



Landscape ecology: linking environment and society

First call for abstracts for the 19th ialeUK conference
4–6 September 2012, The University of Edinburgh

Use of land and resources is central to people's relationship with their environment. This international conference will explore how landscape ecology can help guide sustainable use of land and the services it provides to society.

'...our land is a finite resource, and it is set to come under increasing pressure as the century unfolds. [...] Deciding how to balance [...] competing pressures and demands is a major challenge for the coming century...'
-- Professor Sir John Beddington

We aim to bring together people with relevant expertise from across science, policy and practice, to learn from each other, and identify ways in which landscape ecology can support necessary shifts in land management to deliver improved and enduring benefits to society and the environment.

We are seeking contributions that provide insight, potential solutions, and examples of action on the ground. Abstracts and posters will be published online. In addition, we are negotiating a special issue in a scientific journal to publish selected papers and syntheses from conference discussions.

The multidisciplinary conference will appeal to anyone with an interest in landscape protection, planning, and management, including researchers, policymakers, and practitioners.

Landscape ecology is the study of interactions, across space and time, between the structure and function of physical, biological and cultural components of landscapes; marine, freshwater, and on land.

Programme

Tuesday 4 September

am *Think globally: landscape ecology in a globalised world*

pm *Act locally: landscape ecology to balance competing demands*

Wednesday 5 September

am *Think global, act local: landscape ecology exemplars*

pm *Interactive sessions*

Thursday 6 September

Field trips – to be announced

Abstract submission deadline: 9 April 2012.

Please submit 300 word abstracts to: abstracts2012@iale.org.uk,
Authors will be notified about acceptance by 1 May 2011.

Registration will be open from 1 February – 15 August. Early bird fees and guaranteed discounted room rates will end 15 May.

Discover more at:
www.iale.org.uk

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