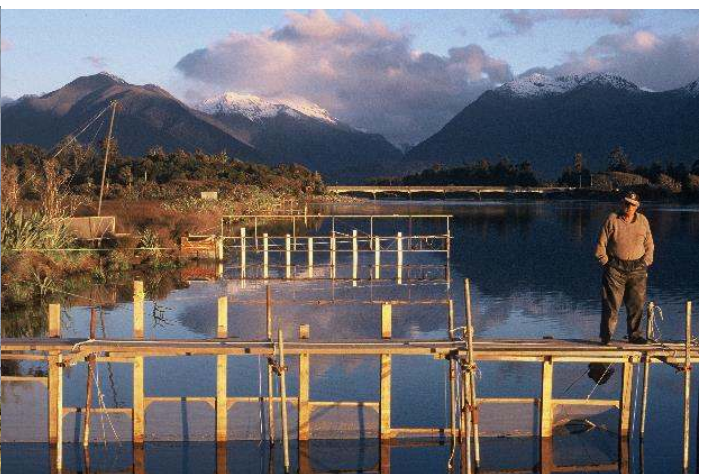




11th Intecol Wetlands Conference, Christchurch/Ōtautahi 2020





Wetland world experts will be in Aoteroa (Ōtautahi) in Spring 2020 for the 11th Intecol Wetlands Conference





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11th INTECOL International Wetlands Conference to be held in Christchurch, New Zealand, in September 2020

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The INTECOL Wetland Working Group (WWG) will hold the 11th INTECOL International Wetlands Conference in Christchurch, New Zealand, in early September 2020. The Chair of the organizing committee is Philippe Gerbeaux, and the Co-Chairs are Deirdre Hart, Clive Howard-Williams, Di Lucas, Aroha Mead and Shona Myers. Beautiful New Zealand is within about 10 h from most countries on the Pacific Rim. There are many outdoor pre- and post-meeting excursions available including skiing 1-2 hr of Christchurch. Much of Christchurch is built on wetlands. Crown Research Institutes and two universities are co-located there. The tentative conference theme is: Traditional knowledge and innovative science in wetland research and management. A strong Maori and Oceania cultural presence is guaranteed within and around the conference.

Stay tuned for more information!



What is INTECOL?

- International Association for Ecology was established in 1967
- First congress in 1974 (The Hague)
- Specialist groups were established in various areas of ecology
- The best example is the Wetlands Working Group, which has run ten highly successful international conferences around the world
- One of the largest wetlands conferences in the world.
- Held every 4 years

