

ECO-INFORMA 2001

Environmental Risks & the Global Community

Strategies for Meeting the Challenges

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Eco-Informa 2001 is a unique environmental conference focusing on global risk challenges of the 21st century. The aim of this sixth international meeting is to share risk analysis information among professionals and the public and define roadmaps for integrated solutions in the new millennium.

Eco-Informa is designed to bridge the gap between evolving scientific knowledge and innovative applications that can successfully address emerging environmental issues. This conference provides a platform for communicating new information about science, technology, and integrated strategies for solving critical problems. The goal is to identify interdisciplinary approaches that will lead to sustainable decisions for the global community.

Eco-Informa is designed for those interested in and responsible for solving environmental problems – including project managers, scientists, engineers, and communicators from government, commercial, educational, and public organizations.

Session Topics	
Water	Safe water supply – improved quality and distribution programs Water conservation – resource protection and optimized use, water rights
Food	Food production – innovative production and land management techniques Food safety and distribution – advances in protection and distribution
Energy	Energy management – optimized generation and distribution Energy alternatives – conservation and alternative/renewable resources
Env't	Sustainable environment – integrated natural resource management for multiple uses, including life cycle analyses Sensitive resources – programs for sustaining essential/fragile ecosystems Pollution mitigation – controlling chemical releases and persistent pollutants Waste management – municipal and hazardous waste controls, site cleanups Climate change – mitigation strategies and conservation programs
Cross-Theme	Managing vulnerability: disaster planning – natural or man-made events Integrated risk analysis – incorporating human, ecological, economic, and sociocultural/quality-of-life factors – for a sustainable environment New technology – resource protection, goods and services Information technology: Geographical Information System (GIS) approaches to support environmental decision making (including resource mapping, land use, pollutant data); use of the Internet for information dissemination Communicating with the public – risk issues and perceptions Working together on environmental programs – innovative approaches of international, national, local agencies; industry; academia; non-government organizations (NGOs); and community groups

A **Special Symposium for NATO Countries** on the 'Environmental Legacy of the Cold War' will be held at Eco-Informa 2001. Scientists, educators, and government officials from Eastern Europe and the Americas will discuss solutions for characterizing, assessing, and cleaning environmental contamination.

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