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Announcements

New Books

Droughts: A Global Assessment

Droughts: A Global Assessment has been published in two volumes by Routledge as part of a series of definitive works on major hazards and disasters. The series is being published to mark the end of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

Donald Wilhite of the National Drought Mitigation Center is the editor of *Droughts*. More than 75 leading international researchers in the field contributed to the volume. Through an extensive range of case studies covering the most drought-prone and most drought-affected countries, the contributors examine new technology, planning methodologies, and mitigation actions from recent drought experiences worldwide.

Following a discussion of the critical concepts of drought, the book is divided into seven additional parts that address causes and predictability; monitoring and early warning techniques; impacts and assessment methodologies; adjustment and adaptation strategies; policy, mitigation techniques, and preparedness methodologies; links between drought and other global issues; and conclusions and future challenges. With its emphasis on both the physical and social dimensions of drought and proposed management actions and policies, this volume will be helpful to those seeking a greater understanding of this complex natural hazard.

The cost of the two-volume set is US$275/UK£225. The ISBN (International Standard Book Number) of *Droughts* is 0–415–16833–3. In North America, copies may be ordered from Routledge at 1 (800) 634–7064. Routledge's United Kingdom customer hotline is 01264 342939 (+44 1264 342939), or fax: 01264 343005 (+44 1264 343005). Their website is www.routledge.com.

Proceedings of the National Workshop on Dynamic Crop Simulation Modeling for Agrometeorological Advisory Services

The *Proceedings of the National Workshop on Dynamic Crop Simulation Modeling for Agrometeorological Advisory Services* has been published. The workshop was conducted at the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi, in January 1999. The volume includes papers presented at the workshop on various themes of crop modeling and the recommendations that evolved from the deliberations of the workshop. S. V. Singh, L. S. Rathore, S. A. Saseendran, and K. K. Singh are the editors; the volume is published by the NCMRWF. For further information and copies of the publication, please contact Dr. S. A. Saseendran, Scientist, NCMRWF, DST, Mausam Bhavan, Lodi Road, New Delhi–3, India; e-mail: saseendransa@hotmail.com.

Conferences

Central and Eastern European Workshop on Drought Mitigation

The Central and Eastern European Workshop on Drought Mitigation will be held April 12–15, 2000, in Budapest, Hungary. The workshop is being presented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development; Ministry of Environmental Protection; and Ministry of Transport, Communication and Water Management of the Hungarian Republic.

The workshop will provide a forum for discussing various aspects of drought monitoring, strategies, impact assessment, and mitigation, with special regard to the central and eastern European (CEE) region. Topics will include the status of national drought mitigation strategies in the CEE countries and impacts of drought on different areas of the economy. For more information, contact the Budapest Station for Plant Health and Soil Conservation, Department of Informatics, Budaörsi út 141–145, H–1118 Budapest, Hungary; telephone: (36–1) 309–1000; fax: +36–1–246–2942.

11th Global Warming International Conference and Expo

The 11th Global Warming International Conference and Expo will be held April 25–28, 2000, in Boston, Massachusetts. The objective of the conference is to provide a comprehensive international and interdisciplinary review forum for resource and technology managers on global warming, its impacts on all economic sectors, its effective mitigation, and each nation's compliance with the Kyoto Protocol to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Topics include Global Warming and Climate Change; Global Surveillance: Climate Future; Education: Global Change; Human Health in a Changing Climate; Energy and Natural Resource Management; International Law and Policy Making; and State and Local Government Actions. For more information, contact the Global Warming International Center, P.O. Box 5275, Woodridge, Illinois 60517–0275, USA; fax: +1 630–910–1561; website: http://GlobalWarming.net.

New Products

GLOBE Data Set

The NOAA National Geophysical Data Center (NGDC) has released the Global Land One-kilometer Base Elevation (GLOBE) digital elevation data set. GLOBE is an international effort to create a global digital elevation model on a nominal 1-kilometer grid. Source data for GLOBE include satellite imagery, aerial photography, satellite altimetry, cadastral survey data, and hardcopy topographic maps converted to digital format. There are two versions of GLOBE: an unrestricted version with full global coverage and no copyright or security restrictions on its distribution, and a version with high-quality data that honors copyright. GLOBE data can be obtained via the web and as a CD collection. GLOBE data, documentation, and visualizations are available at no charge at http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/seg/topo/globe.shtml. The CD-ROM collection (four CDs), with documentation, is available from NOAA/NNDC/National Geophysical Data Center. For more information, contact the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, NOAA National Data Centers, National Geophysical Data Center, 325 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado 80303, USA; telephone: (303) 497–6277; e-mail: seginfo@ngdc.noaa.gov; website: http://www. ngdc.noaa.gov/store/.

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