

Dear Madam/Sir,

*Nationalparks Austria* and Hohe Tauern National Park take great pleasure in inviting you to the **5<sup>th</sup> Symposium for Research in Protected Areas, 10 - 12 June 2013, in Mittersill (Salzburg, Austria)**. This year's motto is "Dynamics and conservation in protected areas – challenges for research and management".

You can find the **programme details** on [www.hohetauern.at/symposium2013](http://www.hohetauern.at/symposium2013) and you can **register** there until 22 May 2013.

Please forward this information to your colleagues and other potentially interested people via your mailing lists.



This year's programme includes 76 talks and an extensive poster session by 145 scientists from 20 countries.

The conference will cover topical research and concepts on biodiversity, species protection, ecology and the function of running waters, the effects of climate change and the role of long-term monitoring. In addition, issues of applied conservation research, protected area management and sustainable development will be debated. Many of the research papers will be presented here for the first time and will be published in the conference volume.

The symposium provides a perfect opportunity for encounters across disciplinary and protected area boundaries, where participants can share and exchange views and findings and intensify the dialogue between researchers and practitioners.

Fringe events include a public talk on Monday evening on "100 years of the national park concept in the Hohe Tauern" and the "Nationalparks Austria Science Award 2013" gala, with Federal Minister DI Niki Berlakovich presenting the award.

**We look forward to meeting you in June at the Symposium for Research in Protected Areas in Mittersill:** [www.hohetauern.at/symposium2013](http://www.hohetauern.at/symposium2013)

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Please note that the symposium is immediately followed by the Swiss-Austrian Mountain Days, 11-13 June in Mittersill: [www.chat-mountainalliance.eu/en/mountain-days.html](http://www.chat-mountainalliance.eu/en/mountain-days.html)

**Kind regards,**

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