.org/conference/tcs19/index.html>

The Coastal Society – Call for Papers

The Coastal Society announces a call for papers for its 20th International Conference, May 14-17, 2006 in St. Pete Beach, Florida. The theme of the conference is *Charting a New Course: Shaping Solutions for the Coasts*. Tracks during the conference will cover land use challenges, governing ocean use conflicts, effective integration of science, mitigating coastal natural hazards, and solutions for changing behaviors.

www.thecoastalsociety.org/conference/tcs20/pdfs/TCS20_Call_for_Papers.pdf

Coastal Zone Canada 2006 Conference and Youth Forum

Coastal Zone Canada 2006, *Arctic Change and Coastal Communities*, is the seventh conference in a biennial series, sponsored by the Canada Coastal Zone Association, August 14-18, 2006, in Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, Canada, and the first of the series to be located on the Arctic coast. The intent of the conference is to raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by residents of the Arctic coastal zone in the face of rapid changes occurring in Arctic marine ecosystems.

<http://www.czc06.ca/e/home.html>

Coastal Zone '05, Call for Papers

Coastal Zone 05, *Balancing on the Edge*, July 18-21, 2005, New Orleans, Louisiana, focuses on balancing the issues and interests of land and sea, including education and training. This conference provides valuable tools, lessons learned, and new ideas to help address coastal management issues, focusing on balancing the issues and interests of

land and sea. Conference tracks include Coastal Ecosystem Health, Communities and Culture, Hazards, and Resource Management (including education and training).

<http://www.csc.noaa.gov/cz/> .

Coastal Zone '05 – Call for Abstracts

Coastal Zone '05, *Balancing on the Edge*, will be held July 18-21, 2005, in New Orleans, Louisiana. For more information, check out <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/cz/> .

Coastal Zone Canada 2004

The Coastal Zone Canada Association hosted the biennial CZC04 conference, *All Within One Ocean*, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, June 27-30, 2004. This conference addressed the challenges of effective coastal zone management at local, regional, national, and international levels, and presented leading-edge tools and techniques for today's coastal zone managers and researchers.

<http://www.czca-azcc.org/index2.htm> .

Conference of the Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean

The 33rd Scientific Conference of the Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean, hosted by the University of the Virgin Islands June 4-8, 2007 in St. Thomas, United State Virgin Islands, celebrates *50 Years of Caribbean Marine Research: Changing Science, Changing Environments, Changing Perspectives*. They anticipate having simultaneous English-Spanish interpretation at the meeting.

http://www.amlc-carib.org/fileadmin/static/amlc_conf_new.html

Conference on Case Study Teaching in Science

The National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science from the State University of New York at Buffalo is hosting the 9th Annual Conference on Case Study Teaching in Science, September 26-27, 2008 in Amherst, New York. The aim of the conference is to bring together people who are interested in teaching science using case studies. The conference features plenary speakers, a poster session, and a number of mini-workshops organized in two tracks, for the beginner and experienced case teacher.

<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/projects/cases/conference/conference.html>

Conference on Coastal Environmental Sensing Networks

The University of Massachusetts, Boston Center for Coastal Environmental Sensing Networks announces a Call for Papers for the first conference on Coastal Environmental Sensing Networks in Boston, Massachusetts. The conference will bring together stakeholders from diverse fields including academia, industry, governmental, and non-governmental agencies with the common focus of extracting, processing, and utilizing information from the coastal environment using sensor networks.

<http://cheetah.cs.umb.edu/ocs/index.php>

Conference on Ocean Literacy

The Conference on Ocean Literacy (CoOL), June 7-8, 2006, brought together key participants to discuss essential principles of ocean literacy and the current challenges and opportunities for both formal and informal education efforts in educating the public to make informed, responsible decisions about the ocean and its resources. It featured plenary sessions, keynote speakers, and panel discussions. Panelists identified priorities to forward to the Education Working Group under the U.S. Ocean Action Plan.

<http://www.nmsfocean.org/chow2006/cool.html>

Congress on Caribbean Biodiversity

The fifth Congress on Caribbean Biodiversity, January 25-28, 2005, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, will host specialists from numerous fields working towards the protection of biodiversity. Abstracts are requested on topics including biogeography, ecology, invasive species, environmental education, and more. The deadline for abstract submission (in English or Spanish) is November 15, 2004.

Contact Professor Carlos Ml. Rodriguez Peña, carlos_riguez96@yahoo.com .

Conserving Birds in Human-Dominated Landscapes

The Center for Biodiversity and Conservation's Eleventh Annual Spring Symposium, April 27-28, 2006, in New York, New York, *Conserving Birds in Human-Dominated Landscapes*, will explore the growing recognition of diverse avian responses to broad-scale human activities in urban centers, agricultural areas, coastal communities, working forests-the wide array of landscapes we call home and focus on challenges to, and key opportunities for invigorating bird diversity in areas impacted by human activities.

<http://cbc.amnh.org/symposia/birds/>

Coral Reef Task Force Meeting

The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force meeting, September 14-15, 2004, Miami Beach, Florida, met in conjunction with the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force. Corresponding September 11 and September 13 workshops included sustainable SCUBA diving and snorkeling, connecting coral reef science and management, methods for assessing and restoring damaged reef structures, and a teacher training for South Florida educators.

<http://www.coralreef.gov>.

Coral Reef Task Force Meeting

The 13th Biannual U.S. Coral Reef Task Force meeting and associated events will be held March 3-4, 2005 in Washington, D.C. The public business meeting will be Thursday, March 3, 2005.

<http://www.coralreef.gov/meetings/announcements.html>

Coral Reef Task Force Meeting

The next U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting will take place November 4-7, 2005 in the Republic of Palau. There are limited spaces available for exhibits. There will be opportunity for public comment at the meeting, and comments are being accepted in advance for those unable to attend the meeting. In addition to the meeting, the Task Force and the Nature Conservancy will be hosting a sustainable financing workshop on November 3, 2005.

For more information, contact Beth Dieveney at beth.dieveney@noaa.gov

<http://www.coralreef.gov/taskforce/meetings/meet7.html>

Digital Library for Earth System Education Annual Meeting

Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the theme for this year's annual meeting of the Digital Library for Earth System Education, Madison, Wisconsin, July 11-13, 2004, is *DLESE: A Teaching and Learning Tool*. The DLESE is a free online resource designed to provide access to teaching resources about earth systems for a wide range of learners, and provide services to help users effectively create, use and evaluate digital learning resources.

<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/dlese/2004/> .

Earth System Science Education Annual Meeting

The Earth System Science Education for the 21st Century (ESSE 21) Annual Meeting, August 7-11, 2006 in Durham, New Hampshire, is an opportunity for program participants to share ideas regarding Earth system science in the classroom. Space will be available for posters/demos/presentations of your Earth system science education related content, programs and materials.

<http://esse21.usra.edu/ESSE21>

EarthVision Summit

The *EarthVision: Actions for a Healthy Planet* conference, April 24 - 27, 2008, in Washington D.C., is supported by The Student Conservation Association and geared towards young adults ages 15-25. Topics include countering climate change, connecting youth to nature, preserving parks and public lands, and more.

http://www.thesca.org/earthvision_summit/

Earthwatch Institute Annual Conference - Massachusetts

Join Earthwatch Institute on Saturday, November 5-6, 2004, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for their annual conference, "Making Connections: Women, Science, and Sustainability." You will have the chance to meet the scientists, connect with former expedition team members, and attend lectures and panel discussions on their key research and education initiatives. Check out the educator track for pre-conference workshops at the New England Aquarium.

<http://www.earthwatch.org/conference/index.html>

EECOM 2004 Conference - Canada

The Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication (EECOM) Conference, *Developmental Education for a Sustainable Future*, August 19-22, 2004, Vancouver, British Columbia, weaves together themes relevant to environmental educators across the continent. The conference focused on emergent themes related to both the development of social and educational capacity, while allowing for the analysis of environmental and sustainability issues of critical importance to educators.

<http://www.educ.sfu.ca/eecom/about.html> .

EECOM 2005 Conference - Call for Presentations

The Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication (EECOM) 2005 Conference will host *Creating Ripples - Education, Environment & Culture*, September 30-October 2, 2005 in Huntsville, Ontario. The call for presentations seeks abstracts on research, theory, and practice in the six strands: community engagement; critical reflection; ethics; global education; leadership; and outdoor experiences.

http://www.eecom.org/ripples2005/ripples_call.htm

EECOM 2006 Conference - Call for Presentations

The Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication (EECOM) 2006 Conference will host *Salt of the Earth – creating a Culture of Environmental Respect and Sustainability*, October 19-22, 2006 in White Point, Nova Scotia.

http://www.saltoftheearth.ca/index_e.php

EECOM 2008 - Canada

The theme for the Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication annual conference (EECOM 2008), September 25-28, 2008 in Newfoundland, Canada, is *An Environmental Learning Gathering - Reconnect Rethink Rejoice*.

http://www.eecom.org/index.php?option=com_icalpro&Itemid=89&extmode=view&extid=1

Energy for a Sustainable and Secure Future

The National Council for Science and the Environment has announced its 6th National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment, *Energy for a Sustainable and Secure Future*, January 26-27, 2006 in Washington, D.C. Conference participants will explore the intersection of energy, science, policy and the environment, and help develop a science agenda to guide the future of energy development. Concurrent sessions include "Expanding Understanding", with a focus on education for K-12, decision-makers, and professional capacity building.

<http://www.ncseonline.org/ncseconference/2006conference/>

Environmental Challenges and Innovations Conference - Texas

The Texas Association of Environmental Professionals will host the First Annual Environmental Challenges and Innovations Conference: Gulf Coast 2007, February 15, 2007 in Houston, Texas. This event will provide a local forum for environmental professionals in industry, government agencies, and consulting/service companies, as well as university students in the greater Houston area to share technical presentations with their peers.

<http://www.taep.org/TAEP/Conference/>

Environmental Education Alliance Conference - Georgia

The Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia annual conference will be held March 11-13, 2005 in Helen, Georgia. Sessions topics include watersheds, invasive species, leadership training, and more.

www.eealliance.org

Environmental Education Alliance Conference - Georgia

The Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia annual conference will be held March 17-19, 2006 in Norcross, Georgia. Sessions strands include the Art, Science, and Business of Environmental Education. Scholarships are available, with preference given to presenters; first-time attendees; and those who enhance diversity through their profession, community affiliations, region of the state, culture, and/or age group.

<http://www.eealliance.org/conference.htm>

Environmental Education Conference – Washington

The Environmental Education Association of Washington and Environmental Education Association of Oregon invite you to their joint annual conference, June 23-25, 2005 in Vancouver, Washington. The theme, *Sound to Steens, Connecting Deserts to Oceans* includes strands in environmental education benchmark standards; Lewis and Clark; environmental education and the natural world in art, and more.

