



Final Call for Applications

Summer School

Adaptation to Climate Change in Forest Management

12-16 September 2011
Vienna / Austria

Mission Statement & Scope

The purpose of the Summer School „Adaptation to climate change in forest management“ is to bring together high quality PhD Students and PostDocs (not more than 1 year after graduation) interested in assessing vulnerability and adapting forest management to climate change. The programme will include lectures, group work in the field and in the classroom, discussions and student’s presentations. During the group work students will explore selected methods and tools for adaptation planning including hands on examples in the field together with forest resource managers. In addition we will ask each accepted candidate to prepare a poster about her/his work for a dedicated poster session.

The Programme will focus on

- Adaptation to climate change - Concepts and Definitions
- Adaptive Capacity:
 - How to enhance adaptive capacity?
 - How to judge adaptive capacity?
- Uncertainty/ strategic planning
- Operational planning
- Governance and stakeholder interaction

Target Group

We expect applicants with interest and a strong background in at least one of the programme topics.

Application & Selection Procedure

For your application we expect:

1. Curriculum Vitae including the topic of your dissertation and your publications
2. a motivation letter (1 page) including also a brief statement in which particular subject within the scope of the summer school you are interested so that we can adopt the programme to the student’s interests

applications should be sent by email to the chair of the organizing committee:

Manfred J. Lexer

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Phone: 0043-1-47654 4056

Deadline for application is 15 May 2011.

The Organizing Committee will select the candidates.

The number of participants is limited to 20.

Venue

- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna for indoor sessions
- the forests around Vienna for field exercises

Costs & Expenses

Expenses for infrastructure on site, meals during the workshop and field transport are covered for all participants.

For participants from COST ECHOES expenses for accommodation are also fully covered.

Travel expenses to and from Vienna have to be paid individually (some support may be available).

Programme (provisional)

Sunday: Arrival, ice breaker/dinner

Monday: Opening, lectures, poster presentation, group assignments

Tuesday: lectures, group work, training (methods)

Wednesday: Lectures, group work, training (methods)

Thursday: Field work, discussion with forest managers, group work

Friday: lectures, group work presentations, discussion, conclusions, wrap-up & closing

Lectures and Mentoring

Carina Keskitalo (University of Umea)

Bo Jellersmark Thorsen (University of Copenhagen, MOTIVE)

José Ramón González Olabarria (CTFC)

Csaba Matyas (University of West Hungary, EVOLTREE)

Ines Omann (SERI - Sustainable Europe Research Institute)

Norbert Putzgruber (Austrian Federal Forests)

Marcus Lindner (EFI, MOTIVE)

Manfred J. Lexer (BOKU, MOTIVE)

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Organizing Committee

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