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Dear Board Members:

The physiological section report 2011..

1.) The theme of Healing Biodiversity will be reflected in the Physiological section's Symposium "Healing the USA Coastlines" with Restoration of coastal Macroplants. Some of our sections leading restoration experts including Joy Zedler and Jim Doherty in Pacific estuaries, Howard Teas with Janice Coons and Anitra Thorhaug working in the Gulf of Mexico and South East Atlantic. Deborah Shafer working in the Chesapeake Bay on seagrass seed restoration and Thorhaug and Graeme Berlyn working on tropical seagrass restoration in the face of a variety of pollutants will be featured on Wednesday morning at 8:30am. This is joint with the ecological section as co-chair.

2.) We will have a very good several sections of contributed papers organized by Peter Melcher our new program chair. He reports organizing contributed papers to the Ecophysiological Session (Monday 1:30-5:05);
and the Physiological Section contributed Sessions (Tuesday 9-11:45);

3.) The Physiological Business Meeting and annual Lunch (Tuesday 12:00-1:30);

4.) The officers (Anitra Thorhaug, chair, Peter Melcher, programs, and Uromi Goodale as treasurer) have tried to serve you during this year. We now have a rotating set of officers so we do not all expire at the same time. We wish Frank Ewers well and our deepest thanks for his service after 6 years of service as the Physiological Section Program Chair. An election for a new Treasurer will occur this year.

5.) For good reading catch my newest book with predictive analytics for predicting the Future called Future of the Western Hemisphere which I wrote in one of my other hats as President of the USA Club of Rome. This is on kindle.com for $9.99 (easy access to free kindle software at kindle.com) or in paper back at. GCEEF.org or Amazon.com

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