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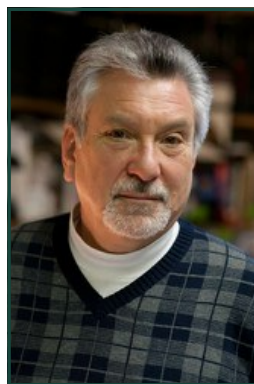
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Notes from the Executive Director

Well, your Executive Committee and Council finally got their reports in (or at least some of the reports), and we have at last completed our *Keeping in Touch* newsletter, which is making its way to all of our members. As many of you know, this has been a very hectic year in Happy Valley. Somehow being involved in Senate activities created a huge black hole, which I am only now crawling out of. Thankfully Susan Thompson, our most able IASNR assistant, together with Paulus Mau, our webmaster, have been able to keep the membership up to date on announcements, job openings, grant possibilities, new papers and books, other interesting and related meetings, and the like on our continuing to evolve webpage. I will have a bit more to say



A.E. Luloff
Executive Director

about the intractable issues related to getting the newsletter out in a more timely fashion later in this relatively short message. But here I want to acknowledge all of the really good things that have happened since our last *Keeping in Touch*.

First, we were very fortunate to have Jill Belsky (Professor of Rural and Environmental Sociology and Director of Bolle Center for People and Forests, University of Montana) and Dan Williams (Research Social Scientist, Human Dimensions Science Program of Rocky Mountain Research Station, Fort Collins, Colorado) agree to take on the editorship of our journal *Society & Natural Resources*. Jill and Dan bring enormous amounts of experience, energy, and enthusiasm to their roles, and I am confident they will continue the tremendously successful efforts of their predecessors – Don Field, Rabel Burdge, Fred Buttel, Rick Krannich,

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Time to Renew Your 2012 IASNR Membership!

All current and past IASNR members are encouraged to renew their memberships for 2012 using our on-line membership renewal and membership management system. It is very simple – simply log on to the IASNR web site, www.iasnr.org, and click on the “members” button at the top of the main page. This will take you to the membership management

page where you can renew your membership (or establish a new membership) on-line. All on-line membership transactions are processed via credit card payment through a *secure* PayPal account established by IASNR specifically for this purpose. Although we still accept membership payments through

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2012 ISSRM — Edmonton, Alberta, Canada June 17 - 21, 2012

ISSRM 2012
June 17-21, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

**“Linking the North and the South:
Responding to Environmental Change”**

www.issrm2012.iasnr.org

Important dates:

- Early-bird registration ends **May 17th, 2012**
- Electronic versions of presentations sent to ISSRM 2012 web site due **May 25th 2012**

Field Trip information for Tuesday, June 19th (see conference website for complete details). All prices include lunch and bus transportation (if applicable):

- 1. Upgraders and Ecosystems:** Visit Alberta's Industrial Heartland and learn about Edmonton's innovative approaches to waste and water management. **Price: \$35**
- 2. Orchids vs. Goliath:** Visit the Wagner Bog natural area, where a local naturalist will lead a walk through the bog, discussing its biology and conservation history. **Price: \$35**
- 3. Cycling & Walkability:** Learn about the City's human-powered transportation initiatives on this guided cycle tour of the river valley and enjoy the sites of Edmonton. **Price: \$48, includes bike rental**
- 4. Food Futures and Urban Development:** A bus tour exploring sustainable food production in NE Edmonton. Features a case study of Edmonton's recent updating of its Municipal Development Plan. **Price: \$35**



Jasper National Park

- 5. Stewardship in the Beaverhills:** The Beaverhills region is currently going through a Biosphere Reserve application process. Visit this region east of Edmonton to learn about the unique aspects of this moraine. **Price: \$36**
- 6. Canoe the North Saskatchewan River:** Experience the North Saskatchewan River as the early explorers did, in voyageur canoes. Learn about the management issues confronting resource and land managers attempting to conserve the valley. **Price: \$48, includes canoe rental**

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7. Connecting with the “Ribbon of Green”: Hike Edmonton’s largest ravine with an Edmonton based naturalist. Presentations on the City’s Master Naturalist program and provincial park agency efforts to connect with New Canadians will provide visitors with new insights on outreach programs. **Price: \$25**

8. Greening our Campus: A walking tour of the University of Alberta’s main and south campuses that highlights the university’s efforts to “green” its operations and encourage sustainable activities such as campus community gardens. **Price: \$15**

Keynote Speakers:

- **Monday, June 18th: Gary Machlis**
The Ecology of Hope and Devastation
- **Wednesday, June 20th: D. W. Schindler**
The Academic Scientist as Environmental Advocate
- **Thursday, June 21st: Erin Freeland Ballantyne**
Intergenerational Equity & Decolonization: An Argument for Love in an Era of Rapid Environmental Change

Social Events:

- * **Student Forum (Sunday, June 17th):** Stay tuned for sign-up information!
- * **Welcome Reception (Sunday, June 17th):** Join us for an official welcome to Edmonton, Alberta, for ISSRM 2012
- * **Poster Session/Reception/Silent Auction (Monday, June 18th):** Enjoy posters, light

appetizers, live music, and take part in our silent auction to raise money for the Student Scholarship

- * **New Members’ Reception (Tuesday, June 19th):** Enjoy appetizers, drinks, and the company of new members. Please sign up when you register to help us gauge attendance.
- * **Student Quiz Bowl (Wednesday, June 20th):** Keep your eye on the conference website for team sign-up information
- * **ISSRM BBQ at the Devonian Botanical Gardens (Wednesday, June 20th):** The final official event of ISSRM 2012. Join us for delicious food, live bluegrass music, dancing, and fantastic company. (Included in registration)



Park Skyline



2011 ISSRM — Madison, Wisconsin, USA June 4 - 8, 2011

ISSRM 2011 in Madison A Resounding Success

The 2011 International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) was a wonderful success with over 500 participants and guests from several nations. The symposium took place June 3-8, in Madison, Wisconsin, during record high temperatures. It was held at the Memorial Union, a beautiful and historic venue on Lake Mendota on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. Under the overarching theme of *Integrating Conservation and Sustainable Living*, the symposium covered topics ranging from sustainable living to water resources conservation to landscape agroecology, engaging a truly interdisciplinary group of participating researchers, students, and resource managers.

85 attend Student Forum

On Saturday, the eve of most events, 85 students participated in the Student Forum. The Forum provided a valuable opportunity for student members of IASNR to get to know one another and acquire professional development skills. Participants could choose from sessions on grant writing, advice for preparing a strong curriculum vitae and cover letter, and panel sessions on both academic and non-academic career opportunities. Additionally, through the generosity of many sponsors, 115 student registration fee scholarships were offered, fostering the growth of student participation in the conference and membership in IASNR.

