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The Global Change Research Institute of the Czech Academy of Science and the Mendel University in Brno in cooperation with

the Science for Carpathians and the Institute of Landscape Ecology of SAS, the Centre for Ecological Research in Budapest, the University of Vermont, the Pedagogical University of Krakow, the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, the University of Bucharest, and the Ukrainian National Forestry University cordially invite your participation in:

*An international scientific conference*

**6th FORUM CARPATICUM - Linking the Environmental, Political and Societal Aspects for Carpathian Sustainability**

Conference websites [**http://forumcarpaticum.czechglobe.cz/**](http://forumcarpaticum.czechglobe.cz/)

**1st Announcement**

The Forum Carpaticum is an **open meeting** of the Science for the Carpathians (S4C) initiative. S4C – Science for the Carpathians – connects scientists in Central Europe, defines research priorities for the region, provides applicable findings for the politics of the region and enhances international collaboration with partners from outside the Carpathians.

**Conference Venue**

The conference will be held from **22nd June to 26th June, 2020**, in the Conference centre of Mendel University in **Brno, Czech Republic**.

**Conference goals**

* Push the forefront of Carpathian research on climate, ecological processes, nature conservation, sustainable use of natural resources, human-environment interactions, education for sustainable development
* Provide researchers and stakeholders with a space for exchanging ideas and research results, fostering dialogue between research, policy and practice to make the Carpathians more sustainable
* Promote new inter-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary collaborations**,** establish links between S4C, local and regional authorities and various stakeholders involved in environmental management

**Conference topics (including, but not restricted to)**

* Assessment of climate change vulnerabilities of forest and agricultural sectors and their dependency from adaptation opportunities and climate change mitigation.
* How can the concepts of Bio & Circular-Economy contribute to the sustainable use of natural resources in the Carpathians?
* Can biodiversity loss effect the sufficient provision of ecosystem services in the Carpathians?
* Rural urban relationships, connectivity of urban greenness with the peripheral zones
* Conservation science and practical policy measures to promote the sustainable transformation process of the Carpathians
* Carpathian waters
* Advances in earth observations for sustainable development
* Traditional land management, rural development, smart & sustainable planing , social innovation, sustainable tourism development
* Historical human-environment interactions in the Carpathians, damages from environmental crime and their contemporary effects;
* Spatial justice, services of general interest and governance
* Education for the sustainable Carpathians - the milestone for the present and future of the Carpathians

**Call for Sessions and Workshops**

Participants are invited to submit proposals for sessions or workshops in line with the conference goals and topics, containing the title, short description of your introduction lecture. Session and workshops will last for two hours and the sessions will include up to six oral presentations. Select sessions or their parts can be devoted to alternative forms of presentation, such as flash talks. It is recommended to devote sufficient time to the discussion.

**Call for Papers**

Participants are invited to submit abstracts of papers and posters related to the themes of the Conference. The abstract must be written in English. To submit an abstract please follow this procedure and make use of the template on last page of 1st announcement.

**Instructions for Presenters**

The maximal number of presentations per registered participant is 1 oral + 1 poster. We expect that for oral presentations the allotted time will be 15 minutes maximum + 5 minutes for discussion. In case of flash talks, speakers will have 3 minutes in total.

Please prepare your presentation in .ppt, .pptx (Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2003-2017 format) or .pdf file in advance of the conference. Please note that using your own notebook is not recommended.

A flash talk is a short presentation lasting only three minutes, including two slides in which speakers present a scientific concept or idea in a manner understandable across a range of disciplines, while also encouraging the audience to visit the poster session.

Posters should be prepared for standard STANDING (PORTRAIT) A/0 size (84 x 119 cm – 1 sqm).

**Publication options**

Abstract Proceedings will be provided to the participants on the conference website. The Organizing Committee will try to find the appropriate publishing opportunities for all oral presentations and posters in special issues of scientific journals (e.g. MDPI journals as the Sustainability with link https://www.mdpi.com/journal/sustainability).

***Official language of the conference will be English.***

**Preliminary Programme**

22nd June 2020 Seminars with stakeholders

23rd June 2020 Conference

24th June 2020 Conference

25th June 2020 Excursion, Gala dinner

26th June 2020 Conference

**Time Frame**

9th January 2020 Registration, session proposals and abstract submission opens

9th February 2020 Session proposals deadline

7th March 2020 Abstract submission deadline

5th April 2020 Notification of abstract acceptance and announcement about oral and poster presentations

30th April 2020 Early bird registration fee deadline

30th May 2020 Standard registration fee deadline

19th June 2020 Latest Registration deadline and higher registration fee deadline

**Registration and Accommodation**

**Total registration fee includes rent of conference rooms, registration kit, coffees and lunches during conference, gala dinner and field trip.**

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|  | **Full registration fee** | **Student`s registration fee** |
| Early bird registration fee | 120 EUR | 60 EUR |
| Standard registration fee | 145 EUR | 100 EUR |
| Late registration fee | 170 EUR | 120 EUR |

Near the conference venue in Brno there are many accommodation options. Therefore, conference participants are asked to reserve accommodations for themselves. The list of some recommended hotels and hostels will be provided on the conference websites [**http://forumcarpaticum.czechglobe.cz/**](http://forumcarpaticum.czechglobe.cz/)**.**

**Cancellation fees:**

**Until 30th April 2020 - 10% of conference fee**

**Until 12th June 2020 - 50% of conference fee**

**After 12th June 2020 - 100% of conference fee**

**Payment**

All payments should be made in EUR. All charges due to bank transfers have to be paid by the sender.

Bank transfer data will be specified in second announcement and on web site of conference.

In exceptional cases (e.f. American participants) it is possible to contact the organizers and find another solution.

**Field Trips**

**Field trip 1** – Northern part of the Protected Landscape Area Bílé Karpaty (with the intention of near natural management of forests)

**Field trip 2** – Southern part of the Protected Landscape Area Bílé Karpaty (with the intention of protection and management of near natural meadows)

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**More information concerning the conference will be available on the conference website (**[**http://forumcarpaticum.czechglobe.cz/**](http://forumcarpaticum.czechglobe.cz/)**).** Currently we work on add information from the 1st announcement into web site of conference.

**Please note that there is the Abstract form in the last page of the 1st announcement.**

**The registration form will be available on the web site of conference (as soon as possible).**



**The conference is co-financed by the Governments of Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia through Visegrad Grants from International Visegrad Fund. The mission of the fund is to advance ideas for sustainable regional cooperation in Central Europe.**

**Title of the abstract (Arial, 12-point type, bold)**

Surname and first character of first name with full-stop 1, Surname and first character of first name with full-stop 2, the presenter’s name is bolded and underlined **(Arial, 10-point type)**.

*1Author’s affiliation and address (name of institution or university with faculty, city, country): Arial, 10-point type, centered, italicized*

*2Author’s affiliation and address (name of institution or university with faculty, city, country): Arial, 10-point type, centered, italicized*

*presenter’s e-mail address: Arial, 10-point type, centered, italicized*

**Abstract (max 2000 characters, including spaces, Arial, 12-point type)**

*Keywords: Keywords 1, Keywords 2, Keywords 3, Keywords 4, Keywords 5*

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References (example):

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