INTECOL International Wetlands Conference

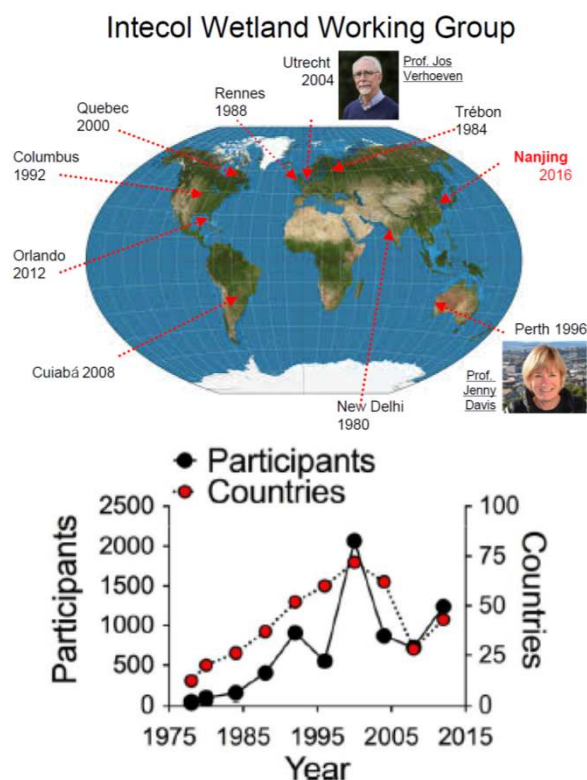


Figure 1: Occurrence of Each INTECOL International Wetlands Conference

Conference No.	Time	Location (Theme)	Attendance	Countries
1st INTECOL International Wetlands Conference	1980.09	New Delhi, India	90	20
2nd INTECOL International Wetlands Conference	1984.06	Trebon, Czechoslovakia	150	26
3rd INTECOL International Wetlands Conference	1988.09	Rennes, France (<i>Conservation and development: the sustainable use of wetlands</i>)	400	37
4th INTECOL International Wetlands Conference	1992.09	Columbus, Ohio	900	52
5th INTECOL International Wetlands Conference	1996.09	Perth, Australia (<i>Wetlands for the Future</i>)	550	60
6th INTECOL International Wetlands Conference	2000.08	Quebec City, Canada (<i>Global Wetlands at the Millennium</i>)	2068	72
7th INTECOL International Wetlands Conference	2004.07	Utrecht, The Netherlands (<i>Wetland Science and Water Resources Management</i>)	867	62
8th INTECOL International Wetlands Conference	2008.07	Cuiabá, Brazil (<i>Big wetlands, big problems</i>)	700+	28
9th INTECOL International Wetlands Conference	2012.06	Orlando, Florida (<i>Wetlands in a complex world</i>)	1240	43
10th INTECOL International Wetlands Conference	2016.09	Changshu, China (<i>Hotspots of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</i>)	800+	72

Who usually attends the INTECOL's Wetlands Conference?

- The world's leading wetland scientists and managers
- But of interest to all professionals active in wetlands research, conservation and management practitioners (physical, biological, chemical, and social scientists, engineers, resource managers, regulators, planners, policy makers and local volunteer communities)
- A platform to review research on complex challenges and integrated solutions for sustainable management of wetland resources in a changing world.
- An interactive forum for those groups to share their experiences and research results concerning global wetland ecosystems.

Where it all started for us: Changsu, China (Sept 2016)!



Why hosting the next conference in New Zealand?

Why in Christchurch/Ōtautahi ?

- A city built on a swamp (this had consequences!...)
- A city with or close to wetlands of international importance
- A city where the value of wetlands is more and more recognised
- A city where lots of wetland restoration is taking place, helped by...
- A strong community of science and community groups
- A country with a growing reputation of thinking innovative ideas
- A country and a region (Oceania) leading the world on demonstrating the role of indigenous and local knowledge in wetland conservation



Proposed Theme: Traditional knowledge and innovative science in wetland research and management (= learning from the past to shape the future)

Opinion

CellPress

Defining biocultural approaches to conservation

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We contend that biocultural approaches to conservation can achieve effective and just conservation outcomes while addressing erosion of both cultural and biological lines for the future.

Māori values – Iwi Perspectives of Freshwater Management

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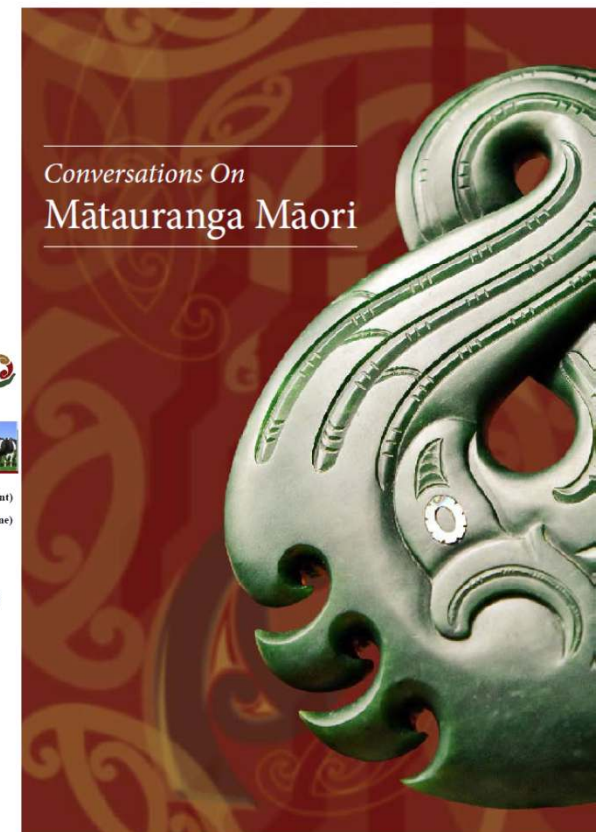
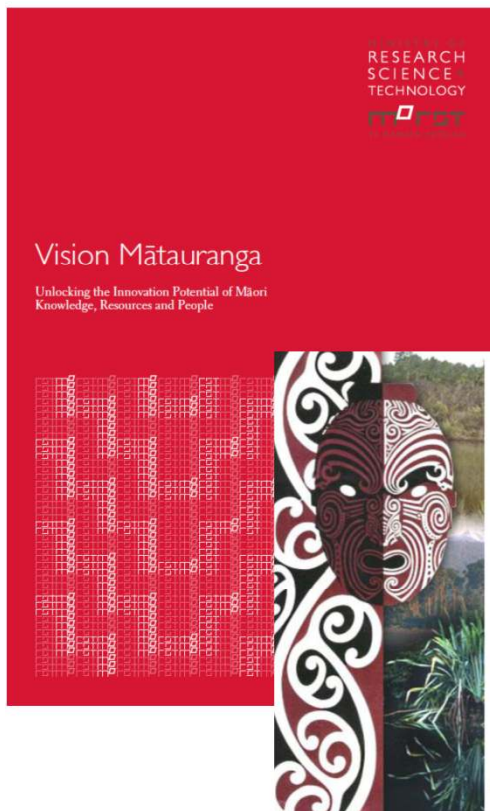
A Theoretical Framework

