

Dear GLP network members,

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We are currently finalizing our next newsletter and will distribute it in January 2008. The newsletter will have a new design and we will also have a small number of printed copies (our main mode of distribution remains electronic, supplemented occasionally by printed versions). In the meantime we would like to keep you updated on some events and news that might be relevant for your work.

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1. **GLP SSC**

At the end of 2007, the Steering Committee (SSC) of the Global Land Project thanks the outgoing SSC members **Suzi Kerr** (New Zealand), **Paul Leadley** (France) and **Jotaro Urabe** (Japan) for their contributions to GLP.

We warmly welcome our new SSC members **Dawn Parker** (USA) <http://mason.gmu.edu/~dparker3/> **Sandra Lavorel** (France) <http://www-leca.ujf-grenoble.fr/membres/lavorel.htm> and **Hideaki Shibata** (Japan) http://forest.fsc.hokudai.ac.jp/~member/hs/index_en.htm and look forward to a successful cooperation.

2. **Jobs**

PhD student assistantship

Department of Geography, San Diego State University: A doctoral graduate student is sought to join an interdisciplinary project that integrates GIScience, landscape ecology, and human socioeconomics for studying wildlife habitat and human dynamics. For more information see: <http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~lian/jobs.htm>.

Postdoctoral/Senior Researcher

International Relations/Global Governance/Sustainable Development. Information and application: Website www.vu.nl/vacatures

Senior Social Scientist

Stockholm Resilience Centre on Research for Governance of Social- Ecological Systems. Stockholm Resilience Centre seeks an internationally recognized social scientist with a strong experience in research on integrated social-ecological systems. Website: www.stockholmresilience.su.se

Two Assistant or Associate Professors in Sustainability Science.

Arizona State University, School of Sustainability Application Deadline: December 3, 2007 or until search is closed. Contact: Gronberg(at)asu.edu. Website: <http://schoolofsustainability.asu.edu>

Two postdoc research positions.

Land Use Change Modeling, University of Edinburgh. Application Deadline: January 7, 2008 Website: http://www.jobs.ed.ac.uk/vacancies/index.cfm?fuseaction=vacancies.detail&vacancy_ref=3008355

GMBA Database expert for mountain biodiversity datamining. Website:

http://www.gmba.unibas.ch/news/GMBA_Database_job.pdf

3. GLP Meetings/Conferences/Workshops (recent and upcoming).

We successfully held two events in Copenhagen recently (October 2007): a Globalisation workshop and the LaSyS Conference (co-organised by GLP). You can find more information on these events on <http://www.globallandproject.org/GLP-workshop.shtml> (Globalisation workshop) and <http://www.lasys.dk/index.shtml> (LaSyS Conference).

We have also put webcasts of both events online! You can watch the individual presentations online! (QuickTime Player required) <http://www.globallandproject.org/Webcasts.shtml>

The following list shows all events that GLP currently plans for 2008. This includes only events we organise or co-organise ourselves!

For a full list of events that might be interesting for the GLP community please check the **event calendar** on our webpage.

GLP events 2008	
February	‘The design of integrative models of natural and social systems in land change science’. Global Land Project Nodal Office Aberdeen, UK, February 28–March 02. Workshop organized and hosted by the Global Land Project Nodal Office on Integration and Modelling, Aberdeen, UK. This workshop will aim to take a broad overview of where the modelling community is today in terms of integrating models of natural and social systems. It will provide an opportunity for modellers working at different scales with different remits and approaches to discuss commonalities and differences. To find out more see: http://glp.macaulay.ac.uk/workshop.php .
March	‘Advanced prediction of biome boundary shifts in regional and global dynamic vegetation models’. Frontier Research Center of Global Change, JAMSTEC, Yokohama, Japan, March 4–7. By invitation only - please contact Takashi Kohyama: Kohyama(at)ees.hokudai.ac.jp . For more information please see: http://www.glp.hokudai.ac.jp/link1/BiomeBoundaryWs.html
May	‘4th IGBP Congress Sustainable Livelihoods in a Changing Earth System’. Cape Town International Convention Center, Cape Town, South Africa, May 5-9. GLP organises several sessions during this event. By invitation only. For more information please see: http://www.igbp2008.co.za/index.php?id=1 . ‘Global Land Use Mapping Workshop’. Institute of Social Ecology, University of Klagenfurt, and the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, Vienna, Austria, May 22-23. By invitation only. In the field of global land cover and land use, accurate and spatially explicit information on land use has been frequently identified as a major data gap, especially with regards to agricultural land use. Several attempts are being made at the moment to link statistics and satellite information to map current agricultural land use for integrated modelling purposes. The Global Land Project will be involved in this workshop and make the results available through the GLP website.

