

Subject: VegBank Workshop at ESA 2004

WK-1. Introduction to VegBank: An Online Public Archive for Vegetation Plots

Saturday, July 31, 8:30 AM – 5 PM AND Sunday, August 1 8:30 AM – 4 PM

Portland State University Computer Lab

Bus departs OCC at 8 AM and returns at 5:30 PM on Saturday

Bus departs OCC at 8 AM and returns at 4:30 PM on Sunday

Cost: \$130 per person - Includes transportation back and forth to the Portland State Computer labs, two days of computer training, and morning coffee and bagel at the OCC both days. Lunch and snacks are on your own.

Minimum: 10 Maximum: 25

Description:

The ESA Vegetation Classification Panel has released VegBank (<http://vegbank.org>) as the first online public archive for vegetation plots. This workshop introduces participants to VegBank with emphasis on locating and extracting datasets and contributing data to the archive. The workshop will introduce users to the organization and structure of VegBank, including concept-based taxonomy. Participants will be trained to locate and extract plots for analysis and explore data associated with plots, such as taxa observed, plot location, communities to which the plot has been assigned, and annotations by users. The workshop will train participants to use the desktop-tool VegBranch for data preparation and submission.

Computers will be provided. SPACE IS LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS. Due to the specialized nature of the workshop, participants MUST apply and be accepted. Applications (due June 1, 2004) and additional information are available at <http://vegbank.org/vegdocs/workshop>. Participants MUST register for the ESA Annual Meeting. A limited number of graduate student participants will be eligible to receive full reimbursement of the workshop registration fee upon completion of the workshop.

To apply, send an email to help@vegbank.org specifying:

--Your name.

--Your email address.

--Your position.

--Your interest in VegBank.

If you are a graduate student: the degree you are working on, year expected, and thesis topic.

We will acknowledge receipt of applications and notify participants as soon as possible.

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