



Science for the Carpathians: S4C Strategy Development and Networking Workshop

Kraków, Poland, 27-28 May 2008

Preliminary Programme

Venue:

Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland

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Background

As the Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention (ISCC), the UNEP Office in Vienna would like to foster research communication and research programmes in the Carpathians. The European Academy in Bolzano (EURAC) has been involved in the development of the Carpathian Convention and therefore has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with UNEP Regional Office for Europe. At the Forum Alpinum in Engelberg (April 2007), the ISCC encouraged a group of scientists to steer and facilitate mountain research in the Carpathians. The first meeting organized at EURAC on 25th of October 2007 named the initiative "Science for the Carpathians" (S4C). A few months later, S4C joined hands with the Mountain Research Initiative (MRI) that could contribute with its experience in developing research agendas and organizing science workshops and networking events. One of the MRI products, the Global Change and Mountain Regions (GLOCHAMORE) Research Strategy, has been developed in the course of an FP6 project involving 250 scientists and managers of Mountain Biosphere Reserves (<http://mri.scnatweb.ch/content/category/3/10/31/>). The GLOCHAMORE Strategy is viewed as a reference and departure point for the development of a Carpathian Research Strategy. Accordingly, workshop participants are requested to familiarize with the strategy prior to the workshop. Further, the present meeting is thought as a launching event for the S4C initiative.

Objectives

The S4C meeting targets at:

defining the current status of Global Change research in the Carpathian mountains in specific disciplines;
drafting a research strategy for the Carpathians focusing on topics relevant to the region;
identifying potential partners for jointly developing research proposals and projects on Global Change impacts in the Carpathian mountains (e.g. under COST, FP7, Interreg, ERA);
establishing an active S4C network.

Expected Workshop Products

peer-reviewed synthesis paper on the current status of Global Change research in the Carpathians (selected topics);
Research Strategy for the Carpathians on selected topics (1st draft);
proposals for future research projects (work groups);
consolidated knowledge on "who-is-who" in Carpathian mountain research.

Participants

Global Change scientists and stakeholders from the Carpathians working on topics related to mountain environments;
persons interested in taking lead in developing national and international research collaborations in the Carpathian region;
representatives of National Parks, Protected Areas, Mountain Biosphere Reserves and other mountain areas interested in hosting GC research.

The number of participants is limited to a maximum of 50 while an appropriate number of places will be allocated for both stakeholders and scientists.

Registration

Interested parties are asked to send their registration forms (see separate document) to Claudia Drexler (drexler@giub.unibe.ch). For optimal workshop preparation, the participants are requested to submit the following information:

relevance of specific research topics in the context of the Carpathian region and your field of expertise/research interest;
300 words abstract on "Past and current research activities and results in the field of ... in country/region of ...";
your expectations towards the S4C workshop, i.e. your objectives, criteria for success.

There are no registration fees. Participants are requested to arrange accommodation in Kraków and travel to / from Kraków on their own (please refer to basic information below).

Submission deadline: 10th May 2008

Your Objectives

The interest of the participants is to: learn who is who in Carpathian mountain research and development related to global change; get an idea of the current status of Global Change research in the Carpathian region; contribute to the development of a research strategy for the Carpathian mountains; launch new research initiatives and to identify national and international research partners; have sufficient time to interact with potential research partners; upscale regional research approaches to the Carpathian mountain range; formulate new hypotheses based on a Carpathian network of research sites.



Work Approach

The workshop follows an action-oriented and future-directed approach allocating the necessary time on “what we know” but rather emphasizing “what we don’t know”, “where we need to go” and “how we want to reach there”. While thematic inputs are kept to a minimum, appropriate time will be allocated for guided and free interaction between participants that ultimately should yield in products (synthesis, research strategy, project proposals). The work tools used are briefly described below.

Open Space: Participants have the possibility to pursue their field of interest by taking the lead of a working group. The working groups aim at developing the research strategy for the Carpathians in a specific field or discipline. The chairs of these groups will be requested to contribute to the draft of the “Carpathian Research Strategy”. The venue allows up to five working groups. The organizing committee welcomes your proposals.

The S4C Market (also Project Fair) is an open area in which every person or organization can display their research results, experiences, methods and “approaches that work” (or don't work) that could be interesting for emerging project proposals or initiatives. Thematic pin boards offer space to display your research interests. Please take along a poster presenting your research organization, your project or other theme that might be of interest for the workshop participants or an initiator of a new project.



