

Current techniques in the alpine ecological research II.

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After the establishment of the first "Alpine ecological research" meeting in the High Tatras, we tend to continue in our effort to bring together specialists from around the world to address state of the current ecological methods in the high altitude areas.

The meeting and the meeting tours will be held over four days, August 27 through 30, 1995, and will be held at the Felicia Hotel in Stará Lesná in the High Tatras region, Slovakia. This hotel is a good quality and low-rise hotel with outside forest area, and is away from the downtown areas, within 10 miles of the Poprad Airport.

Program

- August 26, afternoon
arrival and registration
- August 27, lectures
Session: ALPINE FLORA I.
plant communities as subjects in methods; pollutants; evaluation of biodiversity; touristic industry and plant succession, relict ecosystems
- Session: ALPINE FAUNA I.
field techniques (telemetric monitoring, video techniques, field data - software, marking, ringing, catching, etc.
- August 28, excursion
to the high altitude area - zoology
- August 29, lectures
Session: ALPINE FLORA II.
autecology, population ecology, regional endemism, synanthropic species, bioindicator species, growth studies
- Session: ALPINE FAUNA II.
methods of evaluation, multivariate techniques, measuring of human impact, communities, succession, growth studies
- August 30, excursion
to the high altitude area - botany
evening - closing ceremony
- August 31, departure

Please note that the lecture days and excursion days may be exchanged in dependence on weather conditions.

Post-conference tours will be available on special request. Payment for these post-conference excursions will be specified the day before the route, and will depend on selected subject and type of route.

Papers

Persons who want to present lectures or posters should submit a manuscript of the paper for publication in the special volume of *Oecologia Montana*. The articles may be in a form of "Techniques and strategies", "Reports", but we prefer "Standart articles". "Instructions for authors" will be sent on request. Two copies of the manuscripts should be submitted to the Editors, and an additional copy on diskette in any of available text editors is needed. Diskettes must be PC compatible (no Macintosh).

Deadline for receipt of articles is by 29 February 1996.

The articles will be standarty reviewed, and if accepted, they will be send to the participants for check in the form of proofs. The proofs will be send to the authors, by 26 April 1996, the latest date. The corrected proofs must be returned not later than three days after receipt. If possible, please use e-mail or FAX.

Deadline for receipt of corrected proofs is 23 May 1996.

Specific volume of *Oecologia Montana* and 30 free reprints will be provided to the contributors at the registration desk.

Lectures and posters

Oral sessions: Oral papers will be 15 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions for a total of 20 minutes per presentation. Slide projectors and video will be available.

Poster sessions: Although the participants may prepare the posters (1 x 1 m), they may be also scheduled in the scheme of oral sessions, or, at least, they must be able to introduce and discuss their poster.

Although all sessions will be in English, large number of proposed participants from Eastern Europe will surely ensure the mutual cooperation in understanding of details.

Conference registration and accommodations

Attendees can advance register by returning the attached "Conference Registration Form", or directly, paying the registration fee and sending the xerox copy of the confirmation of payment to the address of organizers. The suggestion of the theme of lecture may be attached.

* **Advance payment, until April 1, 1996 — 4,700 Sk** (Slovak crowns)

Payments include: excursion transport, publications, meal, accommodation, guides, etc. Rooms for one, two, and three persons are available. Costs for five nights are included in the payment. Two full-day-meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and two day-meals without lunch (excursion)

sions) will be served. Currency course: One DM is approximately 20 Sk.

* **Regular payment, until July 1, 1996 — 5,000 Sk.**

* **Late payment, until August 16, 1996 — 6,000 Sk.**

Please understand that many prices will be arranged by organisers as "out of touristic season" prices, although at the end of August, there is still touristic season. This means that late or at the conference payment will be in higher, standart prices.

* **Payment after August 16, 1996 or at the meeting — 6,300 Sk.**

You may send the total payment by international money order, cheque or by SWIFT (SWIFT code = VÚB SUBACSBA) at the account in VŠEOBECNÁ ÚVEROVÁ BANKA POPRAD, for PRUNELLA, 30525764, Jarmočná st.16, 058 01 Poprad, Slovakia.

Account No.: 627544-562/0200

If you prefer to pay by cheque, please add 200 Sk to cover costs.

Some banks in direct contacts to VŠEOBECNÁ ÚVEROVÁ BANKA:

Italy: Instituto Bancario San Paolo di Torino, Torino
Banca Commerciale Italiana SPA, Milan
Norway: Christiania Bank, Oslo
Austria: Creditanstalt-Bankverein, Wien
Switzerland: Schweizerische Kreditanstalt, Zürich
Schweizerischer Bankverein, Zürich
Spain: Danesto - Banco Españue de Credito, Madrid

Ukraine: Lesbank, Transcarpatian Commercial Bank, Oktyabrskaya 52, Uzgorod

Rooms will be immediately reserved after receipt of the payment.

Cancellation must be made to the organizers. Cancellation by May 30, 1996 full refund (minus administrative costs). Cancellation by July 15, 1996, 50% refund; cancellation after July 15, 1996, no refund.

Social events, travel and transportation

Information on local tours will be available at the meeting. Prepare clothing for variable weather in high altitude area. Formal dress is not required during the meeting.

Access to Poprad is most convenient by air. The local airport Poprad - Tatry is connected by service with the international airports in Bratislava and Prague. But the flights to Wien, then by bus to Bratislava, and by train to Poprad are cheaper. There are regular train services from Prague to Poprad, from Bratislava to Poprad, and also from Russia through Ukraine, eastern Slovakia to Poprad.

The participants will be expected in the hall of railway station in the afternoon, August 26, 1996, from 2 until 6 p.m. From the airport, the regular buses connect the railway station. Stará Lesná is connected to Poprad by bus or by tram, direction to Starý Smokovec, and then to Tatranská Lomnica.

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