

A Long-Term Biodiversity, Ecosystem and Awareness Research Network



5th ALTER-Net Summer School

Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

5 – 14 September 2010
Peyresq, Alpes de Haute-Provence, France

The Summer School Objectives

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

The 2010 Summer School will focus on:

- 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.

Approximately 20 experts will give lectures on the themes mentioned above. Guided by tutors in the afternoon, working groups will discuss implications of findings for an actual European ecosystems and its services and compile these results. A field trip will illustrate land-use change in the Provence.

Application

The ALTER-Net 2010 summer school is open to young graduate and post-graduate scientists from the network partners and elsewhere, including two 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 32 participants, who will be selected with the goal of achieving an optimal mix among regions, disciplines and gender. Participants must cover part of the costs for the school through a registration fee of € 800,-. This comprises all local costs including lectures, meals, refreshments, the field trip and accommodation in double rooms with shared bathrooms. A small number of support grants to waive part or all of the fee are available for students from developing countries and countries with economies in transition. Travel costs must be covered by the participants as well.

Deadline for applications: **15 April 2010**
Successful applicants will be notified by **1 May 2010**.

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

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