Three field trips offered

On Sunday, three field trips were offered that illustrated the theme of the symposium. Participants of the *Powder, People, and Place: Conservation and Sustainability on the Sauk Prairie* field trip toured a former army ammunition plant to learn about the social and ecological issues of decommissioning the facility; e.g., prairie restoration, materials recycling, government takings, environmental justice, water quality, sustainable agriculture, tribal rights, and community engagement in the process. Following a tour of the facility, the group enjoyed lunch, presentations, and a hike at Devil's Lake State Park—often considered Wisconsin's most beautiful state park. The *Sustainable Living* field trip explored sustainability in everyday living. The day began with a visit to a grass-fed beef operation. The owners



L to R: Richelle Winkler, Rabel Burdge, Don Field, Becky Schewe

sell their beef through farmer-to-consumer direct markets. Next the group headed to the Aldo Leopold Foundation for a tour of their LEED certified building and a tour of the Leopold Shack. Their final stop was at the Goodman Community Center back in Madison where they learned about the urban sustainability programs available in the city. A third group spent a picture perfect day outdoors canoeing the Wisconsin River, a popular canoeing river that meanders through bluffs, oak forests, prairies, farms, and sandbars in the unglaciated "Driftless Area" of southwestern Wisconsin. Along the way, they stopped for lunch on a sand bar and explored the dynamics of landscape conservation in a mosaic of public and private land and the development of a

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Aerial view of campus

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unique state scenic protection regulatory authority on the river.

Sessions offered a diversity of topics

The foundation of the symposium was constructed of about 345 paper presentations, 29 organized special sessions, and 58 poster presentations. Topics were wide ranging, offering participants many presentations of interest at each time slot. A special roundtable entitled *Integrated Conservation and Economic Development in Alberta and Wisconsin* offered various perspectives on the proposed Keystone pipeline from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico with Mel Knight, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development in Alberta, Canada, and George Meyer, former Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, serving as commentators.

Thought provoking plenary sessions

In addition to the special events and the plethora of session topics, there were also two thought-provoking plenary addresses. On Monday, author Terra Brockman presented *Eating for Good: Pleasing Yourself While Saving the Planet*, in which she discussed agricultural practices and the ecological and social impact each person makes every time he or she eats. On Tuesday, Stan Albrecht, President of Utah State University, gave his address on *Environment, Society, and the 21st Century University*, where he focused on the influence of human actions in terms of how universities can play an implicit role in countering carbon-based fuel consumption and population growth.

Many opportunities to socialize

Several social events—the Welcome Reception, Business Meeting Lunch, Poster Session Reception, and Brat and Brew Picnic—gave participants opportunities to meet and network with fellow attendees in a relaxed setting.

A truly engaging event, the 2011 ISSRM conference's success denotes the rising awareness of the importance of considering both societal and natural resources components when managing our natural resources.

Best Student Papers Awards

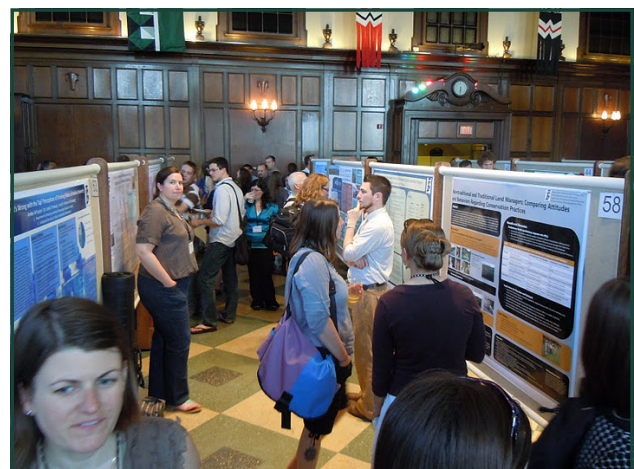
The 2011 ISSRM conference in Madison, Wisconsin, included recognition of three graduate students whose papers were selected for recognition in the ISSRM Best Student Papers Awards competition.



Courtney Flint and Don Field

The Best Doctoral Student Paper Award went to **Loka Ashwood and Noelle Harden**, co winners, PhD students from University of Wisconsin-Madison, for their paper *For the Public Good: Weaving a Multifunctional Landscape in the Corn Belt*.

The Best MS Student Paper Award recipient was **Spenser Plumb**, a MS student at Northern Arizona University. Spenser's paper was titled *Moving REDD Beyond Opportunity Costs: Social and Cultural Values Associated with Indigenous Forest Uses*.



Poster Session



2011 ISSRM — Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia June 13 - 17, 2011

The 17th International Symposium for Society and Natural Resource Management (ISSRM 2011) Hit Sabah, Malaysia

As an economy that relies heavily on natural resources for its wealth, it is important that the 17th International Symposium for Society and Natural Resource Management (ISSRM 2011) was held in Sabah. The Symposium was held at the Le Meridien Hotel, Kota Kinabalu, in the state of Sabah, Malaysia, from the 14th to the 17th of June, jointly hosted by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), and the International Association for Society and Natural Resources (IASNR). Significantly, this is the first time that the ISSRM was held in Asia.

Close to 170 participants attended the Symposium, attracting not only academicians but also members of non-government organizations (NGO) local and international (WWF, Partners of Community Organisation Sabah – PACOS, to name a couple), local/indigenous communities who manage resources out of sheer necessity to survive, as well as those managing natural resources under the employment of the state, including the department of Forestry. About 70 percent of the participants were from outside Malaysia, namely Australia and the Pacific, Asia (Taiwan, Japan, the Philippines, and Europe — especially Sweden, Germany, Denmark, and England). There were a few participants from the United States. Universities from Peninsular Malaysia were well represented.

Examples of the sharing of experiences can be seen in the composition of some sessions. An organized session consisting of the Director of Sabah Department of Forestry, representatives from non-government organizations, and a cooperative belonging to an

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indigenous community — the Orang Sungei — talked about community capacity building. It described about how the Orang Sungei changed, over a period of 13 years, from being involved in timber harvesting to one of nature rehabilitation through ecotourism. Even more interesting was that the panel was sponsored by the Australian National University, Canberra. The mix of topic and parties involved in organizing the panel attracted a great deal of media attention, as seen in the coverage about it in a local newspaper.



Keynote Speakers

The keynote speakers were well chosen for the scale that their topics covered. Professor Richard Howitt, of Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, tackled issues of inter-cultural understanding and research ethics that are relevant in any context, and Professor Tania Li, of the University of Toronto, Canada, held the audience's attention as she talked about struggles over land access across Southeast Asian. An equally mesmerizing paper was given by Madam Jannie Lasimbang, who comprehensively examined the situation regarding customary land in the state of Sabah.

