

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Deadline for submitting your application: 19 October 2012!

Please use the attached or the online registration form: www.hohetauern.at/symposium2013!

Dear Sir/Madam,

National Parks Austria (www.nationalparksaustria.at) and Hohe Tauern National Park are pleased to invite you to present your latest protected areas research at the next international **Symposium for Research in Protected Areas, 10-12 June 2013**, www.hohetauern.at/symposium2013.

This event aims at providing researchers and staff of conservation organizations with an opportunity to exchange valuable information, new ideas as well as common interests and to discuss a variety of current research and management issues in protected areas.

The symposium will take place at the **Hohe Tauern National Park Center** in **Mittersill**, Salzburg, Austria.

This event is organized in coordination with the Swiss-Austrian Mountain Days, 11-13 June 2013, www.chat-mountainalliance.eu/en/mountain-days.html in the same place. Participants are encouraged to attend both meetings.

Programme

	Mon, 10.6.2013	Tue, 11.6.2013	Wed, 12.6.2013	Thu, 13.6.2013
morning	Symposium conference	Symposium conference	Joint excursions (Symposium & CH-AT Alliance)	Mountain Days
afternoon	Symposium conference	Joint session (Symposium & CH-AT Alliance)	Symposium excursions	
even.	Symposium public	Symposium research award		

The Concept

Six of Austria's most ecologically valuable regions have been designated as national parks. They reflect the great diversity of this central European country: high mountains, forests, water and riparian marshes and steppes. Austria is part of two biogeographic regions: the alpine and the continental, and most of the Austrian national parks are part of two important regional networks: ALPARC (Alpine Network of Protected Areas, www.alparc.org) and DanubePARKS (The Danube River Network of Protected Areas, www.danubeparks.org).

In close cooperation with these regional networks for protected areas, and further supported by scientific institutions - ISCAR (International Scientific Committee on Research in the Alps, www.iscar-alpineresearch.org), IGF (Mountain Research: Man and Environment, an Institute of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW), www.oeaw.ac.at, www.mountainresearch.at) and IAD (International Association for Danube Research, www.iad.gs) - we are looking for input from researchers or research groups working on issues related to protected areas across the entire geographic region from the Western Alps to the Danube Delta, from the plains to the highest peaks in Europe, from glacier-fed torrents to one of the world's biggest wetlands.



Guiding Theme

Dynamics and conservation in protected areas - challenges for research and management.

Along the lines of this guiding theme, we want to stimulate scientific debate about all aspects of basic and applied research that contributes to meeting the challenges faced by protected areas regarding ecological and natural resource management. The symposium aims to make current research on protected areas visible, its results and its significance for society. We welcome research contributions from all disciplines relevant for protected areas or research aiming to implement stakeholders' perspectives.

We invite you to contribute to our Symposium by giving a talk or presenting a poster. **The call is open for any topic that relates to the guiding theme.**

At the 2013 conference itself, we would like to focus attention on:

Dynamics and conservation in protected areas under conditions of global change and the need to protect diversity.

- Do protected areas achieve the objectives defined for the protection of processes, functions and diversity and where are the limits?
- What are currently the most relevant research priorities, research questions, methods and recent results – regional and supra-regional, short and long term?
- Long-term ecosystem research: What do we know from science and practice?
- Where do protected areas, their regions and their networks currently stand regarding research and management?

Call for Papers

If you are interested in presenting your current research at the symposium, we kindly ask you to bear in mind the following information and timetable:

- Conference language: English only
- **19 October 2012** – Deadline for submitting an application with a short description of your presentation (max. 1.800 characters, incl. spaces) and a short Curriculum Vitae. Please send abstract and CV per e-mail to nationalpark@salzburg.gv.at and register via the attached or the online registration form: www.hohetauern.at/symposium2013.

- **mid-December 2012** – Announcement of accepted contributions (talk and/or poster/-s) and approved thematic sessions by the Scientific Board.
- **January 2013** – Announcement of the full programme set by the Scientific Board.
- **25 February 2013** – Deadline for submitting your full paper for the conference proceedings. Detailed information will follow after acceptance.

Scientific Board

National Parks Austria, ALPARC and ISCAR are providing an independent scientific committee which will approve and classify the papers received and set the final thematic sessions, the keynote speakers and the full program of the symposium. The scientific board is composed of members of: ISCAR-P – Alpine Protected Area Research:

www.iscar-alpineresearch.org/iscar_protected_areas/
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We are looking forward to meeting you at the **5th Symposium for Research in Protected Areas 2013** in Mittersill!

We kindly ask you to forward this e-mail to your colleagues and mailing lists. Many thanks in advance!

For organizational reasons, it may happen that you receive this e-mail more than once. We apologize for any cross-posting.

Registration / Submission of papers

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