<http://www.eeaw.org/conference/2005/index.html>

Environmental Education Council of Ohio Conference

The Environmental Education Council of Ohio will convene *TREE - Tomorrow's Reality in Environmental Education*, April 6-9, 2006 in Beachwood, Ohio. This annual conference brings together environmental education stakeholders to initiate collaboration and to celebrate progress. These partnerships strengthen EE in Ohio, leading to a more environmentally literate population and a healthier environment.

<http://www.eeco-online.org/conferences/conferences.html>

Environmental Educators of North Carolina

The Environmental Educators of North Carolina's 15th Annual Conference, *Connecting Through EE for a Greener Future: A Natural Convergence at the Scuppernong*, will be held on November 4-7, 2005 in Columbia, North Carolina. The conference committee is seeking proposals for concurrent session presentations in the following strands: EE Trends and Techniques; Coastal Connections; Sustainability Education; and Exploring the Environment through the Arts, History, and Health.

<http://www.rtpnet.org/eenc/conference.html>

Envisioning a National System of MPAs: A Gulf of Mexico Region Public Dialogue - Louisiana

The National Marine Protected Areas Center is holding a series of regional public dialogues to solicit and collect input that will be used to develop the framework for the national system of marine protected areas. Each forum will begin with a presentation from MPA Center staff on our progress and current plans. Participants will then break into small groups to ask questions, discuss relevant issues, and offer their perspectives on developing the national system.

http://mpa.gov/national_system/

EPA's 2004 Community Involvement Conference

EPA's Office of Water hosts the 2004 Community Involvement Conference, Denver, Colorado, June 15-18, 2004. This annual conference will explore experiences and opportunities for "going the extra mile in meeting community needs." It serves as a venue for transferring lessons learned and for setting and monitoring standards related to public participation, outreach, education and communication across the agency.

www.epancic.org/2004

ESRI Education User Conference

Explore the power of spatial thinking at the ESRI Education User Conference, August 2-5, 2008 in San Diego California. Meet with GIS education community members, and learn how to apply the software in your classroom.

http://www.esri.com/events/educ/index.html?email=mww_20080611

Excellence in Science, Technology, and Math Education Week and Science Education Summit

The *Science Education Summit*, March 16, 2004, is part of the Excellence in Science, Technology, and Math Education (ESTME) Week, a nationwide celebration of math and science education taking place March 15–20, 2004. The Summit will kick off the science portion of the Department of Education's Mathematics and Science Initiative.

<http://ostp.gov/html/estme/index.html> , <http://www.estme.org/> and

http://science.nsta.org/nstaexpress/nstaexpress_2004_01_05_summit.htm .

Exploring Our Great Lakes Maritime Heritage

The Center for Great Lakes Culture hosted its annual meeting, *Exploring our Great Lakes Maritime Heritage*, September 19-21, 2003, Cleveland, Ohio. The theme was Preserving Great Lakes Maritime Culture: Its Stories, Buildings, Boats and Meanings. A panel explored challenges and successes of preserving Great Lakes maritime resources and culture and a workshop discussed educational curriculum.

<http://www.greatlakes.msu.edu/meeting2003.php>

Fisheries GIS Conference

The MIT Sea Grant College Program and the Northeast Fisheries Science Center are hosting a conference aimed at coordinating fisheries mapping initiatives. This one-day conference, *Geographic Information Systems and Ocean Mapping in Support of Fisheries Research and Management*, April 11, 2006 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, will focus on mapping, GIS, data sharing, and fisheries research and management, from Cape Hatteras through the Gulf of Maine.

<http://web.mit.edu/seagrant/GIS06/>

Flying Wild Conference

Hosted by the Council for Environmental Education and Flying WILD, the national conference, *Bird Conservation through Education: A National Gathering for Bird Education*, February 5-8, 2007 in Austin, Texas, is designed to provide teachers with science-based bird education, case studies on the effectiveness of bird education, panel discussions, funding, and more. The meeting will provide a forum for discussion, network building, and planning to further the reach of bird education efforts.

<http://flyingwild.org/>

Forecast Earth Summit

In cooperation with The Weather Channel, Forecast Earth invites high school students to apply for participation in the Forecast Earth Summit, December 7-9, 2007 in Washington D.C. The summit event will focus on environmental education and will afford 20 students the opportunity to engage in-depth with numerous environmental leaders and scientists.

<http://climate.weather.com/>

Free-Choice Learning and the Environment

"Free-Choice Learning and the Environment: A Learning Innovation Initiative" is being organized by the Institute for Learning Innovation. This national conference, to be held at the National Conservation Training Center on June 1-2, 2005, will gather free-choice environmental learning educators, researchers, environmental policy makers, and funders to develop frameworks for improving the practice, evaluation, and future research efforts of the free-choice learning environmental education community.

http://www.ilinet.org/freechoice_conference.htm

Freshwater Symposium and Call for Posters

The American Museum of Natural History will host the symposium, *New Currents in Conserving Freshwater Systems*, April 7 and 8, 2005 in New York City, New York, for scientists and conservation practitioners to highlight recent successful initiatives in freshwater conservation, discuss cutting-edge ideas and tools, and investigate how and where these innovations might be implemented on the ground. Topics include stakeholder education and engagement.

<http://cbc.amnh.org/symposia/freshwater/>

Geological Society of America Annual Meeting

The 2004 Annual Meeting, November 7-10, 2004, Denver, Colorado, presents *Geoscience in a Changing World*. The annual meeting is the principal forum for presentation and discussion of the latest ideas in geoscience education, and this year will feature more than 25 sessions on education-related topics, along with watershed and marine geoscience.

<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2004/geninfo.htm> .

Geological Society of America Meeting

Earthscope and the Joint Oceanographic Institutions (JOI) are convening a topical oral session, *Using Large Experiments and Programs for Education and Outreach: Examples From EarthScope, the JOI, and Others*, at the 2006 Geological Society of America meeting, October 22-25, 2006 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This session will focus on issues inherent to education and outreach in large experiments and programs with emphasis on developing and maintaining a high level of public interest and interaction. <http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2006/index.htm>.

Girl Scouts Climate Change Leadership Institute

Girl Scouts USA is sponsoring a Global Climate Change Leadership Institute for girls entering grades 9-11, August 8-14, 2008 in Briarcliff Manor, New York. The total cost is being kept to a minimum to encourage participation by a diverse group of girls that might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend a destination or travel like this. (Information will be posted on the STUDIO 2B website shortly).

http://www.studio2b.org/escape/destinations/default_02.asp

Contact Kate Pickle at kpickle@girlscouts.org

GIS and Ocean Mapping in Support of Fisheries Research and Management

The Geographic Information Systems and Ocean Mapping in Support of Fisheries Research and Management Conference will take place April 11, 2006 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This conference will focus on the use of ocean mapping and GIS data sets; management and fisheries needs and expectations; areas where communication can facilitate data integration; and data gaps and mapping needs to support scientific and management expectations.

<http://web.mit.edu/seagrant/GIS06/>

Global H2O Partnership Conference

The Global H2O Partnership Conference, May 11-14, 2004, Cairns, Australia convened to further the environmental, economic and social importance of oceans, coasts, and islands, and to facilitate the realization of the Montreal commitment by governments to mitigate water pollution and resource degradation from the *Hilltops to the Oceans*.

<http://www.hilltops2oceans.org/> .

Global Warming International Conference

The 16th Global Warming International Conference will be held April 19-21, 2005, New York City, New York. Sessions include global warming science and policy; extreme events and impacts assessment; global warming and the oceans; water resources management; Education: Global change and sustainable development; and more.

<http://www.globalwarming.net/gw16-announcement.asp> .

Global Warming Conference – Call for Papers

The Global Warming International Center has issued a call for papers for the 17th Global Warming International Conference and Expo, to be held April 20-21, 2006, in Miami, Florida. Subjects include human health in a changing climate; education: global change and sustainable development; and more.

<http://www.globalwarming.net/>

Great Lakes Mollusk Watcher's Conference

Great Lakes Mollusk Watchers, a proposed new citizen-science project focusing on native mollusks of Lake Michigan, held a conference, February 9-10, 2004, Porter, Indiana, to explore the existing knowledge of Great Lakes mollusks, their role in the ecosystem of the Lakes, the research needs that exist and how a citizen-science project can meet some of those needs.

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Great Lakes Student Summit - New York

The Great Lakes Student Summit, *Recycle, Restore, Recover*, May 18-19, 2006 in Buffalo, New York, encourages students to learn about and take an active role in the protection of the Great Lakes Basin ecosystem. Teachers and students in grades 5-9 from Great Lakes states and Canada and any student group that is actively involved in Great Lakes, watershed projects, or environmental issues are encouraged to attend.

<http://www.greatlakesed.org/2006glss.html>

Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute Annual Meeting

The meeting will be held in St. Petersburg, Florida, November 8-12, 2004. There will be sessions focusing on Socio-economics and Management, Marine Protected Areas, Habitat in the Marine Environment, and Marine Science Education.

<http://www.gcfi.org/Conferences/57th/StPete2004.htm> .

Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute

The 60th annual Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute conference will be held from November 5-9, 2007 in Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. Abstracts are due August 15, 2007. Two Travel Awards and two Student Achievement Awards are offered, with deadlines of July 1 and August 15, 2007, respectively.

<http://www.gcfi.org/Conferences/60th/PuntaCana60.html>

Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute - Belize

The 59th annual meeting of the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute will be held November 6-10, 2006 in Belize City, Belize. Themes include management and socioeconomics of marine fisheries, marine protected areas science and management, and marine education. There will also be three special sessions at the conference: Large Pelagic Fishes in the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico: Current Status; Historical Perspectives for Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries; and Caribbean Connectivity.

<http://www.gcfi.org/Conferences/59th/Belize59.htm>

Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute – Colombia

The 58th meeting of the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute will take place November 7-11, 2005 in San Andres, Colombia. The meeting is hosted by CORALINA who will be celebrating their 10th year of managing the coral reef resources of the San Andres archipelago. San Andres is off the coast of Nicaragua and is part of the Seaflower Biosphere Reserve. Topics include fish and fisheries, marine protected areas, marine science education, and more.

<http://www.gcfi.org/Conferences/58th/SanAndres58.htm>

IMPAC2 and International Marine Conservation Congress – Request for Symposia Proposals

Organizers of the Second International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC2) and the International Marine Conservation Congress are accepting proposals for symposia

and workshops at the joint event, May 20-24, 2009 in Washington, D.C. Proposals for symposia will feature a specific group of speakers on a topic, for a session to last 2.5 hours. Proposals for workshops will be task-based, convening people to pursue a particular goal such as developing recommendations or outlining a publication.

