

Current VALUE news

Finnish Academy granted additional funding for VALUE for 2012-2015

Academy of Finland awards funding and student positions for doctoral programs every second year. The present funding and 12 student positions for VALUE are granted for the period 2010-2013. In late March 2011, the Academy awarded VALUE additional funding and two new student positions for years 2012-2015. The new positions will be opened later this year.

VALUE meets in Konnevesi Research Station in October 2011

The next VALUE Annual meeting will be on October 11-13, 2011 in Konnevesi Research Station in the middle of Finland. Mark the dates in your calendar! Visit virtually the research station at its [web site](#).

Call for matching funding positions, next deadline 2.5.2011

The next deadline for VALUE matching funding positions ends at 2.5.2011. Applications received before that date will be taken into account in the decisions. Read more in [the call](#).

A questioning for students

The students will receive a questioning about the type and volume of their research material. Also the needed/planned tools will be tracked. The results will be used to evaluate what kind of courses might be needed in the future.

Past VALUE activities

VALUE Annual Seminar 2011 was held in Oulu on February

In February 9-10, almost all VALUE students gathered together with VALUE supervisors in the second annual meeting in Oulu. The newly selected students presented their research subjects, and the students, who started in the beginning of 2010, gave insights of their progress during the year.

The keynote lectures focused on the interaction between research and Water Framework Directive. The students adopted the *Learning* café method while they processed topical issues in environmental research.

See the seminar program at <http://value oulu.fi/Oulu2011.html>.



Environmental chemistry of phosphorus caught on interest

The course Environmental chemistry of phosphorus – linkage between watershed and recipient water was a success: despite of the modest marketing, the course attracted over 20 students from several universities within and outside of VALUE. The feedback on the contents, lecturers and arrangements have been thrilled. Look at [the program](#).

Other topical issues

Courses and events

- **Nordic Water 2012**

University of Oulu will host the 27th Nordic Hydrology Conference at 11-13 August, 2012. The web pages are under construction, keep updated at <http://nhc2012 oulu.fi/>.

- **Catchment Science Summer School**

The Catchment Science Summer School will be held in August in Scotland. It will cover the main elements of catchment science for PhD students and Post Docs aspiring to a research career in the area. See the [school website](#) for topics and other information.

- **iLEAPS Science Conference**

The iLeaps conference in Germany in September covers land ecosystem - atmosphere interactions to a large extent. Deadline for abstract submissions is 15 April, 2011. For more information, visit the [web site](#).

Useful in Research

- **ResearchGate**

ResearchGate is a free online research platform open to all disciplines. This social networking platform have got over 800.000 active members in less than three years. Read more at the [web site](#).

- **Science for Environment Policy**

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till blood drops well
on your forehead
(Anonymous)