Some Selected Sessions

That Sabah is a major oil palm exporter in the world is an experience shared with those of other countries in a 12 member organized session that took place over two days on the 16th and 17th of June. Agronomists, geographers, sociologists, and anthropologists working on Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands came together at this session to analyze the social changes that are taking place at the policy, social (political), and economic levels in the said countries. Many of the presenters have worked on oil palm for

five years or more.

The experience of the tsunami in Japan in 2011 was shared with conference participants by presenters from Chiba University. The panelists shared with the world Japan's civil society experience of assisting community recovery. Professor Al Luloff's role in helping to organize this panel is well acknowledged.


There were papers by universities from around the world on climate change. Of special interest were two organized sessions on Reduced Emissions from Deforestation in Developing Countries (REDD). One such session was from Australia with contributions on Vietnam and other countries including Australia. Another organized session on REDD was from the United States.

Pre- and Post-Conference


UMS worked hard to bring this event to Sabah. The School of Social Sciences tendered a bid in 2007 at the ISSRM conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Since winning the bid, an active organizing committee made up of members of the School of Social Sciences, School of Business and Economics, and the School of Psychology and Social Work, headed by the Dean of Social Sciences, Hj. Inon Shahrudin, as well as Associate Prof. Dr. Fadzilah Majid Cooke, set to work in bringing the conference to fruition. The university was honoured to have Professor Al Luloff to represent IASNR in Kota Kinabalu.

For UMS, the post conference development is equally important. Two volumes of journal special issues are being planned and will materialize in 2012/2013. Collaborative research plans are afoot on the issue of community based inland water management and the geo-political and economic implications of Chinese capital and energy production through dam construction. The projects are initiated by universities in England and Taiwan with UMS staff as collaborators. UMS hopes that the introduction to Sabah to those who have never been there before will bring them back to the state and to Malaysia.

2013 ISSRM — Estes Park, Colorado
June 4 - 8, 2013

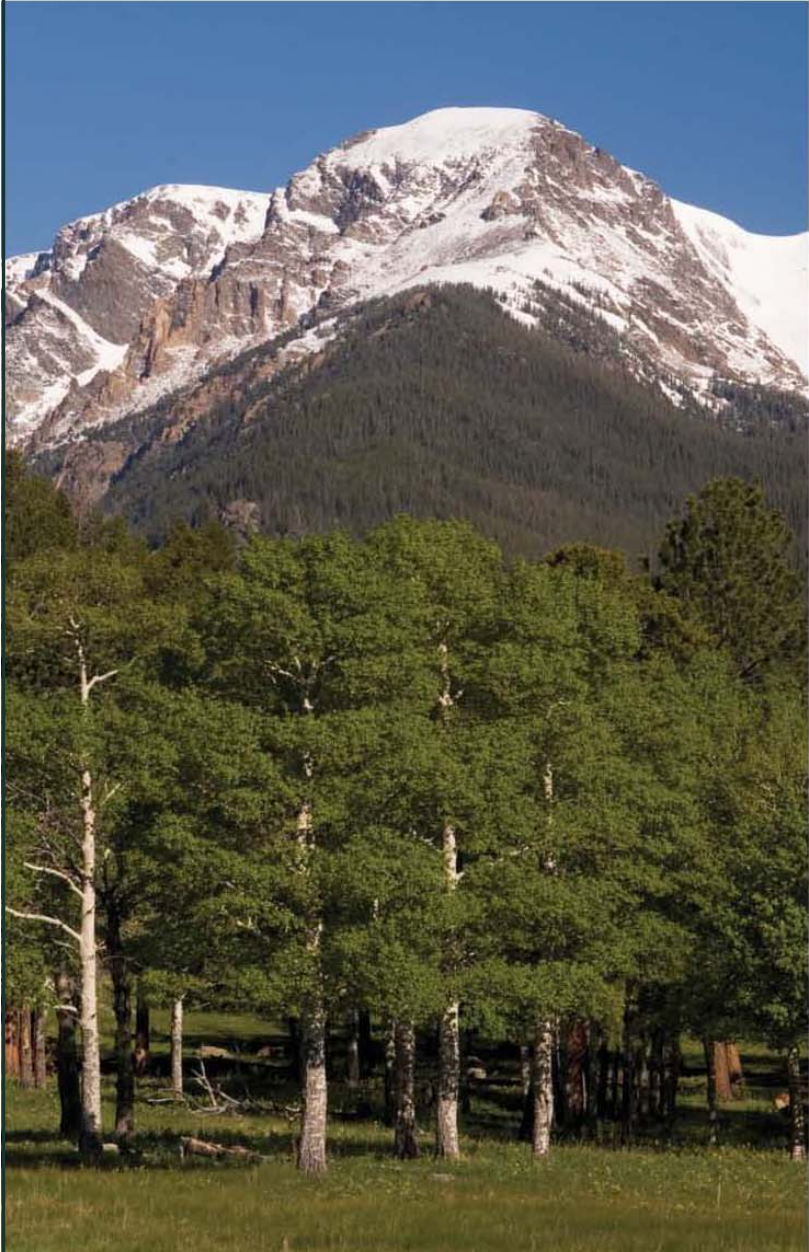



2013 ISSRM
A Time for Integration





Colorado State University

International Symposium for Society and Resource Management
June 4 - 8, 2013
YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado









Social Ecology Press Bookstore

Social Ecology Press (SEP) is now part of the IASNR. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to continue the work of SEP and to provide this service to our members. We now have a direct link on the IASNR home page to the Bookstore and can take payment through PayPal. Most recently, we've not had this capability and are now better prepared to meet your needs.

Please consider using our titles in the courses you teach. We can provide bulk discounts as well as a 10 percent savings to IASNR members.

If you have any difficulty using the link, placing your orders, or have other questions about SEP, please contact the IASNR treasurer, Jim Finley, at fj4@psu.edu or 814-863-0402.

Social Impact Assessment Books

- A Community Guide to Social Assessment (R.J. Burdge)
- Social Assessment: Theory, Process and Techniques (C.N. Taylor, C.H. Bryan, C.G. Goodrich)
- The Concepts, Process and Methods of Social Impact Assessment (R.J. Burdge)

Classics in Rural Sociology Books

- Daydreams and Nightmares (W.R. Burch)
- Diffusion Research in Rural Sociology (F.C. Fliegel, P. Korsching)
- Man, Mind and Land (W. Firey)
- Rural Sociology and the Environment (D.R. Field, W.R. Burch)
- The Community in Rural America (K.P. Wilkinson)
- Three Iron Mining Towns (P.H. Landis)



*"Ain't life as an
ex-department head
grand!"*

Rick Krannich

From the Editors of *Society & Natural Resources*

Introduction from the New Editors-in-Chief (2012-2015)

Society & Natural Resources has been turned over to a new editorial team: Jill M. Belsky and Daniel R. Williams as Editors-in-Chief and Maureen Bookwalter as Assistant Editor. We want to thank the outgoing team—Troy Hall, Tom Beckley, and Patricia Cohn—for so ably shepherding the journal through major changes, including the expansion to twelve issues per year and online manuscript management via ScholarOne. We greatly appreciate the assistance they offered during our transition period and want to especially thank Patricia Cohn, outgoing Assistant Editor, for helping us learn the ins and outs of managing the journal.

