

Newsletter 2/2011

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Current VALUE news

VALUE meets in Turku in February 2012

The next VALUE Annual seminar will be on February 13-14, 2012 in Turku. Mark the dates in your calendar!

Students selections in 2011

In total nine new matching funding students and two new students for student positions were selected in [August](#) and in [November](#).

We welcome all the new students and their supervisors, and hope to meet in our joint meetings!

First VALUE dissertations

- Jussi Jyväsjärvi, University of Jyväskylä, defended his thesis *Environmental drivers of lake profundal macroinvertebrate community variation - implications for bioassessment* on August 6, 2011. [See the abstract](#)
- Janne Alahuhta, University of Oulu/ Finnish Environment Institute, defended his thesis *Patterns of aquatic macrophytes in the boreal region: implications for spatial scale issues and ecological assessment* on November 11, 2011. [See the abstract](#).

Congratulations Jussi and Janne from a work well done! Thank you also for your active participation in VALUE.

International cooperation with Irish doctoral programs has been fortified

VALUE has been building up cooperation with Irish doctoral programs in Dublin and in Helsinki. Next meeting will be in July when Dublin will host Europe's largest interdisciplinary science conference in 12-16 July 2012: <http://www.euroscience.org/esof-2012,28120,en.html>.

VALUE has now its own 'intra': a VALUE Wiki space

The space will contain materials from our meetings and a blog. At the moment, Konnevesi is well presented. The space will be used e.g. for courses, to distribute study materials, download assignments and upload materials.

The space is only for the registered members, so the materials can be seen only by (in this case) VALUE members. If you not yet have access to the wiki space, please contact Riitta Kamula (riitta.kamula (at) oulu.fi).

VALUE courses in 2012

- Course on scientific communication on February 15-17 in Turku
- Environmental Data Modeling and Analysis; 2-4 ECTS, 7.-10.5.2011, Aalto University
- Model optimisation and quantification of predictive uncertainty; 5 ECTS, 17.-21.8.2012 in University of Oulu
- Data Documentation in Biological Research, 2 ECTS, 20.-24.8.2012, University of Jyväskylä
- Course Introduction to Surface Water Quality Modelling in fall 2012, University of Oulu. See the course description.

Details will be announced later, updated information will be found [here](#).

Other topical issues

Conferences

Nordic Water 2012

University of Oulu will host the 27th Nordic Hydrology Conference at 11-13 August, 2012. Call for abstracts is open, deadline Feb 1, 2012. [More...](#)

NORDROCS 2012

Joint Nordic Meeting on Remediation of Contaminated Sites will take place in Oslo, Norway. Deadline for abstract submission is January 31, 2012. [Read more.](#)

Useful in Research

Interested or having co-operation with Brazilians?

Science without borders has opened The Brazilian scientific mobility program, which offers possibilities for researcher exchange between institutions. [Read more.](#)

The Foundations' Post Doc Pool

This newly established Finnish pool offers funding that covers all expenses of a research period abroad for at least one academic year. Two application rounds a year, the current extends from December 15, 2011 to January 15, 2012. Read more at the [web site](#).



**Happy
holidays
and a
productive
year 2012!**