



European Parks' Academy

A unique educational offer for
executives and professionals in
protected areas

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18th – 29th July 2017

Klagenfurt, Austria

Tentative programme

A cooperation between
IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas,
E.C.O. Institute of Ecology and the
Austrian Ministry of Environment

SEMINAR PROGRAMME 2017

2017	TUE 18.07.	WED 19.07.	THU 20.07.	FRI 21.07.	SAT 22.07.	SUN 23.07.	MON 24.07.	TUE 25.07.	WED 26.07.	THU 27.07.	FRI 28.07.	SAT 29.07.		
	Panel & Posters I	Seminar 1: Financing			Excursion: Sečovlje Salina Nature Park		Seminar 2: Governance			Panel & Posters II	Excursion Biosphere Reserve Nockberge		Fee	Services included (all packages include materials, coffee breaks)
Premium PA-training package	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	EUR 2200,00 (EUR 2500,00)	2 conferences, 2 modules, 1(2) excursions, welcome dinner
Full Package Financing	X	X	X	X	X	X							EUR 1.340,00	Conference, Module 1, excursion, welcome dinner
Full Package Governance							X	X	X	X	X	X	EUR 1.340,00	Conference, Module 2, overnight excursion, welcome dinner
Training Package for busy Executives		X	X	X			X	X					EUR 990,00	Seminar Module 1 or Module 2
Panel & Posters Conference	X									X			EUR 90,00	Admission fee

(Fee does not include travel and accommodation costs.)

Seminar 1 – Effective financial management of protected areas

Learn about new strategies and tools to optimize budget planning, financial flows and expenses to start improving the financial situation of your park or institution. Particularly in times of economic crisis and shrinking conservation budgets it is crucial to ensure adequate funding for protected areas.

Seminar 2 – Understanding and enhancing governance of protected and conserved areas

Who and how to take and implement decisions about conservation? Can this process be improved? How? Understanding these seemingly simple questions is at the heart of effectiveness and equity in conservation, helping professionals to optimise public support, minimize conflict and discover unsuspected alliances in society.

Lecturers

James Hardcastle
Manager of the IUCN Green List of Protected Areas

Dr. Francis Vorhies
Earthmind - Executive Director, sustainability economist, former Head of Economics and Business Programme of IUCN

Dr. Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend
ICCA Consortium - Global coordinator; former Head of IUCN Social Policy Programme; programme lead for the Governance Streams at WPC Durban (2003) and WPC Sydney (2014); lead author of the IUCN Guideline on Governance of Protected Areas

Roger Crofts
Member of the IUCN National Committee for the United Kingdom, CE Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)

Dr. Andrej Sovinc
IUCN WCPA Regional Vice-Chair Europe, University of Primorska, Former CEO Sečovlje Salina Nature Park

Mag. Dr. Michael Jungmeier
CEO of E.C.O. Institute of Ecology, Director of MSC "Management of Protected Areas"

Conferences

18th July 2017 - Conference I
"Protected Area Management – Global innovative approaches and highlights from Austria"

27th July 2017 – Conference II
"Protected Area Management – IUCN initiatives, trends and IUCN Green List"

Learning from Practitioners

22nd – 23rd July – Excursion I
National Park "Hohe Tauern"
Topic: Innovative legal structures for alternative income sources.

28th – 29th July – Excursion II
Biosphere Reserve "Nockberge and Lungau"
Topic: Using synergies from multi-stakeholder Governance.

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First week – Effective Financial Management of Protected Areas & Green List

Tue, 18 th July	Wed, 19 th July	Thu, 20 th July	Fri, 21 st July	Sat/Sun, 22 nd - 23 rd July
International Conference “Innovative Approaches from Austria”	Intro: Standards, Guidelines and Experiences	Topic 2: Experiences & tools for optimising financial flows	Individual coaching & working on solutions for own challenges	Learning from practitioners - Excursion to Hohe Tauern
Working topic: “Protected Area Management – Global innovative approaches and highlights from Austria”	IUCN Protected Area Standards and Guidelines for sustainable financing Financing public services from an economic point of view	Balancing of stocks and flows Legal structures supporting alternative income sources	Working on own case studies Individual coaching Peer coaching	Hohe Tauern National Park - the largest nature reserve in the entire Alpine region Topic: Innovative legal structures for alternative income sources.
<i>Keynote presentations Group working session Posters Panel discussion</i>	Topic 1: Experiences and tools for income generation	Topic 3: Experiences and tools for optimising expenses	Synthesis - Wrap up - Closing ceremony	
	‘Traditional’ and ‘innovative’ income sources Development of a financing portfolio	Options for optimising expenses - Outsourcing & tendering, using synergies, volunteer systems	Presentation of take home message by participants Wrap Up & Certificates	

Second week – Governance of Protected and Conserved Areas

Mon, 24 th July	Tue, 25 th July	Wed, 26 th July	Thu, 27 th July	Fri/Sat, 28 th – 29 th July
Topic 1: Understanding governance	Topic 2: Assessing governance	Topic 3: Evaluating and enhancing governance	International Conference “IUCN initiatives”	Learning from practitioners - Excursion to Nockberge/Lungau
Understanding governance of protected and conserved areas Governance diversity, quality and vitality	Basic methodology and framework Assess governance for a system of protected and conserved areas	From assessment to evaluation and action Working on own case studies Individual mentoring Peer coaching	Working topic: “Protected Area Management - IUCN initiatives, trends, and current developments” “Workshop on IUCN Green List”	Nockberge Biosphere Reserve – diverse natural and cultural landscapes Topic: Using synergies from multi-stakeholder governance.
Group work, exercises and tools	Group work, exercises and tools	Wrap up and closing ceremony	<i>Keynote presentations Group working session Posters Panel discussion</i>	
Analysing and describing a governance systems	Assess governance for a specific protected or conserved site	Presentation of take home message by participants Wrap Up & Certificates		

Learn, exchange, enjoy in an inspiring environment

EPA is a summer school, situated at the attractive and inspiring facilities of the Klagenfurt Lakeside Campus (Austria).

EPA offers outstanding intercultural learning experiences for executives and professionals in the management of protected areas. The initiative is a direct outcome of the World Parks Congress 2014 in Sydney and the European follow-up Little Sydney in Hainburg (Austria, 2015)

Your personal benefit

The European Parks' Academy (EPA) is a unique opportunity to learn more about emerging trends and new approaches in the management of protected areas. The seminars of EPA focus on the practical implementation of international standards (IUCN, UNESCO, Ramsar, etc.), policies and guidelines.

Bring an own showcase from your work to this exclusive training. In an intensive 3-day seminar you work in small groups, discuss with renowned experts to find innovative solutions for your individual challenge.

This is your main take-home message, bringing new perspectives into your organization.

Maybe you can even save money which you otherwise spent for a consultant!

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