<http://www2.cedarcrest.edu/imcc/proposals.html>

IMSCI 2009 - Call for Papers

The call for papers and abstracts, for The 3rd International Multi-Conference on Society, Cybernetics and Informatics: IMSCI 2009, which will take place July 10-13, 2009 in Orlando, Florida, has a deadline for submission of November 6th, 2008. Topics include eLearning, eCommunities, and more. The conference includes EISTA 2009, the 7th International Conference on Education and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications.

<http://www.iiis2009.org/imsci/website/default.asp?vc=17>

Informal Science Education Association of Texas Conference

The Texas Informal Science Education Association is preparing for its 2006 annual conference, February 22-24, 2006, in Junction, Texas. Members provide unique learning environments that increase appreciation and understanding of science, mathematics, and technology and their applications through voluntary and often self-directed experiences for individuals of all ages and backgrounds.

<http://www.statweb.org/ISEA/>

International Aquarium Congress

The International Aquarium Congress, held every four years, will be held October 20-24, 2008 in Shanghai, China. The congress gathers professionals from public aquariums around the world to share and learn about new developments in conservation, research, technology, management, and other related issues for the industry. The congress theme is *Progress and Conservation: The role of aquariums in protecting the aquatic environment*.

<http://www.iac2008.cn/>

International Aquarium Congress

The Monterey Bay Aquarium hosts *The 6th International Aquarium Congress*, December 5-10, 2004, Monterey, California. The theme, Making Connections, Inspiring Conservation, envisions us working together to seek effective strategies to protect our oceans and advance conservation. The program includes a series of workshops that aim to draw participants together in meaningful discussion about the future of our oceans.

<http://www.iac2004.org/>

International Biodiversity Conference

The 2007 International Biodiversity Conference, June 16-21, 2007 in Baños, Ecuador, is sponsored by Nova Southeastern University's Environmental Science/Studies Program and Wild Spots Foundation.

<http://www.wildspotsfoundation.org/2006econf.html>

International Children's Conference on the Environment

The 2004 Tunza International Children's Conference on the Environment, July 19-23, 2004, New London, Connecticut, will convene six hundred international students aged 10-13 to explore topics on the themes of *Oceans, Rivers, and Waterways, Extinction and*

Biodiversity, Indigenous People's Environmental Ways, and Energy—Save It, Renew It, Recycle It.

<http://www.icc04.org/commonpage.html> .

International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species

The Institute of Technology, Sligo, is the host sponsor of the 13th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species, Ennis, County Clare, Ireland, September 20-24, 2004 and May 14-19, 2006 in Key Biscayne, Florida. This international forum reviews accumulated scientific knowledge on the impacts of aquatic invasive species, introduce new technologies or advancements in control and mitigation, discuss policy, legislation, and approaches to effective public education and outreach initiatives to prevent new introductions.

http://www.aquatic-invasive-species-conference.org/conference_home.htm .

International Conference on Education and Information Systems

The 3rd International Conference on Education and Information Systems: *Technologies and Applications, EISTA 2005*, will be held July 14-17, 2005 in Orlando, Florida. The conference will provide a forum for the presentation of both solutions and problems of the application of information communication technologies in education and training. Practitioners and consultants are invited to present case study papers and innovative solutions.

<http://www.confinf.org/eista05/website/default.asp>

International Conference on Education and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications

The 4th International Conference on Education and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications will take place July 20-23, 2006 in Orlando, Florida. The conference will provide a forum for the presentation of both solutions and problems of the application of information communication technologies in education and training. Practitioners and consultants are invited to present case study papers, training, and innovative solutions.

<http://www.conf-info.org/eista06>

International Conference on Education and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications: EISTA 2007

The 5th International Conference on Education and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications will take place July 12-15, 2007 in Orlando, Florida. The conference will provide a forum for the presentation of both solutions and problems of the application of information communication technologies in education and training.

<http://www.cyber-inf.org/imsci2007/website/default.asp?vc=5>

International Conference on Education and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications: EISTA 2008

The 6th International Conference on Education and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications will take place June 29-July 2, 2008 in Orlando, Florida. The conference will provide a forum for the presentation of both solutions and problems of the application of information communication technologies in education and training.

<http://www.socioinfocyber.org/eista2008>

International Conference on the Environment

The 13th International Interdisciplinary Conference on the Environment, June 30-July 3, 2007 in Portland, Maine, is motivated by the increasing need to combine ideas and

research findings from different disciplines to enhance understanding of the interactions between the natural environment and human institutions.

<http://ieaonline.org/conference.htm>

International Conference on School and Popular Meteorological and Oceanographic Education (EWOC 2006)

The seventh International Conference on School and Popular Meteorological and Oceanographic Education will be held July 3-7, 2006 in Boulder, Colorado. Abstracts are due February 15, 2006. Abstracts for workshops and demonstrations featuring hands-on activities for educators, students, and the public are of particular interest.

<http://www.ametsoc.org/meet/fainst/ewoc2006.html>

International Conference on Volunteer Administration

The Association for Volunteer Administration will host the International Conference on Volunteer Administration, *Journey of Discovery: Charting Your Course*, October 20-23, 2004, Portland, Oregon.

<http://www.avaintl.org/education/conference.html> .

International Coral Reef Symposium

The 11th International Coral Reef Symposium, Reefs for the Future, will be held July 7-11, 2008 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Natural scientists, resource managers and users, conservationists, economists, and educators will meet together to better understanding of coral reef ecosystems and effective conservation and management strategies. The Education Center will feature exhibits and displays of educational research and information on coral reefs.

<http://www.nova.edu/ncr/11icrs/index.html>

International Coral Reef Symposium

At the 10th International Coral Reef Symposium, June 28 - July 2, 2004, Okinawa, Japan, Mark Heckman of the University of Hawai'i, Manoa will host a mini-symposium, *Fostering Positive Change for Coral Reefs - Education Resources*. It will provide a forum for groups to give short descriptions of resources available to the broader international community, and the extent to which these can be altered to fit local needs.

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<http://www2.ims-plaza.co.jp/icrs2004/>

International Marine Bioinvasions Conference

The fourth International Marine Bioinvasions Conference, cohosted by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and the MIT Sea Grant Program, will be held August 23-26, 2005, in Wellington, New Zealand. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the New Zealand Marine Sciences Society. The conference will address a wide range of issues about marine invasions, including ecological and evolutionary consequences, management strategies, and education and outreach initiatives.

<http://www.vuw.ac.nz/marineconference2005/mbic.html>

International Marine Conservation Congress Call For Proposals

The call for proposals for oral presentations, speed presentations, and posters for the International Marine Conservation Congress, May 20-24, 2009 in Washington, D.C., will be opened from September 1-October 15, 2008.

<http://www2.cedarcrest.edu/imcc/index.html?CFID=10116410&CFTOKEN=25425053>

International Marine Protected Areas Congress

The First International Marine Protected Areas Congress will be held in Geelong, Australia, October 23-27, 2005. This global conference will address the World Commission on Protected Areas' Marine goal and primary themes, and will progress discussion on their widespread adoption and implementation consistent with resolutions relevant to marine protected areas arising from the Durban World Parks Congress. Session themes include shared stewardship, including education and outreach.

<http://www.impacongress.org/>

International Fisheries Observer Conference

The 4th International Fisheries Observer Conference, November 8-11, 2004, Sydney, Australia, will bring together representation from the international fisheries and observer communities to address key fisheries observer issues. Submissions of observer program overviews (even from non-attendees) are due by July 2, 2004. They will be included as a special output entitled *Overviews of Fisheries Observer Programs throughout the World*, provided to all delegates at the conference.

<http://www.fisheriesobserverconference.com> .

International Interdisciplinary Conference on the Environment

The International Interdisciplinary Conference on the Environment, June 30-July 3, 2007 in Portland, Maine, is motivated by the increasing need to combine ideas and research findings from different disciplines to enhance understanding of the interactions between the natural environment and human institutions. Abstracts cover environmental issues in New England and the Maritime provinces, coastal resource management, accreditation of environmental programs, and more.

<http://ieaonline.org/conference.htm>

International Marine Conservation Congress

The Marine Section of the Society for Conservation Biology will be hosting its first stand-alone meeting, the International Marine Conservation Congress, *Making Marine Science Matter*, from May 20-24, 2009 in Washington, DC. The meeting will encompass the 2nd International Marine Protected Areas Congress. Additional cross-cutting issues include education and outreach, fisheries and aquaculture, and more.

<http://www2.cedarcrest.edu/imcc/index.html?CFID=7747710&CFTOKEN=71061409>

International Pacific Marine Educators Network Conference

The International Pacific Marine Educators Network 2008 Conference (IPMEN'08) will be held October 16-21, 2008 in Townsville, Australia and virtually on the web through the College of Exploration. The conference theme is *Sustaining the Pacific: Learning from Elders, Listening to Youth*. Pacific and marine educators worldwide will continue ongoing efforts to build a network aimed at ensuring the health of the Pacific Ocean and the communities who depend upon it. Check the College of Exploration website for virtual participation and the NAAEE website for the Virtual Australian Tour. There will be direct links with the 2008 International Youth Coastal Conference, field trip opportunities, and workshops.

<http://www.ipmen.net/default.htm>

<http://www.coexploration.org/ipmec/>

<http://www.naaee.org/programs-and-initiatives/professional-development-tours/virtual-australian-tour/>

International Pacific Marine Educators Conference Presentations - Online

The International Pacific Marine Educators Conference, Nearly 100 marine educators participated in the conference both onsite and online during two days of presentations and one day of workshops. The conference featured on-site and real-time web-delivered presentations; all of these presentations as well as the opening and closing ceremonies are now available as web-based streaming video at the College of Exploration website. Free registration is required.

<http://www.coexploration.org/ipmec/>

International Pacific Marine Educators Conference

The International Pacific Marine Educators Conference, January 15-20, 2007 in Suva, Fiji, will allow marine educators worldwide to share resources and build a network aimed at ensuring the health of the Pacific Ocean and the communities who depend upon it. The conference is an outcome of the One Ocean Marine Forum, whose purpose was to design a worldwide network of educators for sustainable oceans. Web conferencing will allow educators who are unable to travel to Fiji to participate.

<http://www.ipmec.info/>

International Riversymposium and Environmental Flows Conference

The 10th International Riversymposium & Environmental Flows Conference, a partnership between the International Riversymposium and The Nature Conservancy, September 3-6, 2007 in Brisbane, Australia, will provide an opportunity for delegates to gain exposure across a broad range of river management topics. The symposium will feature presentations on innovative practices and case studies from all over the world on managing river flows for people and ecosystem health.

<http://www.riversymposium.com/index.php?page=Home>

International Sea Turtle Symposium

The 27th annual international Sea Turtle Symposium, to be held February 22-28, 2007 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, is now open for early registration. The website includes general information, registration, abstract submission procedures, travel grant information, and hotel reservations. Thematic sessions include ecology and evolutionary biology; conservation and management; monitoring; education, outreach and advocacy; and more.

