Specialized URLs and listservs

The Applied Geography Conference: http://applied.geog.kent.edu/

The Applied Geography Conferences provide a forum for the application of geographic concepts, analytical techniques, data, and methods bringing together practitioners, academicians, and other professionals who seek geographic solutions and explanations to societal problems. Attendance ranges between 250 and 400 people.

Crit-geog-forum

This listserv offers a forum for discussion of critical and radical perspectives in geography. It has a wide international subscription with a base in the UK. Information of the periodic (approximately once every three years) International Critical Geography Conferences is circulated on this listserv.

Crit-geog-forum@jiscmail.ac.uk

Association of American Geographers (AAG)

With over 10,000 members in the U.S. and more than 60 countries, the AAG takes a comprehensive view of support and advancement for research and education in the discipline. Over 60 Specialty Groups and several Affinity Groups (e.g. Graduate Student Affinity Group) support communication among geographers with shared interests See http://www.aag.org/cs/membership/specialty_groups for details on these groups and listserv addresses.. A number offer student prizes and awards. The AAG website also includes information of career opportunities, profiles of geographers, information on projects and publications. Nine regional divisions hold meetings in Fall and the AAG Annual is held in Spring featuring paper, panel, and poster sessions, as well as exhibits, a job fair, and networking opportunities.

http://www.aag.org

Association of Pacific Coast Geographers (APCG)

Founded as an independent organization in 1935, APCG became a regional division of the AAG when that model was initiated. It includes AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, WA, BC, and YT. Meetings are held in Fall usually attracting 200-300 people and offer an excellent opportunity for student presentations to supportive audiences, travel grants and prizes in a less less overwhelming setting than national meetings. APCG publishes a Yearbook plus the twice a year newsletter Pacifica. Annual student membership rate is $15. It also operates a listserv apcg-l-bounces@lists.sonoma.edu

http://www.csus.edu/apcg/
International Geographical Union (IGU)

The IGU is an organization in which countries rather than individuals hold membership. It organizes a major international Congress once every four years with regional conferences in different parts of the world in intervening years. The 2012 Congress will be held in Germany. The IGU has 37 Commissions (comparable to AAG Specialty Groups) on such themes as Water Sustainability, Health and Environment, Political Geography, Lands Degradation and Desertification, Gender and Geography which also hold focused conferences in different parts of the world. Some of these Commissions have websites and newsletters. The IGU, especially the Commissions, offers an excellent way to build ties with colleagues in other parts of the world, especially if you are interested in working outside the US. For the Main Congresses and some Regional Congresses, the AAG obtains funds for travel grants – most recently of $2,000 for junior scholars and $1,500 for senior scholars.

http://www.igu-online.org/

National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE)

The National Council for Geographic Education, now in its 96th year, focuses on teaching of geography at K-12 and in colleges and universities. It publishes Journal of Geography which includes research-based articles on teaching experiences and innovations and Geography Teacher mainly devoted to teaching resources for K-12 education. NCGE hosts an annual conference in Fall. Its website indicates an array of other teaching resources and its monthly newsletter, Perspective.

http://www.ncge.org

Some Physical Geography/Science URLs and Listservs

Listservs:

CLIMLIST is a moderated international electronic mail distribution list for climatologists and those working in closely-related fields. It is primarily intended for persons undertaking research in climatology, teaching climatology and providing services of a climatological nature.
http://climlist.wku.edu/

ITRDB Internet Forum: An Internet forum for dendrochronologists has been sponsored by the International Tree-Ring Data Bank since 1988 as part of the ITRDB mission to foster communication among dendrochronologists worldwide, and to help those collecting and developing tree-ring chronologies throughout the world.
http://web.utk.edu/~grissino/forum.htm
URLS for organizations (these all have information about annual or quasi-annual meetings, many have sections for student member, and many are involved in public policy – see details on web sites):

American Geophysical Union: AGU is an international Union of scientists, working together on a broad spectrum of scientific topics that span all of the Earth and space sciences. Our research encompasses everything from the exploration of the planets, to studies of the structure and chemical composition of the Earth's deep interior, to understanding the Earth's atmosphere and the causes of climate change.
http://www.agu.org/

American Meteorological Society: The American Meteorological Society promotes the development and dissemination of information and education on the atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic sciences and the advancement of their professional applications.
http://www.ametsoc.org/

Geological Society of America: GSA’s mission is to be a leader in advancing the geosciences, enhancing the professional growth of its members, and promoting the geosciences in the service to humankind and stewardship of the Earth.
http://www.geosociety.org/

Ecological Society of America: The Ecological Society of America (ESA) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of scientists founded in 1915 to promote ecological science by improving communication among ecologists; raise the public's level of awareness of the importance of ecological science; increase the resources available for the conduct of ecological science; and ensure the appropriate use of ecological science in environmental decision making by enhancing communication between the ecological community and policy-makers.
http://www.esa.org/

Tree-Ring Society: The Tree-Ring Society is an international scientific association dedicated to tree-ring research and education. Goals of the Society are to: promote tree-ring research to the global scientific community; to facilitate organization of symposia, conferences, and workshops on all aspects of tree-ring research; publish results of tree-ring studies; disseminate knowledge of tree-ring research to other disciplines and to the public; provide a forum for communication for dendrochronologists from around the world.
http://www.treeringsociety.org/