Dr. John Reid, Tremaine Barr, and Dr. Simon Lambert

Edited by Dr. Golda Varona

Ngāi Tahu Research Centre, University of Canterbury

September 2013



Organising Committee



Philippe Gerbeaux



Di Lucas

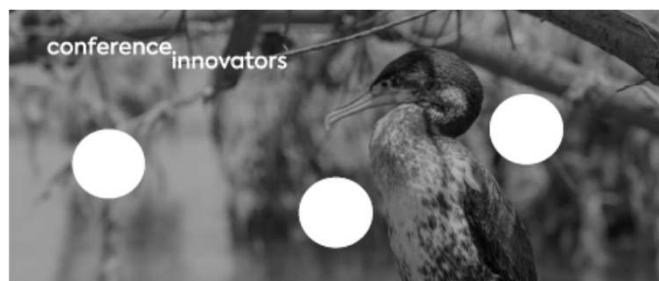


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Traditional knowledge and innovative science

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
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Proven Track Record

Since its inception in 1995, CI has established itself as a leader in the Christchurch conference sector. A snapshot of our proven track record of international and domestic event delivery in Christchurch includes:

Resource Management Law Association Conference September 2019, Christchurch Town Hall
New Zealand Dental Association Conference August 2019, Christchurch Town Hall
Canterbury Earthquake Symposium November 2018, University of Canterbury
New Zealand Insurance Law Association Conference September 2018, Rydges Latimer Hotel
Local Government New Zealand Conference July 2018, Christ's College
Social Enterprise World Forum September 2017, Isaac Theatre Royal and assorted venues
NZNO Cancer Nurses College Conference May 2017, Tait Technology Centre
Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) Congress May 2016, Wigram Airforce Museum
Australia New Zealand Conference for Educators of the Deaf and Asia Pacific Congress on Deafness July 2016, Wigram Airforce Museum
International Federation of Surveyors RG Working Week May 2016, Horncastle Arena
Environment Criminology and Crime Analysis Symposium June 2015, Novotel Hotel
RNZOGP Conference for General Practice July 2014, Wigram Airforce Museum
Cooperative Research Centre for Spatial Information Conference November 2013, University of Canterbury
Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists Annual Scientific Meeting May 2009, Christchurch Convention Centre

"The (CI) team has been an absolute pleasure to work with. Professional always. Reactive and pro-active. Open to change and willing to listen. But also providing very clear and informed advice and recommendations."

Helene Malandain, Project Director, Social Enterprise World Forum 2017



References

We build positive, collaborative relationships with all our clients.

We invite you to contact our referees below to discuss their experience working with CI.

UNESCO World Heritage Committee Meeting 2007

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Social Enterprise World Forum 2017

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World Indigenous Tourism Summit 2018

Pania Tyson-Nathan, Chief Executive | NZ Māori Tourism (Local Hosts) | ++64 4 474 4682 |
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National Science Challenge Science for Technological Innovation events (2017-2018)

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The 11th Intecol International Wetlands conference will be held in 2020, and is tipped to attract around 1,000 academics, researchers and experts from around the world to discuss best practice in wetland research and management.

Local ecologist and wetland expert, Dr Philippe Gerbeaux from the Department of Conservation's Freshwater team was one of driving forces behind bringing the event, held every four years under the umbrella of the International Association for Ecology (Intecol), to Christchurch, after being asked by the co-chairs of the Intecol Wetlands Working Group whether New Zealand would be interested to host the 2020 conference.

Dr Gerbeaux says this new event is reflective of Christchurch's growing reputation as a great host city.

"The theme that was accepted for the conference - traditional knowledge and innovative science in wetland research and management - reflects the high regard of the international science community for New Zealand's Mātauranga Māori approach, which underpins our policy, science and management needs," he says.

