

Rigi-Workshop, where disciplines meet

Ecosystems under pressure

Agriculture, forestry and conservation under global change

26 to 28 January 2020, Rigi Kulm

Do you want to increase your knowledge in the fields of agriculture, forestry and conservation biology under global change? Do you want to develop your scientific network and to discuss your research with other PhD students and scientists in a friendly atmosphere on top of a mountain?



The world is changing! Climate change, CO₂-enrichment, habitat modifications, land-use change and intensification, nitrogen deposition, new species communities – they all have big impacts on ecosystems and put them under pressure. During the workshop participants will identify challenges and also opportunities for forest, agriculture and ecosystems in Switzerland under ongoing and future global changes. The results will be summarized and published in a joint article. Five experts with different backgrounds will guide you through the workshop:

- **Extreme events and forest functioning;** Yann Vitasse, Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL
- **The future of sustainable agroecosystems;** Sibylle Stöckli, Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FiBL
- **Belowground biodiversity in a changing world;** Martin Hartmann, Department of Environmental Systems Sciences, ETH Zurich
- **Global change and conservation;** Martin Gossner, Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL; Nicolas Strebel, Swiss Ornithological Institute

This 3-day course will be held in English

PhD students from all Swiss institutions of Higher Learning are most strongly encouraged to apply. Applications from Master students and Postdocs are also considered. The registration fee is CHF 150 (Master students can contact us for financial support). You can contact your doctoral school for the accreditation of ECTS.

Please register online and submit an abstract of your research and a short letter of motivation, including your expectations, before September 15, 2019. The organizing committee will select the 40 most outstanding applicants to participate in this workshop.

Organisers: Yann Vitasse, WSL; Sibylle Stöckli, FiBL; Luzia Guyer and Pia Stieger, SCNAT

For further information and registration: <http://biologie.scnat.ch/rigiworkshop>

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