

# ESA-INTECOL 2005 JOINT MEETING

## ECOLOGY AT MULTIPLE SCALES/ECOLOGIE: UNE QUESTION D'ÉCHELLES

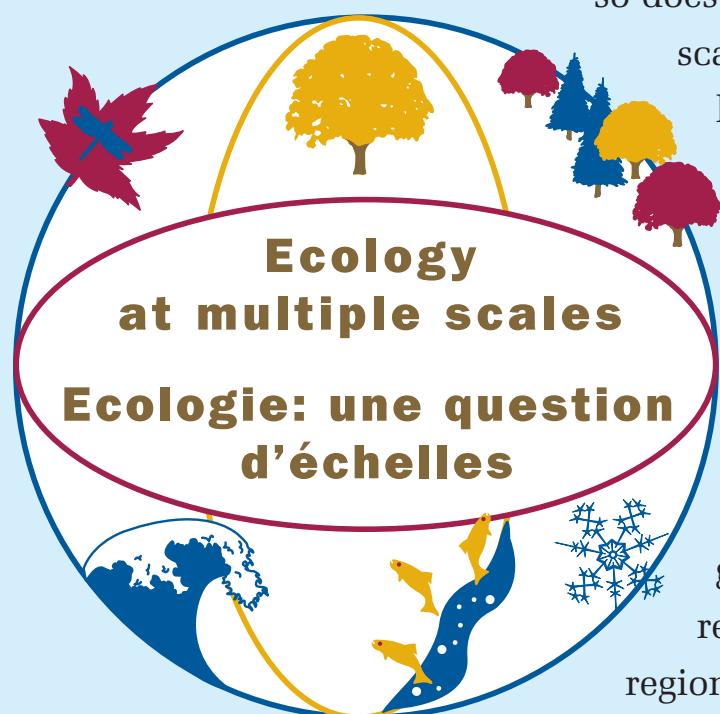
90th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America (ESA) and  
IX INTECOL International Congress of Ecology

7-12 August 2005 • Montréal, Canada

*First Announcement and Schedule of Calls for Proposals  
April, 2004*

One of the dramatic changes in ecological research has been the recognition of an ability to conduct research at multiple scales. These multiple scales are spatial, temporal and biological. As our insights at differing scales grow,

so does our capacity to link information across scales. These linkages enable us, on the one hand, to develop a richer understanding of the mechanisms that drive the ecological patterns and processes that we see, and on the other hand, to understand and demonstrate the significance of these patterns and processes. The ultimate result of these linkages will be both greater scientific understanding and greater capacity to communicate ecological results to policy communities from local to regional to global scales.



This joint meeting of national and international ecological societies offers a perfect venue to present and evaluate ecological information at multiple scales, and especially to focus on and incubate cross-scale linkages.

## *Scientific Program*

This exciting program will include General Session Plenary lectures, Symposia and Organized Oral Sessions, Contributed Oral and Poster Presentations, Workshops, Special Sessions, Evening Sessions, Discussions and Scientific Field Trips.



Ecologists worldwide are invited to submit proposals for the program categories listed below. To get additional information, guidelines for proposal submission will be posted at the ESA Meeting website ([www.esa.org/montreal](http://www.esa.org/montreal)) and the INTECOL website ([www.intecol.net](http://www.intecol.net))

While these activities are primarily for meeting registrants, the overall meeting program will also include lectures and sessions open to the public.

**Symposia:** This meeting will include 24 Symposia, each organized around a specific theme or topic. These will be half-day sessions lasting from 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Talks in Symposia range from 20 to 30 minutes in length and time for synthesis, summary and discussion is encouraged. Proposals for these Symposia will be reviewed, evaluated and ranked by the Program Committee. The most suitable proposals will be accepted. Symposium proposals may be from any area of ecology, but those that relate to the overall theme - Ecology at Multiple Scales - are especially encouraged, as are those that will be of broad interest to both ESA and INTECOL attendees.

**Organized Oral Sessions:** Organized Oral Sessions provide an additional opportunity to propose a session of talks focused on a specific topic with invited speakers. Additional presentations may also be assigned to these sessions by the Program Chairs. Organized Oral Sessions do not require as broad a level of interest and synthesis as is expected of Symposia. Organized Oral Sessions will last from 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours in length scheduled at half-day intervals. Each talk in an Organized Oral Session will be 15 minutes long, with 5 minutes for discussions or questions. Proposals for Organized Oral Sessions will be reviewed, evaluated and ranked by the Program Committee. The most suitable proposals will be accepted.

