

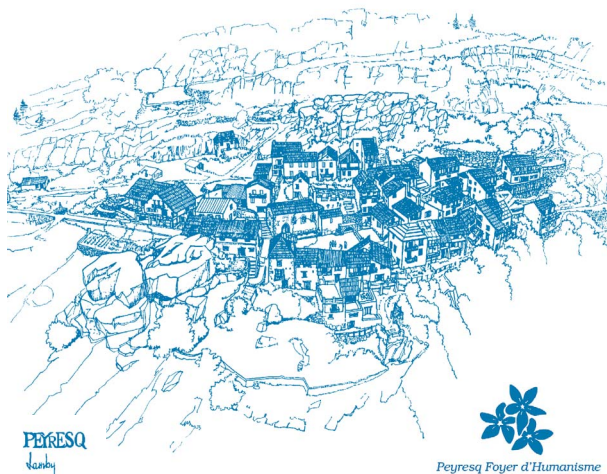
EU FP6 Network of Excellence
A Long-Term Biodiversity, Ecosystem
and Awareness Research Network



2nd ALTER-Net Summer School:

**Trends in Biodiversity:
European Ecosystems and Policy**

1 – 13 September 2007
Peyresq, Alpes de Haute-Provence, France



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The ALTER-Net Mission

ALTER-Net shall integrate biodiversity research capacities across Europe to:

- Create a network for European long-term terrestrial and fresh-water biodiversity and ecosystem research;
- Assess and forecast changes in biodiversity, structure, functions and dynamics of ecosystems and their services; and
- Consider the socio-economic implications and public attitudes to biodiversity.

The Summer School Objectives

The ALTER-Net Summer School shall contribute to durable integration and spread of excellence within and beyond the network, with a view to promote interdisciplinary approaches.

The 2007 Summer School will focus on:

- Biodiversity in Europe - state of the art;
- Monitoring and assessment;
- Modelling and scale issues;
- Sociological modelling;
- Resilience of systems and communities (social and natural);
- Policy analysis and processes;
- Discourse analysis;
- Linking biodiversity research with policy and the public.

Approximately 22 experts will give lectures on the themes mentioned above. In the afternoons, working groups will study at different scales an example region guided by a tutor. They will discuss implications of findings for actual European ecosystems and their services and compile these in a written report. An excursion will illustrate land-use change in the Provence.

There are no registration fees and accommodation (double rooms) and meals are provided. Travel costs must be covered by the participants.

Deadline for applications:

15 April 2007

Successful applicants will be notified by 15 June 2007

Online information, the preliminary programme and application forms are available at:

<http://www.pik-potsdam.de/alter-net/>

ALTER-Net: <http://www.alter-net.info/>

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Participants

The ALTER-Net 2007 summer school is open to young graduate and post-graduate scientists from the network partners and 2-3 participants from developing countries. Adequate English skills are required. All participants are asked to present a poster on their own research. The summer school is limited to 35 participants, who will be selected with the goal of achieving an optimal mix among regions, disciplines and gender.

Lecturers of the past years included:

Joseph Alcamo, CESR, Kassel, Germany
Claus Beier, RNL, Roskilde, Denmark
Michael Bredemeier, FERC, Göttingen, Germany
Harald Bugmann, ETH Zürich, Switzerland
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Mark Sutton, CEH, Edinburgh, UK
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Marc Zebisch, EURAC, Bolzano, Italy

Overall, approx. 22 lecturers are expected to join the school.

