

**ILTER 2008 Annual Meeting**

**International Conference on Long-Term  
Ecological Research**

17-23 August, 2008, Stará Lesná, Slovakia

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**Preliminary programme:**

- **Monday**, 18th August 2008 - Regional Meetings
- **Tuesday**, 19th August 2008 - Science Meeting
- **Wednesday**, 20th August 2008 (am): Science meeting - Wednesday (pm):  
excursion - High Tatra National Park (UNESCO BR)
- **Thursday**, 21st August 2008- Business meeting and sub-committee meetings
- **Friday**, 22nd August 2008 - a.m. Business meeting, Friday: p.m. excursion  
"Tree line problems" in the High Tatras. Travel by funicular to the area above tree  
**line, followed by walk back to the valley.**
- **Saturday**, 23rd August 2008 - depart

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### **Logistical information:**

#### **1. Visa requirement**

Participants from the following countries need a visa to enter the Slovak republic or Schengen countries of the European Union. ([www.mzv.sk](http://www.mzv.sk), click right below „Visa and EU“). Visa will be issued by the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in your country/region. The invitation letter will be sent to the participants upon request by e-mail to Julius Oszlanyi. Please, consult the respective Embassy of the Slovak Republic if the invitation letter is necessary.

#### **2. Venue**

The meeting and the conference, as well as the accommodation will be in the Congress Centre Academia at Stará Lesná, close to Poprad, Slovakia. The hotel and Congress Centre Academia is situated in the wonderful surroundings of the High Tatras National Park ([www.tanap.org](http://www.tanap.org), [www.poprad.sk](http://www.poprad.sk), [www.hotelacademia.sk](http://www.hotelacademia.sk)). The Congress centre Academia is owned by the Slovak Academy of Sciences, properly equipped with all facilities necessary for scientific events. The accommodation here **must be booked and guaranteed by participants themselves**. There is only a restricted number of single rooms. If you wish to have double specify „ILTER meeting“ and the name of person who will share the room with you.

When all the rooms in the Hotel Academia will be booked (first come first served bases), the organisers will arrange the accommodation in neighbouring hotels (1 up to 3 minutes walk to Congress Centre).

( Please, make your accommodation booking with Mrs. Priska Pestova, Congress Centre Academia, Stará Lesná, 059 60 Tatranská Lomnica, Tel: +421-52 4467 464-6, Fax: +421-52-4467 275, e-mail. [pestova@hotelacademia.sk](mailto:pestova@hotelacademia.sk), [www.hotelacademia.sk](http://www.hotelacademia.sk))

The deadline for booking is 31 May 2008, for guarantee please indicate details of your credit card ( number and expiration date). The accommodation, inc. breakfast is to be paid by each participant before departure (all credit cards accepted). The room costs approximately 50 EUR/night but this may vary slightly changed depending on the actual exchange rate). Accepted currency is the Slovak koruna (in case of paying cash)

Hotel Academy is available for participants from 17th (Sunday) August till 23rd August (Saturday) 2008 .

Lunches and dinners must be paid separately on arrival (approx. 30 - 35 EUR/day (lunch and dinner)). This price includes also the costs of welcome banquet, conference dinner and coffee breaks. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are to be paid by participants in cash only (Slovak korunas or EUR only). Bank machines are available in vicinity. Note please, that all prices are subsidised by the Slovak Academy.

### **3. Currency and credit card**

The local currency in Slovakia is the Slovak koruna (SKK). The current exchange rate between SKK and EUR is 32.50 : 1, between SKK and USD 22.00 : 1 (Subject to changes). You are advised to have SKK in cash for small shopping as the EUR, USD or credit cards may not be used in some shops. The credit cards (VISA, MASTERS, Diners) accepted by hotels, supermarkets, gasolinstations, etc.

### **4. Weather conditions**

The Congress Centre Academia is situated at the foothills of the High Tatra Mountains in relatively cold part of Slovakia. However, in the second half of August is the highest temperature up to 25 °C , nights approx. down to 8.-10 °C. Rain is also possible and most probable. Average year temperature for Stará Lesná is 5,8 °C. Average summer temperature is 13 °C and average winter temperature is 0,8 °C.

During winter season there is on average 70 days with snow cover of an average height 18 cm (<http://tatry.viasalus.sk/staralesna/index.htm>).

An actual weather forecast for Slovakia and towns in the region can be found at the following web-page: <http://www.meteo.sk/>. In a menu bar under the option „Hory“ you will find an actual weather forecast for the Tatra Mountains.

## **5. Accommodation and meals**

The room prices also include breakfast. Catering in the restaurant starts on 18 August (Monday) at lunch and ends at breakfast on 23 August (Saturday). All lunches and dinners will be served in the restaurant of the hotel Academia. A „Welcome Banquet will“ be served on Monday 18 August after dinner. The conference dinner will be served on 21st August. Accompanying persons of the participants are welcome to join the banquet and conference dinner without additional charges.