**Workshops:** Workshops are focused on transferring specific knowledge or skills to others, with substantive interaction among participants. Workshops may involve one presenter, a series of lectures or a panel or may involve computer-based training. Workshops are typically scheduled for full or half days. They are usually held before the formal scientific program begins, running concurrently with field trips. Proposals for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  hour workshops taking place during the lunch break during the week may also be submitted. Workshops usually involve a modest fee. Proposals for workshops are invited. Review and placement will be made by the Program Chairs.

**Special Sessions and Evening Sessions:** These discussions, panels and presentations are a supplement to the formal program that provide an opportunity for extended dialogue and exchanges. Most will be scheduled at select times, including during the lunch break or in the evening. These sessions will last from 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 hours. Submission of proposals for Special Sessions, Lunchtime Discussions and Evening Sessions is welcome. Review and placement will be made by the Program Chairs. Please note: These sessions are NOT intended for the presentation of formal research papers.

**Contributed Oral Sessions:** Attendees are invited to submit abstracts of formal research presentations to be presented orally in sessions that will be organized by topic by the Program Committee. These talks will be 15 minutes in length with 5 minutes for questions or discussion.

**Contributed Poster Sessions:** Attendees are invited to submit abstracts of formal research as scientific posters. Presentations of these posters will be made during a late afternoon Poster Pub but the Poster will be on view for an entire day. The sessions will be organized by topic by the Program Committee.



## *Important Dates*

Accepting proposals for Symposia and Organized Oral Sessions: June 1 – September 15, 2004

Accepting proposals for Workshop, Evening and Special Sessions: September 20 – December 1, 2004

Accepting abstracts for Contributed Oral Presentations and Posters: November 15, 2004 – March 1, 2005

Meeting Registration will open early May, 2005

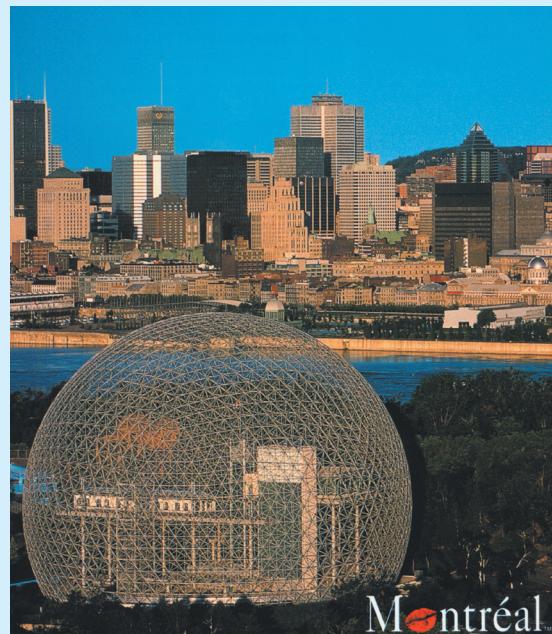
Deadline for Early Bird Registration: June 16, 2005

## *Venue*

The 2005 ESA-INTECOL scientific program sessions will be held at the Palais de Congrès de Montréal – a spacious modern convention center.

A variety of lodging accommodations from full-service hotels, economy hotels, pensions and university residence housing will be available through the conference housing bureau.

Montréal is one of the world's most international and captivating locations with spacious parks, quaint historic districts, renowned cuisine, ethnic and cultural diversity, exceptional shopping and a good infrastructure of surface, air and rail transportation. Montréal and the surrounding Québec landscape combine to make this an ESA-INTECOL meeting you will definitely want to attend.



Montréal

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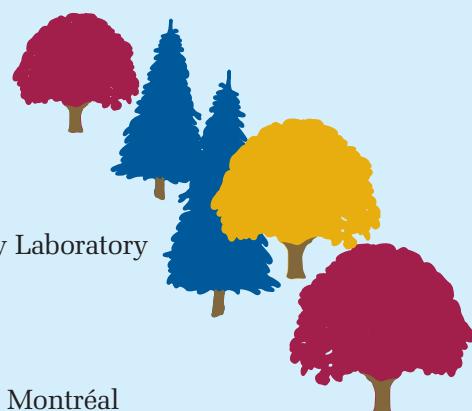
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### *Meeting Manager:*

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To obtain future information on program development, registration and lodging, please visit the websites of the Ecological Society of America ([www.esa.org](http://www.esa.org)) and of the International Association for Ecology ([www.intecol.net](http://www.intecol.net)).

