



# GLP e-mail update no.1



Welcome to the Global Land Project mailing list/network and thank you for your interest in GLP. We will use this channel occasionally to send out short email-updates (up to 4 times per year) and to distribute the GLP-Newsletter (2 times per year). We are aiming for late May/early June 2007 for our next newsletter, but in the meantime try to keep you up-to-date with the following short email-update - summarizing the most important news and activities from the IPO (International Project Office) and the GLP network.

Please feel free to inform us on events/activities relevant for the network and (if you are an endorsed project) please consider contributing to our next newsletter with a description of your research activities (1-3 pages including figures and references). You are also more than welcome to forward this e-mail update to scientists in your network that might be interested in GLP.

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## 1. GLP Update (April 2007)

The general status of the GLP is as follows:

- The IPO is established since September 2006. Numerous activities with a focus on re-establishing and extending the networks of the predecessor projects LUCC and GCTE are ongoing.
- About 500 individual scientists registered in the database so far.
- The endorsement process as our main starting point for implementing GLP is established and operational. More than 20 projects, networks and activities are endorsed so far (see overview below and details on our webpage [www.globallandproject.org](http://www.globallandproject.org)). First cooperation between projects and GLP is currently being established.
- The first Nodal Office is established in Sapporo (Japan), Nodal Offices in Beijing (China) and Aberdeen (UK) are currently being set up.

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## 2. Funding and collaborative opportunities (we list new funding opportunities here, or those that we have only recently become aware of)

- Funding for "Exploratory Workshops" from the European Science Foundation (ESF). <http://www.esf.org/activities/exploratory-workshops.html>  
Unfortunately this is ONLY relevant for European scientists.

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### 3. Educational activities/summer schools

- **3rd AIMES Young Scholar's Network Workshop**, Modelling Land Use-Decision Making, Bristol, UK, 2-4 of June. For more information please see: [http://www.aimes.ucar.edu/activities/YSN/2007\\_UK/YSN\\_BRISTOL.shtml](http://www.aimes.ucar.edu/activities/YSN/2007_UK/YSN_BRISTOL.shtml)
- **GLP Sapporo Nodal Office: "Advanced Institute for Junior Researchers on Integrated Land Systems Modeling"** scheduled for 13-17 August 2007" (<http://www.glp.hokudai.ac.jp/index.html>).
- **Dissertations Initiative for the Advancement of Climate Change Research (DISCCRS)**, DISCCRS III Symposium, Hawaii, USA, 10-17 of September <http://discrs.org>

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### 4. Meetings/Conferences/Workshops (recent and upcoming). Most of these are not GLP activities!

#### RECENT

- **Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP) Global Environmental Change Open Science Conference**, Beijing, China, 9-12 of November 2006. <http://www.essp.org/ESSP2006/index.html>
- **Workshop on Harmonisation of Forest and Land Cover Classifications using LCCS** for the Asia Pacific Region, in India the 4-8 of December 2006. For more information please see: [www.fao.org/gtos/meetLCCS5.html](http://www.fao.org/gtos/meetLCCS5.html)
- **International symposium on impacts of global change on vegetation and cycling of materials in ecosystems**, Global Land Project Sapporo Nodal Office and The 21st Century Center of Excellence Program of Hokkaido University, Japan, 20 of February 2007 [http://www.glp.hokudai.ac.jp/COE\\_GLP\\_Symp.pdf](http://www.glp.hokudai.ac.jp/COE_GLP_Symp.pdf)
- **International Workshop on Governance and Land System Sustainability, Hokkaido University**, Sapporo Conference Hall, Japan, 27 of February 2007. <http://www.glp.hokudai.ac.jp/index2.html>
- **USEPAM (University Support to Environmental Planning and Management Project)** conference, Hanoi, Vietnam, 6-8 of March. For more information please see: <http://www.usepam.ait.ac.th>
- **IGBP Brazilian Symposium on Global Environmental Change** (Rio, Brazil, 11-12 March 2007). Further information: <http://www.abc.org.br/eventos/sim/>

#### APRIL 2007

- **Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, USA**, April 17-21 2007. For more information please see: <http://www.aag.org/annualmeetings/Intro.html>

