



## Newsletter

### Global Land Project - September 2006

#### Foreword from the Editors

Welcome to the first Newsletter for the Global Land Project.

It is always a challenging task to live up to expectations and high standards set by very successful predecessor projects. The GLP, being one of the new core projects of both the IGBP and IHDP, aims to be both a follow-up and extension of the LUCS and GCTE Projects. The facilitation of fruitful research cooperation between international projects, institutions, networks and individuals under the umbrella of the GLP is one of the core responsibilities of the newly established International Project Office in Copenhagen (Denmark) under the guidance of the Scientific Steering Committee (SSC).

With the successful establishment of the International Project Office and the upcoming SSC meeting in Beijing the GLP will gain momentum and we will make progress in implementing its exciting and relevant Science Plan and establish close cooperation with the interested parties.

This first brief Newsletter aims to provide an update on the status of the GLP activities and a timeframe for the endorsement process.

At the time of writing, the issue of global change (with a focus of public interest on climate change) has reached an unprecedented level of media coverage and the interest of the public and decision makers is remarkable. Let us make the Global Land Project one important and successful platform of research and outreach in the broad field of global change, at the vital interface of coupled human-environmental systems on land.

The International Project Office in Copenhagen together with the Scientific Steering Committee is looking forward to hearing from you and to discuss possible cooperation, ideas and visions.

With best regards from Copenhagen (København)

Anette Reenberg (Chair, GLP)

Tobias Langanke (EO, IPO)

- **International Project Office:** The International Project Office under the leadership of Anette Reenberg is established and fully functional as of 1<sup>st</sup> September. Tobias Langanke (Executive Officer) and Lars Jørgensen (Administrative Officer) will be happy to assist you in matters relating to the GLP Project.

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- **Website:** A slightly updated version of the GLP homepage including the “GLP Science Plan and Implementation Strategy” is available under [www.globallandproject.org](http://www.globallandproject.org). This (updated but still provisional) homepage will be replaced with a completely new design in the coming months.
  
- **Endorsement of Projects:** Formal endorsement from the GLP will be a first important step in mutually beneficial cooperation with interested projects. A final set of conditions and the detailed procedure for endorsement will be available after the issue is being discussed and approved by the SSC (Scientific Steering Committee) in Beijing in early November 2006. A small number of projects were “conditionally endorsed” so far, more specifically some of the projects that were part of LUCC or GCTE sponsorship during the development of the GLP science plan. The conditional endorsement will serve as a formal linkage to GLP until the final set of conditions for endorsement has been discussed and approved in the SSC.
  
- **Nodal Offices:** In addition to the International Project Office in Copenhagen, a small number of supporting nodal offices have been suggested to the GLP. The final guidelines regarding GLP nodal offices will be discussed in November by the SSC and we will communicate the outcome as soon as possible.
  
- **Upcoming Meetings:**
  - Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP) Global Environmental Change Open Science Conference in Beijing the 9-12 of November 2006. For more information please see: <http://www.essp.org/ESSP2006/index.html>
  - Call for papers for "The 9th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Ecological Economics" (ISEE), December 15-19, 2006, New Delhi, India (<http://www.ISEE2006.com>)