As described on the International Association for Society and Natural Resources' web site, *Society & Natural Resources* publishes "cutting edge research, wild card ideas, and intellectually stimulating and sound scholarship . . . pertaining to a broad range of topics addressing the relationships between social and biophysical systems." Operationally, the journal meets these goals by providing a variety of article types. The web page self-frames the journal as "eclectic" and asserts a desire to keep it that way.

But what does it mean to call something "cutting edge" in social-biophysical system research, especially in 2012 when there are many quality journals addressing similar topics? What does it mean to say we include a "broad range of topics" but also indicate we have our own niche, albeit an eclectic one, germane to *SNR* readers? What can and should a new editorial team do to meet these objectives as well as to improve the journal? Our vision for *SNR* builds on the organization's core foundational philosophy of embracing topics pertaining to timely and important challenges for the analysis of society, environment, and natural resource interactions, and their management. We hope to publish articles that speak to critical challenges in the theoretical as well as applied dimensions of these issues, while offering both scholarly depth and broad appeal to the diverse *SNR* readership. By

"eclectic" we reiterate an important openness to publishing work that deals with any of the key social forces shaping natural resources such as values and culture, class and economics, and power and politics. We encourage scales of analysis from the smallest micro-level of individuals involving psychological dimensions up through middle range theories and units of analysis such as community, towns, regions, nations, to the most macro-scales of global dynamics. Our own personal research backgrounds and institutional affiliations reflect such diversity. We are particularly interested in studies that inform interactions across these social forces and scales. If we have learned anything over recent decades, it is that the social and human dimensions of natural resources are multifaceted and complex. Another aspect of that complexity involves biological and ecological processes, perspectives we hope to encourage during our tenure. While the journal does not privilege a particular social or ecological theory, we hope our authors and readers will engage integrative, interdisciplinary, and systems approaches that address social and ecological systems as not just connected, but co-evolving over time and place; these include but are not limited to resilience theory and sustainability studies. As editors, we encourage those working in the interface between social and ecological theory, practice, and policy to consider publishing in *SNR*.

We also seek articles that are not just "new" in the sense of not previously published, but that are *transformative*. We encourage submissions that suggest new paths or possibilities in social-ecological scientific thinking and exploration, institutional arrangements, policy analysis and formation, and everyday practice and communication. With regard to the latter, we would like to see the pages of *SNR* come more alive, not just in the general research section, but in offering provocative ("wild card ideas") commentary and editorials in our sections on policy reviews and essays, forum and insights and applications. Insights from practitioners are particularly welcomed, that is those actively responsible for making decisions and implementing new policies: please consider writing what you see as motivating these actions and what is working or not for you, including

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From the Editors of *Society & Natural Resources*, continued

why. We will continue the policy to review proposals for special issues as outlined on the IASNR web page, typically being able to accept at most one special issue per year. Consequently, special issue proposals should involve topics, approaches and insights that are particularly noteworthy, transformative, and well-coordinated.

We realize that the popularity of SNR has led to considerable submissions and a backlog, at times, for review, decision making, and publication of manuscripts. Our recent move to 12 issues has helped reduce the backlog as has innovations in electronic submission, review, communication, and publishing. The “ScholarOne” software has been instrumental in facilitating all of the above. The more recent use of the “iFirst” program enables accepted articles to appear electronically before they appear in print. Beginning in 2012, printed issues of the journal will be compiled and sent quarterly rather than monthly; monthly issues will still be available electronically as before. The “print less frequent” model was developed by our publisher to save paper, costs, and resources that can now be allocated to improving the content and maintaining fast electronic delivery of accepted papers. The iFirst production schedule will deliver a faster turn-around time of accepted, but unpaginated articles posted on the Internet 6–8 weeks after acceptance. We are committed to getting accepted articles in print in a more rapid fashion as well, ideally within a year or less after acceptance. However, the manuscript review period remains highly dependent on the work and timeliness of our reviewers. This process can be greatly expedited if invitations to review a manuscript are quickly accepted or rejected, and alternate reviewer names with current email addresses provided with the decision email. We encourage all of you to consider reviewing manuscripts, and to recommend qualified graduate students as reviewers as well, since they are likely to benefit from the experience of reviewing and be able to provide up-to-date and thorough reviews.

Thank you for your attention and continued support of SNR. We encourage you to write us with your thoughts, responses, and/or suggestions for SNR over the next three years.

Jill M. Belsky and Daniel R. Williams, Editors-in-Chief

Important News for Readers of *Society & Natural Resources*

From the start of 2012, *Society & Natural Resources* will be changing from **12** to **4** print issues per year. This change in print frequency does not affect the overall number of pages in the annual volume, but will reduce the environmental impact of printing and shipping the issues so frequently.

Bringing together social science research on present and emerging environmental and natural resource issues, *Society & Natural Resources* provides a forum for scientific, refereed research that underlies management decisions on natural resource development from multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary social science perspectives. The knowledge base focuses on natural resource management issues, including biological and physical changes, such as: acid rain; biological and genetic diversity in worldwide agriculture; hazardous and solid waste disposal; and forest, fishery, soil, and water degradation.

Society & Natural Resources is ranked 17th out of 47 journals in Planning Development (Social Sciences), 34th out of 77 journals in Environmental Studies (Social Sciences), and 36th out of 129 journals in Sociology (Social Sciences) with a 5-year Impact Factor of 1.594.

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I hope you have enjoyed reading *Society & Natural Resources* during 2011 and that you are keen to continue subscribing to this title next year. Please find a renewal notice included with this letter. We’ve made renewing simple for you by launching an online renewal site at www.iasnr.org.

Further information on the journal can be found at www.iasnr.org.

IASNR Council Meeting Minutes

IASNR Council Meeting June 5, 2011 Madison, Wisconsin

Attendees: Al Luloff, Jim Finley, Jerry Vaske, Tom Fish, Tom Beckley, Troy Hall, Naomi Krogman, Liz Halpenny, Doug Smith, Joan Brehm, Kathy Halverson, Angela Mertig, Chris Raymond.

The minutes from the last meeting of the IASNR Council (June 8, 2010) were approved. In like manner, the treasurer's report was also approved. Motions to accept were made by Joan Brehm and Naomi Krogman.

