

Welcome to the December 2005 SedWeb E-Mail Update, a regularly appearing summary of recent developments about contaminated sediments. This update is a service the Sediments Web Community (<http://www.sediments.org>), an online resource for researchers, regulatory officials, and environmental managers created by the U.S. EPA-sponsored Hazardous Substance Research Centers/South & Southwest (HSRC/SSW).

We invite your submissions for future updates. Contact Mark Hodges at mark.hodges@gtri.gatech.edu to make submissions or suggestions, or to add or remove your name from this list.

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CONFERENCES/MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

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January 8-12, 2006: International conference on "Ecology in an Era of Globalization" to be held in Merida, Mexico. The Ecological Society of America is organization the event, which is designed to develop strategies to increase international access to ecological knowledge and increase collaboration among environmental scientists. Go to <http://esa.org/montreal> and click on "Mexico Meeting."

January 26-27, 2006: 6th National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment on the theme "Energy for a Sustainable and Secure Future." Washington, DC, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. <http://www.ncseonline.org/ncseconference/2006conference/>

March 13-16: 16th Annual AEHS Meeting & West Coast Conference on Soils, Sediments, and Water, San Diego, California. <http://www.aehs.com/conferences>

April 2-6, 2006: Joint 8th Federal Interagency Sedimentation and 3rd Hydrologic Modeling Conferences. Silver Legacy Hotel, Reno Nevada. <http://water.usgs.gov/wicp/acwi/hydrology/mtsconfwkshops/ann-4-2-2006.html>

May 7-11, 2006: 16th Annual Meeting of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry's SETAC Europe Annual Meeting on the theme, "Controversies and Solutions in Environmental Sciences," in The Hague, The Netherlands. <http://www.setaceumeeting.org/thehague/>

May 22-25, 2006: 5th Annual International Conference on Remediation of Chlorinated and Recalcitrant Compounds, Monterey, CA. Sponsored by Battelle. <http://www.battelle.org/environment/er/conferences/chlorcon/default.stm>

May 22-26, 2006: International Association for Great Lakes Research Annual Conference on the theme "Great Lakes in a Changing Environment." Windsor, Ontario. <http://www.iaglr.org/conference/2006/>

May 23-25, 2006: 3rd Annual Symposium on Contaminated Sediments, Shizuoka, Japan, sponsored by ASTM International. <http://soildyn.oc.u-tokai.ac.jp/~iscs2006/>

June 25-30, 2006: 2nd Gordon Research Conference on Permeable Sediments at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. <http://www.grc.org/programs/2006/permsed.htm>

July 3-7, 2006: ICCE meeting on Sediment Dynamics and the Hydromorphology of Fluvial Systems. Dundee, Scotland. <http://www.sediments.org/circular.pdf>

August 6-11, 2006: 8th Annual Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant on the theme, "Integration of Science, Policy, and Socioeconomics." Madison, Wisconsin. <http://www.mercury2006.org/>

September 18-20, 2006: SETAC Asia/Europe Annual Meeting at Peking University in Beijing, China. For information, go to: http://www.setac.org/htdocs/what_meet_setac.html.

September 26-28, 2006: Third International Symposium on Integrated Water Resources Management, Ruhr-University Bochum. Conference theme: "Reducing The Vulnerability of Societies Against Water Related Risks at the Basin Scale." Sponsored by the International Commission for Water Resources Systems. <http://conventus.de/water/index.php>

October 16-19, 2005: 22nd Annual Conference on Soils, Sediments and Water, University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Deadline for abstracts/proposals is February 8, 2006. <http://www.umasssoils.com>

May 13-17, 2007: Coastal Sediments 2007 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Conference theme: Coastal Engineering and Science in Cascading Spatial and Temporal Scales. Deadline for receipt of abstracts is May 15, 2006. <http://www.asce.org/conferences/cs07/index.cfm>

WEB-ACCESSIBLE CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Speaker presentations (many with audio clips synchronized to slides) are now online from the NATO-sponsored Advanced Research Workshop on the Assessment and Remediation of Contaminated Sediments held in May 2005 in Bratislava, Slovak Republic. <http://www.hsrb-ssw.org/bratislava.html>

All lecture presentations from the Dredged Material Assessment and Management Seminar held April 26-28 in Boston, MA, can be found at <http://el.erdc.usace.army.mil/dots>. This training is held at least once a year by the Dredging Operations Technical Support (DOTS) Program and is hosted by a Corps Division or District office. This seminar focuses on assessment and testing for waters regulated under the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act and the Clean Water Act. Approximately 20 lecturers spoke on topics such as Regulations and Policies; Inland, Ocean, and Upland Testing Manuals; Sediment Quality Guidelines; Innovative Technologies; Contaminated Sediment Remediation; Risk Assessment Applications; Nearshore/Aquatic Placement Models; and other dredging-related subjects.

PUBLICATIONS

The Sediments Management Work Group (SMWG) is making available several downloadable documents of interest to the sediments community. They include: 1) a summary of the sediment areas of concern identified by the U.S. and Canada for the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration project (along with recommendations for action); 2) SMWG comments on the U.S. Environmental Protection's PCB cleanup and disposal regulations; and 3) SMWG comments on the implementation of the Great Lakes Legacy Act. To download any of these files, go to the SMWG home page at <http://www.smwg.org>.