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Call for Papers for Special Issue: Ecological Modelling Global Conference 2016: 20th Biennial ISEM Conference, 8-12 May 2016, Towson, Maryland, USA.

Thank you for your participation in the International Society for Ecological Modelling Global Conference 2016 hosted by Towson University. You were among the more than 300 registrants from 50 countries who participated in the international exchange of ideas, scientific results, and general knowledge related to the application of systems analysis and simulation in ecology and natural resource management. As a presenter at the Conference, you are hereby invited to submit a manuscript based on your presentation for possible publication in the Special Issue of the international journal *Ecological Modelling* titled *Ecological Modelling Global Conference 2016: 20th Biennial ISEM Conference*.

General Themes

Conference presentations represented an impressively wide variety of modelling approaches focused on an equally impressive variety of ecological systems and ecological processes. From this diversity emerged nine broad, non-mutually-exclusive themes around which the Special Issue will be organized:

- Dynamic Ecological Simulation Models
- Ecological Modelling and Environmental Management
- Modelling Coupled Natural and Social Systems
- Modelling of Ecosystem Services
- Biodiversity and Conservation Modelling
- Ecological Landscape and Land Use Change Modelling
- Ecological Modelling for Climate Change
- Network Modelling
- Systems Ecology

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