

OUTSIDE SEMINARS/FORUMS/CONFERENCES

RMAP SEMINAR

AtollGame: a Companion Modelling Experience in the Pacific

Tuesday, August 29 2006, 12.30pm

Seminar Room B, Coombs Building, ANU

Speaker:

Anne Dray

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Abstract:

The low-lying coral atoll of Tarawa (Republic of Kiribati) is heavily dependent on groundwater for freshwater supplies. Conflicts resulting from Government policies concerning water and land tenure, along with increasing water consumption and levels of human waste (leading to groundwater contamination) are major issues at stake that threaten the sustainability of the water system. Our project aims at providing the relevant information to the local actors, including institutional and local community representatives in order to facilitate the dialogue and devise together sustainable and equitable water management practices. Multi-Agent Based Simulations (MABS) coupled with a Role-Playing Game have been implemented to fulfil this aim. They have the potential to greatly reduce conflict over natural resource management and resource allocation.

Bio:

Anne Dray is a Visiting Fellow at RMAP. Her current research is focused on developing new negotiation support tools for policy makers based on agent-based modelling and role playing games to help facilitate sustainable management of natural resources.

FORUMS

FEAST (the Forum for European-Australian Science and Technology Cooperation) is having a Seminar Day at the ANU on Monday 4 September.

The Venue is the JCSMR "The Finkel Lecture Theatre", Building 54c, next to the Vanilla Bean cafe.

Program :

Monday 4 September :

10.00 - 12.30pm : College and research administration staff. All staff are welcome to attend, although this session will be of particular interest to research development and administration staff. Guest speaker : DVC(R).

Coffee and biscuits : catered by the Vanilla Bean cafe.

1.30pm - 3.30pm : Academic Staff : All staff are welcome to attend, although this session will be of particular interest to Early Career Researchers, Postdoctoral Researchers and final year PhD students. Guest Speaker TBA.

4.00pm - 5.00pm : Academic Staff : All staff are welcome to attend, although this session will be of particular interest to those at Level D and Level E. Guest Speaker TBA.

Please rsvp info@feast.org <<mailto:info@feast.org>> by Friday 1st September.

Subject: NIE: 17th Australia New Zealand Climate Forum, ANU, 5-7 September 2006

Climate variability and projected climate change present major challenges to climate scientists and users of climate information aiming to minimise societal vulnerability and to maximise productive use of climate

information. The Australia New Zealand Climate Forum welcomes researchers and practitioners involved in any aspect of climate science and its effective application.

Venue: The Australian National University

Dates: 5 - 7 September 2006

Online Registration Close: Wednesday 30 August 2006

For more information: <http://www.anu.edu.au/anuie/ANZCF2006/index.php>

CONFERENCE

8-9 November

***Integrating Agricultural and Environmental Imperatives for a Profitable and Sustainable Future
Rural business and the environment - can we balance the equation?***

The Shine Dome, Gordon Street, Canberra

The November 2006 Fenner Conference on the Environment will bring together some of Australia's leading experts in land management, agronomy, conservation, economics, science, policy and industry to examine the current debate around agricultural productivity and environmental protection.

Anyone seeking a profitable and sustainable future for Australia should attend this conference to participate in the discussion about how Australia will manage the synergies and trade-offs in economic and environmental outcomes arising from different land management options.

For more information and to register see
www.pi.csiro.au/fennerconference/index.htm

SYMPOSIUM

27 November, 8.30am-5.30pm

Windows on Wood

Presented by Victorian Forests in association with the Institute of Foresters of Australia.

Subjects cover : Big issues facing Australian Forestry & Forest Industries Global Economics Pulp & Paper Certification Resource Security New Marketing Initiatives

Guest speakers include: Graeme Gooding, Brian Farmer, Glen Kile, Greg Bourne, Tony Bartlett, Vince Erasmus, Katherine Teh-White, Matthew Crapp, Greg McCormack, Prof Rod Keenan. Held at School of Forest & ecosystem Science, University of Melbourne.

Registration form & enquiries : Carly Grantham T: 03 9608 9556 E:
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Early bird rates : \$315 close 15 September