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| **Accomplishments**  For nearly three decades, the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) has given voice to the field of ecological restoration and provided leadership in all aspects of its development. We are a dynamic global network of more than 2,800 members who foster the exchange of knowledge and expertise among ecological restoration practitioners and scientists from diverse disciplines. In addition to communicating leading-edge tools, technologies and scientific findings, SER actively promotes best practices around the world.  We are working to ensure that ecological restoration is recognized and utilized as a fundamental component of conservation and sustainable development programs throughout the world, and that ecological restoration projects are designed and implemented in a way that provides people with the opportunity to not only repair ecological damage, but also improve the human condition.  The Society brings together academics, researchers, practitioners, artists, economists, advocates, legislators and regulators to define and deliver excellence in the field of ecological restoration. Since the Society’s inception nearly 30 years ago, its workshops, publications, and international collaborative networks have provided leading-edge restoration guidance to individuals and organizations worldwide.  **Producing and distributing a diversity of publications**   * Since 1993, publishing the peer-reviewed journal [*Restoration Ecology*](https://www.ser.org/page/RestorationEcology)*.*In 2018, ***Restoration Ecology*increased its impact factor to 2.544**, and beginning in 2019 the journal will be included as a **complimentary benefit to all members.** * Partnering with Island Press and dozens of authors to deliver an [ecological restoration book series](https://www.ser.org/?page=IPBookTitles), now with 28 titles and growing * Developing practical guides for the design and implementation of effective ecological restoration projects   + [*The International Standards for the Practice of Ecological Restoration*](http://www.ser.org/?page=SERStandards)   + [*SER International Primer on Ecological restoration*](https://www.ser.org/resource/resmgr/custompages/publications/SER_Primer/ser_primer.pdf)   + [*An Introduction to Plant Genetics*](https://www.ser.org/resource/resmgr/custompages/publications/ser_publications/ser_restoration_genetics.pdf)(for US Dept. of the Interior, US Env. Protection Agency)   **Partnering with international entities to produce guidance documents for implementing scientifically and socially responsible ecological restoration programs**   * [*Ecological Restoration for Protected Areas: Principles, Guidelines and Best Practices*](http://www.iucn.org/content/ecological-restoration-protected-areas)(with Parks Canada and IUCN) * [*Ecological Restoration: A Means of Conserving Biodiversity and Sustaining Livlihoods*](https://www.ser.org/resource/resmgr/custompages/publications/ser_publications/MEANS_OF_CONSERVING_BIODIVER.pdf)  (with IUCN and Commission on Ecosystem Management)   **Creating the world's first ecological restoration certification program**   * The [CERP program](http://www.ser.org/page/Certification) encourages a high professional standard for those designing, implementing, overseeing, and monitoring restoration projects worldwide * We've **credentialed more than 225 restoration practitioners** since launching the *Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner* (CERP) program in January 2017 – by the end of 2018, we will add another 60-70 CERPs to the program.   **Advancing international policy**   * Working to mainstream ecological restoration in global environmental policy    + Raising awareness among constituents/stakeholders of the Convention on Biological Diversity about the critical link between ecological restoration and biodiversity protection   + Partnering with several high-level UN bodies to jointly issue the Hyderabad Call for a Concerted Effort on Ecosystem Restoration. * Acting as a leading source for technical guidance and capacity building about restoration for international policymakers, implementing agencies, and on-the-ground practitioners    + Partnering with the Convention on Biological Diversity to provide capacity-building support for policymakers and implementing agencies as they develop national programs to restore degraded lands and to meet international restoration targets and obligations   + Collaborating with the CBD, the UN Convention on Combating Desertification, and other partners to guide countries/national governments in the development of short-term action plans for ecosystem restoration as a critical next step in achieving Aichi Target 15   + Developing and adopting international standards that can be used as a model for countries working to implement ecological restoration and meet international agreement targets     **Providing high-quality networking**   * Creating a global network of restoration professionals that now spans more than 70 countries and includes [14 chapters](http://www.ser.org/page/Chapters) on four continents, providing local and regional networking opportunities * Organizing two [thematic sections](http://www.ser.org/page/Sections) to connect researchers, practitioners, policy makers and others who are working on similar issues in ecological restoration internationally: International Network for Seed-Based Restoration (INSR) and Large Ecosystem Restoration Section (LERS) * Hosting seven international conferences to date, in North and South America, Australia, and Europe, providing unparalleled international forums for knowledge transfer between restoration science, policy, and practice. * Delivering high-quality regional conferences, workshops, field trips, and continuing education opportunities throughout North America, Europe and Australasia * We’re **expanding our offerings to emerging professionals**, focusing on maintaining strong connections with practitioners and researchers entering the field, including 20 student clubs.     **Sharing information**   * We **rebranded, redesigned, and relaunched** the Global Restoration Network as the **Restoration Resource Center** (RRC) in 2018 – with a business directory, nearly 300 projects, and more than 1,000 resources openly accessible to promote the practice of ecological restoration and provide a clearinghouse service to the field. * Our **monthly webinar** series sold out on several occasions in 2018, and together with SER chapters we have many excellent speakers already lined up for 2019. * SER’s *International Standards for the Practice of Ecological Restoration* have been **downloaded thousands of times on every continent and are now available in 6 languages**. We will release a revised version of the Standards in 2019. |
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