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To facilitate information sharing among researchers, practitioners, and relevant local, national, and international professionals, The Institute for a Sustainable Earth (ISE) is excited to announce the 6th International Symposium on Knowledge and Implementation Science. This symposium aims to bring together a diverse group of experts to discuss cutting-edge developments in implementation science and how these advancements can strengthen institutional capacity to enhance professional community, and engage in meaningful intellectual exchange. Over 3000 participants will address the theme of "Education Beyond the Human: Toward Sustainability Organization" and share their latest research and practice. The symposium also features opportunities for networking and collaboration, as well as keynote presentations by leading experts in the field.

In addition to the symposium, The Center for Climate and Security at George Mason University is organizing a panel discussion on Climate Change. The panel will feature Dr. Deborah B. Kelley, a renowned expert in climate change and sustainable development, along with experts from various fields. The event will be held on February 26, 2020, at Room 5117, Nguyen Engineering Building, Mason Fairfax Campus.

For more information on the symposium and panel discussion, please visit the event website. To join the conversation and receive updates, follow us on social media.

Dr. Cioffi-Revilla was honored for "distinguished research and education contributions" at the Advancement of Science (AAAS) annual meeting. The AAAS is a nonprofit, membership, and publishing organization with a mission to "advance science in the service of humanity." Dr. Cioffi-Revilla's contributions were recognized for her "outstanding research achievements, dedication to teaching, and commitment to mentoring young scientists."

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has launched its first "Dear Colleague Letter: Supporting Transition of Young Scientists and Early Career Researchers to Research Grants." This initiative aims to provide support and guidance to early career researchers as they transition from graduate school to independent research positions. The letter provides information on NSF funding opportunities and offers advice on developing a successful research program.

Fellows are elected each year by their peers serving on the Council of AAAS, the organization's member-run governing body. The complete list of 2019 Fellows was published in the AAAS Fellows' Report. The list includes 15 new AAAS Fellows, including Dr. Christine D. White, who was recognized for her "distinguished contributions to the advancement of science through mentoring, service, and research."

The American Geophysical Union (AGU) has announced its annual paper competition which invites area high school, college, and graduate students to submit research papers on topics related to Earth and space science. The competition will be held on March 1, 2020, and the winners will be announced at the AGU Fall Meeting in November. The competition is open to students worldwide, and the deadline for submission is April 17, 2020.

The Office of Sustainability (OoS) at George Mason University is organizing an annual conference to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day on April 22nd, 2020. The conference will feature keynote presentations by leading experts in sustainability, as well as workshops and panel discussions on a variety of sustainability-related topics. The conference is open to the public, and registration will be available soon.

To help us achieve our goals, we're asking that you consider making a donation to support the Office of Sustainability's work. Your contribution will help us continue to promote sustainability on campus and in the local community. Thank you for your support.

Additionally, the Office of Sustainability is hosting a series of talks on urban topics to create an active community of connected experts. These talks aim to facilitate knowledge exchange and community engagement. The first talk will be held on February 26, 2020, at 3pm - 4:30pm. The topic is "玲珑城市：可持续城市的未来展望," featuring the keynote speakers, journalist and speaker Malcolm Gladwell on his new book Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know. Robinson Professor of Public Affairs Steven Pearlstein and Criminology, Law and Policy Professor Anne novel will be in conversation with Gladwell.

The Institute for a Sustainable Earth (ISE) is an organization dedicated to promoting sustainability-related programs, events, and initiatives happening at Mason during Earth Day week. To learn more about these events, please visit the Institute's website.

Dr. White was honored for "outstanding contributions to the advancement of science through mentoring, service, and research." She was elected as an AAAS Fellow in 2019. Dr. White has been involved in a variety of sustainability-related projects, including the launch of an interagency working group on climate change adaptation, and serves as an external facilitator for the National Science Foundation (NSF) Advisory Committee for Sustainability Research and Education.

Most recently, she has served in several roles at the National Science Foundation (NSF) since 2013. She has been a member of NSF’s Advisory Committee for Sustainability Research and Education; and oversaw NSF’s Advisory Committee for Sustainable Communities. In addition, she has been a member of the NSF’s Advisory Committee for Human Resource Development and has contributed to the fourth National Climate Assessment. Dr. White has also published extensively on sustainability-related topics in top sustainability journals including Nature, Science, and the Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA.

To submit your research paper for consideration, please visit the Office of Sustainability's website. The deadline for submission is April 17, 2020.

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