

## **CREATING SUSTAINABLE URBAN ENVIRONMENTS - FUTURE FORMS FOR CITY LIVING**

23-26 September 2002, Oxford, UK

This is the fifth symposium of the International Urban Planning and Environment Association. Contact: upe5@brookes.ac.uk or Sarah Taylor at the Oxford Centre for Sustainable Development, School of Architecture, Oxford Brookes University, Gypsy Lane, Headington, Oxford, OX3 0BP, UK.

## **WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (RIO EARTH SUMMIT +10)**

26 August - 6 September 2002, Johannesburg, South Africa

Ten years after the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Rio, Brazil, this follow-up Summit in Johannesburg will bring together tens of thousands of participants, including heads of state and government, national delegates and leaders from NGOs, businesses and other major groups to focus the world's attention and direct action will be focused on taking stock of the environmental situation in the results of agreements made, to be summarised in the various chapters and subsequent conventions. National and regional preparations are already in full swing. More info is available at: <http://www.un.org/esa/agenda21/> or <http://www.earthsummit2002.org/>.

## **ECOSCAPE ECO-INDUSTRY ECO-CULTURE, THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL ECO-CITY CONFERENCE**

19-23 August 2002, Shenzhen, China

The first four Eco-city conferences were held in Berkeley, California, USA in 1990; Adelaide, Australia in 1992; Dakar/Yoff, Senegal in 1996; and Curitiba, Brazil in 2000. The campaign of the "Eco-city Development" is currently expanding in both industrial and developing countries. The event is initiated by the Eco-city Builders International, the Society for Human Ecology, the International Society for Eco-Engineering, and co-sponsored by the Ecological Society of China, SCOPE/CAST, RCEES/CAS, the Shenzhen government, the Chinese Association for Ecological Economics, the Chinese Association for Science and Technology, the Chinese Association for Urban Sciences, the Chinese Association for Sustainable Development, and the Chinese Society for Urban Planning. The

main themes of this conference are:

- ❖ Theories and methodologies in urban ecology, industrial ecology and human ecology;
- ❖ Technologies and instruments for eco-settlement, eco-industry and eco-landscape preservation and ecologically informed development;
- ❖ Institutional enhancement and citizen's participation for eco-culture and capacity-building; and
- ❖ Experience in whole systems approaches to transforming cities as living organisms and living environments.

All abstracts of presentations and posters will be collected in conference proceedings as well as being displayed on the internet. A book on Eco-city development might be published after the conference depending on the quality of the resources. The conference language will be English. Contact persons are: Prof. Dr. Rusong WANG (main organiser), Ms. Yajuan Shi and Ying Hu (secretary), at the Chinese Academy of Sciences at: Tel.: +86 10 62849103, 62849101; Fax: +86 10 62943807, 62943822; e-mail: wangrs@mail.rcees.ac.cn or huying@mail.rcees.ac.cn; Websites: <http://www.rcees.ac.cn>, <http://www.icsu-scope.org.cn>.

## **FORESTRY SERVING URBANISED SOCIETIES, IUFRO EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

27-30 August 2002, Copenhagen, Denmark

This conference aims to identify promising approaches and developments in the relationship between forestry and urban societies. The role of forestry research as the foundation for the development of forest planning and management is a central issue. The objectives are: to define the role of forestry and forestry research within an increasingly urban society; to identify and explore promising scientific and technological findings with regard to the urban aspects of forestry; and to identify new directions and strategies in forestry research in the context of extended networking with other disciplines as well. The conference will have the following six central themes: the development of urban forestry; the environmental & ecological functions and benefits of forests and trees in urban societies; socio-economic aspects of forests and trees in urban societies; and forestry and degraded areas in urban societies. Further information is available from the conference secretariat at the Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning. Contact Dr. Cecil Konijnendijk by e-mail:

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## **IFOAM 2002 ORGANIC WORLD CONGRESS: CULTIVATING COMMUNITIES**

21-28 August 2002, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

The IFOAM 2002 Organic World Congress "Cultivating Communities" will bring together representatives of the organic movement from around the world, and is open to everyone interested in organic agriculture and sustainable development - farmers, researchers, advisors, food processors, traders, certifiers, policy-makers and consumers. More information at: <http://www.cog.ca> or [www.ifoam.org](http://www.ifoam.org).

## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON URBAN HORTICULTURE**

2-6 September 2002, Zurich, Switzerland

The aim of the Conference on Urban Horticulture is to present and discuss visions, innovations, research themes and solution concepts for urban green areas. Garden design and plant utilisation as well as the interactions between people and designed nature form the central themes of the conference. The five themes are Plants and Society; Public Green; Plant use and Landscaping; Assortment Development, Evaluation and Production; and Ecological Engineering. Visit: <http://www.urbanhorticulture.ch/> or send an e-mail to: [conference@hortikultur.ch](mailto:conference@hortikultur.ch).

## **CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN'S RIPE FROM DOWNTOWN™ SYMPOSIUM**

18-20 July 2002, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

This national symposium focuses on the creation of Garden-Based Entrepreneur Programmes for Youth. Schools and gardening organisations throughout the USA discover that adding an entrepreneur element to a youth gardening programme motivates the current youth to work, learn, and develop business and life skills. The "Ripe from Downtown Symposium" has gathered many of the best garden-based youth entrepreneur programmes in the country in order for them to share their knowledge and experience with others interested in starting their own programmes. Information and registration: Cleveland Botanical Garden, Ripe from

Downtown, 11030 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106, USA Tel.: (Mon-Fri 9a.m.-5p.m.): +1 216 7211600 extension 123, or Fax: +1 216 7212056.

### SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON URBAN REGENERATION AND SUSTAINABILITY: "THE SUSTAINABLE CITY 2002"

3-5 July 2002, Segovia, Spain

The Sustainable City 2002 stems from a series of conferences originating from the need to bring together different academics, professional and practitioners from a wide range of disciplines, to exchange ideas and identify best policies in practice for a viable urban environment. The conference aims to address many interrelated aspects of the urban environment, from transport and mobility to social exclusions and crime prevention. It is hoped that the meeting will build on the contributions made in previous meetings, which successfully managed to provide an international view of the problems facing modern cities and their solutions.

This conference is being organised by the Wessex Institute of Technology, UK.

For further information, contact the conference secretariat, Wessex Institute of Technology, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7AA, UK;

Tel.: + 44 (0) 238 029 3223;

Fax: + 44 (0) 238 029 2853;

e-mail: [lsouthcott@wessex.ac.uk](mailto:lsouthcott@wessex.ac.uk)

or, for the latest conference information visit

<http://www.wessex.ac.uk> or:

[http://www.uwin.siu.edu/dir\\_announce/callpaper/04022001.html](http://www.uwin.siu.edu/dir_announce/callpaper/04022001.html).

### ELECTRONIC CONFERENCE ON USE OF URBAN WASTE WATER

25 June - 5 July 2002

IWMI chairs the virtual water forum on urban wastewater re-use in

very-low-income countries, on the World Water Forum website

(<http://www.worldwaterforum.org/>). For more discussion, information on publications and events related to waste water please visit the IWMI website on:

<http://www.cgjar.org/iwmi/health/wastew/index.htm>

A sequence of events is in the pipeline to fully discuss the subject of wastewater re-use. June/July RUAF and IWMI will jointly organise an electronic conference. More information and topic papers will soon be published on the RUAF and IWMI website. IWMI is also organising an international Expert Meeting in September in Hyderabad. And no.8 of the UA Magazine will be dedicated to this subject to inform you on some of the results.