<http://iconferences.seaturtle.org/>

International Sea Turtle Symposium

The 26th annual international Sea Turtle Symposium, to be held April 3-8, 2006 in Crete, Greece, is now open for early registration. Thematic sessions include ecology and evolutionary biology; conservation, management and policy; social science research; education, outreach and advocacy; and more.

<http://iconferences.seaturtle.org/>

International Submerged Lands Management Conference

The 24th annual International Submerged Lands Management Conference will take place October 16-21, 2005 in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. Bringing together local, state, territorial, national and international organizations, government, and private sector, the objective of the conference is to increase awareness of submerged land management issues within the United States, the provinces, the Caribbean basin, and internationally. Presentations will focus on tools, strategies, case studies, and lessons learned.

<http://www.islc2005.org/>

International Summer Institute - Minnesota

Join educators from around the world in the Will Steger Foundation Institute for Climate Change Education, August 13-15, 2007 in St. Paul, Minnesota, for an interactive, cross-disciplinary workshop on global warming, its effects on the Arctic and Antarctic, and the scientific and cultural program associated with the International Polar Year.

<http://www.globalwarming101.com/content/view/712/88888907/>

International Symposium on Marine Conservation Biology

The Society for Conservation Biology will welcome participants to its 20th annual meeting, *Conservation Without Borders*, June 24-28, 2006, in San Jose, California. The Third International Symposium on Marine Conservation Biology will be integrated into the greater annual SCB meeting. A primary objective of the 2006 meeting is to transcend real and perceived boundaries of ecology, sociology, politics, and human behavior that impede conservation science and its application.

<http://www.conservationbiology.org/2006/>

International Symposium on Mangroves as Fish Habitat

The first International Symposium on Mangroves as Fish Habitat is scheduled for April 19-21, 2006 in Miami, Florida. The deadline for submission of abstracts is October 31, 2005. Suggested themes include historical, economic and regional perspectives; mangrove wetland restoration; and fishing cultures and their dependence on mangrove resources.

<http://www.rsmas.miami.edu/conference/mangrove-fish-habitat/abstract.php>

International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposium

The International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposium (ITMEMS 3), Global Problems, Local Solutions, will take place October 15-20, 2006 in Cozumel, Mexico. Proposed topics include strengthening local/community capacities to conserve coral reefs and related ecosystems, including education outreach and training; emergency response; fisheries and aquaculture monitoring, evaluation, and learning; sustainable financing, and much more. Sessions will include Communication, Education and Awareness.

<http://www.itmems.org/>

<http://www.icriforum.org/itmems3/itmems.html>

Invasive Plants in Natural and Managed Systems Conference

The Invasive Plants in Natural and Managed Systems Conference, November 3-7, 2003, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, promotes scientific exchange among invasive plant researchers, provides interchange between scientists, managers, and volunteers for efficient invasive plant management, and fosters interdisciplinary cooperation on the science and management of invasive plants.

<http://www.esa.org/ipinams-emapi7/>

Joint Annual Meeting

The joint meeting between The Geological Society of America (GSA) and other organizations will be hosted October 5-9, 2008 in Houston, Texas. The Joint Session Categories encompass the multidisciplinary themes declared by The International Year of Planet Earth - health, climate, groundwater, ocean, soils, deep Earth, megacities, hazards, resources, and life. Student volunteers are needed.

<https://www.acsmeetings.org/2008/>

Joint Assembly – Request for Proposals

The 2008 Joint Assembly, a partnership among American Geophysical Union and many other organizations, will be held May 27-30, 2008 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Members of the Earth and space sciences community are invited to propose a session for the conference. Session proposals may be submitted to any of the existing disciplines, including education and human resources, ocean sciences, and many more.

<http://www.agu.org/meetings/ia08/>

Joint Southeast Regional Workshop National Association for Interpretation & Association for Living History, Farm, and Agricultural Museums Conference

The theme of this conference, February 19-22, 2008 in Charleston, South Carolina, is *Telling Your Story, Providing Experiences and Making Memories*. Sessions include The Secret Lives of Seashells, Stormwater and You, and other topics of interest to this list.

http://www.alhfam.org/index.php?cat_id=231

League of Environmental Educators in Florida Annual Conference

This conference brings together environmental and science educators as well as art, music, and literature educators. This year's theme is "Earth Harmony, in Tune with Nature." The "three paths" of educational opportunities include teachers and interpreters; researchers and members of the scientific community; and creative artists.

<http://leeflet.brinkster.net>

Littoral 2004: Delivering Sustainable Coasts

The seventh international conference put on by EUROCOAST and EUCC—The Coastal Union will be held in Aberdeen, Scotland, September 20-22, 2004. Education and Training is a conference sub-theme.

<http://www.littoral2004.org> .

MAMEA Conference - Virginia

The Mid-Atlantic Marine Education Association's (MAMEA) Annual Conference will be held October 24-26, 2008 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The theme is *Mid-Atlantic Coastal Environments: What Do We Know and How Do We Teach It?*

<http://www.mamea.org/conf.html>

Management of Coastal Recreational Resources - Malta

The 2nd International Conference on the Management of Coastal Recreational Resources - Beaches, Yachting and Coastal Ecotourism (MCRR2) will take place October 25-27, 2006 in Gozo, Malta. The conference will focus on aspects of coastal management related to the recreational amenities represented by beaches, yacht marinas and ecotourism.

<http://mccr2.icod.org.mt>

Managing Risk in the 21st Century

This forum on earth observations will be held February 15-16, 2006 in La Jolla, California. The theme is how to manage environmental and economic risk in the 21st century. This event brings together businesses, academia, government, and nongovernmental organizations. Education and outreach should be essential components of these initiatives.

<http://www.forumoneo.org/>

Mangroves as Fish Habitat

The intent of the First International Symposium on Mangroves as Fish Habitat, April 19-21, 2006 in Miami, Florida, is to provide an oral and written forum for the exchange of ideas, approaches, methods, and pertinent data on the linkages between mangrove forests and the fishes and fisheries associated with them.

<http://www.rsmas.miami.edu/conference/mangrove-fish-habitat/index.php>

Marine Aquarium Congress of North America - MACNA XVII

The Marine Aquarium Conference of North America is the premier conference focused on the hobbyist and the industry that serves it. This year's conference, whose theme is *Expanded Horizons*, will take place September 16-18, 2005 in Washington, DC. The program includes speakers and sessions for hobbyists along with two new core focus areas, including marine aquarium education in the K-12 classroom: funding, curriculum development and logistics.

<http://www.macnaxvii.com/>

Marine Aquarium Congress of North America – MACNA XVIII

The Marine Aquarium Conference of North America (MACNA) is the premier conference focused on the hobbyist and the industry that serves it. This year the conference theme is *Futures in Reefkeeping* and it will take place September 22-24, 2006 in Houston, Texas.

<http://www.macnaxviii.com/>

Marine Educators Association Conference – Georgia and South Carolina

The annual conferences of the South Carolina Marine Educators Association and Georgia Association of Marine Education will be held jointly, October 20-22, 2006, on Seabrook Island, South Carolina. Join marine educators and scientists from throughout Georgia and South Carolina as they focus on the commonalities between neighboring states and partnerships among marine scientists and educators, celebrating the theme, *Partners in Ocean Sciences*.

<http://oceanica.cofc.edu/scmea/conf2006fall.htm>

Marine Pavilion and Town Hall Meeting at the AAAS Annual Meeting

The American Association for the Advancement of Science's annual meeting, February 12-16, 2004, Seattle, Washington, emphasized the marine theme. The Marine Pavilion in the exhibit hall featured a group of marine exhibitors in one area to increase interest and exposure. In addition, they held a town hall meeting, *Oceans for Everyone*, on marine science issues that affect the Pacific Northwest and the nation on February 15, 2004.

<http://www.aaas.org/meetings/> .

Marine Science Partner Series at California Science Education Conference

The California Science Teachers Association will hold its 2007 California Science Education Conference October 25-28, 2007 in Long Beach, California. COSEE-West, COSEE-California, and the Southwest Marine/Aquatic Educators Association are joining forces to host a Marine Science "Partner Series" at the Conference. Please email Peggy Hamner at phamner@ucla.edu when you submit your proposal so organizers will have an estimate of how many participants might be part of the series.

<http://www.cascience.org/proposals.htm>

Maritime Heritage Education Conference

The Maritime Heritage Education Conference will be the first of its kind to bring formal and informal educators together to promote the sharing of maritime heritage related education partnerships, programs and products. The conference will take place November 18-20, 2005 in Norfolk, Virginia. Topics include lighthouses/lifesaving stations, whaling and fishing heritage, native canoe cultures, shipping and port heritage, shipboard education programs, and shipwrecks and other submerged sites.

<http://www.sanctuaries.noaa.gov/education/mhec>

Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education Conference

The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education Conference 21st Annual Environmental Education Conference, *No Child Left Inside: Getting Boys and Girls Back into the Outdoors*, will be held on February 3-5, 2006, in Ocean City, Maryland. Consider submitting a proposal for a presentation for one of the following strands: Natural History, Maryland Issues, Research Results, Nuts-n-Bolts, and Getting Boys and Girls Back into the Outdoors.

<http://209.142.214.237/>

Massachusetts Marine Educators Conference

Massachusetts Marine Educators and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution will hold their annual marine educators conference on April 30th, 2005, Woods Hole, Massachusetts. The conference will include cutting-edge research and hands-on marine science education focused on the theme, *Access to the Sea*.

<http://massmarineeducators.org/whoi2005.shtml>

Monitoring Science and Technology Symposium

The Monitoring Science and Technology Symposium, September 20-24, 2004, Denver, Colorado, has a central theme of *Unifying Knowledge for Sustainability in the Western Hemisphere*. Participants address critical needs for unified information and knowledge, how this information is obtained to support monitoring for ecosystem sustainability, and how to make monitoring of ecosystem sustainability effective and efficient.

<http://www.monitoringsymposium.com/sub1-a-philosophy.cfm> .

Mote International Symposium in Fisheries Ecology

The Good, The Bad and The Ugly: Integrating Marine and Human Ecology in Managing Fisheries, Sarasota Florida, November 9-11, 2004, is the fifth annual Florida State University Mote International Symposium in Fisheries Ecology. This symposium will focus on contrasting the strategies and contexts associated with successful management versus those associated with management failures.

<http://www.bio.fsu.edu/mote/current.html> .

NAAEE Annual Conference

Registration for the North American Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference and Research Symposium, November 14-17, 2007 in Virginia Beach, Virginia, is now open; the early-bird deadline is September 14, 2007. The theme of the conference is *Explore New Horizons for Environmental Education*. The conference strands are Sustainability; Conservation and Community Education; EE Leadership Skills; Schools, Education, Achievement, and Literacy; and Joining Forces: Environmental Justice, Health, and Education.

