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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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OTHER CONFERENCES/MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

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August 7-12: 90th Annual Meeting of Ecological Society of America (ESA) in conjunction with the 9th International Congress of Ecology. Montreal, Canada. Conference theme: "Ecology at Multiple Scales." <http://www.esa.org/montreal>.

August 28-September 2: 10th Annual International Symposium on the Interactions between Sediment and Water and the International Association for Sediment Water Science. Lake Bled, Slovenia. <http://www.wsc.monash.edu.au/iasws/2005symposium.htm>

August 29-September 1: Short course on "Remediation and Handling of Contaminated Sediments" sponsored by UNESCO Institute for Water Education. <http://www.ihe.nl/vmp/articles/Short-Courses/SHO-RHCS.html>

September 4-8: International Symposium on Wetland Pollutant Dynamics and Control at Het Pand, Ghent University in Ghent, Belgium. http://biomath.ugent.be/wetpol/index_high.html

October 16-21: 18th Biennial Conference on Estuarine Interactions in Norfolk, VA. Abstracts are invited from January 12 to March 15. <http://www.sgmeet.com/erf2005/default.htm>

October 17-20: Annual International Conference on Soils, Sediments and Water. Sponsored by University of Massachusetts at Amherst. <http://www.umasssoils.com>

November 29-December 1: 2005 Partners in Environmental Technology Technical Symposium & Workshop. Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) and Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP). For more information, send an e-mail to partners@hgl.com or call 703/736-4548. More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

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 organizing 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."

July 3-7, 2006: ICCE meeting on Sediment Dynamics and the Hydromorphology of Fluvial Systems.

Dundee, Scotland. <http://www.sediments.org/circular.pdf>

PUBLICATIONS

REPORT PUBLISHED ON SELECTION AND USE OF SEDIMENT AND WATER-QUALITY SAMPLERS. The U.S. Geological Survey has completed "A Guide to the Proper Selection and Use of Federally Approved Sediment and Water-Quality Samplers" by Broderick Davis and the Federal Interagency Sedimentation Project. This report will serve as a valuable guide and reference for all those involved in water-quality and sediment data collection. The report provides four flow-charts to guide the user through the selection process for determining the applicable piece of equipment based on the type of sampling to be done and the sampling conditions. The report also provides a brief description of each of the samplers and references for more detailed information. The report is available on-line from the U.S. EPA Office of Surface Water at http://water.usgs.gov/osw/pubs/ofr2005_1087.html

PROCEEDINGS OF INTERNATIONAL SEDIMENTS CONFERENCE PUBLISHED. Battelle Press has published the proceedings of its Third International Conference on Remediation of Contaminated Sediments held in New Orleans, LA, January 24-27, 2005. The conference theme was "Finding Achievable Risk Reduction Solutions, and the program addressed management considerations, policies, and guidelines that affect decision-making, the definition of remediation success, and lessons learned. The fully searchable CD proceedings contains 247 documents representing all platform talks and poster presentations. To purchase the proceedings, go to: <http://www.battelle.org/bclscript/bookstore/booktemplate.cfm?ISBN=1-57477-150-7>

REGULATORY NEWS

REMEDIATION PROJECTS

START OF HUDSON RIVER DREDGING POSTPONED. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will delay the beginning dredging of PCBs on the upper Hudson River in New York state until 2007. In a news release announcing the change, EPA said: "The change in the schedule is due to complexities in completing the Dredge Area Delineation (DAD) report for Phase 1 of the project, which was originally projected to be completed by Spring 2004. EPA and GE had to first resolve issues related to the criteria that would be used to determine the river areas to be dredged." EPA also announced that Energy Park is the only property needed for the project dewatering facility at this time. The agency expects construction of the Ft. Edward dewatering facility to start in 2006 and be completed in time for dredging operations to begin during the 2007 dredging season. For more information, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/hudson>.