“Bringing experts from all around the world will generate some good discussions and outcomes on sustainability practices for our existing wetlands and how to re-develop wetland areas where they can protect us against floods and pollution.”
Dr Philippe Gerbeaux

"The event committee is committed to make this future event a successful one for Iwi, Christchurch City and the Canterbury Region, but also for the whole New Zealand wetland research and management community. There is a wonderful range of organisations and landowners doing fantastic restoration work within the city in our wetlands and along our waterways", Dr Gerbeaux says.



ChristchurchNZ, the region's economic development, tourism and major events agency, and Tourism New Zealand Business Events supported Dr Gerbeaux to produce the winning bid to host the 11th Intecol International Wetlands Conference.

Tourism New Zealand's Business Events and Premium Manager Lisa Gardiner says, "In addition to the economic benefits international conferences deliver to New Zealand, they also showcase our expert sector knowledge to a global audience and help spread visitation across the year by attracting visitors outside of peak season."

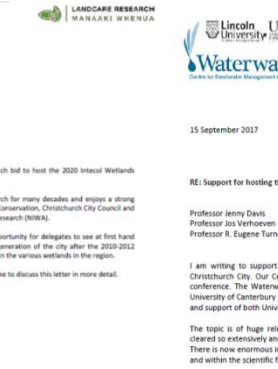
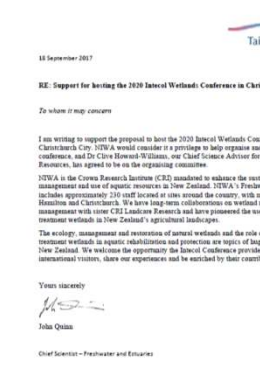
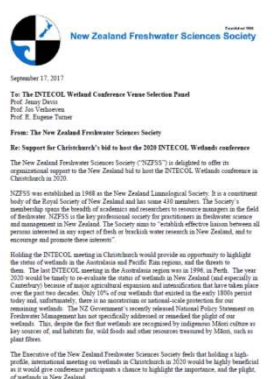
ChristchurchNZ's Convention Bureau Manager Caroline Blanchfield says Christchurch is the perfect destination to host such a prestigious and ecologically significant event.

“This highly acclaimed international conference is another fantastic win for Christchurch and further cements our position as a sought-after conference destination.”

Caroline Blanchfield, ChristchurchNZ Convention Bureau Manager



Key stakeholders fully supportive (15 LoS)



And of course last but not least, the NWT!

26 September 2018

Professor Jenny Davis,
Professor Jos Verhoeven
Professor Eugene Turner
International Association for Ecology

Dear Professors

RE: Support for hosting the 2020 Intecol Wetlands Conference in Christchurch

I am writing to you for bringing the support of the National Wetland Trust to host the 2020 Intecol Wetlands Conference in Christchurch City. The National Wetland Trust would consider it a privilege to help organise and host this conference.

The National Wetland Trust is a non-profit organisation established in 1999 to increase the appreciation of wetlands and their values by all New Zealanders. Our first major task is to build a wetland interpretation centre for people to learn more about wetlands and experience their special qualities. Other Trust aims are to:

- Increase public knowledge and appreciation of wetland values
- Increase understanding of wetland functions and processes
- Ensure landowners and government agencies commit to wetland protection, enhancement and restoration

The trust has twelve elected and three co-opted trustees. The Trust patron is internationally renowned biologist and TV celebrity Ruud Kleinpaste.

Among our supporters are volunteers and a large number of people representing a broad range of interests from landowners, tourism and farming industries, local government authorities, NGOs, Crown Research Institutes, and universities.

The Trust contributes articles, and organises events including World Wetlands Day and Wetland Restoration Symposia which are held every two years.

We welcome the opportunity the Intecol Conference will provide to our members and to host the distinguished international wetland scientists and managers that will participate in the conference. We will be delighted to share our experiences with them and be enriched by their contributions.

Yours sincerely



A.J. Roxburgh
Chair National Wetland Trust of New Zealand

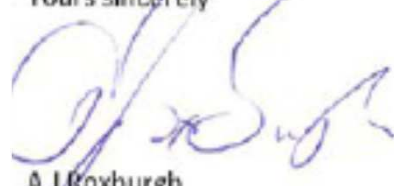


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First brainstorming hui with all those stakeholders

The committee and the stakeholders met on 17th September 2018



Some key words that have come out....



Plenary speeches, Symposia, Workshops, Paper sessions, Posters...but also: Thematic journeys, pavillions, debates in school auditoriums, art and science exhibitions, crafts, billet accommodation..
This is our conference, let's make it happen together!





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