

Meetings of Interest*

- March 27–30, 2006** The International Association of Wildland Fire—a nonprofit professional association representing members of the global wildland fire community—is hosting the First Fire Behavior and Fuels Conference in Portland, Oregon. The theme of the conference is “Fuels Management: How to Measure Success.” The planned sessions highlight development, implementation, and evaluation of fuels management programs. The evaluation portion focuses on how to measure the success of programs that are designed to reduce risks to communities and to improve and maintain ecosystem health. More information is available at <http://www.iawfonline.org/fuels/overview.shtml>.
- March 22–25** The Wildlife Management Institute announces the 71st Annual North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference, which serves as the premiere annual forum for the gathering of North America’s leading scientists, managers, educators, and administrators of wildlife and other natural resources. Sessions at the Columbus, Ohio, meeting will explore the theme, “Natural Resource Conservation: The Other Homeland Security,” and cover such issues, policies, and practices as “When Wildlife and Human Interactions Lead to Crisis,” “Resource Agency Accountability,” and “From Landscapes to Riverscapes: Adding Fish to the Mainstream of Habitat Initiatives.” More information is available at <http://www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org/pages/TOC.html?168,149>.
- April 4–6** Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a long-standing, science-based decision-making process that identifies and reduces risks from pests and pest management-related strategies. The Fifth National IPM Symposium, “Delivering on a Promise,” is being held in St. Louis, Missouri. Symposium sessions outline state-of-the-art strategies and technologies to successfully solve pest-related problems in agricultural, recreational, natural, and residential settings. The symposium provides the opportunity for researchers, educators, government officials, industry representatives, and environmental and health advocacy professionals to share information, network, and organize activities on key pest management issues. More information is available at <http://www.ipmcenters.org/ipmsymposium/>.
- May 8–10** The use and growth of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in water resources has grown exponentially in the past decade, resulting in GIS becoming an essential tool in water resource planning and management. Hence, the American Water Resources Association is hosting GIS and Water Resources IV in Houston, Texas. Presentation topics cover the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD), land-use classification, remote sensing, homeland security (e.g., infrastructure mapping, vulnerability analyses, and spill response), lidar and ifsar, FEMA map modernization, and temporal mapping (e.g., creating and managing data sets, real- and near-time predictive modeling, flood forecasting, and mechanics and math behind-time dependent modeling). More information is available at <http://www.awra.org/meetings/Houston2006/index.html>.
- May 14–19** The U.S. Geological Survey and partners are hosting the 14th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species in Key Biscayne, Florida. The conference addresses the worldwide problem of the introduction and spread of nonnative species in freshwater and marine environments. Over the last decade, this conference has developed into the most comprehensive international forum for the review of scientific knowledge and the presentation of the latest field and laboratory research on invasive species in aquatic systems. During the conference, participants will discuss new technological developments of species control and mitigation, policy, and legislation to prevent new introductions, and public education and outreach initiatives to raise awareness about aquatic invasive species. More information is available at <http://www.icaais.org/>. 

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