

Conference Venue

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First Announcement



Mountain Forests in a changing world

Advances in research
on sustainable
management and the
role of academic
education

2 – 4 April 2008

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Conference background

The effects of climate change and changes of land-use patterns are particularly severe in mountain regions. Global energy problems and the attempt to substitute fossil energy with renewable energy sources have triggered an increase in the demand for biomass. This may increase the potential for landuse-conflicts with severe consequences for people living in mountainous areas. A disproportionate number of the world's poorest people live in mountains.

Ever since forestry became an academic curriculum at UNI BOKU the complex management of mountain forests was a central issue. Foresters were - from the beginning of academic forestry in Austria – challenged to consider multiple stakeholder interests in the sustainable management of mountain forests.

In order to make the long standing experience on mountain forestry available to foreign students and to provide German speaking students with the chance to train for jobs abroad, the English language MS-Curriculum "Mountain Forestry" was initiated in February 2002.

Conference objectives

The conference aims at presenting advances in mountain forest research in the broad context of sustainable management of mountain areas as well as highlighting and discussing the role of academic education for sustainable resource management.

The outcome will help us to integrate new ideas and results in our curricula.

Thematic topics

Conservation and Environmental Services

Production – the role of mountain forests for the livelihood of people

Risks and hazards

Education and Capacity building

Programme and Important dates

31 January 2008 Deadline for submission of abstracts

Wednesday, 2 April 2008

Morning: Opening and plenary lectures

Afternoon: Scientific sessions

Evening: Symposium dinner

Thursday, 3 April 2008

Whole day: Scientific sessions

Friday, 4 April 2008

Morning: Poster session and plenary discussion on the future of mountain forestry and the role of academic education for sustainable resource management