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Press Release on the occasion of the Conference “Lakeside Gardens in Europe 2006”

**THE INSTITUTE FOR ECOSYSTEM STUDY OF THE C.N.R.:
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AT THE SERVICE OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

The Institute for Ecosystem Study (ISE) was constituted in 2001 as part of the restructured network of Institutes of the National Research Council. Based in Verbania Pallanza in the 19th century Villa De Marchi, historic headquarters of the Italian Institute of Hydrobiology founded in 1939, the Institute includes associated research centres in Florence, Pisa and Sassari. Our research focuses on ecosystems in natural conditions as well as in conditions of stress and recovery, and is aimed at acquiring an in-depth, interdisciplinary knowledge of how natural environments work, and identifying advanced strategies for environmental recovery and management.

The following are our main fields of research:

- 1) Limnology and eco-physiology of aquatic ecosystems
- 2) Population ecology
- 3) Evolutionary biology, biodiversity and nature conservancy
- 4) Macro and micro environmental pollutants
- 5) Biological pest control
- 6) The soil ecosystem, control and recovery of soil quality.

On the occasion of the event “Lakeside Gardens in Europe”, of which the CNR ISE holds the patronage, an **Educational Exhibition of Photographs** will be open to the public from 30 September to 8 October. The display is designed to illustrate and inform about the lake research performed over the 70 years’ activity of the Pallanza Institute. The history of the Institute will be shown from its foundation to the present day, with information on the main tools used for research. Prominence will be given to the climatic and weather conditions of the Lake Maggiore area, variations in the lake water level with the increasingly frequent alternation of flood and low water conditions, and the relation of these to ongoing climate change.

Explanatory panels will describe water vegetation, the qualitative evolution of the Italian lakes and their state of health; furthermore, the panels will illustrate the recovery of polluted waterbodies following research performed by the staff of the Institute.

EXHIBITION VENUE:

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OPENING TIMES:

Monday to Friday: 9.00 – 18.00

During the Conference the Institute will also be open on **Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October**

FREE ENTRANCE