

A Long-Term Biodiversity, Ecosystem and Awareness Research Network



Fourth ALTER-Net Summer School

Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

5 – 17 September 2009
Peyresq, Alpes de Haute-Provence, France

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- Biodiversity and ecosystems in Europe;
- Ecosystem processes, function, services and benefits;
- Resilience of social and natural systems;
- Valuation of biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- Linking biodiversity research with policy and the public.

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Application

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Deadline for applications: **31 May 2009**
Successful applicants will be notified by 15 July 2009.

More information and the application form at:
<http://www.pik-potsdam.de/alter-net>

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