#### MAY 2007

- Second Conference of the University of Copenhagen Rio-initiative, **Climate Change and Sustainable Development in LDC's**, Department of Geography, University of Copenhagen, May 7-8 , 2007. Co-organized by GLP!  
<http://www.geogr.ku.dk/projects/rio/index.shtml>
- **Amsterdam Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change**, , 24-26 of May 2007.  
<http://www.2007amsterdamconference.org>

#### June 2007

- **Conference of the Society for Industrial Ecology ISIE on Sustainable Social Metabolism**, Toronto, Canada, 17-20 of June 2007.  
<http://www.pdc.utoronto.ca/PageFactory.aspx?PageID=144>
- **Palaeo & Modern Perspectives on Global Change**, The Royal Society, London, UK, 27 of June 2007. <http://www.bridge.bris.ac.uk/palmope>

#### July 2007

- **International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE) World Congress**, in Wageningen, Netherlands, 8-12 of July 2007.  
<http://www.iale2007.com>
- **Workshop on A Global Change Research Network in African Mountains, Kampala, Uganda**, 23-25 of July 2007.  
<http://mri.scnatweb.ch/content/view/170/80/>

#### AUGUST 2007

- Second Announcement of International **Workshop on Semi-Arid Land Surface-Atmosphere Interaction, Lanzhou, China**, 9-13 of August 2007.  
<http://www.mairs-essp.org/lcontent.asp?c=1&cid=4&id=57>
- **Second International Conference on Earth System Modelling**, 27-31 of August 2007, Hamburg, Germany.  
<http://www.mpimet.mpg.de/fileadmin/static/icesm/>
- **Man in the landscape across frontiers: Landscape and land use change in Central European border regions**, 28 of August-4 of September . IGU/LUCC Central Europe Conference 2007, in Slovenia, Austria, Slovakia and Czechia. [www.luccprague.cz](http://www.luccprague.cz)

#### SEPTEMBER 2007

- **Continental Margins Open Science Conference**, IMBER and LOICZ, East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, 17-21 of September.  
<http://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=792>
- **Conference on the Science and Education of Land Use: A transatlantic, multidisciplinary and comparative approach**, Washington, DC, USA, 24-26 of September. <http://www.nercrd.psu.edu/TALUC>

#### OCTOBER 2007

- **Integrated Analysis of Local Socioecological Systems: Combining Agent-Based and Stock-Flow Modelling Approaches**. Part of the International Conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Rio, Brazil, 4-7 of October .  
[http://www.globallandproject.org/Human\\_Ecology\\_Rio07.pdf](http://www.globallandproject.org/Human_Ecology_Rio07.pdf)
- **3rd Land System Science (LaSyS) Workshop**: Handling complex series of natural and socio-economic processes, Tune, Denmark, 25-26 of October.  
<http://www.lasys.dk/index.shtml>

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#### 5. Endorsed Projects

One of the IPO's and the SSC's main tasks in the coming months will be to establish real cooperation with the endorsed projects. Please find below a very brief listing of the endorsed projects/programmes/activities so far. Please consult the projects homepages or the GLP homepage for more details.

- **Rationalising Biodiversity Conservation in Dynamic Ecosystems (RUBICODE).** Paula Harrison, Environmental Change Institute, Oxford University, UK. [www.rubicode.net](http://www.rubicode.net)
- **North American Land Change: Decision Making in Coupled Human-Environment Systems.** Steven M. Manson, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA. [www.hegis.umn.edu/nalc.htm](http://www.hegis.umn.edu/nalc.htm)
- **Fire-Land-Atmosphere Modeling and Evaluation for Southeast Asia (FLAMES).** Darla K. Munroe, Department of Geography, Ohio State University, Columbus, USA. <http://www.stat.osu.edu/~flames/>
- **Sustainable Aquaculture Project.** Kang-tsung (Karl) Chang, Department of Geography, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan. <http://www.geog.ntu.edu.tw/research/SAP/index.htm>
- **The Boston-Area Climate Experiment.** Jeffrey Dukes, Department of Biology, University of Massachusetts, Boston, USA. <http://www.ecosystems.umb.edu/bace.html>
- **Refining plant functional classifications for earth system modelling.** Sandra Lavorel, Colin Prentice, Sandra Diaz, Paul Leadley. Joint IGBP-DIVERSITAS Fast Track Initiative. <http://www.igbp.net/page.php?pid=369>
- **Sustainable resource use or imminent collapse? Climate, livelihoods and production in the Southwest Pacific (CLIP).** Department of Geography and Geology, University of Copenhagen and the Danish Meteorological Institute. <http://www.geogr.ku.dk/projects/lucc/clip/index.html>
- **Assessing Biodiversity Governance and Management Approaches - The Case of Biosphere Reserves (GoBi).** Prof. Dr. Susanne Stoll-Kleemann; Humboldt University of Berlin. Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture; Institute of Agricultural Economics and Social Sciences. <http://www.biodiversitygovernance.de/>
- **The Southern Yucatán Peninsular Region (SYPR) Project - Landscape Vulnerability-Resilience in the SYPR.** Billie L. Turner II, Geography, Clark University, USA. <http://earth.clarku.edu/lcluc/index.html>

