

5th National Conference Grazing Lands



You are invited to be part of the Fifth National Conference on Grazing Lands (5NCGL). Hosted by the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative.

THIS YEAR'S OBJECTIVE:
"To Heighten Awareness of the Economic and Environmental Benefits of Grazing Lands."

The 5NCGL is designed to provide a forum for discussions and exchange of information, technology transfer, identification of research and program needs, marketing of products, services, and other benefits of grazing. Concurrent sessions are broken down into four "tracks"

- western grazing lands
- central grazing lands
- eastern grazing lands
- dairy grazing land management

Come learn how sound, scientific technical assistance can help you improve your management systems and how you can increase public awareness of the economic and environmental benefits of grazing.

Starts: Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012
Ends: Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012

LOCATION: The Caribe Royale
8101 World Center Drive
Orlando, FL 32821

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About the GLCI

The Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) is a nationwide collaborative association of agricultural producers and organizations working together to maintain and improve the management and health of the nation's private and public grazing lands. The initiative is driven by the agricultural producer and organizations specializing in conservation, scientific research, watershed benefits, and erosion control.

GLCI activities are facilitated through local, state and national partnerships. GLCI informs the public of contributions well-managed grazing lands make to the quality of life of every citizen. It is founded on the principles of voluntary action by owners and managers of grazing lands and respect for private property rights.

The GLCI is led by a National Steering Committee. The Steering Committee encourages and works to help establish local, state, and regional partnerships to foster grazing lands conservation and stewardship.

GLCI was established in Bozeman, Montana in June, 1991. The first meeting was called by representatives of state and national agricultural, conservation, wildlife, and scientific organizations. Attendees were concerned about the declining level of technical assistance provided to owners and managers of non-federal grazing lands. Twenty-two states were represented at the meeting.

Six national organizations agreed to sponsor GLCI – American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC), American Sheep Industry Association (ASIA), National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), and Society for Range Management (SRM). These organizations appoint members to the Steering Committee who are respected leaders, producers and organization representatives, who pay their own expenses.

A primary activity of the National GLCI Steering Committee has been to work to have the purpose, activities and funding authorization for GLCI included in the Farm Bills. This legislation assigns primary responsibility for GLCI funds with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Assistance provided by NRCS is at the request of private landowners and in partnership with local soil and water conservation districts and others.

Another objective of GLCI is to expand research and education. Applied, interdisciplinary research is needed to integrate new knowledge into effective management systems. Extension education programs are needed to help landowners gain new knowledge and skills, and prepare those providing the technical assistance with the information needed to provide high quality assistance.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Dr. Fred Provenza



Kit Pharo



Dr. Temple Grandin



Dr. Garry Lacefield



Dr. Don Ball

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Forever Florida Tour
Noon - 5 p.m. Exhibit/Poster set up
2 - 5 p.m. Regional GLCI Meetings
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Exhibitors Social (cash bar)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30 - 7:45 a.m. Complimentary continental
breakfast
7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Registration
8 - 9:30 a.m. **OPENING PLENARY SESSION**
Introductory Remarks from the National
GLCI Chair Bob Drake, Welcome to Orlando
from the Mayor of Orlando (Invited),
Welcome and Address by the Governor
(Invited), and Keynote Address from The
Honorable Tom Vilsack, U.S. Secretary of
Agriculture (Invited)
9:30 - 10 a.m. Refreshment break and Dr. Temple
Grandin book signing in exhibit hall

10 - 11:30 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION**
Featured Speaker Dr. Temple Grandin
11:45 - 1:15 p.m. LUNCH (on your own) and
Dr. Temple Grandin book signing in exhibit hall
1:30 - 3 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS**
Featured speakers Dr. Don Ball
& Dr. Garry Lacefield
3 - 3:30 p.m. Refreshment break in exhibitor hall
3:30 - 5 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS**
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. **EVENING BANQUET** – Florida
Night (optional) Moderator: Bob Drake, GLCI

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:30 - 7:45 a.m. Complimentary continental
breakfast
7:30 - 5 p.m. Registration
3:30 - 7 p.m. Dismantle exhibits and posters
8 - 9:30 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS**
Featured Symposiums: Small Ruminant,
& The Noble Foundation
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Refreshment break and

exhibitor time. Poster authors will be at poster
papers in exhibit hall.

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. **CONFERENCE LUNCHEON**
1:30 - 3 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS**
Featured speaker Dr. Fred Provenza
3 - 3:30 p.m. Refreshment break in exhibitor hall
3:30 - 5 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS**
Featured Speaker Kit Pharo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:30 - Noon Registration
8 - 9:30 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION**
Featured Speaker Kit Pharo
9:30 - 10 a.m. Refreshment break
10 - 11:30 a.m. **CLOSING PLENARY SESSION**
Moderators: Bob Drake of the GLCI & Chief
Dave White of the NRCS (Invited)
GLCI Awards Presentation
1 - 5 p.m. Dr. Fred Provenza - Special Afternoon
Ticketed Session Sponsored by the Florida
Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative

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Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA
The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation

GLCI Advisors:

American Society of Agronomy
Extension Committee on Policy
Experiment Station Committee on Policy
NRCS National Technology Support Centers
Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable

GLCI Steering Committee:

American Farm Bureau Federation
American Forage and Grassland Council
American Sheep Industry
Dairy Industry Representatives

National Association of Conservation Districts
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Farmers Union

Society for Range Management
Soil and Water Conservation Society

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Many others listed in program

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