

## **ALTER-Net Summer School 2010**

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ALTER-Net Summer School 2010 - "Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services"  
5-14 September 2010, Peyresq, France

The summer school will be held at Peyresq, Alpes de Haute-Provence, France and is organized by the ALTER-Net Summer School Secretariat at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), Germany.

### Conveners:

Allan Watt, Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Edinburgh, UK  
Wolfgang Cramer, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Germany  
Uta Fritsch, EURAC research, Bolzano, Italy  
Sabine Lütkemeier, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Germany

### Set-up of the Summer School:

ALTER-Net will organize its fifth summer school from 5 to 14 September 2010 in Peyresq, Alpes de Haute-Provence, France. The topic this year is "Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services". The school is a unique opportunity to explore this important issue with 32 like-minded post-graduate students and young scientists mostly from Europe. About 20 speakers will give presentations on this subject in the morning and late afternoon. In the afternoon working groups will apply what they have learned in their case studies study with different themes.

### The Summer School Objectives:

The ALTER-Net Summer School will contribute to durable integration and spread of excellence within and beyond the network, with a view to promote interdisciplinary approaches.

The 2010 Summer School will focus on:

- \* Biodiversity and ecosystems in Europe;
- \* Ecosystem processes, function, services and benefits;
- \* Resilience of social and natural systems;
- \* Valuation of biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- \* Linking biodiversity research with policy and the public.

### Costs:

A registration fee of 800,-? is being charged which includes the lectures, excursion, housing and meals. A small number of support grants to waive part or all of the fee are available for students from developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

### Housing:

Housing will be mostly in two- or three-bed rooms with shared bathrooms.

### Eligibility:

Applications are solicited from graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in disciplines working on global change or vulnerability assessments from EU or associated countries. Fluency in English is required.

### To Apply:

Online information and the application form is available at:

<http://www.pik-potsdam.de/alter-net/>

### Deadline:

All application materials, including letters of recommendation, must be postmarked no later than 15 April 2010. For any further information please contact the Summer School Director: Sabine Lütkemeier  
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