

ILTER Annual Meeting
Monday 18th August 2008 – Friday 22 August 2008
Programme and Agenda
Stara Lesna, Slovakia
(updated 28 July 2008)

Monday
18 August

9.00 – 17.00

Concurrent Regional ILTER Meetings (as required)

- LTER Europe:
 - 9:00 – 10:00 LTER-Europe Executive committee meeting
 - 10:00 – 10:30 Warm up coffee
 - 10:30 – 17:30 LTER - Co-ordinating committee meeting
- East Asia/Pacific – times to be arranged
- Southern Africa (ELTOSA) – times to be arranged
- Americas – times to be arranged

17.30 – 18.30

ILTER Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday
19 August

8.30 – 17.30

ILTER Science Meeting Day 1

Welcome: Terry Parr & Julius Oszlanyi (ILESAS)

Session 1: ILTER Network Study: Interactions among ecosystem services, the dynamic behaviour of ecosystems delivering these services, and human outcomes and behaviour.
The purpose of this one day workshop is to assess the progress of work in this major ILTER network level project covering:

1. Implementation of the “Integrative Science for Society and the Environment” (ISSE) framework for each study site.
2. Identification of the six critical ESs, direction of change, primary drivers of change, public awareness of the ES, and institution(s) that manage the ES.
3. Identification of threshold interactions between environmental and socio-economic dynamics at multiple scales, and forecasting the effects of these interactions on ecosystem services and ecological resilience.
4. Synthesis within and among biomes of culture-specific socio-economic dynamics leading to increases or decreases in resilience.

Provisional Programme

8:30-9:00 *Introduction to the workshop: goals and outcomes*
9:00-9:30 *Science presentation (Host Institute) TBD*
9:30-10 *Bourgeron- RM feedback loop*
9:30-10:00 *Break*
10:00-10:30 *Maas- Tropical forest feedback loop*
10:30-11:00 *Krause-TBD*
11:30-12:00 *Fourth example TBD*
12:00-1:30pm *Lunch Break*
1:30-200 *All: review of the group work and outcomes*
2:00-4:00 *Breakout groups*
4:00-4:30 *Break. Group leaders work on reports*
4:00-5:15 *Individual group reports*
5:15-5:30 *Bourgeron- Wrap-up and future*

17.30-18.30

Sub-Committee meetings

Wednesday ILTER Science Meeting Day 2
20 August

9.00-9.30

Session 2: Introduction to Slovakian LTER:

9.00 – 9.30 Halada, L., Oszlányi, J. (ILESAS, Slovakia): LTER network in Slovakia, overview of the research

9.30 – 12.30

Session 3: "ILTER for Climate Change Adaptation".

This session will provide a background to later discussions on the development of a Global Climate Change Adaptation Network. It will cover issues such as:

- (i) What is the role of ecosystems in enabling countries and communities to adapt to climate change? Evidence and examples from LTER?
- (ii) What is the role of LTER in enabling countries and communities to adapt to climate change? Evidence and examples from LTER.
- (iii) Climate Change Adaptation and its role in Development.
- (iv) Outreach and technology transfer - how LTER can help local communities adapt to climate change?

9.30 Requirements and plans for a global Climate Change Adaptation Network and opportunities for ILTER. (Terry Parr).

9.50 Projecting Forest Tree Distributions and Adaptation to Climate Change in Northern Thailand. Yongyut Trisurat, Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University, Thailand

10.10 Finnish climate change project: Vulnerability assessment of ecosystem services (VACCIA-proposal)" Martin Forsius, SYKE, Finland

10.30 – 11.0 Coffee

11.00 Monitoring of forest biodiversity on the basis of the European LTER networks: a challenge and a possible opportunity for an adaptation strategy to climate change". Bruno Petriccione, CONECOFOR, Italy

11.20 Current discussions on climate change adaptation in Japan. Prof. Tohru Nakashizuka, Chair of JaLTER.

11.40 Climate change adaptation – an example from Mexican LTER. Equiha Miquel, Mexico.

12.00 Discussion – What contribution can ILTER make to helping society adapt to climate change?

Other offers of papers or short comments welcome – send to Terry Parr (twp@ceh.ac.uk)

12.15 – 12.30

Fleischer, P (ILESAS, Slovakia) .: Long-term ecological research in the Tatra National Park – an introduction to the excursion.

12.30 – 13.30

LUNCH

13.30 -

Field Excursion: High Tatra National Park (UNESCO Biosphere Reserve)

19.30 -

MEETING DINNER

**Thursday
21 August** **ILTER Business Meeting – Day 1**

- 9.00 – 9.20 **Inaugural speeches and introductions**
- 9.20 – 9.25 **Adoption of agenda**
- 9.25 – 9.45 **ILTER- Progress Towards Strategic Objectives**
Report from the Chair
- 9.45 – 10.00 **By-laws and meeting procedures**
- 10.00- 10.30** ***Coffee/tea***
- 10.30 – 11.30 **Regional ILTER Progress Reports**
- Europe
- East Asia/Pacific
- Southern Africa
- Central/South America
- North America
- 11.30 – 12.30 **New membership applications**
- Portugal
- Spain
- 12.30 – 13.30** ***LUNCH***
- 13.30 – 14.30 **Organisation and fund-raising**
- Treasurer's report
- Report from fundraising sub-committee
- Legal entity status
- Secretariat planning
Recommendations and motions for adoption
- 14.30 – 15.45 **Report from the Information Management Sub-Committee (Kristin Vanderbilt)**
- Links with GBIF
- Recommendations and motions for adoption
- 15.45 - 16.15** ***Coffee/tea***
- 16.15 – 18.00 **Report from the Science and program Sub-Committee (Patrick Bourgeron)**
- Progress on Collaborative research projects
- Network Growth Strategy
- Recommendations and motions for adoption

**Friday
22 August** **ILTER Business Meeting – Day 2**

- 9.00 – 9.30 **Discussion Topic: Capacity building and support – how can ILTER help individual sites and networks?**
- 9.30 – 10.30 **Report from the Public/Policy Committee (Tim Clancy)**
Recommendations and motions for adoption
- Network of Agricultural Sites (proposal for seminar on networking of agricultural sites (Baudry, France/Robertson, US.
 - ILTER book series with Oxford University Press – progress and request for titles.
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- 10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee/tea*
- 11.00 – 11.30 **Discussion Topic: Climate Change Adaptation Network – the role of ILTER and how to take it forward**
- 11.30 – 12.00 **Other links and opportunities**
- GEO/GEOSS
 - GEOSS - Ecosystems
 - Global Biodiversity Observation Network – can ILTER deliver an early product?
 - UNESCO/IHP
 - UNESCO/Biosphere Reserves
 - IGBP/IHDP Global Land Project
 - Network of Agricultural Research Sites
- 12.00 – 12.30 **Elections and sub-committee membership**
- 12.30 – 12.45 **Date and location of future meetings**
- 2009
 - 2010
 - 2011
- 12.30 – 12.45 **AOB**
- 12.45 **Meeting closes**
- 12.45 – 13.45 *LUNCH*
- 13.45 - - Field excursion: "Tree line problems" in the High Tatras. Travel by funicular to the area above tree line, followed by walk back to the valley.

More time for sub-committee meetings if required