Status of Social Ecology Press (SEP). IASNR now owns the press and the books. SEP is now a cost center, making it necessary to have accounts for IASNR, ISSRM, and SEP. Copies of the current titles were on display near the registration desk. There are a limited number of the *Summary of Knowledge* books, distributed at the 2004 Keystone, Colorado ISSRM meeting, currently available. Paulus Mau has developed a link on the IASNR website for on-line ordering from SEP. All transactions will go through IASNR's PayPal account; this is a necessary 501 (c)(3) requirement.

Editor Search. Jill Belsky and Dan Williams are the new Co-Editors of *Society & Natural Resources*. Matt Carroll volunteered to mentor the new editors and Chris Raymond volunteered to assist.

Election Results.

- Angela Mertig – Middle Tennessee State University – Re-elected for a second term
- Naomi Krogman – University of Alberta-Edmonton – Re-elected for a second term
- Steve Selin – West Virginia University
- Tom Fish – Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Units
- Chris Raymond – University of South Australia – Student member

Comments on the New IASNR Executive Officer Elections. The Council discussed new procedures for IASNR Executive Officer elections. The current by-laws indicate that there should be broad representation. A question arose regarding who can serve as Executive Director. At the moment, only council members can serve as the Executive Director. Matt Carroll stressed the importance of past experience on council. Joan Brehm and Kathy Halverson suggested that there should be a vote of the membership for Executive Council. There was

agreement that it should not be popularity contest. Jim Absher noted that given our 501(c)(3) organization status, we need to change by-laws before we can change the way elections occur. Chris Raymond noted the importance of international representation. Tom Beckley noted the challenges of getting international representation. We might consider bringing people together via a teleconference. Liz Halpenny suggested more frequent meetings that are task focused. Al Luloff reminded the council that on only two occasions have international council members participated in the meetings. The group agreed that we need criteria for Executive Directors nominations and a vetting process. One basic criterion is the candidate has to be active in the meetings.

Site Selections for 2013 and 2014. Colorado State University will host the 2013 ISSRM conference. Interest has been expressed for hosting the 2014 ISSRM by Germany, Scotland, and South Africa.

Business Plan – Goals for the Future. Several goals for the future were advanced: (a) endowments for future initiatives, and (b) a future scholars program. A motion was made by Chris Raymond that two people from Council should draft a business plan and present it at the 2012 meetings. Matt Carroll 2nd the motion. Chris Raymond and Kathy Halverson volunteered to serve on the committee along with the current Executive Committee (Luloff, Finley, and Vaske).

Secretary's Report.

We need to reconsider the software that we currently use for the conference (e.g., not all searches identify all co-authors on a presentation – has led to confusion). The 2010 Pathways conference used the same software and received a fair number of complaints because people missed presentations that they wanted to hear.

We need to track usage of components of IASNR website. Currently, we do not track this top level menu usage. This would provide information on what members consider as useful. Paulus Mau agreed to start tracking this information.

There have been some recent efforts to coordinate and collaborate with other conferences. For example, The MMV conference has moved their conference dates to later in August to avoid conflict with the ISSRM. We posted a link to MMV on the IASNR website. The 2013 ISSRM conference will be a partnership between IASNR and Social Science Working Group of the Society for Conservation Biology. This is the first time

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IASNR Council Meeting Minutes, continued

that these two groups will come together in a single location. The joint meeting offers new opportunities for professional collaboration, as well as cost efficiencies. Council will need to address the mechanics of this type of collaboration.

We have had some invitations to collaborate with other organizations and efforts (e.g., Feed the Future E-Consultation). The Feed the Future research agenda is a major effort linking agriculture development, environment, and nutrition to address global poverty and malnutrition. Their funding comes from USAID, USDA, and a number of other USG organizations. The Council will need to decide which of these invitations we accept as an organization.

Journal Report. Tom Beckley and Troy Hall reported that *Society & Natural Resources* is in good shape. *SNR* received 320 manuscripts in 2009 and about 220 in 2010. Although this is a precipitous drop, 320 is not sustainable, 220 is. The current acceptance rate is about 36%. *SNR* publishes between 6 and 7 articles per issue and there are 12 issues per year. Taylor and Francis plans to publish 4 thicker volumes instead of 12 thinner volumes. About 50% of submissions are from North America, the remaining 50% are international. The backlog concern has been “solved;” in part because of on-line first. The time to publication after acceptance is down to 6 months. Tom and Troy will write a “Guidebook for New Editors.” The impact factor was 1.63 for the calendar year 2010. *SNR* was 30th of 144 in Sociology journals.

ISSRM 2011 Madison Report. Don Field reported that the Madison ISSRM conference had 525 attendees. Ninety students participated in the forum.

ISSRM 2011 Malaysia Update. No report was available.

ISSRM 2012 Edmonton Update. Planning for the 2012 symposium in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, is well under way. Visit their website for specific details: <http://www.issrm2012.iasnr.org/>

ISSRM 2013 Update. Colorado State University will host the 2013 ISSRM symposium (June 4 – 8) at the YMCA of the Rockies. Contact: Mike Manfredo (manfredo@warnercnr.colostate.edu) and/or Dr. Jerry Vaske (jerryv@warnercnr.colostate.edu) regarding the specifics.

2014-15 ISSRM Site Committee. Tom Beckley (beckley@unb.ca), Tom Fish (Tom_Fish@nps.gov), Jean Mangun (jmangun@siena.edu), and A.E. Luloff (aeluloff@psu.edu) will

serve on the committee to identify sites for the 2014 and 2015 symposia.

Student Awards Committee. Douglas Clayton Smith, Mae Davenport, and Kristin Floress served on the 2011 student awards committee. The committee evaluated 14 student submissions. The masters-level award winner was Spencer Plumb, a student at Northern Arizona University in School of Earth Sciences and Environmental Sustainability. His winning submission was titled “Moving REDD beyond opportunity costs: Social and cultural values associated with indigenous forest users.” Noelle Harden (Soil Science, The University of Wisconsin – Madison) and Loka Ashwood (Community and Environmental Sociology, The University of Wisconsin – Madison) won the doctoral-level award. Their submission was titled, “For the public good: Weaving a multifunctional landscape in the corn belt.” The committee noted a couple of issues this year: (a) international submissions had student advisors name on the paper, and (b) there was some confusion with the deadlines.

Membership and Student Mentoring Committee. Kathy Halverson (kehalvor@mtu.edu) chairs the membership and student mentoring committee. The committee provides opportunities for members to learn about the organization. The “Mentor Program” matches new members with a mentor. The mentor communicates with the student / young professional on regular basis. Forms for becoming a new member or a mentor are available on the website. There are 30 individuals in the mentorship program.

Student Member Representative. Chris Raymond (chris.raymond@enviroconnect.com.au) is the new IASNR student member representative. Chris is exploring a variety of new ideas for enhancing the organization (e.g., quiz bowl, support a summer school into the future, corporate sponsors, workshops). Individuals interested in contributing to any of these efforts can contact Chris at www.rug.nl/psy/onderwij/firststep/index.