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### SEMINAR ON URBAN AND PERI-URBAN AGRICULTURE IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

20-22 June 2002, Sofia, Bulgaria

This seminar will discuss the results of a three-year project called "Soil and Water Management in Agricultural Production in Urban Areas (SWAPUA)".

The topics to be discussed include the potentials and limitations of urban agriculture for urban food production, poverty alleviation, and urban environmental management. The integration of agriculture into urban planning as well as the socio-economic impacts and potential of urban agricultural activities will be reviewed. City officials and senior staff of sectoral government organisations, NGOs and research institutes from Central and Eastern Europe are invited to participate in this important workshop. The seminar is co-funded by the EC and OSF; OSF is offering funds to a number of CEE participants to cover travel and accommodations costs. For registration and further information please contact Antoaneta Yoveva at: e-mail: [ayoveva@aster.net](mailto:ayoveva@aster.net); Tel.: +359 2 9801540; by post: Room 207, Alabin Street 22, Sofia 1000, Bulgaria.

### WORLD FOOD SUMMIT: FIVE YEARS LATER

10-13 June 2002, Rome, Italy

The World Food Summit: "Five Years Later", originally scheduled from 5-9 November 2001 has been rescheduled to 10-13 June 2002, in Rome, Italy. This summit was announced by the FAO Council when it became clear that the original summit's goal of cutting the number of hungry by half by the year 2015 would not be met without renewed effort. For further information see: [www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org), or contact: the Media Relations Branch: +39 06 5705 3625. A special issue of the UA Magazine has been prepared on the topic.

### FIFTH INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ECOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

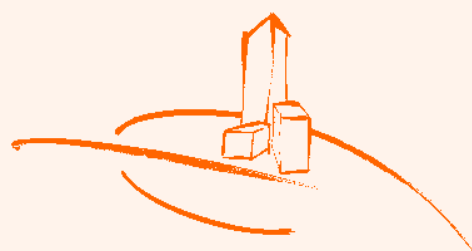
3-7 June 2002, Matanzas, Cuba

The Study Centre for Environment of the University of Matanzas (CENAM), together with other institutes is organising this workshop with the objective to exchange information and discuss alternative solutions on environmental management, education and technologies. Among the wide spectrum of themes, urban planning and the environment is one. The workshop will be held in Spanish and English. Please contact Dr. Juana Zoila Junco Horta, CENAM, Universidad de Matanzas, CUBA at: Fax +53 52 253101; Tel.: +53 52 261432; e-mail: [cemam@umcc.cu](mailto:cemam@umcc.cu) or [cemam@quimec.umcc.cu](mailto:cemam@quimec.umcc.cu) or see: <http://www.umcc.cu/ecodes/>.

### URBAN POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF ENHANCING FOOD SECURITY IN AFRICAN CITIES

27-31 May 2002, Nairobi, Kenya

This workshop is organised by UNHCS in partnership with the FAO, IDRC and SIUPA (CIP-based Strategic Initiative on UPA). Urban food security has become an issue on which governments, community-based organizations (CBOs), NGOs and UN agencies are placing a lot of emphasis. Emerging dynamics in sustainable urban development have given rise to new policy issues that need to be addressed by urban planners and managers and other relevant decision-makers. In the light of the increasing importance of urban agriculture in the fight against urban poverty, how should cities respond to



this phenomenon? How should urban planners and managers address peri-urban land conflicts? And what approaches should city authorities and urban planners adopt in order to facilitate the influx of food into cities and its marketing? The objectives are: to review and discuss the relative contribution of urban agriculture to the overall food needs of cities in Africa and to urban poverty reduction in general; to discuss the policy implications of urban food security; to recommend urban policy guidelines. There are five working groups:

- ❖ Working Group 1: Urban food security and poverty reduction;
- ❖ Working Group 2: Rural-urban food flows, internal distribution infrastructure and services;
- ❖ Working Group 3: Urban agriculture - covering land tenure, land-use conflicts, planning and development (including technical extension and environmental management);
- ❖ Working Group 4: Peri-urban agriculture - covering land tenure, land-use conflicts, planning and development;
- ❖ Working Group 5: Credit and investment in urban and peri-urban agriculture.

