



## Exploring the Nature of Management

**The Third International Conference  
on **M**onitoring and **M**anagement of **V**isitor Flows  
in Recreational and Protected Areas**

**Rapperswil, Switzerland, September 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2006**

**Second call**  
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## Goals

The MMV conference provides a forum for presentations and other exchanges of ideas and experiences related to the monitoring and management of visitors in recreation and protected areas. The emphasis will be on policies, problems, practices and innovative solutions, and will therefore be of equal relevance to managers and researchers.

## History and background

The first MMV conference was held in Vienna, Austria, in winter 2002 and the second in Rovaniemi, Finland, in spring 2004. MMV conferences are motivated by the growing concern that increasing recreational use of protected areas is approaching the limits of ecological and social carrying capacities in many parts of the world. The conferences in Vienna and Rovaniemi were great successes, and provided strong support for continuation in Switzerland. MMV<sub>3</sub> will help to meet the urgent need for scientists and managers to share current experiences and know-how for managing protected areas.

## Who should attend

The conference welcomes all researchers and scholars, public sector and industry managers, consultants, planners and members of NGO's dealing with visitor management in recreational and protected areas. For the more practice oriented audience the SANU holds within the scope of MMV<sub>3</sub> the seminar „Besucherlenkung in nationalen Pärken“ (Management of Visitor Flows in National Parks). This seminar is held in German.

## Topics

The overall purpose of the conference is to provide an opportunity for constructive discussions related (but not necessarily limited) to the following topics:

- Visitor information and visitor management
- Visitor monitoring methods, modeling and data management
- Causes of leisure mobility and tourism
- Economic and social effects of recreation and nature tourism
- Visitor/user conflicts and other behavior studies
- Sustainability and carrying capacity studies in recreational settings
- Recreational impacts on park ecosystems
- Nature tourism: concepts and experiences in recreational and protected areas
- Park tourism in protected areas and poverty reduction

## Keynote addresses

Plenary sessions will feature the following internationally acknowledged keynote speakers:

- **Wolfgang Haider**, Simon Fraser University, Canada  
The North American Idol: Visitor Management Frameworks and Recreation Research
- **Andreas Muhar**, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Austria  
Alpine Tourism: Image and Reality
- **Harini Nagendra**, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, India  
Opportunities and challenges for participatory park management in the developing country context
- **David Sheppard**, IUCN - The World Conservation Union, Switzerland  
The New Paradigm for Protected Areas



### Symposia (subject to alterations)

A number of paper sessions (S), panel sessions (P) and workshops (W) for oral presentations and posters will be organized by the conveners stated below.

- Bridging the Ecological and Social Science Divide in Visitor Impact Monitoring and Management (S/P) Bruno Baur (Basel, Switzerland) and Sanjay K. Nepal (College Station, TX-USA)
- Exploring the Foundation of Human-Wildlife Conflict at Park and Protected Areas (S) Mike Manfredo (Fort Collins, CO-USA) and Frank Jensen (Hoersholm, Denmark)
- Good Solutions between Sports, Nature and Landscape (S) Margit Mönnecke (Rapperswil, Switzerland)
- Park Tourism in Protected Areas and Poverty Reduction (S): Yves Hausser (Lullier, Switzerland)
- Participation Processes in Recreational and Protected Areas (S) Ulrike Pröbstl (Vienna, Austria) and Tony Travis (Birmingham, UK)
- Protected Areas and New Paradigms of Regional Development (S) Thomas Hammer (Bern, Switzerland) and Ingo Mose (Oldenburg, Germany)
- Recreation Ecology and Visitor Impact Research: Past, Present and Future (P) Christopher Monz (Blacksburg, VA-USA)
- Requirements for Recreation and their Integration into Landscape Planning (S) Matthias Buchecker (Birmensdorf, Switzerland)
- Simulating Recreational Behaviour – on Agents and Environment (W) Andreas Muhar (Vienna, Austria) and Hans Skov-Peterson (Frederiksberg, Denmark)
- The Relevance of Landscape and its Images for Visitor Information and Management (S) Norman Backhaus (Zurich, Switzerland) and Marcel Hunziker (Birmensdorf, Switzerland)
- The Significance of Visitor Monitoring Data for Management, Planning and Policy (P) Arne Arnberger (Vienna, Austria)

Besides, further sessions for oral and poster presentations will be organized with regard to the submitted abstracts and the conference topics.

### Call for abstracts

Abstracts for oral and poster presentations on any of the conference topics may be submitted by the deadlines stated below. Paper submitters should indicate to which of the above listed symposia they wish to contribute. An oral presentation is limited to 15 minutes followed by 5 minutes of discussion. Poster presentations will be organized in separate sessions, during which the author(s) must be available for questions and discussion. Deadlines for submissions are:

- **Paper abstracts:** March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006.  
Notification of acceptance including the reviewers' comments will be delivered by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006.
- **Revised abstracts:** June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006



### Instructions for abstracts

It is open to the participants to submit proposals for paper abstracts of about 600 to 800 words or extended abstracts of 2400 to 3200 words, including tables or diagrams and key references. Please, check the conference webpage for detailed instructions. Only one oral presentation will be allowed per person.

The abstracts should be sent by email to: [sophia.iten@hsr.ch](mailto:sophia.iten@hsr.ch).

### Conference proceedings

All accepted abstracts will be included in the official conference proceedings when at least one author is registered and the conference fee is paid. They will be provided to the participants in printed form at the beginning of the conference as well as on the internet. Authors of selected papers will be invited to contribute to an issue of an international scientific journal.

### Schedule and program

The conference will be held from September 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The program includes three days of symposia with plenary talks, panel sessions, poster sessions and workshops as well as two days of excursions (September 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, optional).

### Excursions

In-conference evening excursions to the nature reserve at Greifensee and the mire landscape of Frauenwinkel will give an insight into practical examples of the management of visitor flows. After the first three conference days, it is optional either to go on a two-day trip to the Swiss National Park in the Engiadina/Grisons or on a one-day trip to the forest reserve Sihlwald, the largest forest wilderness area in Switzerland.

### Registration and Accommodation

Conference registration must be made by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Please register at our conference website where detailed information on the registration is provided. Booking of accommodation must be made directly at the tourist information. Options for accommodation and contact information are also provided on the conference website. A certain number of rooms have been tentatively booked until July 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Fees

	Normal	Reduced*
Conference Fee	400 Euro	200 Euro
1-day Excursion	35 Euro	35 Euro
2-day Excursion	160 Euro	110 Euro

\* The conditions for the reduced fees are stated on the internet.

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