Student Forum. Richelle Winkler and Becky Schewe serve on this committee. There was no report, but 63 students attended the forum; 90 students registered for the forum.

Nominations. Matt Carroll and Linda Kruger will serve on this committee.

Constitution and Bylaw Revisions. Matt Carroll, Jim Finley, Linda Kruger, Al Luloff, and Joan Brehm (brehm@ilstu.edu) will

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serve on the constitution and bylaw revisions committee. The committee needs to set forth a set of guidelines.

Web-based presentations for individuals who cannot attend ISSRM meeting. Kathy Halvorsen and Rich Stedman are exploring ways to increase participation using Skype.

International Venue Policy. Al Luloff made a motion to hold international meetings no more often than every 3 years; Jim 2nd. The vote was unanimous with the exception of Matt Carroll, who abstained.

“Distinguished Contributions” Award. Kathy Halverson motioned to create a “Lifetime Distinguished” member award;

Tom Fish 2nd. The vote was unanimous. Initially, there will be two Lifetime Distinguished Member awards; one for Donald Field and one for Rabel Burdge. Neither distinguished member will pay conference fees or journal fees in the future. Plaques will be made for Don and Rabel and given to them at the 2012 symposium. Student paper awards will also be referred to as the Field Award and the Burdge award. One year the Master award will come from Don and the Doctoral award will come from Rabel. The next year this pattern will be reversed. The Council voted to not have lifetime memberships.

Adjournment

IASNR Treasurer’s Report

Financial Statement for IASNR and ISSRM

As of March 1, 2012, IASNR holds the following resources. Journal payments have not been made to Taylor and Francis from the IASNR Business Account. As well, we still have outstanding expenses associated with the 2011 ISSRMs at the University of Madison, Wisconsin, and Universiti Malaysia Sabah (Kota Kinabalu).

IASNR

a) Business Checking Account (IASNR)	\$132,697.87
b) Money Market Accounts	38,220.39
c) Social Ecology Press	3,793.40
IASNR Total	\$174,711.66

ISSRM

a) Business Checking Account	\$150,212.84
b) Money Market	44,624.27
Subtotal	\$194,837.11
c) Business Green Checking - Malaysia	5,953.30
Subtotal	5,953.30
ISSRM Total	\$200,790.41
TOTAL	\$375,502.07

IASNR Professional Announcements and Opportunities

Free Employment Listings and Announcements on IASNR Website

As a service to its members and the professional community, IASNR provides free listings of professional employment openings, graduate assistantships and fellowships, conference announcements, and other professional opportunities on the IASNR website (www.iasnr.org). These items are contained in two website pages that can be accessed via the buttons at the top of the main page – one labeled “Professional Opportunities” and one labeled “Announcements.” If you have material that you wish to have considered for listing, please contact the IASNR business office (IASNR@psu.edu).

IASNR Professional Announcements

Announcing the VSP Online Database

The Visitor Services Project at the University of Idaho has been conducting visitor surveys in the National Park Service system since 1988. Over 250 in-depth visitor studies are now online and available to scientists, resource managers, students, and the public. More studies are added every year. The database includes:

1. A catalog of survey questions previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget – this could be helpful to folks interested in getting OMB approval for studies conducted within the Department of Interior.
2. All the data from 250 VSP studies going back to 1988. The data is searchable by keyword, site, region, park type, date, region, survey variable, and other criteria.

All questionnaires, reports, and executive summaries, including economic impact (MGM2) reports.

Visit the VSP Online Database at <https://vsp.uidaho.edu>

What can you do with this database?

- Browse survey questions
- Search data (simple and advanced)
- Filter data (by year, region, park type, etc.)
- View charts and data for selected results
- Download Data and documents

What kind of Information is available?

- Demographics (age, education, residence)
- Activities
- Transportation
- Recreation preferences
- Visitor opinions on park resources and management
- Visitor spending and economic impact
- And much more

How to access the VSP Database:

- Visit <https://vsp.uidaho.edu>
- Sign up for an account (optional)
- Click the tabbed window to view Surveys, Question Types, or Advanced Search function
- Follow the on-screen instructions

If you have comments or suggestions, we'd like to hear from you. Use the suggestion box found at the bottom of the screen when viewing the database.



Call for Workshop Participation Visualization Technologies to Support Research on Human – Environment Interactions

July 23-24, 2012

National Socio-Environmental
Synthesis Center
Annapolis, Maryland

The [National Socio-Environmental Synthesis](http://www.sesync.org) (SESYNC) center is the newest national synthesis center funded by the National Science Foundation, with the main vision to foster synthetic, actionable science related to the structure, functioning, and

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sustainability of socio-environmental systems. The center supports research on diverse aspects related to the linkage between humans, societies, and the environment but is particularly encouraging work on the social dimensions of environmental change and environmental sustainability.

One of SESYNC's strategic goals is to foster the development of computational tools and services in support of researchers including scholars studying human-environment interactions.

SESYNC is hosting this workshop to focus especially on the visualization and use of spatial datasets from the social and environmental sciences. The workshop will discuss and identify some of the current visualization challenges and emerging opportunities in using spatial datasets to study human-environment interactions. We expect the meeting to be a 'problem-solving' workshop wherein domain scientists from the social and environmental sciences can learn about visualization tools and resources available for their work and computational scientists can learn about the as-yet unmet visualization needs in the domain sciences.

More specifically, the workshop will bring computational and domain scientists together to: (i) discuss some of the visualization challenges associated with using spatiotemporal datasets; (ii) recommend possible collaborative IT efforts that could be supported under the SESYNC's programs or through other funding mechanisms; and (iii) set up a network of researchers to interact on a regular basis, share information, and exchange ideas about the priorities identified during the workshop.

The following keynote speakers have already agreed to participate in the workshop:

- Dr. Daniel Aliaga, Computer Graphics and Visualization Lab, Department of Computer Science, Purdue University (<http://www.cs.purdue.edu/homes/aliaga>)
- Dr. Stephen Sheppard, Director of Collaborative for Advanced Landscape Planning, Department of Forest Resources Management/Landscape Architecture, University of British Columbia (<http://www.calp.forestry.ubc.ca/people/stephen/>)
- Dr. Ben Shneiderman, Human-Computer Interaction Lab, Department of Computer Science and the Institute for Advanced Computer Studies, University of Maryland (<http://www.cs.umd.edu/~ben>)

SESYNC invites interested computational and domain scientists to submit abstracts (at most one page) related to the main goals of this workshop. Abstracts will be reviewed by a SESYNC

Committee and a subset will be invited to participate in the workshop, subject to meeting capacity.

