

Current techniques in the alpine ecological research

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Current Techniques in the Alpine Ecological Research is an international conference to bring together specialists from around the world to address state of the current ecological methods in the high altitude areas. This conference is intended for research workers and agency personnel whose interest is the science, conservation and management of rare fauna and flora in the high altitude regions.

The conference will be organised by Prunella Agency in the High Tatras, Carpathians, Slovak Republic, from Tuesday 5 to Friday 8 September 1995. It was planned to be held over four days, September 12 through September 15, 1995, but many proposed speakers will attend the 7th European Ecological Congress (August 22 - 25, 1995, Budapest, Hungary), and probably also some post-Congress tours. This was the reason for the change of the date of the "Current Techniques".

The conference would cover the following scientific themes:

- * Theory and selection of bioindicator species
- * New techniques in the studies of regional endemism
- * Multivariate techniques
- * Biodiversity and how should it be evaluated?

Alpine flora - oriented topics

- * Transcontinental pollutants and high altitude vegetation
- * Touristic industry, soil erosion, and measuring of plant succession
- * Species, subspecies and regional endemism
- * Interspecific relations and structure of ecosystem

Alpine fauna - oriented topics

- * Invertebrates and measuring of the effects of habitat fragmentation
- * Techniques in the estimation of abundance
- * Telemetry and other field monitoring techniques
- * Estimation of population changes

Proposed speakers:

M. Bauert, Zürich, Switzerland
J. Boháč, Č. Budějovice, Czech Republic
P. Durio, Torino, Italy
A. Golubev, Minsk, Belarus
J. Herrero, Jaca, Spain
G. Insarov, Moscow, Russia
I. Insarova, Moscow, Russia
M. Janiga, Tatranská Lomnica, Slovakia
A. Lastuhin, Cheboksary, Russia
M. Moroz, Minsk, Belarus
Ch. Mosler, Zürich, Switzerland
I. Myklebust, Trondheim, Norway
V.G. Onipchenko, Moscow, Russia
R. Šoltés, Tatranská Lomnica, Slovakia
P. Soni, Dehradun, India
M. Tomaselli, Parma, Italy
E.V. Volkova, Moscow, Russia
E.I. Zuikova, Novosibirsk, Russia

The conference will be held in the High Tatra region, middle Slovakia with low-rise hotels, and within a mile of the Poprad Airport. In addition to the scientific themes there will be many opportunities for offered contributions, both oral presentations and posters. Excursions in the high altitude areas of the High and Low Tatras are planned.

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