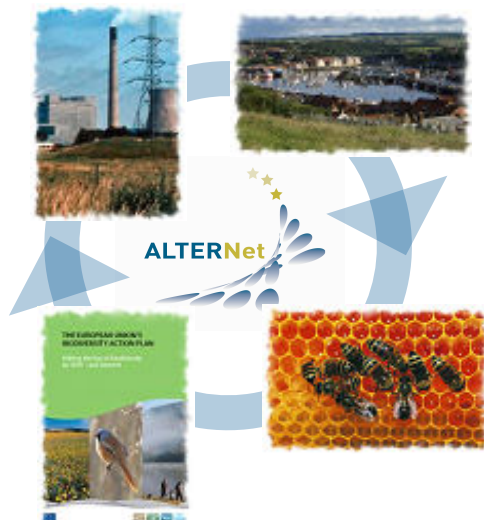


Inter-disciplinary challenges for biodiversity and ecosystem research

Leipziger KUBUS, Leipzig, Germany
4th–6th March 2009



Challenges facing ecosystem services and biodiversity:

Understanding the challenges

Changing our thinking

Providing solutions to the challenges



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Programme

Day 1: Wednesday, 4th March 2009 Understanding the challenges

The conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity depends on complex relationships between biodiversity, ecosystem functioning and ecosystem services. In this session a series of keynote papers will present some of the inter-disciplinary research, policy and communications challenges that must be addressed if society is to adapt to widespread socio-economic and environmental changes. It will cover subjects from policy needs, socio-economic drivers, pressures and risks, observational and experimental approaches, and public perceptions and attitudes.

Day 2: Thursday, 5th March 2009 Changing our thinking

Call for Papers

The session will provide a forum for ideas that have emerged over recent years and have the potential to change the way we think about biodiversity and ecosystems research, policy, management or communication.

We are interested in offers of oral papers and suggestions for alternative formats such as panel discussions. The deadline for paper abstracts (up to 300 words) is 10th January 2009. Abstracts should be submitted through www.alter-net.info.

Day 3: Friday, 6th March 2009 Developing solutions to the challenges facing ecosystem services and biodiversity

A series of keynote papers presenting some solutions to the biodiversity and ecosystem challenges arising from recent developments in research and knowledge transfer. The session will also include a summary of future directions in inter-disciplinary research.

General information

Registration

You will need to register to take part. You can do this by visiting the ALTER-Net web site: www.alter-net.info. There is no conference fee.

Registration closes on **10th January 2009**.

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Call for Posters

Posters are welcome for any of the sessions. Titles and abstracts (up to 150 words) should be submitted by 10th January 2009 through www.alter-net.info.



About ALTER-Net

ALTER-Net is a research partnership developed in the EC's Sixth Framework Programme. Its mission is to improve the sustainable use, management and conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems through the integration of European interdisciplinary research capacity and knowledge. It will do this by working in partnership with its main European stakeholders in scientific, policy and public sectors.

