

Rangeland Ecology Section Newsletter
July 5, 2001

Greetings and Welcome to the newest section in the Ecological Society of America! Via this newsletter we hope to update you on what we have been doing this last year and to provide you some information regarding rangeland ecological activities that might interest you. Currently we have 126 members of the section. If you forgot to check the section registration box on your membership renewal, please try to remember next year. Also try to encourage others to join our section.

Officers for 2001

Many of you attended our initial meeting last August in Snowbird UT. At that time we elected our first set of officers. For those of you who were not there, here are the names and contact information for the officers:

Chair ? David A. Pyke, USGS Forest & Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center,
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Secretary (2000-2002) ? Robert Washington-Allen, Oak Ridge Natl. Lab., PO
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We will be having an upcoming election that will occur via email, so please be watching for that email and for the due date for submitting your votes.

LIST SERVER IS NOW UP AND RUNNING

Thanks to Robert Washington-Allen our list server is now operational. At this stage, if you wish to submit an item to the section membership and to the friends of the ESA Rangeland Ecology Section (those on the list but who have not paid their dues) send that message to Robert at washingtonra@ornl.gov and he will send it out to everyone. We may desire to automate this during next year. We can discuss this at the annual meeting.

UPCOMING MEETING IN MADISON WI

As you no doubt know, the ESA annual meeting will be held in Madison WI on Aug. 5-10, 2001. Information regarding the meeting can be found at <http://esa.sdsc.edu/madison/>

We will hold our annual business meeting on Tuesday Aug. 7 NOON - 1 PM Meeting Room R, Monona Terrace. We have ordered some small deli sandwiches, veggies, and potato chips with our meager section dues budget. If you desire something other than water to drink you will need to bring it with you. Also those of you purchasing the box lunches, I would suggest you try to get those as early as possible so that you can make it to our meeting. We will announce the election results, discuss proposed symposia for next year and ideas for future efforts of our section.

Don't miss our Section-sponsored Symposium on Wednesday August 8, 1-5pm in the Lecture Hall, Monona Terrace. The title of the symposium is "Thresholds and Non-linear Responses in Ecosystems: Understanding, Sustaining, and Restoring Complex Rangelands." This symposium promises to highlight the recent advances in understanding arid and semi-arid ecosystems in the context of thresholds and non-linear responses and to review current applications to land management. We hope to see you there.

CALL FOR SYMPOSIUM TOPIC FOR 2002 MEETING

The 2002 annual meeting will be held in Tucson AZ from Aug 3-9 (<http://esa.sdsc.edu/tucson/>). The theme is "A Convocation: Understanding and Restoring Ecology." If you are interested in proposing and having our section support your application, then I would suggest that you begin the process now. Check this website for details on submitting symposia (<http://esa.sdsc.edu/tucson/callsymposium.htm>). Our section can only sponsor one symposium, therefore if there are multiple competing symposia, then I would suggest that those who would like to organize these proposed symposia use this list server to begin the discussion among our membership regarding potential topics. We will plan time at our business meeting for further discussion of this matter. Another option that our section might consider is a workshop on a rangeland topic. Once again, lets use the list server to begin this discussion of ideas.

SUSTAINING RANGELANDS ROUNDTABLE

During this year, the Sustaining Rangelands Roundtable (SRR) (http://www.cnr.colostate.edu/RES/srr/getting_involved.htm) was reinvigorated. The Roundtable is a venue for communication, discussion and dialogue about developing a national sustainability indicator set for rangelands. Advancing SRR requires a diverse cross section of participants including private individuals, conservation organizations, land trusts, tribes, state and local governments and corporate and private landowners. Several of our section members are active members of this roundtable. The mission of the SRR is to identify indicators of sustainability based on social, economic, and ecological factors, to provide a framework for national assessments of rangelands and rangeland use. Participation current involves 34 organizations covering private, state, and federal organizations. Participants include physical, biological, social and economical scientists, conservation organizations, lawyers, ranching and livestock organizations. Participation is open. Meeting notes are made available and meeting locations are circulated around the country (see website for future locations). The next meeting will be held in Reno NV on

July 24-25. For more information on participation, contact Tom Bartlett (et@cnr.colostate.edu) or Helen Rowe (ivy@cnr.colostate.edu).

SECTION WEBPAGE IS COMING

Many thanks go to Bob Nowak, Univ. Nevada Reno, for developing our upcoming web page. He will shortly be announcing a web site for our membership to view and provide feedback. He circulated a prototype among the officers and a few others a prototype via a Powerpoint presentation. He is currently taking suggestions submitted to him and is revising it for the web.

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Here are a few to keep in mind, but if you know of other upcoming meetings, please use the list server to keep everyone informed. Feb. 13-19, 2002. Society for Range Management 2002 Annual Meeting, Kansas City MO <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/srm2002/>
Aug. 3-9, 2002. Ecological Society of America 2002 Annual Meeting, Tucson, AZ <http://esa.sdsc.edu/tucson/>
