

Project Update: December 2014

IUCN-CEM Chair Young Professional Award

Dr Shalini Dhyani, has been awarded the prestigious “IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management (IUCN-CEM) Chair Young Professional Award” at World Parks Congress 2014 in Sydney, Australia. World Parks Congress is a landmark and prestigious global forum on Protected Areas, indigenous people; PA conservation and management issues that happens once in 10 years.

IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management Global Chair, Dr Piet Wit presented the award to Dr Shalini Dhyani on 14th November 2014 in Nature based Solutions Pavilion during World Parks Congress 2014 at Sydney Olympic Park, Australia. She was invited by IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management to present her work in CEM Steering Committee meeting. Her presentation broadly covered her research work on disaster risk reduction using both Community and Ecosystem based approach that involves nature based solutions in Garhwal, Uttarakhand.

This award is given for supporting brilliance and recognising exceptional contributions made by young professionals for their work done in conserving and managing different ecosystems across the globe. Dr Shalini was selected by a search committee that involved internationally renowned conservation academicians, professionals and practitioners belonging to a variety of international organisations. She was selected by them in appreciation for her extensive and impressive research in forestry and botany in Indian Himalayan region. Her work was relevant to many aspects of the award and her list of publications was found excellent.

The award brought her full funding from IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management supported by GEF to present her work at World Parks Congress 2014, publication of her work in upcoming Springer publication by UNEP and a plaque.



Dr. Shalini Dhyani, receiving IUCN-CEM “Chair Young Professional Award from Global Chair, IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management Dr. Piet Wit during on 14th Nov. 2014 in Nature based Solutions Pavilion during World Parks Congress 2014 at Sydney Olympic park



Dr. Shalini Dhyani presenting her work in CEM Steering Committee meeting in Nature based Solutions Pavilion during World Parks Congress 2014 at Sydney Olympic park, Australia



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Introducing...

CEM's Young Professional Award

This year the first CEM Chair Young Professional Award has been awarded to Shalini Dhyani from India. We were happy to receive a number of high quality nominations. In this and the next newsletter we will introduce to you some of these CEM young professionals.

Shalini Dhyani, from India

Winner of the CEM Chair Young Professional Award



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