<http://www.naaee.org/conference/>

NAAEE Annual Conference – Call for Presentations

The North American Association for Environmental Educators announces the call for presentation proposals for the 35th Annual NAAEE Conference, October 10-14, 2006 in St. Paul, Minnesota. The conference theme is *Gathering at the Headwaters: Building EE in Society* and includes five strands: sustainability; conservation and community education; EE leadership skills, schools, education, achievement, and literacy; and joining forces: environmental justice, health, and education. The conference will seek to examine the best of what environmental education has to offer in meeting today's challenges in both our education system and natural resource conservation, and how to integrate environmental education concepts into all aspects of society.

<http://naaee.org/pages/conferences/index.html#cfp>

<http://www.naaee.org/conference/naaee-2006-conference-start/>

NAAEE Conference Call for Presentations

The 2009 NAAEE Conference, October 7-10 in Portland, Oregon offers the theme, the *Power of Partnerships – Creative Leadership in Environmental Education*. There will be twelve conference strands and a two-day Research Symposium.

<http://www.naaee.org/conference/call-for-presentations>

2008 NAI National Workshop

The National Association of Interpreters 2008 National Workshop will reveal a bounty of natural and cultural riches, November 11-15, 2008 in Portland, Oregon. The workshop theme, *Sustaining the Circle*, refers not only to the role of interpretation in promoting a positive conservation ethic, but alludes to widening the circle of interpreters.

<http://interpnet.com/workshop/>

NAME Conference - Oregon

The 2007 Northwest Aquatic and Marine Educators (NAME) Conference, *Where the Watersheds Meet the Ocean*, will be held July 15-18, 2007 in Astoria, Oregon. The four conference themes are Crossing the Bar (Columbia River Bar, where the river of the West meets the Pacific), New Understandings of Watersheds and Estuaries, The Changing Ocean, and Applying New Knowledge in Educational Settings.

<http://www.pacname.org/conference07.html>

National Association for Interpretation

NAI currently serves 4,500 members in the United States, Canada, and thirty other nations. The National Association of Interpreters hosted the 2003 National Interpreters Workshop, November 11-15, 2003, Reno/Sparks, Nevada. *Sparks Your Imagination!* The 2004 conference theme is *An Interpreter's Voyage*, to be held November 16-20, 2004, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

<http://www.interpnet.com/niw2003/>

National Association for Interpretation – Meetings, Conferences, and Workshops

The National Association for Interpretation holds an annual National Interpreters Workshop each fall. The Association is divided into 10 geographical regions and the Workshop rotates from one region to another. Each region offers a spring regional workshop of two to four days in duration. These training and networking events place an emphasis on front-line interpretive training. A calendar of ancillary organization meetings, conferences, and workshops will be posted on the NAI website shortly.

www.interpnet.com/interpnet/workshops.htm

National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration

Restore America's Estuaries announces the 3rd National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration, *Forging the National Imperative*, December 9-13, 2006 in New Orleans, Louisiana. October 11-15, 2008 in Providence, Rhode Island,

<http://www.estuaries.org/conference>

<http://www.estuaries.org/?id=4>

National Conference and Expo on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration

Restore America's Estuaries announces the 3rd National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration, *Forging the National Imperative*, December 9-13, 2006 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

<http://www.estuaries.org/conference>

National Interpreters Workshop

The annual meeting of the National Association for Interpretation will be November 8-12, 2005 in Mobile, Alabama. The conference theme, *Full Speed Ahead*, showcases 13 different tracks, including Cultural and Living History Interpretation; Environmental Education; Interpretation and Tourism; and Zoos, Wildlife Parks, and Aquaria. November 7-11, 2006 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is *Sharing Stories along the Way*.

www.interpnet.com/niw2005

<http://www.interpnet.com/niw2006/index.htm>

National Marine Educators Association Conference

NMEA 2008: One World, One Water, July 21-24, 2008 in Savannah, Georgia, will team cutting-edge research with innovative education. Plunge into The International Year of the Reef, ocean literacy, fisheries, and southeastern estuarine ecosystems. The program committee seeks a diverse group of presenters that includes researchers, educators, resource managers, and others to share ideas, programs, and current trends in marine and aquatic education and research.

<http://nmeaweb.org/savannah2008/index.htm>

National Marine Educators Association Conference – Call for Papers

The National Marine Educators Association Conference, July 23- 27 2007 in Portland, Maine, will be hosted by the Gulf of Maine Marine Education Association. Educators, researchers, explorers, writers, artists, conservation managers, and anyone with a passion for the world of water is invited to submit a presentation. The conference theme is *Downeast2007: Ideas, Innovations, and Inspirations*. The deadline for submission of abstracts is March 1, 2007.

<http://gommea.org/downeast2007/>

National Marine Educators Association Conference – Call for Proposals

The theme of this year's National Marine Educators Association Conference, July 15-23, 2006, in Brooklyn, New York, is *A City of Islands!* The call for presentations is now available; select "presenters" from the toolbar on the left of the web page. The deadline for application is April 1, 2006. General conference registration forms will be posted soon. If you intend to submit an abstract for a presentation that involves the use of research, data, and technologies associated with coastal ocean observatories, please contact Eric Simms. With enough interest in these topics, he will work with the conference organizers to highlight these presentations in a thematic fashion.

<http://nysmea.org/con06/>

Contact Eric Simms at simms@marine.rutgers.edu

National Marine Educators Association Annual Conference

Save the dates, July 15-22, 2006. The New York State Marine Education Association is hosting the National Marine Educators' Association's 30th annual conference in Brooklyn. Join hundreds of marine educators and regulators for a total immersion into marine science explorations with concurrent sessions, field trips, boat trips, keynote speakers, and a day devoted to NOAA scientists at Kingsborough Community College. Featured speakers include Lynne Cherry, Trevor Corson, Richard Ellis, Sidney Horenstein, Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, and Dr. Peter Rona.

<http://www.nysmea.org/con06/index.htm>

National Marine Educators Association Annual Conference

National Marine Educators Association (NMEA) 2004 Conference, July 18-22, 2004, St. Petersburg, Florida has a theme, *Bridge the Gulf: Marine Science in the Sunshine*, to highlight and build marine and aquatic science and education connections (bridges). They seek subjects and methods that are relevant to both formal and non-formal audiences; with hands-on presentations and usable take-home materials. The concurrent sessions are available on the website.

http://www.floridamarine.org/education/category_main.asp?id=2088 .

<http://www.floridamarine.org/conference/> .

National Marine Educators Association Conference

The theme of the National Marine Educators Association annual 2005 meeting, Kahului, Maui, July 11-16, 2005, is *Nana I Ke Kumu, Nana I Ke Kai – Look to the Source, Look to the Sea*. NOAA educators will offer more than 40 presentations, ranging from weather, to shipwrecks, to human health, to ocean literacy. Here are just a few of the people to meet and planned sessions you might attend.

- Wendy Allen, Zooplankton: wild, beautiful and finally identifiable
- Nina Jackson, NOAA education and training opportunities
- Susan Abbott-Jamieson, Two years in: an assessment of the NOAA local fisheries knowledge pilot project's impact
- Joe Cline, Unusual and interesting meteorological jobs within the National Weather Service
- Michiko Martin, National sanctuaries live!
- Sarah Schoedinger, Ocean Literacy through science standards
- Andy Collins, Navigating change in the Hawaiian Isles
- Cathy Sakas, What's on the bottom?
- Margaret Sedlecky, Baldwin County grasses program

Several presentations focus on offering educational resources that translate learning to fun in the classroom. Phyllis Dermer will pilot the *MPA game*, with trivia questions about habitat, species, geography, culture/history, and management. Susan Baker presents *NOAA for \$1,000 please Alex*, modeled on the Jeopardy game show. Deborah McArthur's presentation offers *Translating marine science research into fun, educational activities*. And Wendy Wicke will show how to have *Fun with Phytoplankton*.

There will be plenty of focus on megafauna. Carol Preston introduces *Shark science for your class*, while Anne Smrcina focuses on *Following the mighty Humpback whales of the Atlantic and Pacific*. Patty Miller helps with *Integrating whales into your classroom*,

while Michelle Roest talks about *Ocean etiquette – guidelines for safe and responsible wildlife viewing in the marine environment*.

<http://www.hawaii.edu/mcc/oceania/NMEA05.html>

National Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

The Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee, managed jointly by the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior, held its third meeting April 6-8, 2004, Key Largo, Florida. Attendance was open to the public. Public comment periods were scheduled for April 6 and April 8. The Committee has formed subcommittees on the National System of MPAs, MPA Stewardship and Effectiveness, and National and Regional Coordination of MPA Efforts.

<http://mpa.gov/fac/fac.html> .

NMEA 2008: One World, One Water

The Georgia Association of Marine Education invites you to spend a week in coastal Georgia with marine education professionals from across the nation and around the world, July 21-24, 2008 in Savannah, Georgia, for the 2008 National Marine Educators Association Conference. *NMEA 2008: One World, One Water* will team cutting-edge research with innovative education. Plunge into The International Year of the Reef, Ocean Literacy, fisheries, and southeastern estuarine ecosystems.

<http://www.nmeaweb.org/savannah2008/index.htm>

NSTA Conferences – Call for Proposals

Submit a session proposal for a National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) conference in 2009-2010.

- Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 29–31, 2009
- Fort Lauderdale, Florida, November 12–14, 2009
- Phoenix, Arizona, December 3–5, 2009
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 18–21, 2010

The deadlines for submissions are January 15, 2009, for the 2009 area conferences and April 15, 2009, for the Philadelphia National Conference.

<http://www.nsta.org/conferences>

NSTA's Upcoming Conventions – Call for Proposals

Proposals are currently being accepted for NSTA's conventions, which will be held in Hartford, Connecticut, October 20-22, Chicago, Illinois, November 10-12, and Nashville, Tennessee, December 1-3, 2005 and for the 2006 national convention in Anaheim, California, April 6-9, 2006. The deadlines for submission are January 15 and April 15, 2005.

<http://science.nsta.org/enewsletter/2004-09/www.pdf> .

National Science Teachers Association Conference

Learn more about America's underwater treasures and the International Year of the Reef at the National Science Teachers Association conference, March 27-30, 2008 in Boston, Massachusetts. Check out the various sessions, short courses, and symposiums being offered to bring oceans into your classroom.

Contact sanctuary.education@noaa.gov

National Science Teachers Association Conference

The theme of the National Science Teachers Association National

Conference, March 29-April 1, 2007 in St. Louis, Missouri, is *Science: A River of Connections*. The theme of the 2008 National Science Teachers Association Conference, March 27-30, 2008 in Boston, Massachusetts, is Bridge to the Future. The conference will feature the latest science content, research findings, and teaching techniques. Workshops include NMEA's Whale of a Share-a-Thon, How to Host a Data Mystery, and much more.

