



## **International Conference on Human Ecology, Manchester, UK, June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**

**Jointly convened by the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council and the Society  
for Human Ecology**

This Conference will examine the status of, and current challenges facing, human ecology around the world. It aims to bring together scholars and practitioners associated with the study and practice of human ecology to demonstrate the relevance of the discipline, and its philosophy and applications, for the contemporary environment and for society.

### **Conference Theme: "Human Ecology for an urbanising world"**

The continued growth of cities and the increasing rates of consumption of hundreds of millions of urban people are continuing to have impacts far beyond urban areas themselves. The transformation of the earth's surface, atmosphere and waters is both modifying ecosystems and changing societies. Resolution of the many problems that these transformations create requires the holistic, integrative approach to the earth as the home of humankind that human ecology fosters and promotes. This conference aims to bring together the diverse perspectives embraced by the wide range of approaches to these problems and to produce new ideas and practical suggestions for improving the efforts being made to improve people's lives and to better care for the planet.

Eight **plenary speakers**, at key times across the days of the conference will address major contemporary issues. **Parallel sessions** will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> June to 2nd July based on topics suggested by participants and by the International Scientific Committee. Suggestions for sessions are now invited. **Workshops and panel discussions** can be held on any topic approved by the International Steering Committee.

Suggestions for parallel sessions or workshops already received include:

- "Ecopolis, Eco-cities, Eco-towns and Eco-communities" (SCOPE China and CHEC)
- "Faith and Human Ecology" (Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC))
- "Landscape, Heritage and Sustainability" (CHEC and GARLAND)
- "The new dig for victory: growing food in urban areas to avoid food poverty" (CHEC)
- "Urban greenspace and safe, secure, cohesive communities" (UK MAB Urban Forum)
- "Climate change and the urban environment" (CURE, University of Manchester)
- Use of marginal and brownfield land in the urban environment
- Urban resource (waste) management

Further suggestions for plenary sessions, workshops and discussions are now invited. See additional details and interest form on [www.societyforhumanecology.org](http://www.societyforhumanecology.org).

### **Poster sessions**

Posters provide an excellent means of communicating both findings and work in progress. Participants are invited to bring A0 size posters for mounting on boards which will be provided. In order that adequate space is available, please indicate your intention to display a poster on the reply form.

### **Excursions**

Guided visits to the city and surrounding countryside will be available on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Conference Venue**

The conference is being held at The University of Manchester in England ([www.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.manchester.ac.uk)). The University of Manchester is one of the UK's leading universities. It has the largest single-unit campus in the UK, with over 45,000 students and 10,000 staff. All sessions will be held in a single building, the Renold Building, adjacent to the city centre and rail, tram and bus services, see building 8 on the campus map: <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/medialibrary/maps/campusmap.pdf>

### **Accommodation**

100 en-suite rooms in Weston Hall have been booked at a current rate of £ 37.00 (+ 17.5% VAT) per night bed and breakfast. There is a great variety of hotel accommodation in the city. Sometimes it is possible to get bargain priced rooms by booking months in advance at locations such as [www.travelodge.co.uk](http://www.travelodge.co.uk) Rooms at £29 per night are currently (27<sup>th</sup> August 2009) available for all but the Wednesday night for the Manchester Central and Manchester Ancoats Travelodges.

### **Registration fee**

The basic fee will be £220 with reductions for CHEC and SHE members and for those who register early. See separate Registration Form available on [www.societyforhumanecology.org](http://www.societyforhumanecology.org).

### **Getting there**

Around 100 airlines fly into Manchester Airport from over 200 destinations around the world - see <http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/MANInfo/AllDestinations>. From the airport trains to the city centre run every 15 minutes into Piccadilly train station (which is only 2 minutes walk from the University campus); the average journey time is 20 minutes. A cheap day (off peak single is currently £2.90 and a standard single £ 3.60). Alternatively you can jump into a taxi to the city centre which costs less than £20.

**For any further information please contact: [ian.douglas@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:ian.douglas@manchester.ac.uk)**

### **[Second Call for Participation](#)**

### **[Registration Form](#)**

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