

Meetings of Interest

SEPTEMBER 9-20

Front Royal, Virginia, will be the venue for the technical conference, Biodiversity Monitoring at Permanent Plots. Contact the Smithsonian Institution/MAB Program, 1100 Jefferson Drive, SW, Suite 3123, Washington, DC 20560; fax (202) 786-2557, for more information.

SEPTEMBER 14-19

Florence, Italy, will play host to the 17th International Meeting for specialists in air pollution effects on forest ecosystems. Entitled, Stress Factors and Air Pollution, the gathering will focus on recently discovered effects of air pollutants on forest ecosystems, with special reference to the interactions between environmental stress factors. Sessions include: interactions between air pollutants and abiotic and biotic stress factors; impacts on wildlife and ecology; air pollution and global change; and biodiversity conservation. For more information, contact Dr. E. Paoletti; C.S. Patologia Specie Legnose Montane; CNR, Piazzale delle Cascine 28; I-50144 Firenze; Italy; phone 39-55-368918; e-mail: "raddi@cspslm.fi.cnr.it".

SEPTEMBER 28- OCTOBER 3

Istanbul, Turkey, is the venue for Ocean Pulse: A Critical Diagnosis—Our Global Oceans as Earth's Last Frontier and Door to the Past. This international conference will devote 3 days to examining three themes: how we can improve our harvests from the seas while preserving their sustainability into the next century; why historic shipwrecks should be excavated by archeologists; and what marine and biotechnologies will be required to better understand our oceans into the 21st century. Cosponsored by the Explorers Club and the Turkish government, the conference is being coordinated by Dr. John Loret, President Emeritus of the Explorers Club, and Dr. John Tanacredi, NPS Chief of Resource Management, Gateway National Recreation Area. A 12-day eco-tour of the Mediterranean is available following the conference. Conference cost is \$2,168 including airfare from New York City; the eco-tour is an additional \$2,895. Fax your registration to (212) 888-9819.

OCTOBER 19-21

The American Society of Landscape Architects will hold its annual meeting in Los Angeles. This exposition will focus on compelling evidence of landscape architecture work in planning, design, and technology that contributes to societal well-being. Contact Cheryl Wagner (Fax: 202-686-1001; e-mail: "cwagner@asla.org") for more information.

OCTOBER 25

Bandelier National Monument, Santa Fe National Forest, and the Los Alamos National Laboratory are co-hosting a no-fee Symposium of Biological Research in the Jemez Mountains, New Mexico, in Santa Fe. Contact Stephen Fettig ("stephen_fettig@nps.gov"; 505-672-3861, ext. 546), NPS Wildlife Biologist at Bandelier, by July 1 if you are interested in making a presentation; abstracts are due September 15.

DECEMBER 8-11

The 1996 Midwest Fish and Wildlife conference will take place in Omaha, Nebraska. Organized around the theme, "Sensible Management of Today's Altered Ecosystems," the gathering should interest ecosystem researchers, conservation biologists, and managers alike. Contact Jill Medland of the Great Plains System Support Office for further information at (402) 221-3994; e-mail: jill_medland@nps.gov.