## **6. Registration and registration fee**

Registration will be in the lobby of the Hotel Academia as follows:

Sunday 17 August 16.00-18.00

Monday 18 August 08.30-20.00

Tuesday 19 August 08.30-13.00

No registration fee is to be paid, the accompanying persons must pay for lunches and dinners upon arrival at the registration desk.

## **7. Travel info and info on Slovakia**

### The Slovak Republic

The Slovak Republic was established on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1993 after the split up of the former Czechoslovakia. Its neighbouring countries are the Czech Republic, Poland, Ukraine, Hungary, Austria. Total area of Slovakia is 49 035 km<sup>2</sup> and its population is 5 379 455. It is divided into 8 regions with the following regional capitals: Bratislava, Trnava, Nitra, Trenčín, Žilina, Banská

Bystrica, Prešov and Košice. The capital city is Bratislava with population of 428 672. The currency is Slovak koruna: 1 SKK = 100 haliers. 1 Euro = 32,5 SKK (approximately).

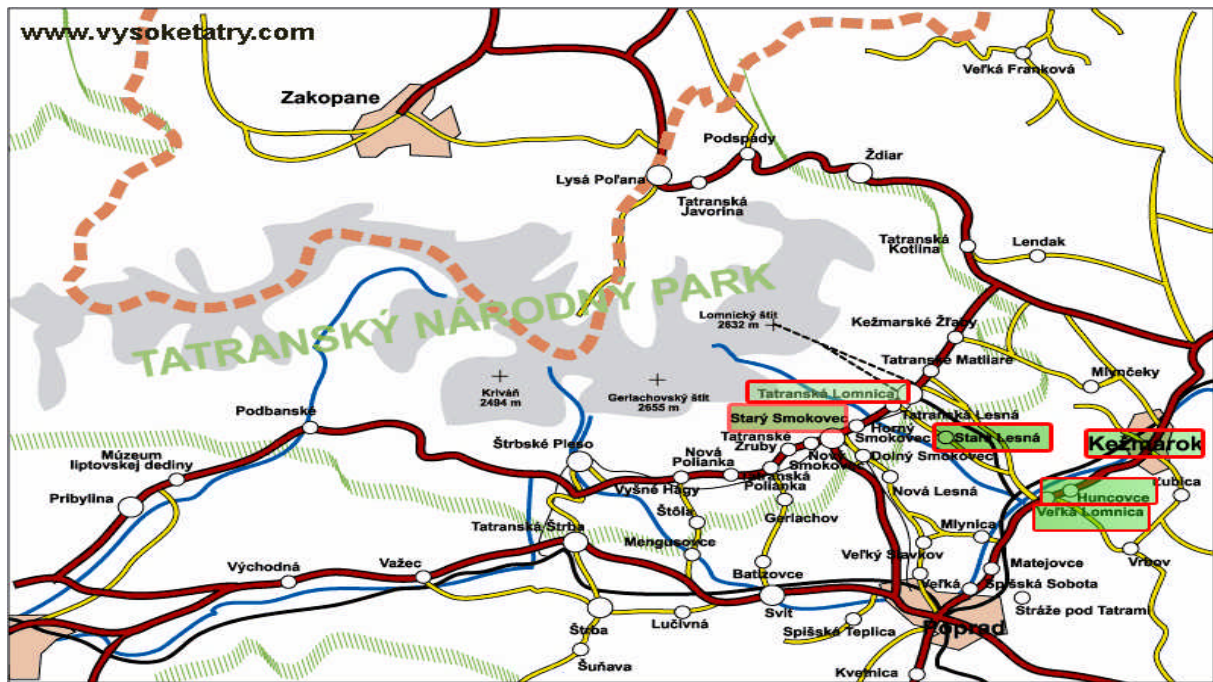
### Vysoké Tatry – The High Tatra Mts.

Vysoké Tatry Mts., [www.vysoketatry.com/](http://www.vysoketatry.com/), are situated in the northern part of Slovakia, on the border with Poland. In 1949 it was declared as the first Slovak (Czechoslovak) National Park (TANAP) and in 1993 it was together with the Polish part of the Tatra mountains declared by UNESCO as a Biosphere Reserve.

The High Tatra Mts. were created about 60 mil. years ago heaving up the granite massif above the level of the surrounding land. It gained its current appearance by the glacier activity 2 mil. years ago. There are characteristic peaks, deep valleys of glacier origin, moraines and mountain lakes. In the region of Vysoké Tatry there are also villages with numerous historical monuments and tourist centres.

