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Happy New Year
May 2005 be a Wonderful Year for You!

I. Holiday greetings from the Chair

2004 was a very successful year for AES. Focusing on biological invasions between eastern Asia and North America, AES organized an ESA Symposium entitled “Biological Invasions: Species Exchanges between Eastern Asia and North America” in Portland, Oregon in August. AES also played a critical role in co-organizing “Beijing International Symposium on Biological Invasions: Species Exchanges Between Eastern Asia and North America: Threats to Environment and Economy” in Beijing in June. These two scientific events were reported in Science under the New Focus Section, entitled “Expanding trade with China creates ecological backlash” (www.esa.org/asian). These symposia increased research activities and influenced policy-making on the subject in Asian countries. Currently, AES is working on a special issue of both symposia for the Journal of Biological Invasions. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you happy holiday season!

ShiLi Miao

II. Studies in Asia

Ground-Based Photomonitoring of Ecological Changes In NW Yunnan, PRC

The Nature Conservancy (R. Moseley) has been using historical repeat photography to document ecological changes in northwestern Yunnan Province as part of its conservation planning efforts in China. This experience supported the development of a forward-sampling, ground-based, photomonitoring methodology designed around a high quality digital camera and a comprehensive database management system (J. Lassoie). This study confirmed that forward-sampling, repeat photography is a methodologically sound approach to monitoring long-term, ecological changes at the landscape or ecoregional level when conducted within an appropriate analytical framework using high quality digital equipment. Hence, it offers a low cost, relatively simple means to supplement information derived from more intensive GIS approaches. Interested Readers may contact

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Livelihood Improvement Through Ecology in Bangladesh

About 2,000 poor Bangladeshi farmers take on role of scientist and banish insecticides. Over the course of 2 years, they proved that insecticides are a complete waste of time and money, and that they can significantly reduce the amount of nitrogen fertilizer they use. They save, on average, \$17 per year, a 17% pay rise for people who struggle to provide sufficient food for themselves and their families, and enough to help put children through school or buy grain to tide rice-deficit farm families over to the next harvest. For more information, contact Duncan Macintosh, IRRI, DAPO Box 7777, Metro Manila, Philippines; tel +63-2-580-5600; fax: +63-2-580-5699; email d.macintosh@cgiar.org. Web sites: IRRI Home (www.irri.org), IRRI Library (<http://ricelib.irri.cgiar.org>), Rice Knowledge Bank (www.knowledgebank.irri.org), Rice facts (www.riceweb.com), Riceworld Museum and Learning Center (www.riceworld.org)

Information on Asian Section of the Society of Conservation Biology

We are gladly introducing you the Asian Section of the Society of Conservation Biology. Members of the Asian Section Board of Directors can be contacted collectively at email: AsiaBD@conbio.org. Please visit their web page at www.conbio.org/asia for more information, and you may also contact the communications officer [Linda Olsvig-Whittaker](mailto:Linda.Olsvig-Whittaker@nature-parks.org.il). Email: Linda.Whittaker@nature-parks.org.il

III. Coming conferences in Asia

Biodiversity Conservation in Asia: Current Status and Future Perspectives, Kathmandu, Nepal

November 17 – 20, 2005

The goal of this conference is to bring together practitioners of biodiversity conservation from throughout Asia, and the world, to share experiences and learn effective strategies for preserving Asia's biodiversity. The anticipated outcome of the conference will be an enhanced understanding of how conservation biology can best be developed and promoted in Asia. Working together, we will strive for an improved working relationship between conservationists throughout the region. A post-conference excursion to Royal Chitwan Conservation Park will be available for interested persons. Submit abstracts by email to: Linda Whittaker at linda.whittaker@nature-parks.org.il. Please visit the SCB Asia Section website for more information on the conference logistics, venue, and registration procedures!
http://www.conbio.net/SCB/AsiaMeetings_EN.asp

Session No. 044 of XXII IUFRO World Congress, Brisbane, Australia August 8-13, 2005

Symposium on Invasive plants in Forest Ecosystems

International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO) in its XXII World Congress scheduled in Brisbane, Australia from August 8 to 13, 2005 has decided to offer an intellectually rich platform for discussion on managing this fast emerging global issue posing serious threat to forest resources. **A session during this Congress is planned to discuss the Impact of Exotic Invasive Plant Species on the Forest Ecosystems tentative scheduled on Friday 12 August 2005.** For more information, please visit www.iufro2005.com or please contact:

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The International Conference on Reservoir Operation & River Management (ICROM) The 3rd National Conference on Reservoir Management & Hydroplant Operation, Guangzhou and Three Gorges, China September 17-23, 2005

The deadline for submitting abstract to ICROM is March 31, 2005. The Topics include Reservoir Operation, River Basin Management, Environment and Ecosystem, Dam Development and Impacts, Information Technology and Decision Support Systems. Please find more information at the conference website at <http://www.hydroinfor.zsu.edu.cn>. The conference will have two phases. The first phase will be held at Guangzhou City, while the second phase will be for parallel presentations and field visits to Three Gorges. If interested please contact:

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