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## **URBAN AGRICULTURE: EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES IN SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND POLICY**

20-22 May 2002, Dallas, Texas, USA

This symposium aims to define and describe the components and issues of urban agriculture and examine the common ground and opportunities that exist between urban and rural communities. At the meeting, the CAST (Council for Agricultural Science and Technology) document on urban agriculture will be released and discussed. Contributing authors will provide abstracts that will be published in book form. In addition, invited speakers will provide chapters for a book on the proceedings to be published within six months of the meeting. Other written products from the symposium could include an executive summary for use with key leaders (e.g., legislators) and press packets on urban agriculture for the media.

Contact: [urbanag@tamu.edu](mailto:urbanag@tamu.edu) or go to: <http://urbanag.tamu.edu> .

## **FEEDING CITIES IN THE HORN OF AFRICA**

7-9 May 2002, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

This conference is organised by the Municipality of Addis Ababa and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), under the auspices of: World Bank Horn of Africa Food Security Initiative and FAO Food Supply and Distribution to Cities Initiative, in collaboration with: GTZ, UNDP, UNICEF, WHO and WFP. (East African Cities are growing rapidly. Their growth is accompanied by an increase in the number of urban households living in poverty. City and Local Authorities (CLAs) can play an important role in reducing urban food insecurity and should be supported technically and financially.) The objectives of the workshop are: - to identify major food security challenges in feeding East African cities and the role that CLAs can play;- to prepare a plan of action for the next ten years to strengthen the capacity of CLAs in enhancing urban food security; and- to facilitate South-South and North-South collaboration and technical assistance partnerships between CLAs, to address specific urban food supply and distribution constraints. More information can be found at: <http://www.fao.org/ag/ags/agsm/sada/eastafrica/index.htm>.

## **UN-HABITAT WORLD URBAN FORUM**

29 April-3 May 2002, Nairobi, Kenya

In its resolution 18/5 from 16 February 2001, the UN Commission on Human Settlements requested the executive director to, *inter alia*, "promote a merger of the Urban Environment Forum and the International Forum on Urban

Poverty into a new World Urban Forum, with a view to strengthening the coordination of international support to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda". Following from this request, the first session of the unified World Urban Forum will be held from 29 April - 3 May 2002 at the headquarters of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in Nairobi, Kenya. Participation in the World Urban Forum will be open-ended, but is, in principle, limited to representatives from national governments and Habitat Agenda Partners. The latter comprise local authorities, the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat, NGOs, CBOs, human settlement professionals, research institutions and academies of science, the private, business and non-profit sectors, foundations, relevant UN organisations and other international agencies.

For more details please visit:

<http://www.unchs.org/uf/introduction.htm> .

## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BUILDING SUSTAINABLE CITIES**

18-20 April 2002, Isle San Servolo Venice, Italy.

This Conference is organised by a consortium of universities (Florence, Venice, Turin) in Italy and the University of Salford, UK, and seeks to discuss recent developments in the development, design, use and management of the built environment, with attention to the strategies politicians and planners could employ. More information can be found at: <http://www.scpm.salford.ac.uk/venice>.

## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ORGANICS RECYCLING**

28 and 29 November, 2002

Japan Organics Recycling Association.

General information of conference is listed in English on the website:

<http://www.jora.gr.jp/symp/eng/guide.html>

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## **BIOFACH 2002**

14-17 February 2002, Nuremberg, Germany

BIOFACH 2002 was organised in the Exhibition Centre Nuremberg, Germany. The organisers counted more than 27,000 experts from all over the world, visiting the expo and gathering information about the international range of organic food and natural products from about 1900 exhibitors. The International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) supported BIOFACH 2002.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.biofach.de>.