



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

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Suggestions for parallel sessions or workshops already received include:

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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.

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### **IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

January 10, 2009	Submission of abstracts for a proposed workshop
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February 10, 2009	Notification of acceptance
February 28, 2009	Last date for early-payer registration
June 1, 2009	End of regular registration
June 1, 2009	Last day for booking reserved rooms at Weston Hall
June 29, 2009	Conference opens: on site registration possible

Eva Ekehorn and Ian Douglas, Co-conveners



## CALL FOR PAPERS

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Among possible themes are:

- Training and education for sustainability & social responsibility
- Sustainable food procurement
- Ethical enterprise
- Individual responsibilities and ethical dilemmas in human ecology

Environmental, ecological and health impacts of pollution  
Sustainability assessment  
Conservation Psychology  
Ecology in Thought and Action  
Urban Human Ecology  
New Directions in Human Ecology Education  
Resilient Roads to Management: Processes and Challenges  
Environmental Biography  
Urban behaviour and public perception  
Traditional societies in a urban world  
Human ecological ethical dilemma of tourism  
Human ecology issues of port, airport and transportation node developments  
Risks and uncertainties associated with urban pollution  
Adaptation to climate change  
Pressures of recreation on wilderness and National Parks  
Water for multi-purpose needs: assessing priorities and alternatives  
The role of financial institutions in a sustainable future  
Research frontiers in human ecology  
Communicating human ecology  
Management of waste as a renewable resource

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### **Publications:**

Plans will be made for a series of conference publications, including special issues of journals.

## **Excursions**

There will be an opportunity for post-conference excursions on July 3<sup>rd</sup> to see the rapid urban and rural changes in and around Manchester, including some industrial heritage sites and the Peak District, Lake District and Snowdonia National Parks.

## **Exhibitions**

Exhibition space will be available for show-casing the state-of-the-art developments related to the human ecology the urban environment.

## **Who should attend?**

This conference should be attended by:

- Researchers
- Civil society members, charities, campaigners and conservationists
- Practitioners from industry, local authorities and other organisations
- Policy makers and implementers
- Funders, programme managers and political leaders interested in human ecology and sustainable development in a changing world.

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## **Host city**

Manchester was the trail-blazing spirit behind the Industrial Revolution of the 18th and 19th centuries, which led the world into the modern industrial era. Today it is a modern and vibrant city, representing a dramatic mix of old and new and offering numerous attractions. Enjoy the superb shopping, eating, drinking and nightlife in the city or head out to stunning countryside in the nearby Peak District and Lake District.

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For self-guided excursions see: <http://www.mangeogsoc.org.uk/egm.htm>

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**Train:** Most major cities in the UK have direct train services into Manchester. High speed trains run between London and Manchester with journey times of just over two hours.

**Road:** Manchester's ring road connects Manchester to motorways north, south, east and west.

## **TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST**

### **PLEASE USE THE REPLY FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE**

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

We welcome all your comments and suggestions!

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Chairman, Board of Governors (CHEC)  
Vice-President (SHE)

Eva Ekehorn  
Past-President (SHE)  
Member Governing Board (CHEC)

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**Please check the appropriate boxes below:**

I would like to express my interest in participating in the International Conference on Human Ecology in Manchester on June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009

I would like to present a paper and I attach an abstract of 250 to 300 words:  
Paper title \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to present a poster and I attach an abstract of 250 to 300 words:  
Poster title \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to organize a paper session (of 4-6 speakers) on the following topic and I attach an outline: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to organize a workshop or discussion panel on the following topic and I attach an outline: \_\_\_\_\_

I attach a list of suggestions and comments on the planning of the conference

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