



## PRE-REGISTRATION, SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND SHORT PAPERS, SPECIAL SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS PROPOSALS

You are invited to pre-register on-line, submit abstracts or propose special sessions and workshops addressing any of the themes of the conference at [www.seravignon2010.org](http://www.seravignon2010.org).

We especially welcome contributions on the main topics of the conference. Transfer of knowledge and experiences between northern or central European countries and countries of the Mediterranean Basin are encouraged.

The conference organisers especially welcome review studies and innovative case studies (focussing both on successes and failures), which will enhance north-south dialogues and generate best practice guidelines for scientists, policy makers, practitioners, and stakeholders.

Short papers (max. 4 pages) of all oral contributions will be compiled in a conference proceedings which will be available at the conference.

A special issue of one or several scientific journals is also being planned as conference proceedings and will be published in 2011.

## KEY DATES OF THE CONFERENCE

- Call for pre-registrations for special session and workshop proposals: 01 October 2009
- Deadline for special session and workshop submissions: 15 February 2010
- Deadline for abstract submissions for oral presentations and posters: 1 March 2010
- Confirmation of acceptance before 15 May 2010
- Invitation to submit short papers (max. 4 pages) of accepted oral presentations: 15 May 2010 at the latest
- Deadline for short paper submission: 30 June 2010
- Deadline for early registration with reduced fees: 15 May 2010
- Deadline for registration with regular fees: 15 July 2010

## Conference language

**English** (translation French/English and English/French for plenary sessions only)

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## OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

The aim of the conference is to present and assess the state-of-the-art in ecological restoration and to bring together scientists, policy makers, practitioners and stakeholders for mutual exchange and synergy. The conference will offer an outstanding opportunity for transboundary contacts and exchanges of knowledge, practices in ecological restoration, an emerging field and profession at the crossroads of applied ecology, ecological, environmental economics and socio-cultural sciences.

## THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

### Restoration of ecosystems

- Dry grasslands, heathlands, matorral, steppic and semi-arid vegetation
- Bogs, fens, wet meadows
- Lakes, ponds, wadis (dry river beds), rivers and estuaries
- Marine and coastal ecosystems
- Forests, woodlands and shrublands
- Rocky habitats
- Industrial and polluted areas such as mines

### Fragmentation and connectivity in networks of protected sites

- How dense and complete are the networks of protected areas and what connectivity level is needed?
- Restoration actions across national boundaries in the Mediterranean Basin.
- Expected impact of climate change and possible countermeasures
- Expected impact of exotic, invasive species and possible countermeasures

### Restoration as the bridge builder between nature conservation and sustainable local economic development

- Socio-economic constraints, benefits, financing opportunities and solutions for promoting and sustaining ecological restoration activities
- Legal constraints and solutions for successful ecological restoration
- Improving collaboration among scientists, policy makers, and practitioners throughout Europe and the Mediterranean Basin.
- Policy measures to cope with loss of traditional management techniques and knowledge

### Restoration of habitat quality and improving conditions for reintroduction and reinforcement of populations of endangered species

- Reference values for habitat quality and minimum viable population sizes
- Evaluation of habitat restoration projects
- Evaluation of species reintroduction measures

## VENUE

**Avignon**, is one of the most beautiful and famous cities in France and well-known around the world thanks to the famous song about the bridge of Avignon. Its beautiful and typically medieval city centre on both banks of the Rhône river attracts millions of tourists each year [www.ot-avignon.fr/index-en.html](http://www.ot-avignon.fr/index-en.html).

The Conference will be held from **23-27 August, 2010** in one of the most visited sites in Europe, **The Popes' Palace** [www.palais-des-papes.com/anglais/pdpaccueil.html](http://www.palais-des-papes.com/anglais/pdpaccueil.html).

## EXCURSIONS

During excursions to areas near Avignon (*Lubéron, Mont Ventoux, Les Alpilles, the Camargue, Calanques, steppe of La Crau, Berre pond, the Durance and Rhône rivers, Mediterranean islands, coastal dunes, forest and matorral ecosystems, etc.*) lessons learned from various restoration measures will be demonstrated in natural, semi-natural and degraded ecosystems, tackling the typical problems of many millennia of the impacts of human civilizations on Mediterranean ecosystems.