### Stará Lesná

Stará Lesná, [www.vysoketatry.com/obce/slesna/en.html](http://www.vysoketatry.com/obce/slesna/en.html), is a village situated 3 km South from Tatranska Lomnica village and about 17 km North from Poprad city. It is easily accessible by bus, local train or taxi (20 min). Poprad is located North-East from Bratislava (approx. 350 km) on the main train route from Bratislava to Košice. Another possibility is to take a bus from Bratislava Bus Station Mlynské Nivy to Tatranska Lomnica (or Poprad).



## Getting to Slovakia

By plain, you can fly to:

**Bratislava Airport, Slovakia:** [www.letiskobratislava.sk](http://www.letiskobratislava.sk).

**Košice Airport, Slovakia:** [www.airportkosice.sk](http://www.airportkosice.sk), with regular shuttle connection to Poprad.

**Vienna Airport-Schwechat, Austria:** [www.viennaairport.com](http://www.viennaairport.com).

**Krakov Airport, Poland:** [www.lotnisko-balice.pl](http://www.lotnisko-balice.pl).

**Prague Airport, Czech Republic:** [www.csl.cz](http://www.csl.cz). The Prague Airport Ruzyně offers a direct flight to Košice with direct bus service to Poprad included. For this opportunity you can check: [http://www.csa.cz/en/czechia/cz\\_home.htm?userLanguage=en](http://www.csa.cz/en/czechia/cz_home.htm?userLanguage=en), but don't forget to put as a final destination „Poprad“ not „Košice“. Then, from Poprad it is easy to take a bus or taxi to Stará Lesná.

There is a daily regular bus connection (operated by Eurolines) between Vienna airport-Schwechat and Bratislava (Bus Station Mlynske Nivy). The cost of a one way fare is approx. 400 SKK (10 EUR). See: [www.eurolines.sk](http://www.eurolines.sk).

## **From Vienna airport to Bratislava and back**

The direct bus service operates each hour – see timetable in the next page. The bus stop in Vienna airport is located in the front of the arrival hall (Vienna-Bratislava) and departure hall (Bratislava – Vienna). For travel from Vienna airport to Bratislava it is necessary to buy ticket in the kiosk next to doors of the arrival hall. In time when it does not operate, the ticket is sold by bus driver. Tickets for travel from Bratislava to Vienna should be purchased in the hall of the bus station in Bratislava.

## 102806 Wien - Flughafen Wien - Bratislava

Valid from 9.12.2007 to 13.12.2008

Prepravu zabezpečuje : Slovak Lines, a.s., Rožnavská 2, P.O.BOX 35, 820 04 Bratislava 24, tel.0900/211312;0972/222222;12111;www.slovaklines.sk (spoj 8)

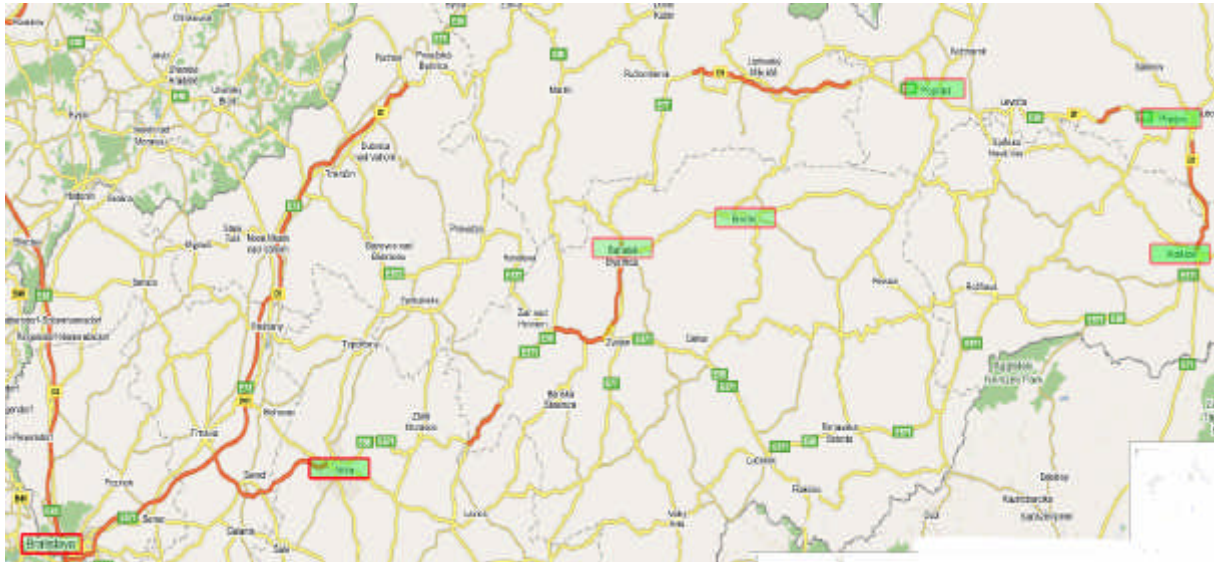
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There is also a possibility to take a flight to Košice from Bratislava, Prague or Vienna. From Košice airport to Poprad (Vysoké Tatry) there is a bus connection.

