ECOSYSTEMS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

Scientific Conference

of the EU Project

“Grassland Management Handbook – Ungulate Game and Favourable Welfare Conditions for Black Grouse in Alpine Areas”

16 – 18 October, 2012

Banská Bystrica, Slovakia

1st Announcement

Podporujeme výskumné aktivity na Slovensku. Projekt je spolufinancovaný zo zdrojov EÚ.

Sectoral Operational Programme Research and Development; ASFEU – Agency for the Structural Funds of EU; European Regional Development Fund; „We support research activities in Slovakia. This project is co-funded by the EU sources.”
WHO SHOULD ATTEND
Scientists from research institutes and universities, professionals, practitioners, PhD-course students; the accepted papers and posters will be published in the conference proceedings.

VENUE
The conference will take place in the Plant Production Research Center - Grassland and Mountain Agriculture Research Institute Banská Bystrica. It's located in the centre of Slovak Republic.

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Session 1: Grassland ecosystem functions
Session 2: Flora and fauna biodiversity of grassland and forest ecosystems
Session 3: Impact of climate change on the ecosystem functions

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

(to be specified in the 2nd announcement)

Tuesday 16 October 2012:  Registration
                        Lunch
                        Paper and/or poster presentation
                        Welcome reception

Wednesday 17 October 2012:  Paper and/or poster presentation
                            Lunch
                            Paper and/or poster presentation
                            Dinner

Thursday 18 October 2012:  Paper and/or poster presentation
                          Excursion
                          Closing session
POSTER AND ORAL COMMUNICATION

Contributions to the conference can be presented either as an oral communication (approximately 15 minutes) or as a poster. The working languages are Slovak, Czech and English. The conference proceedings will be provided for all registered authors.

EXCURSION

National Nature Reserve Badin virgin forest
http://www.naucnechodniky.sk/
A tour of the historical centre of Banská Bystrica

REGISTRATION FEES

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*The registration fee includes coffee breaks, welcome reception, conference dinner, two lunches.*

IMPORTANT DATES

15 May 2012  Paper or poster abstract submission and final registration for the conference
31 May 2012  Information on acceptance of abstract for full-length paper or for poster
30 June 2012  The 2nd announcement with the conference programme will be provided
31 July 2012  Deadline for submission of full-length papers to be published in the conference proceedings
The conference is supported by the EU Operational Programme “Research and Development”, ITMS 26220220042, “Grassland Management Handbook – Ungulate Game and Favourable Welfare Conditions for Black Grouse in Alpine Areas”, co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund.

TRAVEL
How to get there

CAR
For road directions of your itinerary please use www.maps.google.com.

AIRPLANE
There are three international airports in Slovakia:

Poprad (www.airport-poprad.sk/?lang=en),

Košice (http://www.airportkosice.sk/),

Bratislava (http://www.airportbratislava.sk/en/passengers/),

Participants can also use the airports in:


PUBLIC TRANSPORT (TRAIN and BUS)
Complete information about public transport connections can be found at http://cp.atlas.sk/vlakbus/spojenie/ (choose the preferred language).