Preliminary Agenda Tuesday, 27. May 2008

8.30	Registration					
9.00	<p>Workshop Opening <i>Dean of the Faculty of Biology and Earth Sciences, Jagiellonian University</i> <i>Prof. Bolesław Domański, Head of the Institute of Geography and Spatial Management, Jagiellonian University</i> <i>Dr. Astrid Björnsen Gurung, Mountain Research Initiative, Zurich</i> <i>Dr. Marc Zebisch, EURAC, Bolzano, Italy</i> <i>NN, Interim Secretariat for the Carpathian Convention, Vienna</i></p>					
9.30	<p>Global Change Research in Mountain Regions Global context and GLOCHAMORE Research Strategy <i>Astrid Björnsen Gurung, Mountain Research Initiative</i></p> <p>Global Change Research in the Carpathians Carpathian research of the Institute of Geography and Spatial Management, Jagiellonian University, in the global context <i>Jacek Kozak, Institute of Geography and Spatial Management, Jagiellonian University</i></p> <p>Ecology and biodiversity <i>Luboš Halada, Institute of Landscape Ecology, Slovak Academy of Sciences</i></p> <p>Post-Socialist land use change in the Carpathian ecoregion <i>Sebastian van der Linden, Geomatics Lab, Geography Department, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin</i></p> <p>Forests and forestry NN</p> <p>Tourism NN</p>					
11.00	Coffee Break					
11.30	<p>The Carpathian Science Network, or: where do we come from? <i>Manuela Hirschmugl, Joanneum Research</i></p> <p>Get to know Carpathian colleagues (all) Express your expectations: How should the S4C initiative look like? (all)</p>					
12.30	Photo shooting					
13.00	Lunch					
14.00	<p>Developing the Carpathian Research Strategy Priority setting and available expertise based on questionnaire of the registration form (NN)</p>					
14.30	<p>Thematic Working Groups: The Carpathian Research Strategy</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>WGI</td> <td>WG2</td> <td>WG3</td> <td>WG4</td> <td>WG5</td> </tr> </table>	WGI	WG2	WG3	WG4	WG5
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15.30	Coffee Break					
16.00	<p>Thematic Working Groups: Carpathian scale Priority themes of the GLOCHAMORE Research Strategy in the Carpathian context</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>WGI</td> <td>WG2</td> <td>WG3</td> <td>WG4</td> <td>WG5</td> </tr> </table>	WGI	WG2	WG3	WG4	WG5
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17.00 – 18.00	<p>Developing the Carpathian Research Strategy Feedback from the Working Groups and discussion</p>					
19.00	Meeting at the Kraków's Market Square					
19.30	Sponsored Conference Dinner					

Preliminary Agenda Wednesday, 28. May 2008

9.00	Introduction and commentary of Day I
9.15	Potential funding schemes for Carpathian research projects Discussion
9.45	<p>How to organize science in the Carpathian mountains? Examples and experiences Research activities in the Carpathians: Current status and expectations towards S4C <i>Pier Carlo Sandei, UNEP, Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, Vienna, Austria</i></p> <p>Transdisciplinary research and regional development <i>NN, Centre for Development and Environment, University of Berne, Switzerland</i></p> <p>Carpathian Ecoregion Initiative (CERI) (NN)</p> <p>Status of the Carpathians Report <i>NN, WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme, Vienna</i></p> <p>Carpathians Environment Outlook (KEO) <i>UNEP GRID Warszawa, Poland</i></p> <p>Other topics (NN)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
11.00	Coffee Break and “Mountain Research Market”
12.00	<p>Wrapping-up and next steps How to institutionalize S4C ? Election of S4C Steering Committee Road map S4C Commentary on Day 2 Conclusions and evaluation</p>
13.00	End of the workshop

Language

English will be the official language for presentations and discussions.



Workshop location:

The venue is located in the Jagiellonian University campus in the south-western part of the city of Kraków – (Ruczaj), Gronostajowa str. 7. The location can be found e.g. in ViaMichelin or Polish internet locator <http://www.zumi.pl>



How to get there

From Kraków Main Railway Station and City centre: bus lines 124, 424 (to the end stop 'Ruczaj'), approximately 30 minutes.
From the Airport Kraków-Balice: the airport is located nearby, it takes approximately 15 minutes to get to the Jagiellonian University campus by taxi. There is no direct bus / rail connection from the airport to the campus; in order to use public transport, connections via City centre have to be used.

Accommodation

Kraków is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe (<http://www.krakow.pl>; <http://www.cracowonline.com>). There are many hotels in and around the City centre, most of them can be searched / reserved on-line (<http://www.krakow.pl/en/booking>; <http://www.cracow-life.com/sleep/hotels.php>).

Please inform Claudia Drexler (drexler@giub.unibe.ch) about your dates of arrival and departure and let us know which hotel you are staying in.

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