Travel expenses of the lead authors of accepted abstracts will be covered by SESYNC.

A small subset of the accepted abstracts will be invited for oral presentations while the rest will have poster presentations during the afternoon of the first day of the workshop.

Please submit your abstract in PDF format by April 20, 2012 to:
cyber-workshop.application@sesync.org

Conference on Public Participation in Scientific Research

August 4th and 5th, 2012
Portland, Oregon

With the rapid growth and innovation of public participation in scientific research ([PPSR](#)), researchers and practitioners are in need of a venue for sharing insights across projects and fields of study. This landmark event will convene science researchers, project leaders, educators, technology specialists, evaluators, and others from across many disciplines (including astronomy, molecular biology, human and environmental health, and ecology) to discuss advancing the field of PPSR.

The PPSR Conference is being held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America (ESA), a venue that has long been supportive of citizen science and that welcomes relevant insights from diverse fields. PPSR Conference attendees may be interested in staying in Portland to attend - or even give a talk or poster at - the ESA conference that runs August 6th-10th. More details about the PPSR Conference are available at CitizenScience.org/conference/2012.

2012 IUFRO Small-scale Forestry Conference

September 24-27, 2012
Amherst, Massachusetts

The 2012 IUFRO Small-scale Forestry Conference will be held in Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, September 24-27, 2012. This meeting brings together researchers from around the world interested in the diverse issues surrounding small-scale forestry including, but not limited to:

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- Agroforestry & nontimber forest products
- Changing demographics & land tenure
- Community forestry
- Cross-boundary cooperation
- Education & communication
- Forest management
- Forest markets
- Forest policy & economics
- Landowner attitudes, practices & perceptions
- Landscape change, urbanization & parcellation

Now, more than ever, solutions are needed to help mitigate and avoid the threats facing forests. This conference will focus on the issues confronting small-scale forest owners around the world and the solutions that can benefit landowners, society,

and the natural environment. In addition to plenary and concurrent technical sessions, we will be holding interactive, structured sessions to synthesize the state of the knowledge and identify research gaps - all of which will be later published.

The post-conference tour will head into the Green Mountains of Vermont where we will explore small-scale forestry issues, enjoy the scenery of autumn in New England, and partake in the local culture.

For more information about this conference, visit: <http://iufrossf2012.org/>

IASNR Professional Opportunities

Director, Center for the Environment (Rank of Associate Professor or Professor) Plymouth State University

Plymouth State University seeks a director for its Center for the Environment (CFE). CFE facilitates interdisciplinary environmental research, education, and public engagement in the northern New England region (www.plymouth.edu/cfe). The successful applicant will initiate, implement, and coordinate strategic projects and partnerships to further the CFE's distinction in the field of environmental science and policy. Qualifications include a Ph.D. in an environmental science and at least 8 years of professional experience; excellent communication skills; the ability to work collaboratively with faculty, students, and administrators, other research units on campus, professional and business leaders, and local, state, and federal officials; experience in external engagement, mentorship, teaching, and a demonstrated record of acquiring extramural funding; evidence of leadership abilities in past positions; demonstrated experience in program development, evaluation, assessment and strategic planning; a record of experience in personnel and finance management; evidence of building and maintaining highly motivated and success-orientated teams. For a full description of the position and/or to apply, please go online at <https://jobs.usnh.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=52139>

Ecological Economist Center for the Environment Plymouth State University Assistant Professor

Plymouth State University seeks an integrative environmental analyst with expertise in the economics of and policy related to ecosystem services for its Center for the Environment (CFE) with a joint appointment in Environmental Science and Policy. Primary duties include, but are not limited to conducting research related to a five-year NSF funded initiative on the interactions among climate, land use, ecosystem services, and society; developing a research program that complements existing strengths in CFE; teaching relevant courses in the MS program in environmental science and policy; mentoring and advising graduate students; and contributing to CFE through service and collaboration. This is a new, tenure-track position to begin in the fall of 2012.

The successful candidate will spend approximately half time engaging with a team of researchers across New Hampshire colleges and universities (including Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire) on the major NSF research project. The particular focus for this position will be on watershed ecosystem services.

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This will provide a unique opportunity for building research capacity at PSU and in New Hampshire around climate, land use, and ecosystem services.

CFE facilitates interdisciplinary environmental research, education, and public engagement in the northern New England region. CFE engages in research and education in support of graduate student research and in meeting the needs of regional partners, such as the White Mountain National Forest, Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest, Squam Lakes Association, NH Department of Environmental Services, and other environmental organizations. The PSU campus and the surrounding Lakes and White Mountains regions provide excellent facilities and an outstanding natural research laboratory. For more information, see www.plymouth.edu/cfe.

Minimum Qualifications: Candidates must have a Ph.D. as of September 1, 2012 in a relevant disciplinary or interdisciplinary field, such as economics, environmental studies, ecology, geography, or a related field with demonstrated expertise in the analysis of aquatic ecosystem services.

Additional Desirable Qualifications: Graduate teaching experience.

Application: To receive full consideration for this position, apply online at <https://jobs.usnh.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=52443> Applicants should be prepared to upload the following documents when applying online:

- Cover letter,
- Curriculum vitae,
- Statement of research interests and examples of broader impacts of research conducted,
- Teaching philosophy,
- Contact information for three current professional references.

Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin on April 12, 2012 and will continue until the position is filled or the search is otherwise closed at the University's discretion.

Benefits & Salary: Plymouth State University provides a competitive salary commensurate with experience and a comprehensive benefit program.

Background Check: The finalist for this position will be required to undergo a full background check. Any offer of employment will be contingent upon satisfactory results.

Plymouth State University is an EEO/AA Employer. We are committed to creating an environment that values and supports diversity, equity, and inclusiveness across our campus community and encourage applications from qualified individuals who will help us achieve this mission. Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in U.S.

Research Opportunities for Social Science and Humanities Scholars

The Social Dimensions of Environmental Sustainability
Postdoctoral Positions
Early or Mid-career Visiting Fellows
Research Team Support

The National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) is the newest national synthesis center funded by the National Science Foundation through the University of Maryland. Located in Annapolis, MD, its main goal is to foster synthetic, actionable science related to the structure, functioning, and sustainability of socio-environmental systems. The center supports research from diverse perspectives on linkages between humans, societies, and the environment.

Funding Opportunities

Postdoctoral scholars – SESYNC will provide an annual stipend for up to 2 years, full University of Maryland employee fringe benefits, and an annual allowance to attend meetings or collaborate. Postdoctoral scholars will be in residence at the center in Annapolis. Application deadline is April 20, 2012. Follow this link for more information: <http://www.sesync.org/postdocs/social-sciencepostdoctoral-fellows>

Visiting Fellows – SESYNC provides a stipend and travel support for fellows (early or mid-career) to spend at least 2 months over a year in residence at the center working on a research project; how that time is spread over the year is negotiable. Applications accepted any time. Follow this link for more information: <http://www.sesync.org/research-fellows/social-science-research-fellowships>.