<http://www.nsta.org/conferences/2008bos/>

National Science Teachers Association Conference

The 2004 National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) conference, April 1-4, 2004, Atlanta, Georgia, focused on the following strands: Maintaining the Professional Edge, Science Beyond the Printed Word, Hooking Kids on Science, and Integrating Technology. The 2005 Convention is set for Dallas, TX, March 31 - April 3, 2005. The theme for the 53rd convention is *Deep in the Heart of Science*.

<http://www.nsta.org/sessions>

National Science Teachers Association's 2008–2009 Conference Season

Submit a session proposal for NSTA's 2008–2009 conferences. The 2008 area conferences include Charlotte, North Carolina (October 30–November 1, 2008); Portland, Oregon (November 20–22, 2008); and Cincinnati, Ohio (December 4–6, 2008). In 2009, NSTA will hold its national conference in New Orleans, Louisiana (March 19–22, 2009). Deadlines for submissions are January 15, 2008, for the 2008 area conferences, and April 15, 2008, for the New Orleans National Conference

<http://www.nsta.org/conferences/sessions.aspx>

National Science Teachers Association Regional Conventions

National Science Teachers Association's 2003 regional conventions was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota (October 30–November 1), Kansas City, Missouri (November 13–15), and Reno, Nevada (December 4–6). Information on the conventions, including details on registration and housing and a calendar of events, is posted.

<http://www.nsta.org/conventions>

National Student Summit on Oceans and Coasts

Coastal America will be hosting the 2nd National Student Summit on Oceans and Coasts, December 5-8, 2006 in Washington, D.C. The Summit objective is to inspire academic and career interest in marine science and public policy. Student delegations have been selected by the network of Coastal Ecosystem Learning Centers, Centers for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence, and Sea Grant partners. Modeled after the White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation, the Summit goal is to increase ocean literacy through student driven solutions, action, and mentorship. Delegations will make presentations at the National Academies and Capitol Hill and provide a student voice into the Cooperative Conservation Listening sessions.

Contact Marguerite Duffy at Marguerite.Duffy@usda.gov

National Symposium for Scientists and Engineers

The National Science Resources Center hosted the *National Symposium for Scientists and Engineers: A Strategic Program to Develop Informed Leadership for Changing the Course of K–16 Science Education*, April 10-13 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This symposium hoped to increase the involvement and impact of scientists and engineers from a broad range of organizations in K–16 science education programs that will prepare today's students for higher education, employment, and full citizenship.

http://www.nsrconline.org/about_the_nsrc/events.html

NSTA 2004 Regional Conventions

The upcoming regional National Science Teachers Association's conventions will be held:

- Midwest: Indianapolis, Indiana, November 4–6, 2004
- Northwest: Seattle, Washington, November 18-20, 2004
- Eastern: Richmond, Virginia, December 2-4, 2004

NSTA's 2006 fall conferences in Omaha, Nebraska, October 19–21; Baltimore, Maryland, November 2–4; and Salt Lake City, Utah, December 7–9, 2006. The deadline for submission of proposals for the 2006 area conferences is January 15, 2006.

Proposals are also being accepted for NSTA's 2007 national conference in New Orleans on April 12-15, 2007. The submission deadline is April 15, 2006.

<http://www.nsta.org/conventions> .

NSTA National Conference 2007 - St. Louis

After careful consideration, the National Science Teachers Association Board of Directors has decided to relocate the 2007 National Conference from New Orleans to St. Louis, Missouri, to be held March 29–April 1, 2007. The deadline for the call for proposals is April 15, 2006. The 2006 conference will be in Anaheim, California from April 6-9, 2006.

http://ecommerce.nsta.org/sessions/proposal_submission.asp

National Service Learning Conference

The 17th Annual National Service-Learning Conference, *We the People*, March 22-25, 2006 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will be the largest gathering of youths and practitioners involved in the service-learning movement. This event draws nearly 2,900 educators, state and federal officials, youth leaders, program coordinators, policy-makers, and representatives from community-based organizations.

<http://www.nylc.org/conference>

National Nonpoint Source Pollution Information & Education Programs Conference

The National Nonpoint Source Pollution Information & Education Programs Conference was held October 20-23, 2003, Chicago, Illinois. The conference provided an opportunity to learn and share ideas on nonpoint source information and education strategies.

Participants explored practical, state-of-the-art examples of successful outreach programs through multi-media sessions.

<http://www.chicagobotanic.org/research/conference/nonpoint/>

New England Environmental Education Alliance Conference

The 2006 New England Environmental Education Alliance conference, September 29-October 1, 2006 in West Greenwich, Rhode Island, offers the theme *Connecting to the Environment: Telling the Earth's Story*. The conference will seek ways to infuse all audiences with a deeper awareness of our links to the natural world.

<http://www.neeea.org/conference/index.html>

New Jersey Environmental Education Annual Conference

The 20th annual New Jersey Environmental Education conference theme is *Diversity: The Nature of New Jersey*. The conference will be held January 6-8, 2005 in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. There will be concurrent sessions with hands-on

workshops, panel discussions, field trips, lectures, and groups discussions to improve your environmental education programs.

<http://www.anjee.net/conference/index.html>

New York State Marine Education Association Annual Conference

The 29th Annual Conference of the New York State Marine Education Association (NYSMEA) will be held June 3, 2007 in New York, New York. Join their hosts, the American Museum of Natural History and South Street Seaport Museum, for an enriching experience in marine science, with the theme *NYSMEA Takes Manhattan*.

<http://nysmea.org/con07/>

Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference

The 9th Virgin Islands Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference, *Preventing Pollution in the Caribbean: Reshaping Our Communities for the Future*, will be held November 28-30, 2005 in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. The conference will present information on implementing and adapting environmentally-friendly practices to reduce or prevent pollution of terrestrial and marine environments in the Caribbean region. Topics include watershed management, nonpoint source pollution education and outreach, and more.

<http://usvircd.org/NPS/VINPSconf2005.index.html>

North American Association for Environmental Education Conference

The 37th North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Annual Conference, October 15–18, 2008 in Wichita, Kansas, has released its call for proposals. Conference strands include Conservation Education; Energy Education; Environmental Justice, Environmental Health, and Climate Change; and more.

<http://www.naaee.org/conference/2008-conference>

North American Association for Environmental Educators Annual Conference

NAAEE hosted their annual conference, *Thinking Globally While Acting Culturally*, October 7-11, 2003, Anchorage, Alaska. Conference information, including a participants list, is posted on the website. Proceedings will be posted when complete. The 2004 Conference, November 6-10, 2004, Biloxi, Mississippi, will convene *Casting a Wide Net for Environmental Education*.

<http://www.naaee.org/conferences/> .

NAAEE 2004 Annual Conference, Call for Presentations

The 2004 North American Association for Environmental Educators' conference, November 6-10, 2004, Biloxi, Mississippi, *Casting a Wide Net for Environmental Education*, seeks presentations that provide one or more of the following elements: insightful research findings, proven program models, skills development, and dialogue facilitation along seven strands.

<http://naaee.org/conferences/index.php> .

NAAEE Annual Conference – Call for Papers

The North American Association for Environmental Education's 34th annual conference will be held October 25-29, 2005 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The conference theme is *Sustainability and EE: Focus on the Future*. The strands are environment, economy, society, global responsibility and perspectives, with a special focus on three audiences: Spanish-Language speakers, K-12 teachers, and environmental education research. Proposals are due March 22, 2005.

<http://naaee.org/conferences>

NOAA Education Showcase at NSTA in St. Louis

Education programs from NOAA offices showcased science and educator involvement opportunities at the first NOAA Education Showcase during the national NSTA professional development conference, March 31, 2007. This NOAA-wide event highlighted materials, programs, and lessons in a share-a-thon atmosphere.

Participants received different materials at this event than what they will receive at the exhibit booth, including the new NOAA/NSTA Estuaries SciGuide.

Contact Peg Steffen at Peg.Steffen@noaa.gov

North American Association for Environmental Education Conference

The registration for the 37th North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Annual Conference, October 15–18, 2008 in Wichita, Kansas, opens June 2, with the early bird deadline of August 15, 2008. Conference strands include Conservation Education; Energy Education; Environmental Justice, Environmental Health, and Climate Change; and more.

<http://www.naaee.org/conference>

North American Interdisciplinary Conference on Environment and Community

The fourteenth annual conference was held February 19-21, 2004, Saratoga Springs, New York. Topics addressed environmental issues under the broad conference theme of *Environment and Community*. Issues with wide-ranging North American importance were particularly apt, such as preservation, restoration, wilderness, endangered species, ecosystem management, history, and regulation.

<http://www.esc.edu/EnvironConf>

North American Society for Oceanic History Conference

The joint meeting of the North American Society for Oceanic History, the National Maritime Historical Society, and the Society for Nautical Research will be held May 18-21, 2005 in Savannah, Georgia. This year's theme, *North American Maritime History: Southern Connections*, will provide the backdrop for lectures, presentations, and tours related to maritime and naval history, social history, and underwater archaeology.

<http://www.ecu.edu/nasoh/nasoh%20annual%20meeting.htm>

Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference

The 60th annual Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference, April 25-28, 2004, Ocean City, Maryland addressed fish and wildlife management issues through the theme *Managing Resources for Competing Users*, with sessions scheduled for Engineering, Administration/Licensing, Conservation Law Enforcement, Fisheries, Wildlife, and Human Dimensions/Information and Education.

<http://northeastconference.fws.gov/index.html> .

Northwest Aquatic and Marine Educators Conference

The Northwest Aquatic and Marine Educators annual conference will be held July 20-23, 2005, in Bamfield, British Columbia. The theme of the conference is *Ride the Wave to Bamfield*. Registration and other information may be found on the conference website.

<http://mareco.org/name>

NSTA Fall Regional Conventions

As a reminder, the 2005 NSTA regional conventions will be held this fall October 20-22, 2005 in Hartford, Connecticut, November 10-12, 2005 in Chicago, Illinois, and December 1-3 in Nashville, Tennessee.

<http://www.nsta.org/conventions>

NSTA Fall Conferences on Science Education

The registration for the National Science Teachers Association Area Conferences is now open. Take advantage of earlybird rates.

- Charlotte, North Carolina October 30-November 1, 2008
- Portland, Oregon, November 20-22, 2008
- Cincinnati, Ohio, December 4-6, 2008

<http://www.nsta.org/conferences/>

Ocean and Coastal Program Managers' Meeting

NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management will hold the annual Ocean and Coastal Program Managers' Meeting, March 8-10, 2006 in Washington, D.C. The meeting provides a forum for ocean and coastal program managers to meet with one another and to exchange information about important resource management issues. Concurrent session topics include integrating assessment tools into education programs; integrated ocean observing system Regional Associations; social science building blocks for coastal managers; and more.

