15th Annual International Sustainable Development Research Conference

Utrecht University
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5-8 July 2009

Taking
up
the
Global
Challenge

International Sustainable Development Research Society

The International Sustainable Development Research Society (ISDRS) aims to foster and communicate the importance of sustainable development in a global society. The society is a coalition of academic researchers, teachers, government, non-governmental organisations and industry. It promotes inter- and transdisciplinary research and education for sustainable development. As an open and inclusive society, our vision is to establish a forum where diverse research communities can come together creating a transparent dialogue on key problems, issues, initiatives, policies and strategies needed to make progress on sustainable development a reality.

The society builds upon the 14 year history of the International Sustainable Development Research Conference and its associated journals. The conference continues to be hosted annually in different countries. In 2004 it was held in Manchester (UK), in 2005 in Helsinki (Finland), in 2006 in Hong Kong (China), in 2007 in Västerås (Sweden) and in 2008 in New Delhi (India).

For 2009 we announce the 15th Conference in Utrecht, The Netherlands. It is organised by the *Copernicus Institute for Sustainable Development and Innovation*, Utrecht University, the Netherlands, on 5-8 July 2009.

www.isdrs.org

Venue of the Conference

University Campus De Uithof
Utrecht, The Netherlands

Expected number of participants: 400-500

Organization

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Call for papers

Scope of the conference

Key motto of the 2009 conference is:
Taking up the global challenge: analysing the implementation of innovations and governance for sustainable development.

The conference aims to enable sustainability researchers from developed and developing countries to learn from each other's experience and jointly create solutions for making progress in sustainable development. Starting from the need for fundamental changes towards a sustainable future, the conference program will focus on the many larger and smaller developments in implementing practices of sustainable development. Researchers will be challenged to look at factors explaining the levels of success and to analyse key issues for mainstreaming these practices. The aim is to promote the debate on the key question whether the developments in these practices and their mainstreaming are sufficiently substantial to face the fast growing global wealth and its implications for environment and mankind in the coming decades. Both the academic research character and lessons from practice will thus be emphasised.

The 15th Annual Conference is a double blind peer reviewed conference. Abstracts are sent to reviewers and written comments are provided to the authors. Papers from the conference are considered for publication in special issues of various international scientific peer reviewed journals.

The conference has now opened its call for papers in the 5 main themes, including 24 tracks.

Main Conference themes
- **Sustainability Science: determining the need for transitions & assessing progress and trends**
- **Climate Change and Energy**
- **Sustainable Land Use**
- **Innovation for Sustainable Production and Consumption**
- **Governance for Sustainable Development**

See the website for detailed Call for Papers for each track.

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Participation fees

	Early birds before May 1, 2009	after May 1, 2009
Full Participant	€ 520	€ 570
Full Participant from developing country	€ 350	€ 400
PhD-student participant	€ 350	€ 400
Excursion	€ 10	€ 10

Sponsoring developing countries PhD-students

PhD-students from developing countries are encouraged to participate and present their research. They may receive sponsorship if they have presented an accepted full paper. See the website for the conditions.

Timetable

January 1st, 2009	Deadline submitting abstracts
February 1st, 2009	Letters of acceptance abstract
March 1st, 2009	Deadline submitting full paper
April 1st, 2009	Final programme & Acceptance papers
June 15th, 2009	Deadline submitting pdf-copy of poster

Program

July 4th, 2009	Early registration and welcome reception (5 pm)
July 5th, 2009	Opening session and track sessions
July 6th, 2009	Plenary session and track sessions
July 7th, 2009	Track sessions and Concluding session
July 8th, 2009	Excursion programme: Dutch best practices of sustainable development

Keynotes

Mrs J. Cramer, Dutch Minister of Environment, Prof. D. Meadows, Keynote by European Environmental Agency, Dr. T. Banuri, Stockholm Environment Institute and others.

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