Research Team Support (Ventures) – to lead projects that address how individuals and/or social systems influence or are influenced by the natural world. These ventures can draw from any social science or humanities discipline to synthesize existing knowledge and identify research priorities relevant to this broad topic. SESYNC particularly encourages scholars

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(including those from the international community) who can help define research frontiers at the interface of social and natural sciences, thereby laying the foundation for future interdisciplinary work. All ventures will be conducted at the SESYNC center in Annapolis, Maryland.

Examples of potential venture topics include, but are not limited to: scholarship that focuses on the link between environmental sustainability and formal or informal institutional structures; human behaviors/decisions that influence or are influenced by how humans experience or perceive the natural world; critical reflections on the language, models, and practices of past and current efforts at synthesis.

SESYNC provides all travel and accommodations for groups of scholars to come to the center to work on a joint project that can generate knowledge in response to a pressing need or

unexpected opportunity, develop tools or approaches that could provide a new catalyst for the synthesis process, synthesize the state of knowledge in a particular area or identify research priorities. Applicants may request support for a single workshop engaging up to 40 people or could request multiple visits by a study group (typically 6-12 people) over the course of a year or more. Applications are accepted any time. Follow this link for more information: <http://www.sesync.org/programs/ventures-0>

SESYNC and the University of Maryland are Equal Opportunity Employers.

Minorities and Women Are Encouraged to Apply

Time to Renew Your 2012 IASNR Membership! continued

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the mail (an application form can be downloaded at the bottom of the website membership page), we strongly encourage use of the on-line system both because it is highly secure and because it substantially speeds the processing of your journal subscription and your access to other member benefits.

To minimize delays in receiving the initial 2012 issues for your subscription to ***Society & Natural Resources***, please be sure to submit your membership renewal information right away (our thanks to those who have already renewed). Those who renew late (and whose membership classification includes a journal subscription) will receive all twelve issues of ***SNR*** as one of the benefits of IASNR membership. However, a delay in renewing or initiating your membership will inevitably lead to delays in subscription fulfillment. Also, since a current IASNR membership is required for participation in the International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) conference to be held this June in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, renewing your membership

now will make it simpler to take care of conference registration.

The annual membership cost for professional members remains \$100 per year. Membership dues for students who wish to receive a subscription to ***Society & Natural Resources*** also remains \$60 per year, and the "student-no journal" membership rate continues to be \$35 per year.

Please feel free to contact the IASNR business office if you have any questions. We value your involvement with IASNR and look forward to hearing from you and processing your membership renewal!

Notes from the Executive Director, continued

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Matt Carroll, Steve Hollenhorst, Troy Hall, and Tom Beckley. Through all of these fine editors' efforts, we can proudly point to the recently released five-year Impact Factor *SNR* achieved – 1.594 – with rankings of 17 out of 47 in Planning and Development, 34 out of 77 in Environmental Studies, and 36 out of 129 in Sociology. It is not surprising that *SNR* is rapidly becoming the flagship journal in this arena! When you see these folks in Edmonton this summer, be sure to thank them for their hard work and success. I am sure they will appreciate it.

You also probably were wondering where your copies of our popular and well appreciated journal were. By now I hope you have each received the first of four multi-issue volumes (Taylor and Francis decided to move us to a quarterly printing but maintain our 12 issues per volume) beginning in January, 2012. This shift did cause confusion for some members – but it will result in substantial savings for the publishers and a nominal increase in pages for us (since the four-page hard-stock cover is not needed internal to the three volume issue). As well, *iFirst* has enabled many of our contributors to provide a link to their work while it is awaiting final publication; this has also contributed to a significant decrease in publication lag time.

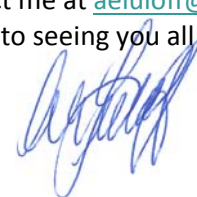
Significant progress has been made on plans for the Edmonton (June 17-21) meetings. Naomi Krogman, Lead Conference Chair, and her fine staff Gordon Walker, Program Chair, Elizabeth Halpenny, Finance and Communications Chair, and Mara Erickson, the 2012 ISSRM Conference Coordinator, have planned a wonderful experience for us. Several well-known and gifted speakers have agreed to give plenary addresses, a broad set of interesting and insightful papers and sessions have been submitted, the always well-received Student Forum is on the schedule for June 17, and our ever-popular Poster Session and Reception will occur on June 18. Please keep in mind that for the first time in our organization's experience, field trips have been scheduled **during** the meetings! Not only will this provide a nice break from our sessions, but it will give us all an opportunity to enjoy the wonderful setting in a more relaxed atmosphere. Of course, additional chances to explore Edmonton and the surrounding areas (including a

post-conference field trip to Jasper National Park) await those seeking these adventures after or before the meetings. If you have not done so already, please make your reservations soon for what I am sure will be a memorable experience this summer. You can access information about the meetings, accommodations, possible field trips, and the like at the 2012 website: www.issrm2012.iasnr.org. We look forward to seeing you all in Edmonton.

We have included reports on the status of the organization and several of our committees in this newsletter. In addition, we report on our two meetings from last summer. Many of you attended the meetings in Madison, which were a great success, with more than 500 participants. We were even blessed with remarkably warm weather over the first several days which simply added to the event. Our meetings in Kota Kinabalu were also a great success with about 200 attendees, many of whom were attending their first ISSRM meeting. Our local hosts, ably led by Fadzillah Majid Cooke, developed a well-organized and stimulating meeting with memorable keynote speakers, informative sessions, and cultural events.

Finally, I think it is time for the organization to reassess the newsletter. We are of an age as an organization, and at a membership size, when some decisions need to be made about how best to continue to offer this service. I have increasingly come to the opinion that if we are to continue to publish the *KIT* as an online newsletter, it is in our best interests to have this be the responsibility of someone with good and current web skills, including social networking abilities. In my opinion, this can best be accomplished by creating a new position – perhaps a quarter-time assistantship – which can support one of our graduate students. I will be bringing this suggestion, in the form of a motion, to Council this summer.

If you have suggestions or ideas about this issue, or anything else related to our organization and meeting, please feel free to contact me at aeluloff@psu.edu or 814-863-8643. I look forward to seeing you all in Edmonton. Enjoy the spring!



International Association for Society and Natural Resources

The International Association for Society and Natural Resources (IASNR) was established in 2001. The purposes of IASNR are to foster the interdisciplinary social scientific understanding of the relationships between humans and natural resources, further the application of social science information in natural resource decision making, and provide a mechanism whereby social scientists, resource managers, practitioners, agency personnel, and decision makers can generate dialogue and useful exchange.

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