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## AIBS Executive Director's Blog Now Online

The AIBS Executive Director's blog is live at <http://blogs.aibs.org/richardogrady/>. There's a link to the blog toward the top of the opening page of [www.aibs.org](http://www.aibs.org), and the blog is included in AIBS's RSS feeds at [www.aibs.org/feeds/](http://www.aibs.org/feeds/).

AIBS Executive Director Richard O'Grady says, "I plan to post to the blog as often as I can in order to give AIBS staff, leaders, members, and the general science community my first-person view on what's happening at AIBS on an on-going basis. Comments on the blog postings are welcome and can be submitted online at the blog's site. I encourage other association executive directors and leaders to start their own blogs as another way of establishing two-way communication with their communities."

## Photos from the 2006 AIBS Annual Meeting Now Available Online; Lectures to Follow

Photographs taken at the 2006 annual meeting of the American Institute of Biological Sciences, held 24–25 May in Washington, DC, can be viewed by going to [www.carrollphotography.lifepics.com](http://www.carrollphotography.lifepics.com) and entering event code AIBS5232506. Photos and high-resolution images on CD that are ordered at this site will be shipped approximately 48 hours after the order is received. Inquiries can be submitted via the contact page at the site.

Please note also that the plenary and keynote lectures from the annual meeting—with audio, video, slides, and transcripts—will be available online in a few weeks for free viewing at the AIBS Virtual Library, [www.aibs.org/virtual-library/](http://www.aibs.org/virtual-library/). The speakers and the titles of their lectures are as follows:

- Chris Mooney, Washington correspondent, *Seed* magazine: "Learning to Speak Science: How the Scientific

Community Can Win Back Its Political Influence in America"

- Matthew Nisbet, The Ohio State University: "Framing Science: Understanding the Battle over Knowledge"
- Daniel Esty, Yale University: "From Science to Policy: Biodiversity Protection, Metrics, and Results"
- Jamie Rappaport Clark, Defenders of Wildlife: "The Endangered Species Act under Attack: The Dynamic Interplay between Science and Policy"
- Shahid Naeem, Columbia University: "Applications of Biodiversity Research to Human Well-being"
- Richard B. Norgaard, University of California at Berkeley: "Values and Valuation in a Rapidly Changing World"
- Stephen Polasky, University of Minnesota: "Valuing Ecosystem Services"
- Stephen Bocking, Trent University, Canada: "Defining Effective Science for Biodiversity Policy"

The AIBS Virtual Library contains free online recordings of plenary and keynote lectures from AIBS annual meetings and other AIBS events since 2000.

The next AIBS annual meeting is scheduled for 14–15 May 2007 in Washington, DC.

## Recent Articles Online at [www.actionbioscience.org](http://www.actionbioscience.org)

### Original articles in English

- "Computational Skills for Biology Students," interview with Louis J.

Gross, recipient of the 2006 AIBS Distinguished Scientist Award, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology and mathematics, and director of the Institute for Environmental Modeling in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

- "Ecology and Economics," interview with Stephen Polasky, Fesler-Lampert Chair in Ecological/Environmental Economics and faculty member of the Department of Applied Economics and of the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior, University of Minnesota, St. Paul

## Spanish translations of previously posted articles

- "El Peso de un Pétalo: El Valor de los Jardines Botánico" [The Weight of a Petal: The Value of Botanical Gardens], by Bruce Rinker, director of the Environmental Lands Division of Pinellas County, Florida
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