

Call for Contributions

IMPACT will present good practice examples and share experience of putting adaptation strategies into action. Furthermore, IMPACT will improve the integration of research outputs into conservation projects as well as the identification of unsolved problems and further research needs. It will efficiently help conservation managers today to make decisions about climate impacts of the future.

You are invited to submit an abstract for an oral presentation or a poster of up to 400 words through the conference website until 27 April 2012. Abstracts must report methods and results related to the conference topics.

Important Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline – 27 April 2012
Early Bird Registration Deadline – 31 July 2012
Registration Deadline – 07 September 2012

Conference Fee

Early Bird Registration 50 €
Late Registration 75 €

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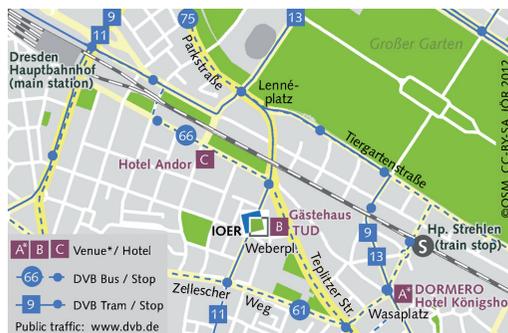
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Venue

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Kreischaer Straße 2, 01219 Dresden-Strehlen



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IMPACT

International Conference on
Managing Protected Areas
under Climate Change

24 - 26 September 2012
Dresden / Germany



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Scope

Climate Change and anthropogenic activities are challenging European habitats and their management. Especially protected areas are confronted with the pressing need to monitor changes, adapt management strategies and consider flexible responses to future developments. IMPACT sets out to meet the growing need for sharing knowledge and experiences in the field of biodiversity conservation and climate change. Taking a transdisciplinary perspective, the aim of the conference is to bring together researchers, conservation managers and decision-makers in the field of nature conservation. It provides a platform for dialogue to develop a better understanding of the complex impacts of climate change on biodiversity on local level and the means to adapt management in protected areas accordingly. We anticipate 150 international participants to enjoy two days of technical sessions, workshops, poster exhibits and social activities, and one day of excursions.

Topics:

- Assessing sensitivity
- Modelling of climate-induced impacts
- Management practices
- Monitoring of climate-induced impacts
- Awareness raising, communication and stakeholder involvement
- Managing the unknown / Decision Support
- Legal aspects and policy recommendations
- Climate change impacts on species and invasive species

Climate change and the development of robust adaptation strategies are the key challenges of conservation management of the future. Climate smart conservation requires continuous adaptation to changing climate and their ecological consequences. Inter- and transdisciplinary research on cross-cutting themes is needed to provide mutual learning between all actors and the development of effective strategies.

Preliminary Program

24 September 2012 – Day 1

- 8:30 *Registration and welcome coffee*
- 9:30 **Greetings**
Bernhard Müller, Leibniz-Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development
- 10:00 **Keynote**
Wolfgang Cramer, Mediterranean Institute for Ecology and Paleoecology
- 10:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 **Keynote**
Rob Jongman, Wageningen University
- 11:30 **Keynote**
Sandor Csete, University of Pecs
- 12:00 *Lunch*
- 13:30 **Workshops/Session 1:**
- Assessing sensitivity
 - Modelling of climate-induced impacts
 - Management practices
 - Monitoring of climate-induced impacts
- 15:00 *Coffee break*
- 15:30 **Workshops/Session 1 – continued**
- 16:30 **Wrap up of day 1**
- 19:00 *Social Event*

25 September 2012 – Day 2

- 9:00 **Keynote**
Alejandro Iza, IUCN Environmental Law Programme
- 9:30 **Workshops/Session 2:**
- Awareness raising, communication and stakeholder involvement
 - Managing the unknown / Decision Support
 - Legal aspects and policy recommendations
 - Climate change impacts on species and invasive species
- 10:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 **Workshops/Session 2 – continued**
- 12:00 **Wrap up of workshops day 2**
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 14:30 **Panel discussion – The future need for support of adaptation in protected areas**
- 15:30 **Poster session & discussion with coffee served**
- 16:30 **Keynote**
Martin Sharman, European Commission, DG Research (tentatively accepted)
- 19:00 *Social Event*

26 September 2012 – Day 3 (Study Tours)

- 8:00 **Study Tours (until 16:00)**
- Bohemian Switzerland National Park or
 - Biosphere Reserve Upper Lusatian Heath and Pond Landscape