



FORUM ALPINUM 2024 CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

ForumAlpinum is a scientific conference aiming to promote international research cooperation on topics of relevance across the entire Alpine Arc. ForumAlpinum has also been designed as an interface between the scientific community and policy, providing opportunities for science-policy dialogue.

ForumAlpinum 2024 titled »**The Alps – a Refuge of Bio- and Geodiversity!?**« will focus on biodiversity and geodiversity that are under severe threat - worldwide and especially in sensitive ecosystems like the Alps. This ForumAlpinum will identify hot spots of bio- and geodiversity, their monitoring and management in the Alps, analyse land use conflicts and their impact on bio- and geodiversity, and assess the relevance of bio- and geodiversity protection in the regional, national or international context to discuss possible solutions.

Save a date! You are cordially invited to join the ForumAlpinum 2024 from **12 to 14 June in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia.**

Call for contributions. We are happy to invite you to submit your abstract of scientific paper presentation for the ForumAlpinum, addressing one or several of the topics listed below or any other biodiversity/geodiversity related topic. Abstract should be max. 250 words long, and should include title, a brief description of the theme and content, up to 5 keywords, and the name(s) of the author(s) with affiliation. Abstract is to be sent to: iscar@scnat.ch till 24th November 2023.

Topics proposal:

- Major bio- and geodiversity threats
- Landscape biodiversity
- EU-politics restoration plan
- Monitoring of bio- and geodiversity (methodology)
- Long-term changes in bio- and geodiversity
- Role of protected areas
- Ecological connectivity
- International cooperation between park managers
- The big wild animals – the carnivores
- Alpine bio- and geodiversity under climatic change
- Vulnerability of mountain peoples to food insecurity due to biodiversity loss
- Overtourism in mountain areas and its effect on biodiversity
- Historic changes in biodiversity in mountain areas due to human influence
- Major biodiversity threats, e.g. overexploitation, invasive alien species
- New habitat, e.g. glacial lakes and new glacier foreland



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Publishing your scientific achievements. ISCAR is encouraging you to prepare scientific papers for one of the special issues within the existing scientific journals, e.g. the Journal of Alpine Research, Journal on Protected Mountain Areas Research and Management (eco.mont), and the Acta Geographica Slovenica. The list of special issues will be provided in January 2024, suggesting you the submission to the most relevant one. Note that special rules for each special issue might apply.

Important deadlines related to ForumAlpinum:

- November 24th, 2023: submission of abstracts
- January 2024: note of acceptance by ForumAlpinum's Scientific Committee
- March 2024: draft programme of ForumAlpinum
- May 2024: final conference programme

Regards.

We are looking forward to receiving your abstract and hope to see you in Kranjska Gora. Best wishes, on behalf of ISCAR and the local Organising Committee

ISCAR is an International Scientific Committee on Research in the Alps (est. in 1999), consisting of representatives from the countries of Alpine Arc. ISCAR supports cooperation in the entire Alpine space, amongst all disciplines and exchange of scientific achievements in public and practice. Together with partners, ISCAR is responsible for the organization of international event – ForumAlpinum. ISCAR indicates and investigates issues related to Alps and cooperates with international mountain research around the world.