



### Registration and accommodation

Registration is possible at our conference website <http://www.wsl.ch/landscapeandhealth>.

The deadline for conference registration is December 15, 2011.

The number of participants is limited to 120. Registrations will be prioritised according to the following criteria:

- participants with accepted presentations or posters
- date of receipt of registration and payment

Booking of accommodation must be made directly with the hotels. Suggestions for accommodation are provided on the conference website <http://www.wsl.ch/landscapeandhealth>.

### Fees

Normal: 250 CHF

Reduced: 150 CHF (for students and PhD students, with proof of status)

Conference Dinner: 80 CHF (not included in Conference fee)

### Contact und information

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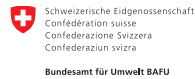
# Landscape and Health: Effects, Potential and Strategies

2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference

## Invitation

January 24 and 25, 2012, WSL, Birmensdorf, Switzerland

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## Introduction and aims

Urbanisation is leading to densification of cities in many European countries, which in turn leads to changes in landscapes and in landscape qualities, as well as to the loss of near natural landscapes with high recreational value. The lifestyle in our urban society is defined by its hectic pace and lack of exercise, which results in typical lifestyle related diseases. Furthermore the urban lifestyle is known to increase the need for peace, nature and restoration.

Preventive medicine and health promotion actions are actively undertaken to prevent illness and to encourage public health. Furthermore current studies analyse the way in which near natural landscapes, with forests and/or watercourses, provide opportunities for improving the quality of life of large parts of society and for reducing the negative consequences of urban densification on public health.

This conference is intended to be a follow up to the "Recreation and Health in Landscape and Forest" conference that took place at the Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL in Birmensdorf in April 2009 and will build on the conclusions of that conference. The aims are:

- a) to develop an interdisciplinary understanding of the relationship between landscape and health.
- b) to determine the relevance/meaning of the landscape for health from the perspectives of natural sciences, social science, humanities and medical sciences.
- c) to establish the basis for interdisciplinary communication and policy concerning landscape and health.

## Who should attend?

Researchers and practitioners from different disciplines (e.g. health sciences, health promotion, landscape planning, forestry, natural sciences, psychology, sociology, etc.) who are interested in the relationship between landscape and health, and the dialogue between science and practice.

## Conference languages

The official languages of this international conference are English and German. In order to facilitate communication with the international guests, the main language of the conference will be English. The keynote lectures will be simultaneously translated into English and/or German. Parallel sessions (paper sessions, etc.) will be either in English or German.

## Conference proceedings

All accepted summaries will be published in the conference proceedings, provided at least one author is registered at the conference and the fee has been paid. A print version of the proceedings will be given to each participant at the beginning of the conference and summaries will be uploaded to the conference homepage.



## Conference programme

### January 24, 2012

from 10.00	Registration, Welcome Coffee
11.00–11.30	Welcome addresses by James Kirchner (Director WSL), Michael Jordi (General Secretary of the Swiss Council of Cantonal Health Directors), Rolf Manser (Head Section Forest, FOEN), and Nicole Bauer (WSL, Conference Chair)
11.30–11.45	Introduction to the conference topic, Nicole Bauer (WSL)
11.45–12.30	Keynote 1: Michael Jerrett, Associate Professor, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkley, USA: "Green visions of health"
12.30–14.00	Lunch break
14.00–15.15	Parallel sessions with submitted presentations
15.15–16.15	Coffee break and poster session
16.15–17.30	Parallel sessions with submitted presentations
18.00	Departure of buses to conference dinner
18.30–23.00	Conference dinner

### January 25, 2012

from 08.00	Welcome Coffee
09.00–09.15	Brief review of the first conference day
09.15–10.00	Keynote 2: Ludwig Trepl, Professor emeritus for landscape ecology, University of technology, Munich, Germany: "On the question of the effect of landscape on health"
10.00–11.00	Break, presentation of the findings of the first conference day and poster-session
11.00–12.30	Parallel sessions with submitted presentations
12.30–14.00	Lunch break
14.00–14.45	Keynote 3: Richard Mitchell, Professor of Health and Environment, University of Glasgow, Great Britain: "Can a landscape be your doctor?"
14.45–15.45	Conclusion and outlook: Formulation of activity fields, with reference to implementation events and other follow up activities
from 15.45	Farewell Coffee