### Getting to Stará Lesná

All bus connections, with maximum of 2 changes, are listed on [www.cp.sk](http://www.cp.sk)



### Bratislava – Košice by plain

A ticket can be booked and bought online on [www.skyeurope.com](http://www.skyeurope.com). Prices for a tickets differ according to demand. Please, check the web site for an actual offer.

Date	From - To	Arrival	Departure	Notes
17.August 2008	Bratislava Košice	18.00	17.10	Price on 8 April, 08 was 1,- SKK

### Bratislava – Stará Lesná by train and bus

Bratislava > Stará Lesná via **Poprad-Tatry**

17.8.2008, 8:00, departure

Date	From/Via/To	Arr.	Dep.	Rem.	Rides
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17.8.	Bratislava hl.st.		5:47		<a href="#">R 601 Quelle</a>
	Poprad-Tatry	10:32			Move about 5 min
	Poprad,,AS MHD		10:50		<a href="#">706425 29</a>
	Stará Lesná,,rázč.	11:18			

5 hrs 31 min, 361 km, 448 Sk  
 runs daily





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17.8.	Bratislava hl.st.		7:47		<a href="#">R 603 Cingov</a>
	Poprad-Tatry	12:32			Move about 5 min
	Poprad,,AS MHD		12:40		<a href="#">706425 47</a>
	Stará Lesná,,rázč.	13:10			


5 hrs 23 min, 361 km, 448 Sk

 runs from 1 VII. till 15 IX.




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17.8.	Bratislava hl.st.	10:10	 <a href="#">IC 405 Tatran</a>
	Poprad-Tatry	14:16	 Move about 5 min
	Poprad,,AS MHD	15:20	 <a href="#">706425 15</a>  †
	Stará Lesná,,rázč.	15:50	


 5 hrs 40 min, 361 km, 488 Sk

 runs on **Sa,Su**,1,8 V.,from 29 VIII. till 1 IX.,15 IX.,17 XI.




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17.8.	Bratislava hl.st.	13:12	 <a href="#">IC 511 Slovenka</a>
	Poprad-Tatry	17:14	 Move about 5 min
	Poprad,,AS MHD	17:30	 <a href="#">706425 73</a>
	Stará Lesná,,rázč.	17:58	


 4 hrs 46 min, 361 km, 488 Sk

 runs on **Mo-Fr,Su**,runs not 31 VIII.,14 IX.,16 XI.

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17.8.	Bratislava hl.st.	13:47	 <a href="#">R 609 Spišan</a>
	Poprad-Tatry	18:32	 Move about 5 min
	Poprad,,AS MHD	21:35	 <a href="#">706425 77</a>
	Stará Lesná,,rázč.	22:00	

 8 hrs 13 min, 361 km, 448 Sk

 runs daily

**Abb.:** \*AS – bus station, \*,,rázcestie“ - crossroad

## Vienna – Košice by train

17.8.	Wien Westbf		5:25	 <a href="#">EC 43 FRANZ LISZT</a>
	Budapest-Keleti pu.	8:23	8:35	 <a href="#">Ex 382 Jozef B</a>
	Košice	11:52		
17.8.	Wien Südbahnhof Bstg 1-9		6:28	 <a href="#">Zr 2506</a>
	Bratislava hl.st.	7:25	7:47	 <a href="#">R 603 Cingov</a>
	Košice	13:52		
17.8.	Wien Westbf		8:14	 <a href="#">IC 405 Tatran</a>
	Košice	15:23		
17.8.	Wien Südbahnhof Bstg 1-9		10:28	 <a href="#">Zr 2518 Theben</a>
	Bratislava hl.st.	11:25	11:47	 <a href="#">R 607 Liptov</a>
	Košice	17:50		

## 8. Excursions

**Two half-day excursion will be organised (no charge).**

**Excursion 1, Wednesday, 20th August**, after lunch departure from the hotel by bus. Visiting long-term sites situated in natural and semi-natural spruce forests in the High Tatra. Visiting research sites in the area destroyed by windstorm (19 November 2004). Explanation, guidance and scientific commentary by Dr. Peter Fleischer, Head of the Research Station of the Tatra National Park. Arrival to the hotel by bus before dinner.

**Excursion 2, Friday, 22th August**, after lunch departure from the hotel by bus. Travel by funicular to the area above tree line of the High Tatra. Explanation, scientific commentary by Dr. Peter Fleischer on „Tree lines problems“, and walk back to the valley. Bus back to the hotel and arrival before dinner.