

Third ALTER-Net Summer School
Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
2 – 14 September 2008

Evaluation

Please answer the following questions by circling the numbers given for each of them. We also appreciate any additional comments you make, either directly in relation to each question or on the back of the last page.

Excellent/Easy/Yes - Poor/Difficult/No

Expectations

Did the summer school meet your expectations? 1 2 3 4 5
What did you expect from the summer school: _____

Background material on the website <http://www.pik-potsdam.de/alter-net/>

How would you rate the ALTER-Net summer school website? 1 2 3 4 5
What could be improved at the ALTER-Net summer school website _____

How would you rate the background material on the website? 1 2 3 4 5
What other background material would have helped? _____
Explanation or additional comments: _____

Did you read anything from the background material of the internal website in advance? yes / no
Which material? _____

Explanation or additional comments: _____

Was the provision of background material on CD-ROM for the working groups adequate? 1 2 3 4 5
Would you have preferred a different type of distribution? _____
Explanation or additional comments: _____

Are you satisfied with receiving pdf copies of the presentations and additional background information after the summer course? 1 2 3 4 5
Explanation or additional comments: _____

Do you find it useful that participants were asked to prepare a report of each lecture and the discussions? 1 2 3 4 5
Explanation or additional comments: _____

Excellent/Easy/Yes - Poor/Difficult/No

Would you like to see the final report, including each group's sectoral assessment and the synthesis to be distributed on the final CD-ROM?

1 2 3 4 5

Structure and organisation of the summer school

How do you rate the structure of the working days?

1 2 3 4 5

Explanation or additional comments: _____

How do you rate the general quality of the lectures?

1 2 3 4 5

Explanation or additional comments: _____

How do you rate the opportunity for discussing the lectures?

1 2 3 4 5

Explanation or additional comments: _____

How do you rate the group work of developing a sectoral assessment (or a synthesis of all sectors)?

1 2 3 4 5

Explanation or additional comments: _____

How do you rate your own group's work?

1 2 3 4 5

Explanation or additional comments: _____

What did you learn from your case study? _____

How do you rate the contribution of your tutor?

1 2 3 4 5

Explanation or additional comments: _____

Would you have preferred more presentations or more breakout activity time? _____

What activities/presentations worked best in the summer school? _____

What activities/presentations worked most poorly? _____

Did you enjoy the excursion on Monday 8 September?

1 2 3 4 5

Explanation or additional comments: _____

Excellent/Easy/Yes - Poor/Difficult/No

Did you enjoy the day-off on Thursday 11 September? 1 2 3 4 5

Was the day-off needed to obtain, for example, some rest? 1 2 3 4 5

Explanation or additional comments: _____

How well were the following topics covered by the Summer School?

Very well - Very poorly
1 2 3 4 5

Biodiversity in Europe - state of the art _____

Monitoring and assessment _____

Modelling and scale issues _____

Critical ecosystem properties to sustain ecosystem services _____

Socio-economic aspects of ecosystem services _____

Indicators of ecosystem services _____

Linking biodiversity research with policy and the public _____

Do you think more / less emphasis should be put on the following topics at future summer schools:

More emphasis - same - less emphasis

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Modelling and scale issues _____

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Excursion

Did the excursion provide good examples for the lectures? 1 2 3 4 5

Explanation or additional comments: _____

Did the excursion provide useful insights for the working groups and your sectoral assessment? 1 2 3 4 5

Explanation or additional comments: _____

What did you miss? _____

What would you like to have changed? _____

Organisation

What suggestions do you have for the organisers for how they could be more effective?

What other ideas do you have for how the summer school could have been more effective?

How and when did you learn about the summer school? Any suggestion how to improve the advertisement?

Career development: How relevant do you think the course was in relation to possible careers in:

High relevance - Low relevance

Inter-disciplinary research _____

Biodiversity / ecosystem management _____

Biodiversity / science communications _____

Biodiversity policy _____

Biodiversity NGOs _____

Local or regional government _____

Consultancy work (e.g. impact assessments) _____

Other (please specify) _____

Do you think the course will help your future career development? Yes / No

Please explain your answer: _____

Accommodation

Excellent/Easy/Yes - Poor/Difficult/No

How would you rate the accommodation of Peyresq? 1 2 3 4 5

Explanation or additional comments: _____

How would you rate the cuisine at Peyresq? 1 2 3 4 5

Explanation _____

Excellent/Easy/Yes - Poor/Difficult/No

How would you rate travelling to Peyresq? 1 2 3 4 5
Explanation or additional comments: _____

How would you rate the staff at Peyresq? 1 2 3 4 5
Explanation or additional comments: _____

Overall rating

What is your overall rating of the summer school? 1 2 3 4 5
Explanation or additional comments: _____

Any open questions? _____

Any additional comments?

If you like to sign this form it is fine but if you prefer to give it back anonymously this is fine with us as well. Please give this form to anyone of the organisers before leaving Peyresq. Thank you!