



ALTER-Net: Europe's biodiversity research network Summer School 2012

**7th ALTER-Net Summer School:
An Interdisciplinary Perspective on
Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**
5-15 September 2012
Peyresq, Alpes de Haute-Provence, France

Apply by: **30 April 2012**



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ALTER-Net invites applications to its 7th annual Summer School, a unique opportunity for an intensive course on the science, policy and practice of European biodiversity and ecosystem services in the beautiful surroundings of Peyresq, in South-Eastern France.

The ALTER-Net Summer Schools contribute to the durable integration and spread of excellence within and beyond the network, and promote interdisciplinary approaches.

The 2012 Summer School will focus on:

- Biodiversity, ecosystems and their services to people;
- Ecosystem processes, function, services, benefits and values;
- Resilience of social and natural systems;
- Valuation of biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- Linking biodiversity research with policy and the public.

International experts from the ALTER-Net partners and invited speakers will give lectures on the themes above. Guided by tutors in the afternoons, working groups will analyse and discuss implications of findings for an actual European ecosystem and its services and compile these results. The summer school also includes excursions.

To apply

Please see the notes overleaf concerning eligibility, fees, etc. The **registration form** and further information about the Summer School can be found on the ALTER-Net website:

www.alter-net.info/what-we-do/training-summer-school

Applications must be received by 30 April 2012.



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Eligibility

The ALTER-Net 2011 summer school is open to young graduate and post-graduate scientists from the network partners and elsewhere, including two participants from developing countries. Adequate English skills are required. All participants are asked to present a poster on their own research. The summer school is limited to 32 participants, selected with the goal of achieving an optimal mix among regions, disciplines and gender.



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Costs

Participants must cover part of the costs for the school through a registration fee of €800. This includes all local costs including lectures, meals, refreshments, the field trip and accommodation in double rooms with shared bathrooms. A small number of support grants to waive part or all of the fee are available for students from developing countries and countries with economies in transition (details available on request). Travel costs must be covered by the participants.

Conveners

Allan Watt, NERC Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Edinburgh, UK; Taru Peltola, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE), Joensuu, Finland; Simron Singh, IFF-Social Ecology, Vienna, Austria; Steve Redpath, Aberdeen University and James Hutton Institute, Aberdeen, UK; Albert Corporaal, Alterra, Wageningen University, The Netherlands.



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About ALTER-Net

ALTER-Net is a network of 26 partner institutes from 18 European countries. ALTER-Net integrates research capacities across Europe: assessing changes in biodiversity, analysing the effect of those changes on ecosystem services and informing policymakers and the public about this at a European scale. Originally funded by the European Union's Framework VI program to stimulate a collaborative approach, ALTER-Net is now operating independently.

Last year's lecturers

- Cécile Barnaud
- Leon Braat
- Roy Haines-Young
- Christian Körner
- Paul Leadley
- Roel May
- Hal Mooney
- Marion Potschin
- Fabien Quétier
- Steve Redpath
- Christoph Schröter-Schlaack
- Martin Sharman
- Simron Jit Singh
- Mark Sutton
- Klement Tockner
- Sybille van den Hove
- Jiska van Dijk
- Ariane Walz
- Allan Watt
- Brooke Wilkerson

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