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## **Publication**

Margosian, Margaret L., Karen A. Garrett, **J.M. Shawn Hutchinson**, and Kimberly A. With. 2009. Connectivity of the American Agricultural Landscape: Assessing the National Risk of Crop Pest and Disease Spread. *Bioscience* 59(2):141-151.

## **Student Opportunities**

1) The AAG-CAPE Field Study Award. One or two awards of up to \$500, subject to approval by the CAPE Awards Committee, will be granted for 2009. The principal objective will be to defray travel expenses for reconnaissance field work for intended thesis or dissertation research, and the award will be oriented primarily to those without other substantial funding. The award is not intended to finance dissertation field work, rather to finance either a) research for a Master's degree or b) reconnaissance field work that should allow a student to complete a fundable dissertation proposal. Eligible candidates must be a member of the AAG and CAPE at the time of submission. A copy of your proposal should be sent to the CAPE Secretary/treasurer, Chris Brown ([jcbrown2@ku.edu](mailto:jcbrown2@ku.edu)). Additional information may be found at: <http://www2.stetson.edu/cape/Awards/awards.htm>

2) The AAG-CAPE Student Paper Award is an annual award to recognize distinguished student research. Candidates may be undergraduates, graduate students, or a recent Ph.D. within a year of the dissertation defense. The student must be a member of AAG-CAPE and the sole author. Judging criteria include the soundness and creativity of the research design and methodology; validity of conclusions; and writing quality. The paper should not exceed 8,000 words including all components: references, footnotes, abstract, illustrations, tables and any other text. A prize of \$100 will be awarded for the best paper. Please send the paper as an attachment (PDFs work well and can include figures) to the CAPE Secretary/treasurer, Chris Brown ([jcbrown2@ku.edu](mailto:jcbrown2@ku.edu)). Additional information may be found at: <http://www2.stetson.edu/cape/Awards/awards.htm>

## **Events and Things of Note**

**Shawn Hutchinson** has been awarded a sabbatical leave for the 2009-2010 academic year. He will be conducting collaborative GIS-based research with colleagues at Purpan Agricultural University in Toulouse, France.

**Nicole Wayant**, a senior in Geography and Mathematics (double major) has been awarded the inaugural \$1000 Abraham Anson Memorial Scholarship from the American Society of

Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. The Scholarship designed to encourage undergraduate students who have an exceptional interest in pursuing scientific research or education in geospatial science or technology related to photogrammetry, remote sensing, surveying and mapping to enter a professional field where they can use the knowledge of their discipline to excel in their profession.

*ISSRM 2009 Coordinated Session Proposals: New deadline January 30!*

The 15th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, ISSRM 2009 in Vienna, Austria is moving closer. The ISSRM 2009 also looking forward to receiving a large number of scientific paper and poster abstracts, which are due February 9, 2009. Please check out web-site for further information and also about transportation, accommodations, post-conference field trips and the spousal program. All information can be found at: <http://www.issrm09.info>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us: [issrm09@boku.ac.at](mailto:issrm09@boku.ac.at)

The Graduate Student Council is pleased to announce "Academic Interviewing," the first Professional Development Seminar of the Spring 2009 semester. The seminar will be held this Thursday, January 29, 2009 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre of the K-State Student Union. Also, hot chocolate will be served! If you have any other questions, please e-mail [egsc@ksu.edu](mailto:egsc@ksu.edu).

### **Presidential Inauguration Imagery**

There were several counts of people attending the Inauguration ceremonies in Washington, DC, using the photo snapped by the GeoEye satellite when it came overhead at 11:19 A.M., one was done by a Jane's satellite imagery analyst: [http://www.janes.com/media/releases/pc090121\\_1.shtml](http://www.janes.com/media/releases/pc090121_1.shtml)

Other counting attempts:

<http://www.asuwebdevil.com/node/3654>

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5ihTG3j4Z4MYnWPSDaQqIHqX52QoAD95RSK500>

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/28662672/>

## **Websites of Interest**

### **Application-based sites and software**

You Send It (<http://www.yousendit.com>) – website that allows you to email large files to a number of recipients, thereby bypassing file size limitations enforced by some email servers; free.

DimDim (<http://www.dimdim.com>) – a web conferencing service where you can share your desktop, show slides, collaborate, chat, talk and broadcast via webcam with no download required for attendees; free.

**Please feel free to send weblinks to sites with online or downloadable software that may be of practical use to students and faculty – we could all use free software and/or helpful sites, and we would like to include this as a regular section in *The Seaton Globe*.**

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