

Graduate Student Committee Spring 1999 Report

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Both Christy and Greg will serve as co-chairs through August of 2000. In addition, we now have a full complement of student representatives from all 21 sites. These students will serve as the liaisons between the individual sites and the graduate student committee chairs. We have compiled the following numbers of students at each site from information provided by the student site representative or data manager. This gives us a total of 453 students within the LTER network. All of these students have been entered into the national LTER database. Each student should check the website to make sure contact information is correct and add ancillary information such as areas of interest.

AND	LUQ	NTL	SEV	PAL
56	39	21	14	7
PIE	CAP	CWT	BNZ	MCM
1	56	27	17	13
ARC	HBR	KNZ	NWT	JRN
7	43	26	15	10
BES	KBS	VCR	CDR	SGS
5	42	25	14	10
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We will be holding our annual LTER graduate student meeting at the Ecological Society Meeting in Spokane, WA. The meeting will be held on Sunday, August 8th at 5:30pm (location TBA). This meeting will provide an introduction to the LTER Network for new students, an update on student related events within the LTER Network, and an opportunity to interact with student from different sites. In addition, this year we will be hearing from the students who participated in the ILTER trip to Japan. Please encourage your students to attend this meeting. For more information contact Christy Tyler (tyler@virginia.edu).

The graduate student committee is also preparing a variety of student workshops and activities for the 2000 All Scientist's Meeting at Snowbird. Workshop topics include methods and statistics, a discussion of gender and diversity within ecological sciences, non-academic career opportunities in ecology, ways to incorporate long-term data into the classroom, cross-site and collaborative research, the integration of social and biological sciences, etc... We will also be scheduling a series of informal lunches where students can interact with specific PIs. We are looking for PIs to help out with the workshops, and to participate in the lunches. Please contact Christy Tyler (tyler@virginia.edu) if you would be will to help, or if you can suggest people who we should contact.

We have two ideas for additions to the web page that would help us, the students, find jobs and you, the PIs, fill faculty, postdoc, and doctoral student positions. The first would be searchable database of students. Each student would sign up on the page listing contact info, major professor, graduation date, and areas of interest. They would also include a 2-3 sentence description of their research. A PI wanting to fill a position could then do a keyword search, find a list of names, and see descriptions of previous research and graduation date and perhaps target this person.

The alternate plan would be to create a bulletin board on the LTER webpage where PIs could post job announcements for students to look at. This could be similar to the job postings on Ecolog. This bulletin board would be focused on, but not limited to, jobs within the LTER network. Would either of these plans be useful to PIs or their students? If you have any comments or suggestions, positive or negative, please contact Greg Hoch (gah@climate.konza.ksu.edu)