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International Symposium on High Altitude and Sensitive Ecological Environmental Geotechnology

The International Symposium on High Altitude and Sensitive Ecological Environmental Geotechnology will be held at Nanjing University, Nanjing, People's Republic of China, August 24–27, 1999. The conference is jointly supported by the Advanced Computational Engineering Institute for Earth Environment (ACEI) of Nanjing University, China; Center for Environmental Engineering, Science and Technology (CEEST) of the University of Massachusetts, USA; Center for Water Environmental Studies, Ibaraki University, Japan; and China National Science Foundation, Beijing.

The purpose of the symposium is to foster the advancement of environmental geotechnology, with special reference to high altitude and sensitive ecological environment, by providing a forum for participants from diverse disciplines to exchange ideas and information. Topics include Arid Lands; Desert Regions; Antidesertification Measures; and Soil Water Conservation and Decontamination. For more information, contact Eleanor Nothelfer, Fritz Engineering Laboratory, Lehigh University, 13 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18015–3176, USA; or Mr. Baojun Wang, Dept. of Earth Sciences, Nanjing University, Nanjing 210093, China.

5th International Symposium on Environmental Geotechnology and Global Sustainable Development

The 5th International Symposium on Environmental Geotechnology and Global Sustainable Development will be held August 17–21, 2000, in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil. Representatives from mining companies, government agencies, and universities have collaborated to plan this symposium.

Geoenvironmental research advances, technological innovation, and appropriate technology transfer are important elements of sustainable development; this symposium will address relevant technical and policy issues to provide a forum for discussion and information exchange. Symposium topics include Agriculture and the Geoenvironment; Environmental Impact Assessment; Geotechnical Aspects of Regional Sustainable Development; Watershed Management and Land Use Planning; Global Warming Issues; Financial Impact of Environmental Techniques in Industrial and Agricultural Projects; Assimilative Capacity Modeling of Water Systems; Regional and Municipal Environmental Policies; National and International Environmental Policies; and Socioeconomic Aspects of Natural Resources Management. For more information, contact the Symposium Secretary, 5th International Symposium on Environmental Geotechnology and Global Sustainable Development, Departamento de Engenharia de Transportes e Geotecnia, Escola de Engenharia da Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais Avenida do Contorno, 842 sala 104, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, CEP 30 110-060–Brazil; fax: +55 31 2381793; phone: +55 31 2381742; e-mail: cassia@etg.ufmg.br; WWW: http://www.5iseggsd.eng.ufmg.br.

10th Global Warming International Conference & Expo (GW10)

The 10th Global Warming International Conference & Expo (GW10) will be held in Fujiyoshida, Yamanashi, Japan, at the foot of Mt. Fuji, May 5–8, 1999. The conference is hosted by the Global Warming International Center (GWIC-USA) and the Yamanashi Institute of Environmental Sciences.

As a result of the UNCED in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 and the COP_3 in Kyoto in 1997, participants in industry and nongovernmental and governmental organizations are beginning to define and identify strategies, methods, and technologies to mitigate global warming and environmental pollution locally and globally. Sessions include Global Warming and Climate Change; Global and Regional Natural Resource Management; Strategies for Mitigation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Policy and Economics; Energy, Transportation, Minerals and Natural Resource Management; Global Warming and Public Health; Global Warming and Biometeorological Adaptation; Ocean and Global Warming; Natural Resource Management and Carbon Budget; Global Surveillance and Remote Sensing; and Sustainable Environment and Health for the 21st Century.

For more information, contact The Global Warming International Center, P.O. Box 5275, Woodridge, IL 60517, USA; phone: +1 (630) 910–1551; fax: (630) 910–1561; WWW: http://www.GlobalWarming.net.

New Book

The findings of a new book, *Climate, Change and Risk*, highlight the need for greater planning to cope with the forecast increase in risk of climatic hazards. The book is edited by Dr. T. E. Downing (Environmental Change Unit, University of Oxford), A. A. Olsthoorn, and R. S. J. Tol (both from the Institute of Environmental Studies, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam).

The recent increase in the number and cost of weather disasters around the world has caused widespread concern about the impacts of climatic hazards. *Climate, Change and Risk* brings together research on climatic hazards and climate change and focuses on societal responses and insurance rates. It considers the nature and scale of climate hazards in the future; impacts that will result from climatic hazards; the most effective responses; and the best methods of studying current climatic risks and future changes.

The book is intended for researchers and practitioners concerned with climate change adaptation, weather hazards, and disaster management. It is published by Routledge Press, Routledge Limited, 11 New Fetter Lane, London EC4P 4EE, United Kingdom.

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