

SDRN Annual Sustainable Development Research Conference 2008

**Thursday 11th September 2008
RSA, 8 John Adam Street, London WC2N 6EZ**

Young Researcher 'Living With Environmental Change' (LWEC) Poster Session and Competition

Call for Abstracts

For many years, the SDRN Annual Sustainable Development Research Conference has remained one of the highlights of the Sustainable Development Research Network calendar. Drawing together an exciting mix of academics, policy-makers and other representatives from business, NGOs and the research community, the 2008 Conference will provide an opportunity for the presentation and discussion of new, cutting-edge sustainable development research and policy issues.

Thanks to generous sponsorship from both the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), SDRN will again be running a Young Researcher Poster Competition and Session, to showcase the work of sustainable development researchers at the beginning of their careers. The session will provide young researchers with an opportunity to showcase their work at a high-profile conference, together with valuable networking opportunities.

Prizes of £500 and £250 (available as travel bursaries or to cover other research costs) will be awarded to the two best posters. In addition, we will reimburse the travel costs and expenses of all researchers whose posters are accepted.

Abstracts are invited for the poster session from UK-based postgraduate students (both Masters and PhD), and young researchers within three years of graduation.

Competition theme: Living With Environmental Change

2008 marks the launch of the 'Living With Environmental Change' (LWEC) initiative, a ten-year programme supported by the UK's major funders of environmental research. LWEC aims to strengthen the environmental change evidence base for policy-makers, in part by addressing the uncertainties that remain about the impacts of climate change and the links between natural capital and human well-being. To mark the launch of this landmark programme, this year's SDRN Young Researcher Poster Session is themed 'Living With Environmental Change'.

Submissions are invited from researchers working in all disciplines, whose work meets the broad objectives of the LWEC programme. These include but are by no

means limited to: building effective mitigation, adaptation and resilience to climate change; water availability, quality, use and management; environmental change and human health and well-being; changes to the built environment and planning systems; interactions of transport, leisure and tourism with the environment; and public attitudes, perceptions, changing behaviours and collective action.

For a full list of LWEC aims and objectives, visit NERC's LWEC web pages: <http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/programmes/lwec/>

Submission Details

Your abstract submission, to be submitted electronically, must include all of the following:

1) Paper Title

2) Author(s)

- including author(s) name, affiliations and email addresses. The submission of co-authored papers is welcomed but please indicate corresponding author when providing details.

3) Abstract text.

- Maximum 400 words. Accepted abstracts will be included, together with the abstracts of main presentations, in conference delegates packs. Please only submit abstracts that are suitable for publication and include supporting data (graphs, diagrams, drawings, photos) of the presented research.

Conditions of Acceptance

The competition is open to all early career researchers, currently working within the UK. Please note that we are unable to reimburse travel expenses for international travel, and that international researchers will not be eligible for either prize.

Only original material should be submitted. By submitting your abstract you authorise SDRN to circulate your abstract to SDRN's management and advisory committees for review and, if it is accepted, to publish your abstract in conference documentation and post-event proceedings. Authors are required to attend the conference evening reception to present their work.

Please send electronic abstracts directly to Sarah Bell s.bell@psi.org.uk. For all enquiries, please contact Sarah Bell at the above email address, on +44 (0)20 7911 7534, or at Policy Studies Institute, 50 Hanson Street, London W1W 6UP.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is 12.00pm (noon), Friday 4th July 2008. Successful submissions will be notified by no later than Friday 1st August 2008.

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