June	'Path dependencies in land use systems' . Tentative date: June 25 . Small workshop organized and hosted by the Global Land Project Nodal Office on Vulnerability, Resilience and Sustainability of Land Systems, Sapporo, Japan.
July	'Data and model integration for coupled models of land use change' . Date to be determined . Workshop organized and hosted by the Global Land Project Nodal Office on Integration and Modelling, Aberdeen, UK. This second workshop will follow on from the first. A range of issues relating to integration of data and coupled natural/social system models will be explored. Topics will include spatial scales and aggregation e.g. definition of appropriate spatial units (or levels of aggregation) to establish correspondence between biophysical and socio-economic variables and multi-scale approaches with emphasis on the need for mutual consistency.
October	'Social Challenges of Global Change - The Open Meeting 2008. IHDP's 7th International Science Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change' . New Delhi, India, October 15-19 . GLP organises several sessions during this event (see http://www.globallandproject.org/documents.shtml) For general information please see: http://www.openmeeting2008.org/ or contact Lis Mullin: mullin(at)ihdp.unu.edu.
November	Mongolian plateau workshop. November 2008 . Co-organized by the Global Land Project Nodal Office on Land Use and Ecosystem Interactions, Beijing, China. More information soon on our website. 'Scaling and governance' . Wageningen workshop. End 08/early 09. More information soon on our website.

4. News from the Nodal Offices

All Nodal Offices have their own webpages online now and are fully up and running, please check their respective webpages for latest updates

- **Sapporo** (Japan): <http://www.glp.hokudai.ac.jp/>
- **Aberdeen** (UK): <http://glp.macaulay.ac.uk/index.php>
- **Beijing** (China): <http://www.glp-beijing.org.cn/>

5. Call for Contributions IHDP Open Meeting GLP sessions

GLP is organising 4 sessions at the IHDP Open Meeting New Delhi, India, October 15, 2008 <http://www.openmeeting2008.org/>.

The draft description of this sessions can be found here:

<http://www.globallandproject.org/documents.shtml>

- **Land-use continuity and change: adaptation in coupled human-environment systems** http://www.globallandproject.org/GLP_Session_1.pdf
- **Integrative models of human and environmental systems in land change science** http://www.globallandproject.org/GLP_Session_2.pdf
- **Global land use research and datasets. From historical land-use to human appropriation of biomass** http://www.globallandproject.org/GLP_Session_3.pdf
- **How do culture, beliefs, attitudes and traditions in urban societies affect environmental change or are in turn affected by environmental change?** (This is lead by IHDP's

Urbanisation Project UGEC <http://www.ugec.org/tiki-index.php> , in cooperation with GLP).
Session description coming soon!

We are seeking expressions of interest for participation in the proposed sessions through a short abstract submission - we would appreciate receiving your abstracts as soon as possible (preferably by Jan 15th). If you have already submitted an abstract for the conference that fits in one of the proposed sessions, please do let us know – it is possible that we could still incorporate the abstract in one of the sessions. If you have already submitted abstracts unrelated to the listed proposed sessions but within the GLP scientific agenda, please let us know for a coordination of GLP related abstracts.

Interested researchers are asked to submit a **250 word abstract** of their proposed contribution. The abstract should indicate the session in which the contribution is submitted. It should contain some information on the methodology and data sources as well as location and spatial scale of the work. The submission should be accompanied by a short CV of each author/co-author. Abstracts and CVs should be submitted by email to tla@geogr.ku.dk.

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