



International Workshop
**“Interface between science and mountain protected areas:
The role of scientific councils”**

25 - 26 June 2015, Chambéry (F)

P R O G R A M M E

This workshop will focus on the role and issues of scientific councils of mountain protected areas. Scientific councils will be seen as interfaces between science and management. Various models of constituting and organizing scientific councils will be presented and the role of scientific councils regarding science and management in protected areas will be discussed by experts from science, mountain protected areas and administration: To what extent and under what conditions are scientific councils able to promote scientific research in protected areas? To what extent and under what conditions can they support the management and the policy of a protected area and mediate conflicts? How can they contribute to building networks and cooperation?

The workshop will gather together some 40 participants, members of scientific councils and persons responsible for management and research in protected mountain areas from all Alpine countries.

Expected outcomes:

- A collective publication and policy recommendations to managers and relevant administrations
- Input to an Alpine Space project on the governance of protected areas and the contribution of science

Organisation:

- International Scientific Committee on Research in the Alps, ISCAR
- Laboratory of Excellence “Innovation and territories in mountain areas” LabEx ITEM (France)
- Network of Alpine Protected Areas, ALPARC

Costs:

No fees; meals (1 dinner and 1 lunch) and coffee breaks are offered.

Programme 25th June 2015, 14:00 - 18:00h

Location: National Park Vanoise, Park Centre, 135 rue du Docteur Julliand, Chambéry

14:00 Welcome and Introduction

Jean-Jacques Brun, LabEx ITEM and ISCAR
Edouard Simonian, Région Rhône Alpes

Plenary session: Scientific research for protected areas: different approaches

Moderator: *Isabelle Arpin*, Irstea

14:30 *Gaëlle Ronsin*, LabEx ITEM

Preliminary study of scientific councils: presentation of results and discussion

14:50 *Thomas Scheurer*, Research Council of the Swiss National Park, CH

A Park for Science: Managing Science in the Swiss National Park

15:10 *Michele Ottino*, Gran Paradiso National Park, I

Cooperation between Parks and Universities

Break

16:00 *Carole Birck & Jean-Marcel Dorioz*, ASTERS, F

Implementing research in the Haute-Savoie nature reserves

16:20 *Matej Gabrovec*, delegate of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences to the scientific council of the Triglav National Park, SI

Research in Triglav National Park

16:40 *Astrid Wallner*, Swiss Parks Research, CH

Organisation of Park research in Switzerland: Bringing together common and specific issues

17:00 Discussion on presented issues

First elements for policy recommendations on scientific advice and research in protected mountain areas

19:00 dinner

Programme 26th June 2015, 9:00 - 13:00h

Location: University Savoie Mont-Blanc, Presidency, 27 rue Marcoz, Chambéry

9:00 Discussion groups 1-3

Introduction to the workshops: *Thomas Scheurer*, ISCAR

1) Relationships of scientific councils to science

Moderator: *Thomas Scheurer*, ISCAR

Inputs:

Daniel Kreiner, head of research in Gesäuse National Park, A

Grégory Loucougaray, scientist active in the Vercors Regional Nature Park, F

Leading questions:

- a. Participation of members of scientific councils in scientific projects carried out in protected areas?
- b. Influence of scientific councils in scientific orientations of protected areas?
- c. Involvement of scientific councils in academic journals?
- d. How do scientists perceive scientific councils and science in protected mountain areas?

2) Relationships of scientific councils with management & policy

Moderator: *Isabelle Arpin*, Irstea

Inputs:

Dominik Siegrist, scientific council of Adula National Park, CH

Michael Vogel, director of Berchtesgaden National Park, D

Leading questions:

- a. Involvement and influence of scientific councils in the design and implementation of management operations in protected areas?
- b. Interactions between scientific councils and scientific departments or services of protected areas?
- c. Expectations of protected area managers towards scientific councils?

3) Role of scientific councils in the interface between science and management

Moderator: *Guido Plassmann*, ALPARC

Inputs:

Chris Walzer, Research Institute of Wildlife Ecology, University of Vienna, A
Emmanuel Michau, director of Vanoise National Park, F

Leading questions:

- a. How is the mediation work between science and management carried out? What are the respective roles of scientific councils and scientific departments of protected areas in the mediation process? More generally, how do these scientific councils and departments collaborate?
- b. On what competences is this mediation work based?
- c. How do scientific bodies of protected areas exchange and collaborate on the alpine scale?

Break

11:30 Final plenary session

Moderator: *Fabien Hobléa*, University Savoie Mont-Blanc

Input:

Marine Henry, Alpine Space Contact Point Rhône-Alpes

- Reports from the discussion groups, discussion on findings
- Agreement on a draft for policy recommendations on scientific advice and research in protected areas
- Agreement on the procedure to the submission of an article in *eco.mont*

13:00 Lunch