

Monitoring and Early Warnings in Biodiversity Governance

Мониторинг и раннее предупреждение рисков в управлении биоразнообразием

Krasnoyarsk-Ergaki, Russia, July 10-24, 2016

The School is organised under the EC Jean-Monnet module «Systems for monitoring and responses to early warnings – EU experience for Russia»



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The aim of the Summer School is to discuss the issues of monitoring, reporting and verification for better biodiversity governance. In particular, we will pay attention to early warnings, their timely recognition and communication to decision-makers. This discussion will be primarily based on EU experience. It will be analysed for its applicability in Russian (in particular Siberian) socio-economic, political and biophysical context.

The School program will include the following components:

- training and discussions: lectures and workshops by the academic staff of Siberian Federal University (SFU) and the international faculty:
 - Principles and terminology of natural resource governance
 - Systems for monitoring, reporting and verification in biodiversity governance
 - Science-policy interfaces and communication issues in biodiversity governance
 - Policy transposition and implementation deficits
 - Adaptive governance of biodiversity – principles and implementation issues
 - Policy framework for biodiversity conservation: EU directives (Natura 2000, Bird), Bern Convention, Emerald network and implementation issues
 - Field and desk social science methodology and research tools for the analysis of biodiversity governance
- research:
 - development of group research plans in consultation with the School faculty, including the identification of aims and objectives, choice of methodology; panel discussion of research plans
 - group research in the Ergaki Nature Park
 - desk research in Krasnoyarsk;
- research seminar: presentation of group findings and their discussion with the School faculty and representatives of stakeholder groups.

The training and research planning periods will be organised at the main campus of Siberian Federal University in Krasnoyarsk and in the Ubei tourist camp by the celebrated Krasnoyarsk water reservoir. For the research period, the participants and the faculty will travel to Ergaki Nature Park (c.a. 600 km south to Krasnoyarsk). For the desk research and the presentations, the group will move back to Krasnoyarsk.

As a part of the Summer School program, we will organise a one-day **conference for early-stage researchers** titled “*Monitoring systems and recognition of early warnings for biodiversity governance in forest and mountainous ecosystems*”. The conference objective is to provide the School participants an opportunity to present their research methodology and findings to the fellow participants as well as to the panel assembling the academic staff from SFU, the Institute of Forest of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and international experts.

The School working languages are English and Russian. At any rate, we will do our best to eliminate the language barrier.

We will also do our best to create intellectually stimulating, creative and stress-free working and living environments. It is of utmost importance to us that the School participants not only receive useful knowledge and add new contacts to their networks, but also enjoy the nature of the Region of Krasnoyarsk and have rest. The Ubei tourist camp by the Krasnoyarsk Sea offers attractive scenery and good sport facilities. Ergaki Nature Park is known as one the Russia’s most beautiful landscapes, and this is for reason. The park also offers great hiking opportunities. We will work on achieving good work-life balance, so the Summer School will leave unforgettable impressions.

What happens next?

All the presentations will be followed up by structured feedback and recommendations for further work on research findings to bring them into a publishable form. Subject to the quality of findings, the School faculty will discuss options for joint publications in Russian and international peer-reviewed journals and/or for inviting contributions to a textbook on systems for monitoring, reporting and verification.

The School target audience are senior bachelor's students, master's and starting PhD students, as well as governmental officers, environmental activists and anyone interested in biodiversity governance and applications of the EU experience in Russia.

How to apply

In order to participate in the Summer School, you need to submit a short (1 page max) CV and the application form. If your academic or professional background are not related to the topics of the School, you would also need to submit a short (up to 3000 characters) statement explaining your purpose and intentions in relation to the School.

The tuition fee is 12 000 Russian roubles; it will cover catering, accommodation, local transportation and excursion costs. Partial and full tuition waivers will be provided on limited basis to the participants travelling from abroad or remote parts of Russia, coming from developing countries, or demonstrating outstanding research and publishing profiles.

The latest information about the school and the application procedure is available from:
<http://www.sfu-kras.ru/en/education/courses/ecological-school>

The School Faculty:

Sybille van den Hove, MEDIAN S.C.P. (Barcelona, Spain)– *to be confirmed*

Ruben Zondervan, Lund University (Lund, Sweden)

Anton Shkaruba, Central European University (Budapest, Hungary)

Viktar Kireyeu, Erda RTE (Rijswijk, the Netherlands)

Olga Likhacheva, Pskov State University (Pskov, Russia)

Nina Pakharkova, Siberian Federal University (Krasnoyarsk, Russia)

Galina Sorokina, Siberian Federal University (Krasnoyarsk, Russia)

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Tentative schedule of the summer School “Monitoring and Early Warnings in Biodiversity Governance”

Krasnoyarsk and Ergaki, July 10-24, 2016

July 10, Sunday

- arrivals, course registration, checking-in in the dormitory of Siberian Federal University

July 11, Monday

- 10.00 – opening ceremony
- 11.00 – campus tour
- 12.00 – 12.30 – coffee-break
- 12.30 – 14.00 – introductory lectures
- 14.00 – 15.00 – lunch
- 15.00 – 20.00 – sightseeing tour to the city of Krasnoyarsk, village of Ovsianka, Krasnoyarsk hydropower plant

July 12, Tuesday

- departure to the Ubei tourist camp of SFU, checking-in
- introduction of the participants, identification of joint research interests, getting together research groups

July 13-15, from Wednesday to Friday

- lectures and discussions
- research planning – independent group work
- consultations with the faculty
- sport events
- presentations and panel discussions of research plans (projects)

July 16, Saturday

- transfer to Ergaki Nature Park, checking in, rest, consultations with the faculty

July 17-19, from Sunday to Tuesday

- group project work, consultations, hiking, sauna

July 20, Wednesday

- conference for early-stage researchers titled “Monitoring systems and recognition of early warnings for biodiversity governance in forest and mountainous ecosystems”
(conference agenda will be announced soon)

July 21, Thursday

- transfer to Krasnoyarsk, check-in to the campus of Siberian Federal University, consultations

July 22, Friday

- desk research, consultations with the faculty, work on presentations
- 14.00 – 15.00 – lunch
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July 23, Saturday

00.00 – 09.00 – desk research, consultations with the faculty, work on presentations

9.00 – 11.30 – presentations by research groups, panel discussion

11.30 – 12.00 – closure ceremony, graduation, coffee with pastries

12.00 – 19.00 – sightseeing visit to the Stolby Nature Reserve

19.00 – 21.00 – farewell dinner

July 24, Sunday

- departures



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