

## INTECOL\_\_

INTECOL, the International Association for Ecology, was found in 1967 to help coordinate activities among national ecological societies in over 70 countries. INTECOL functions under the auspices of the Section of the Environment of the International Union of Biological Sciences. Individual members of INTECOL and associated ecological societies collaborate on studies of ecological issues of global concern. A major goal is to promote the science of ecology and its applications to meet global needs. New initiatives are stimulating interactions, especially related to synthesis of major ecological concepts and dissemination of environmental information to enhance public awareness and understanding. As ecology becomes increasingly diverse and relevant on a global scale, there are urgent needs for further discovery regarding the loss of biodiversity and for sustaining ecosystem services. INTECOL strives to contribute to resolutions of these critical issues and to help create new ways to foster consensus among our national ecological societies who support INTECOL's activities. New members are encouraged to join INTECOL online (www. intecol.org). Members receive information about activities by different member groups through online distribution of the INTECOL e-Bulletin. Members also participate in cosponsored international congresses, conferences, workshops, and regional meetings at a wide range of venues.

INTECOL meets every four years at an international congress of ecology hosted by a member national society. In addition we organize major International Wetlands Conferences and co-sponsor EcoSummits in years between congresses. We also work closely with groups such as the International Long-Term Ecological Research Network (ILTER) and the International Network of Next Generation Ecologists (INNGE). As more international research is being organized and conducted around the world, it becomes even more essential for INTECOL to help coordinate and communicate among our member societies and our individual members.

INTECOL is governed by an international Board that includes scientists and representatives from national societies and other ecological organizations. The diversity of academic, governmental, and non-governmental perspectives among Board members is a key to providing effective communication within INTECOL. The Board conducts much of its work through online communication and small group meetings of the Executive Committee composed of the President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary General, and Treasurer. The Board very much welcomes input from those who wish to form new working groups or organize special international events. Bids are solicited from national societies who propose to host future congresses. The next congress will be in 2017 in Beijing and will be hosted by the Ecological Society of China.

Among the many international organization related to ecology, INTECOL is pleased to assist in communicating plans for future conferences and meetings organized by the national ecological societies including:

Asociacion Espanola de Ecologia Terrestre

Asociacion Argentina de Ecologia

Associacao Brasileira de Ciencia Ecologica e Conservacao

BIOTICA Ecological Society, Moldova

British Ecological Society

Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution

Czech Society for Ecology

Ecological Society for Eastern Africa

Ecological Society of America Ecological Society of Australia

Ecological Society of China

Ecological Society of Germany, Austria and Switzerland

Ecological Society of Japan

Ecological Society of Korea

Hungarian Ecological Society

Macedonian Ecological Society

National Institute of Ecology of India

Nederlands-Vlaamse Vereniging voor Ecologie New Zealand Ecological Society

Romanian Ecological Society

Sociedad Científica Mexicana de Ecologia

Sociedad de Ecologia de Chile

Sociedade Portuguesa de Ecologia

Societa Italiana di Ecologia Societe Française d'Ecologie

Society of Subtropical Ecology

Swedish Oikos Society.

In addition, INTECOL is pleased to assist in communicating plans for future conferences and meetings organized by a wide range of groups of the international organizations

Association for the Science of Limnology and Oceanography East Asian Federation of Ecological Societies

European Ecological Federation

International Association for Landscape Ecology International Association of Vegetation Science

International Biogeography Society

International Society for Limnology

Society for Ecological Restoration

Society for European Freshwater Sciences

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