



ISCAR Workshop 2012: New Highlanders

Date: Tuesday, 4 September 2012, 9.00-18.00h

Venue: Poschiavo (Switzerland)

Organisation:

Institute of Mountain Research: Man and Environment (IGF) at the Austrian Academy of Sciences

International Scientific Committee on Research in the Alps (ISCAR)

Italian Ministry for Environment, Territory and Sea (MINAMBIENTE)

Working Group “Demography and Employment” of the Alpine Convention (WG DE)

Topics

Analyse the “New Highlanders” phenomenon,

- in the context of population movements, especially in-/out migration and multilocality,
- its underlying causes and factors,
- the resulting changes in the structure and composition of the population, and the regional population densities
- the interaction of immigrants and multilocal dwellers with the autochthonous local communities

Aims

- Summarise the state of the art of current knowledge and ongoing research
- Provide inputs to the Working Group “Demography and Employment” of the Alpine Convention (WG DE) and **optional** to the 5th Report on the State of the Alps (RSA 5)
- Prepare new transnational projects and cooperation

Procedure, results

- Based on short themed inputs, a series of topic-specific questions will be discussed in World Cafés
- The results will be taken up by the Working Group “Demography and Employment” and be summarised in a scientific article and published in an appropriate journal. If possible, project proposals will be developed after the workshop.

Participants, costs, language

The number of participants is limited to 25 persons. There are no registration fees. Meals will be offered by ISCAR, while travel and accommodation costs have to be covered by the participants (except input speakers). The language of the workshop will be English.

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Timetable of the ISCAR Workshop on „New Highlanders“

4. Sept 2012, Poschiavo (9.00 – ca. 18.00 h)

9.00 Welcome (Paolo Angelini, Axel Borsdorf, Thomas Scheurer, Pier Paolo Viazzo)

9.15 Introduction (Oliver Bender)

9.30 Five input presentations (10 minutes + questions):

Manfred Perlik (*EURAC Bolzano/Bozen*):

Underlying causes of the new immigration into the Alps, including push and pull factors for mobility

Martin Schuler (*EPF Lausanne*):

Spatial patterns of New Highlanders' migration and circulation and related problems of capturing statistical data

Nikola Sander (*Wittgenstein Centre (IIASA, VID/ÖAW, WU), Austrian Academy of Sciences*):

The socio-demographic characteristics of the New Highlanders and the impact of their migration behaviour on population structures in destination regions

Federica Corrado (*IIFARC Politecnico di Torino, PADIMA*):

Demands of the New Highlanders and their economic and social contributions to local communities

Pier Paolo Viazzo (*Università degli Studi di Torino*):

Interactions of New Highlanders and multilocal dwellers with local communities

10.45 Coffee break

11.15 Plenary discussion (Chair: Axel Borsdorf)

Discussion of the inputs and translation into a scientific agenda (priorities, gaps)

Selection of 4–6 topics for in-depth discussion in the afternoon

13:00 Lunch

14.00 World Cafe (Hosts: Pier Paolo Viazzo, Thomas Scheurer, NN)

Each one dedicated to a scientific topic identified before lunch, including 3 rounds

1st round: state of the art

2nd round: identifying gaps and suitable research approaches

15.45 Coffee Break

16.15 World Cafes (continued):

3rd round: implications for practice; results of relevance for planned Report on the State of the Alps RSA 5

17.00 Plenary session: synthesis (Chair: Axel Borsdorf)

1. Reports of the World Cafe hosts (each 5 min)

2. Ideas how to continue with the results of the workshops: paper publication/project proposals (Oliver Bender)

3. Evaluation of results by the Alpine Conference Working Group “Demography & Employment” (Pier Paolo Viazzo)

18.00 Closing

From 18.00: optional gatherings of people interested in preparing project proposals

Meet on the Piazza (AlpWeek)