<http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/pmm/>

Ocean Research Conference

The Oceanography Society and the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography co-sponsored the inaugural *Ocean Research Conference*, February 15-20, 2004, Honolulu, Hawaii. The conference provided a forum for researchers to highlight recent advances emphasizing integration of aquatic sciences and ocean research, including engineering, industrial, public policy, and marine research.

<http://aslo.org/honolulu2004/>

Ocean Sciences Meeting

The 2008 Ocean Sciences Meeting, *From the Watershed to the Global Ocean*, March 2-7, 2008 in Orlando, Florida, investigates water as the lifeblood of our endeavors. The bi-annual meeting will recognize the vital nature of the interconnections between land and sea.

<http://aslo.org/orlando2008/>

Ocean Symposium 2005

The Ocean Symposium, *Our Oceans, Our Future: Linking land, people, and seas*, will be held Tutuila Island, American Samoa, from May 24-26, 2005, culminating in an Ocean Fest on May 27, 2005 sponsored by Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The symposium strives to increase environment stewardship among the community and to foster partnership between national, regional, local and federal government as well as between agencies and non-governmental organizations.

<http://www.amsamoa.com/ocean.htm>

Oceans 2005 Conference

The Marine Technology Society and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Oceanic Engineering Society present the 2005 Oceans Conference, *One Ocean*,

September 19-23, 2005, in Washington, DC. This international professional meeting and exposition is devoted to the full spectrum of ocean sciences, technology, policy, engineering, and education. While past conventions have focused on technology, this year the focus includes education, policy, and exploration.

<http://www.oceans2005.org/>

Oceans 2007

The annual Marine Technology Society / Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers-Oceanic Engineering Society Conference will be held September 29-October 4, 2007 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The conference theme is *Edge of Tomorrow* and will explore projects which gather data to understand the oceans. This conference features a partnership of engineers, technologists, scientific researchers, and marine educators.

<http://www.oceans07mtsieevancouver.org/index.cfm>

Oceans'06 MTS/IEEE-Boston Conference

The Oceans'06 MTS/IEEE-Boston Conference and Exhibition will be held September 18-21, 2006 in Boston Massachusetts. This comprehensive ocean engineering, science, and technology conference and exhibition will emphasize the traditional core areas of marine science and technology development. Papers are requested on ocean observing, remote sensing, policy, education, and more. Presentations include education topics.

<http://www.oceans06mtsieeboston.org/index.cfm>

<http://www.oceans2006americas.org/>

One Ocean Education Symposium – Washington, D.C.

The Marine Technology Society and the IEEE Oceanic Engineering Society are sponsoring the OCEANS Conference. This is the largest international professional meeting and exposition devoted to the full spectrum of ocean sciences, technology, policy, engineering, and education, September 18-23, 2005 in Washington, D.C. On September 18, 2005, the conference will open with an "One Ocean Education Symposium" for middle and high school educators, a day of professional development sessions offered at no charge to educators from DC, Maryland, Virginia, and other surrounding area schools.

<http://www.oceans2005.org/education.htm>

Opening Doors to Water Trails 2008 Conference

The purpose of this Water Trails conference is to convene water trail activists and advocates to share knowledge and network across the many organizations and agencies committed to water trails. Plan ahead - Opening Doors to Water Trails: 2008 Conference, hosted by the Washington Water Trails Association, will take place September 16-18, 2008 in Port Townsend, Washington.

<http://www.wwta.org/wtc/>

Pacific Congress on Marine Science and Technology

The 2004 biennial Pacific Congress on Marine Science and Technology, May 30–June 4, 2004, Honolulu, Hawaii, highlighted *New Technologies, New Opportunities*, bringing together scholars and resource personnel to address key issues concerning marine technology. A workshop on Education in Marine Science and Technology was cochaired by Shauna Oh of California Sea Grant and Sherwood Maynard of University of Hawai'i.

www.hawaii.edu/pacon. shaunaoh@ucsd.edu .

Partners in Flight Conference

The Partners in Flight Conference, *Tundra to Tropics: Connecting Birds, Habitat, and People*, will be held February 13-16, 2008 in McAllen, Texas. The theme will be shared with International Migratory Bird Day for 2008. There will be sessions and workshops devoted to education issues.

<http://www.partnersinflight.org/events/mcallen/>

Partners in Stewardship Conference

Joint Ventures: Partners in Stewardship, November 17-20, 2003, Los Angeles, CA, brought together land management agencies and their partners to focus on building tools and networks to strengthen partnership efforts, with approximately 300 presentations over 3 days. More than 1600 federal and nonfederal participants in natural resources management and education attended.

<http://www.partnerships2003.org/about.htm>

Plastic Debris Rivers to Sea Conference

The Plastic Debris Rivers to Sea Conference will take place September 7-9, 2005, in Redondo Beach, California. The Algalita Marine Research Foundation, California Coastal Commission, the H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment and others are collaborating to produce this conference addressing research about land-based discharges of anthropogenic debris.

<http://conference.plasticdebris.org/index.html>

Reaching Out: What's in it for Scientists? At the Ocean Sciences Meeting, Hawaii

You are encouraged to participate in a special session on scientists' involvement in education and public outreach (EPO) at the 2006 Ocean Sciences Meeting, February 20-24, 2006 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The primary goals are to inspire scientists to get involved in EPO and to promote discussion of the short and long-term benefits of EPO involvement.

Contact Michiko Martin at michiko.martin@noaa.gov

<http://www.agu.org/meetings/os06/>

Restore America's Estuaries Conference

Restore America's Estuaries has announced its call for dedicated sessions, presentations, and posters for the 4th National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration, *Creating Solutions through Collaborative Partnerships*, October 11-15, 2008 in Providence, Rhode Island. The conference program will address all aspects of coastal and estuarine habitat restoration, in all habitats and at all scales.

<http://www.estuaries.org/?id=4>

Restore America's Estuaries 2004 Conference

Restore America's Estuaries hosts the Second National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration, Seattle, WA, September 12-15, 2004, to advance the knowledge, pace, practice and success of coastal and estuarine habitat restoration.

<http://www.estuaries.org/2ndnationalconference.php>

Restore America's Estuaries Conference

Restore America's Estuaries was to host the 3rd National Conference and Expo on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration, December 9-13, 2006 in New Orleans,

Louisiana. *Please check the website in the coming months for updated information.* The conference theme is "*Forging the National Imperative for Restoration*," with a focus on coastal and estuarine restoration at all scales.

<http://www.estuaries.org/?id=77>

Restore America's Estuaries National Conference

The program committee invites you to submit a proposal for a dedicated session for the Restore America's Estuaries 3rd National Conference, *Forging the National Imperative*, to be held December 9-13, 2006, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Dedicated sessions generally consist of three or four presenters sharing best practices and lessons learned within one or more of the conference themes and topics, must include multiple perspectives, and are strongly encouraged to address multiple aspects of restoration within the chosen topic. Themes include education and outreach, human dimensions of restoration, measuring and communicating results, and more.

<http://www.estuaries.org/?id=4>

Satellites and Education Conference

The Satellites and Education Conference will be held August 18-20, 2005, in Los Angeles, California (August 10-12, in Los Angeles, California.) to promote the use of satellites and related technologies as a vehicle to help students understand the complex interrelationships among science, technology, individuals, societies, and the environment, while developing and applying inquiry and technology skills to study problems. Sessions include GIS applications in education, urban expansion and impacts on protected areas, coral reef remote sensing, and more.

<http://www.sated.org/index1.htm>

Seafood Summit

The Seafood Choices Alliance, co-hosted by Shedd Aquarium, hosts its annual Seafood Summit, Chicago, Illinois, October 26-28, 2004, to bring together key players in the sustainable seafood movement for informal discussions, information sharing, and strategic planning.

www.seafoodchoices.com/summit .

Society for Conservation Biology's Annual Meeting

The Society for Conservation Biology will host its 19th annual meeting, *Conservation Biology Capacity Building and Practice in a Globalized World*, July 15-19, 2005 in Brasilia, Brazil. The four days will include hundreds of seminars, workshops, and other presentations, including education and community outreach.

<http://www.scb2005.unb.br/>

Society for Conservation Biology Annual Meeting

The 20th annual meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology will be held June 24-28, 2006 in San Jose, California. A primary objective of the meeting, *Conservation without Borders*, is to transcend real and perceived boundaries of ecology, sociology, politics, and human behavior that impede conservation science and its application. The meeting will be held concurrently with the meeting of the Society for Conservation GIS. The 2008 meeting of Society for Conservation Biology will take place July 13-17, 2008 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The meeting, under the theme, *From the Mountains to the Sea*, will explore land conservation and terrestrial diversity, freshwater ecosystems, and coastal and marine conservation both as separate and connected entities.

<http://www.conbio.org/activities/meetings/2008/>

<http://www.conbio.org/2006/>

Society for Conservation Biology Annual Meeting

The 2007 annual meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology, *One World, One Conservation, One Partnership*, will be held from July 1-5, 2007 in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. The program will include plenary sessions, invited symposia, workshops, organized discussions, short courses, poster sessions, concurrent sessions of contributed oral presentations and speed presentations.

<http://www.nmmu.ac.za/scb/>

Society for Ecological Restoration International: Call for Proposals

SER 2004 will convene *Restoration on the Edge*, August 25-27, 2004, Victoria, British Columbia, and invites proposals for papers, posters, and presentations in other media including electronic media, visual and installation art, and performance, to be presented during the conference.

<http://www.ser.org> .

South Carolina Marine Educators Association Mini-Conference

The first Mini-Conference of the South Carolina Marine Educators Association, March 25, 2006, will be held in Charleston, South Carolina. The conference will include information, collaboration, discussion, and a field trip. Join them for current marine research in South Carolina, a round-table discussion of the Ocean Literacy, and more.

http://oceanica.cofc.edu/scmea/conf_mini_2006.htm

State of the Bay Conference - California

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission held its State of the Bay Conference on January 13, 2005 in Los Angeles, California. This conference examined progress made and challenges still ahead for the restoration of the Santa Monica Bay and its resources. Topics covered included stormwater management, habitat restoration, education and outreach, public health protection and science and technology.

<http://www.santamonibay.org>

State of the Planet Conference

The Earth Institute at Columbia University will convene the fourth biennial State of the Planet Conference, *Is Sustainable Development Feasible?*, March 28-29 in New York, New York. The conference will include discussions and presentations which explore the fundamental requirements of science, economy, governance, and human behavior needed to achieve sustainable development.

<http://www.earth.columbia.edu/sop2006/about.html>

STEM Conference - Georgia

The Georgia Partnership for Reform in Science and Mathematics is hosting the conference, *Accepting the STEM Challenge*, September 11-13, 2008 Atlanta, Georgia. The conference will provide K-16 STEM educators, administrators, community leaders, and others opportunities to share individual and team successes while also gaining insights on how others are addressing the challenges associated with STEM education.

