

INTECOL Congress Free Public Science Events

Brisbane 15 - 21 Aug 2009



Program of **PUBLIC (and FREE) SCIENCE EVENTS in Brisbane** held in conjunction with INTECOL -the International Congress of Ecology. The Congress attracts over 1200 ecologists from around the world, who are meeting to discuss a range of issues related to climate change, biodiversity and environmental resource use and management.

MONDAY 17 August - The Science of Sustaining our Urban Landscapes

A public lecture & panel debate focused on Urban Ecology, sustainable urban planning and development and the responsibility of ecologists in securing our future.

Speakers include:

- Dr Mark McDonnell - Director, Australian Research Centre for Urban Ecology,
- Dr Darryl Jones Director, Centre for Innovation Conservation Strategies, Griffith University,
- Mr Cliff Dorse, City of Cape Town, Cape Town, Western Cape Province, South Africa, and
- Prof. Hugh Possingham Director, The Ecology Centre, The University of Queensland as MC.

Ithaca Room at Brisbane City Hall

6:00pm for a 6:30pm start. Complimentary drinks and nibbles will follow the talk, and speakers will be available to answer any questions.

In collaboration with BrisScience, and supported by Brisbane City Council.

TUESDAY 18 August - The role of science in integrated river basin management

Special lecture presented by the Australian Rivers Institute, featuring Rob Freeman and Cliff Dahm Dedicated to the memory of the visionary environmental scientist Professor Peter Cullen.

Ithaca Room at Brisbane City Hall

5:00 for 5.30pm start

Questions to the Australian Rivers Institute Manager, Gina Palmer - (07) 37357510.

THURSDAY 20 August - Nature - Sell it to Save it?

BYO brain, sense of humour and healthy appetite for controversy to the Plough Inn for the INTECOL BYO Science night. Will the Carbon Emissions Trading Scheme work? Should we sell biodiversity? And if so, how much should it cost? And would we float it on the stock market?

These and many other curly questions on the commercial value of nature and our future within it will be bandied around and debated with some big names in ecology, and expertly handled by the ABC's Bernie Hobbs.

Speakers include:

- Prof. Hugh Possingham from the University of Queensland,
- Dr Stefan Hajkowitz from CSIRO's Sustainable Ecosystems, and
- Dr Nicola Markus from Bush Heritage Australia.

The Plough Inn at Stanley Street Plaza, South Bank

6:30 to 8:00pm.

The Plough Inn has great meals, and event will be a cabaret style panel with complimentary nibbles. Drinks at bar prices.

In collaboration with the Australian Science Communicators, and supported by the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation.

FRIDAY 21 August - Science, Fame and (Mis)Fortune: Film wind down

Presented in collaboration with Australia's SCINEMA Festival of Science Film

Meet some of the world's most famous scientists with Australian filmmaker and science communicator Bobby Cerini. Enter the lives and living rooms of influential minds like David Attenborough, Sir Patrick Moore, David Suzuki, Sir Gustav Nossal, Tim Flannery and others.

As well as being privy to some telling interviews with these names, come and be part of the audience for a live interview with the Queensland Museum's very own Scott Hocknull, dinosaur chaser, geosciences curator and 2002 Young Australian of the Year. As part of the National Scinema film festival, this event is a must for science enthusiasts, science communicators and inquisitive minds!

Theatre, Level 2 at the Queensland Museum South Bank

6:00 to around 8:30pm (Doors open just before 6pm)

Refreshments: Complimentary drinks and nibbles will follow the talk.

Bookings essential. RSVP to earthprojects@gmail.com by 19 August for catering purposes.

ALL WEEK 15 - 23 August - INTECOL Ecology Public poster display

Presented in collaboration with the Queensland Museum South Bank, INTECOL conference delegates communicate their work to the public in an engaging public poster display.

Level 2 at the Queensland Museum South Bank

9.30am to 5:00pm daily

FREE. Bookings essential for schools or groups

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