#### Endorsed Networks and Programmes

- **Mountain Research Initiative (MRI).** <http://mri.scnatweb.ch/>
- **ARIDnet** (A Research Network for Studies of Global Desertification). <http://www.biology.duke.edu/aridnet/index.html>
- **TERACC** (Terrestrial Ecosystem Response to Atmospheric and Climatic Change). <http://www.umaine.edu/teracc/>
- **NEESPI** (Northern Eurasia Earth Science Partnership Initiative). <http://neespi.org/>

#### Endorsed Ph.D. projects

- **Monitoring Land Use/Land Cover Changes and its Environmental Impacts in Karst Mountain Ecosystem:** a spatial analysis integrating RS,

GIS, social survey and climate data. Huang Qiu hao, Department of Resources, Environment & Geography, College of Environmental Sciences, Peking University, Beijing, China.

- **A Political Ecology of Postsocialist Land Use Change.** Johannes Stahl, Institute for Agricultural Economics and Social Sciences, Junior Research Group on Postsocialist Land Relations, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany.

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- Man in the landscape across frontiers: Landscape and land use change in Central European border regions. IGU/LUCC Central Europe Conference 2007, 28th August-4th September 2007 in Slovenia, Austria, Slovakia and Czechia. <http://www.luccprague.cz/>
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#### 6. News from the Nodal Offices

- **Sapporo (Japan):** Congratulations to Ademola and the Nodal Office in Sapporo for hosting the first GLP activity with a workshop on "Institutions and land Systems Sustainability". Sapporo will also host a "Advanced Institute for Junior Researchers on Integrated Land Systems Modeling" scheduled for 13-17 August 2007" (<http://www.glp.hokudai.ac.jp/index.html>). The Sapporo Nodal Office is part of the Hokkaido University Initiative for Sustainable Development (HUISD) and mainly funded through Hokkaido University. The staff includes a executive director and deputy director as well as administrative and IT support. The focus of the Sapporo Office is "vulnerability, resilience and sustainability of land systems".
- **Aberdeen (UK):** The Aberdeen Office is in the process of being established and will start activities with two modeling workshops (more information soon). The Aberdeen Office is a partnership between Macaulay Institute and the University of Aberdeen. The Aberdeen Office will employ one executive officer, a part-time admin. and a PhD student. A number of scientists from both the University and Macaulay will contribute to the Nodal Office. The focus of the Aberdeen office will be "integration and synthesis".
- **Beijing (China):** The Beijing Office is currently being set up, and is hosted at the Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resources Research (IGSNRR), Chinese Academy of Sciences. It will be mainly funded through the Chinese Academy of Sciences and will consist of one director, one or two deputy directors, a full time secretary and a part time IP-support as well as research fellows. The focus of the Beijing Office will be "land use and ecosystem interactions".

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**7. Publications** (these are special issues that explicitly make reference to the GLP and where one of the authors is in the SSC of GLP)

- Reenberg, A. (Guest Editor). Special Issue Danish Journal of Geography: Danish Network for land Systems Science. Vol.106 (2), 2006.
- Verburg Peter H., Mark D.A. Rounsevell and A. Veldkamp, 2006. Scenario based studies of future land use in Europe, (Editorial). Agriculture Ecosystems and Environment 114: 1-6
- Pennock D.J., and A. Veldkamp 2006. Editorial: Advances in landscape-scale soil research. Geoderma 133: 1-6

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