<http://www.gaprism.org/stemconference/>

Student Conference on Conservation Science

The Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences at Duke University will host the Student Conference on Conservation Science, March 15-17, 2006, in Durham, North

Carolina, aims to build links among young conservation scientists from biological, environmental, and geography, departments of universities as well as conservation and resource management agencies. A small number of scholarships may be available for students from Central or South American countries.

<http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/sccs/>

Sustainable Beaches Conference

The Sustainable Beaches Conference will be held October 31 - November 2, 2005 in St. Petersburg, Florida. Please note that the Clean Beaches Council is partnering with NMEA to publish a special issue of the NMEA journal *Current*, focusing on education and management issues related to recreational beaches. This issue will be published this fall in time for the conference.

<http://www.cleanbeaches.org/events/summit/2005/>

Sustainable Beaches Summit

The Clean Beaches Council hosted the first annual *Sustainable Beaches Summit*, March 29-31, 2004, Sandestin, Florida, to bring together coastal educators and beach professionals from federal agencies, state and local governments, non-governmental organizations, academia, and industry. The Summit focused on beach and natural resource management, coastal tourism and development, recreation, and conservation.

<http://www.cleanbeaches.org/sustainable/default.cfm>.

TEAMS Spring Conference - Tennessee

Join the Tennessee Educators of Aquatic and Marine Sciences at their annual spring conference, April 13-15, 2007 in Brandon Springs, Tennessee. Grade specific sessions will help educators correlate aquatic lessons with science standards, following the conference theme, *Survival: Science Standards Sessions*. The deadline for registration is April 2, 2007.

Contact Tighe Forrester at forrester@ripleys.com

Treasures of NOAA's Ark - Maryland

Discover the Treasures of NOAA's Ark at the First Annual NOAA Heritage Week, February 7-11, 2005, Silver Spring, Maryland. Conservators will be on hand to offer tips about caring for precious personal treasures and heirlooms, from old family photos to quilts, clothing, and other fabric items. Special presentations will include National Weather Service forecast office operations and the evolution of survey technology over time.

<http://preserveamerica.noaa.gov/heritageweek.html>

Urban Ecotourism Conference - Online

This on-line conference, September 20-30, 2004, reviewed urban conservation and environmental education and alternatives to urban sprawl. It looked at the role cities play as gateway communities to parks and protected areas and review how urban tourism can contribute to conservation. Participants brainstormed alternatives to urban sprawl and examine how urban tourism can be more ecological and share lessons learned – what to repeat and what to avoid.

<http://www.planeta.com/ecotravel/tour/urban.html> .

U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting Rescheduled

The Coral Reef Task Force Meeting was rescheduled for December 2-3, 2004 in Miami, Florida. Public workshops will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 (Sustainable

Diving and Snorkeling Practices) and Saturday, December 4 (Improving Science and Management of Florida Ecosystems, and Damage Assessment and Restoration Protocols for Coral Reef Habitats).
<http://www.ces.fau.edu/taskforce/> .

U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting

The 15th U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting will take place May 4, 2006 in Washington, D.C. There are no registration fees, but registration is requested, available on-line from the website. Exhibit space is available for approximately 20 exhibits, offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, contact Beth Dieveney at Beth.Dieveney@noaa.gov
<http://www.coralreef.gov/announcements/index.html>

U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting

The next meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force will be held October 24-28, 2006 in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Workshops will be held on October 24-25.

<http://www.coralreef.gov/taskforce/meetings.html>

Virgin Islands Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference

The 9th Virgin Islands Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference, *Preventing Pollution in the Caribbean: Reshaping Our Communities for the Future*, will be held May 18-20, 2005 in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. The conference will have information on implementing and adapting environmentally-friendly practices to reduce/prevent pollution of terrestrial and marine environments in the Caribbean region, with watershed management, government initiatives, nonpoint source pollution education and outreach, and more.

<http://usvircd.org/NPS/VINPSconf2005.index.html>

Virtual Curitiba Biodiversity Conference: Achieving the 2010 target

In Johannesburg in 2002, and again in New York in 2005, heads of state committed themselves to "achieve by 2010 a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national level as a contribution to poverty alleviation and to the benefit of all life on earth." The virtual Curitiba Biodiversity Conference focuses on achieving the 2010 biodiversity target. The conference will give voice to citizens as to how the global family can achieve the 2010 biodiversity target.

<http://2010.biodiv.org/>

Virtual School Symposium

The Virtual School Symposium, Changing the Course of Education, November 4-6, 2007 in Louisville, Kentucky, will bring together representatives from national, state, private, and other virtual school programs. Experts in K-12 virtual education will have networking opportunities; learn about the latest trends, challenges and opportunities in e-learning; interact in session presentations; and gain access to the latest research and best practices reports.

<http://www.nacol.org/events/vss/index.php>

Water Expo - Spain

Expo Zaragoza 2008, an international exposition June 11-September 14, 2008 in Zaragoza Spain, is billed as the biggest water festival on earth. It focuses on the issue of water as an increasingly scarce and indispensable resource, as well as methods to improve its management and availability. Organizers expect that the event will draw six

million visitors and the participation of 70 to 90 countries in addition to international organizations. There will be themed weeks, agora, events and parallel meetings.

<http://www.expozaragoza2008.es/>

Waterbirds Around the World

Organized by Wetlands International and co-chaired by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Waterbirds Around the World conference took place in Edinburgh, UK, April 3-8, 2004. The conference focused on all major themes and developments related to the global conservation of waterbird flyways during their full annual cycle: breeding areas, stop-over sites and wintering areas.

<http://www.wetlands.org/GFC/Default.htm>

Watershed Protection in Developing Areas - Online

The EPA's Watershed Academy sponsored the webcast, *The Eight Tools of Watershed Protection in Developing Areas*, attracting more than 550 participants via streaming audio or phone lines, and viewing the PowerPoint presentation on the Internet. The entire presentation, complete with audio, can be viewed along with other archived seminars on-line. Additional links include future webcasts, web-based training, and other opportunities on watershed management topics.

<http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/wacademy/>

Waves of Change

The thirty-second Pacem in Maribus conference, *Waves of Change: Women, Youth and the Sea - Partnering for the Protection of the Marine Environment*, November 5-8, 2007 in Malta, aims to empower women and youth to promote the peaceful and sustainable use of marine resources and sound ocean governance. The conference aims to promote women and youth leadership in maritime affairs; to promote the interests of women and youth in meeting the objectives of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development; to explore new and innovative approaches for the management of ocean space and sustainable ocean governance; build constituencies and partnerships; and to build public awareness of the ocean's value and importance to our lives and future, especially among women and youth.

<http://www.thewavesofchange.org/>

Wetlands 2003

The Association of State Wetland Managers in cooperation with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and other sponsors/cooperating parties hosted *Wetlands 2003: Landscape Scale Wetland Assessment and Management*, October 20-23, 2003, Nashua, New Hampshire. The conference focused on wetlands and landscape level assessment, as related to science, public policy, and legal issues.

<http://www.aswm.org/calendar/2003am/cover9.htm>

Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education's Conference

The theme of the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education's Conference, October 26-28, 2006 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, is *The Great Lakes: Where Woods Meet Waters*. Join educators in Wisconsin's maritime capitol to review the past and investigate how educators and professionals can make a positive impact on the future of our water resources. Conference tracks include Great Lakes history, water education, protecting watersheds, and water recreation.

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/waee/Events/fall06.htm>

The White Water to Blue Water Partnership Conference

White Water to Blue Water (WW2BW), a partnership to link freshwater and oceans, is designed to promote the practice of integrated watershed and marine ecosystem-based management in support of sustainable development. A small conference and training institute to facilitate partnerships, exchange best practices and encourage innovation convened March 21-27, 2004, Miami, Florida.

<http://www.international.noaa.gov/ww2bw/meetings.html>

World Congress of Science Centers

The fifth World Congress of Science Centers, June 15-20, 2008 in Toronto Canada, will address the role science centers play to inspire and actively engage people in new ways of seeing, understanding, and thinking about themselves in a world increasingly defined by rapid globalization and technological change. The theme is *Science Centres as Agents of Change - Locally, Nationally, and Internationally*.

<http://www.5scwc.org/>

World Environmental Education Congress

Submissions are being accepted for the 5th World Environmental Education Congress, May 10-14, 2009, in Montreal, Canada. The conference theme is *Earth, Our Common Home*. The congress invites all educators: professors, researchers, teachers, university students, community leaders, civil servants, museum and park interpreters, consultants, journalists, artists, and all other actors in environmental education.

<http://www.5weec.uqam.ca/EN/>

World Environmental Education Congress

The World Environmental Education Congress, *Learning in a Changing World*, will be held July 2-6, 2007 in Durban, South Africa. The World EE Congress Secretariat (Italy) will also launch the World Environmental Education Association. The congress will provide an opportunity for dialogue, reflection, and evaluation in this growing and dynamically evolving field.

<http://www.weec2007.com/>

World Recreational Fishing Conference

The theme of the fifth World Recreational Fishing Conference, November 10-13, 2008 in Dania Beach, Florida, is *The Angler in the Environment*. They welcome submissions for oral and poster presentations, as well as suggestions for films, videos, and roundtable discussions from a multidisciplinary audience. Topics include climate change, inland and marine protected areas, community expectations and perceptions, and more.

<http://www.worldrecfish.org/>

Youth Groundwater Congress

The Youth Groundwater Congress is a three-day national conference sponsored by The Groundwater Foundation, November 3-5, 2004, Washington, DC. Delegates will have the opportunity to learn more about groundwater, voice their concerns regarding water issues, and develop possible solutions. It will provide a venue for youth to network with each other and environmental professionals, and a chance for youth and adults to gain a better understanding of each other's viewpoints.

http://www.groundwater.org/pe/youth_congress.html .

Youth Groundwater Congress

The Youth Groundwater Congress, November 2-4, 2005 in Nebraska City, Nebraska, is a national conference for students ages 10-15 which provides students the opportunity to learn more about groundwater, voice concerns regarding water issues, and develop possible solutions to take action in the community.

http://www.groundwater.org/pe/youth_congress.html

Youth Service Institute 2008 - Call For Presentations

The Youth Service Institute, October 26-28 in Orlando, Florida, will focus on four target areas of service and service-learning success: taking programs to scale; fostering and strengthening diversity outreach and inclusive initiatives; collaborating to improve communities; and substantive service.

<http://ysa.org/ProgramsServices/YouthServiceInstitute/tabid/181/Default.aspx>

Zoos and Aquariums Committing to Conservation Conference

The Zoos and Aquariums Committing to Conservation conference will be held January 26-31, 2007 in Houston, Texas. Roundtable and workshop sessions will include how to initiate an internal conservation program at your institution, *in situ* conservation education, partnering with field researchers and a number of tax-related roundtables, and more.

<http://www.houstonzoo.org/ZACC/Index.aqf>