

1 ILTER meeting in Slovakia

1.1 LTER-Europe Regional Group Meeting, 18th August

1.1.1 Time plan

According to feed-backs on Doodle the CC will have a quorum from 10:30 onwards. Most national reps will have arrived by noon.

9:00 – 10:00 Executive committee meeting (EC)

10:00 – 10:30 Warm up coffee

10:30 – 17:30 Co-ordinating committee meeting (CC, all reps); lunch time t.b. announced by host

1.1.2 Agenda (main items)

- **Outcome of national LTER meetings**, especially with respect to the questions agreed on in Sevilla/Donana (possibilities of closure in gaps in the coverage of Europe´s socio-ecological regions, qualified feed-back on the proposed standard observations, LTER-criteria and LTER-Europe bylaws etc.).
- **Completion of the LTER Infobase** (where the above gaps in coverage are due to shortcomings in the documentation of sites)
- Planning for the **December LTER-Europe conference** (LTSER focus, formation of proposed expert panels, combination with an open space event allowing researchers to present scientific projects to the scientific site co-ordinators in order to build project teams with a strong in-situ component, division of tasks for preparation)
- "LTER-Europe **best examples book**" and "LTER-Europe best practice guidelines" (s. emails sent by K. Krauze)
- Experiences with the **Multi-site tramplng experiment** (MSE) and the **2008 vegetation re-survey** work (Klotz; Parr/Groner)
- Status of the **Meta-analysis** to test the hypothesis about changes in community composition (Groner/Krauze)
- **European ecological ontology** (SERONTO) and how to contribute to the global ontology process (Peterseil)
- Update of **level of activity of national networks**
- Key note presentation by RO "**Starting to organize the national LTERs in compliance with the structures of LTER-Europe**" (Vadineanu)
- **WEB site** presentation (Krauze/ Mirtl)
- **Logo** discussion & decision (Krauze)
- **LTER-projects**: proposals, initiatives, ideas...: Life+/DivEurope (Petriccione)
- Implications of **LifeWatch** for the work on national ESFRI roadmaps (Mirtl/Parr)
- Brainstorming on interface **UNESCO/BiosphereReserves – LTER** (as a preparatory action for the same exercise in the ILTER part (strategic partnerships) (Mirtl)
- **ToDo-list for national networks**
- **Beyond 2009-03:**
 - LTER-Europen conference 2009-12 ??