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## Objectives

After the end of the main environmental research programs (SPP Environment, NRP 31) there is a lack of events where the whole global change community can meet and discuss ongoing problems in a transdisciplinary manner.

The aim of the Swiss Global Change Day is to present recent highlights in global environmental change research as well as to point out challenges for future research.

Besides there is the opportunity for people from governmental institutions, economy and politics to ask questions and explain their needs and views on the presented topics. Panel discussions will provide the corresponding frame.

## Poster session and Travel award

The event is also an opportunity to 'recycle' posters that have been presented at international meetings during the last year and to present them to the Swiss research community.

The best two posters in each of the three fields of WCRP, IGBP, and IHDP\* respectively will be selected by a jury. The authors (*students or post-docs*) of these posters will receive a travel award of 1000.- SFr. each, which will allow them to attend an international conference in the current year.

\* WCRP: World Climate Research Programme

IGBP: International Geosphere Biosphere Programme

IHDP: International Human Dimensions Programme on  
Global Environmental Change

## Location

Freies Gymnasium, Beaulieustr. 55, Bern (take Bus no. 11 direction «Neufeld», 5th stop «Brückfeld», cross the street, it's the big red building in front. It takes ~15 min. from the station)

## Programme

8.30	Coffee / put up posters
9.00	<b>Introduction</b> Christian Körner, Basel
9.10	<b>How should rainfall change as climate changes: Prospects for increases in extremes?</b> Kevin E. Trenberth, USA
9.35	<b>Climate Change and Extreme Events in the European and Alpine Region</b> Christoph Schär, Zürich
10.00	<b>Natural disasters - a disaster for the (re-)insurance industry?</b> Gerry Lemcke, Zürich
10.25	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Heinz Wanner (Chair), Gian-Reto Plattner & speakers
10.55	Coffee break / posters
11.20	<b>Environmental Decision-Makers and the General Public: Two Worlds Apart?</b> Peter Ester, The Netherlands
11.45	<b>Does Health in Switzerland benefit from Climate Change Policies?</b> Nino Künzli, Basel
12.10	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Heinz Gutscher (Chair), NN and speakers
12.40	Lunch / posters
14.30	<i>Surprise</i>
15.00	<b>Time - the fourth dimension of environmental change - a view from 'Mount Improbable'</b> Brigitta Ammann, Bern
15.25	<b>The role of the land biosphere in the global carbon cycle - driver or passenger?</b> Wolfgang Cramer, Potsdam
15.50	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Christian Körner (Chair), NN and speakers
16.20	<i>Poster award</i>
16.30	Coffee / posters
17.00	End

## Speakers

### Christian Körner

Professor and head of the ecology department of the Institute of Botany at the University of Basel, member of the Scientific Steering Committee of the Global Change and Terrestrial Ecosystems program (GCTE) of IGBP, Chairman of the ProClim Steering Committee. <http://www.unibas.ch/botschoen/koerner/1d.htm>

### Kevin E. Trenberth

Professor and head of the Climate Analysis Section at the National Center for Atmospheric Research USA, member Joint Scientific Committee of the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP). <http://www.cgd.ucar.edu/cas/trenberth.html>

### Christoph Schär

Professor at the Institute for Climate Research at ETH Zürich, Vice Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the ECMWF (European Center for Medium Range Weather Forecasting, Reading, GB). <http://www.geo.umnw.ethz.ch/staff/homepages/schaer/index.html>

### Gerry Lemcke

Specialist Climate & Storm/Meteo, Reinsurance und Risk Division, Cat Perils, Swiss Reinsurance Company. Active as climate change advisor of Swiss Re, in this function part of ProClim, OcCC, member within steering board of NCCR climate. <http://www.swissre.com>

### Peter Ester

Professor at the Faculty of Social and Behaviour Science of the Tilburg University, The Netherlands. Program Director of «Civil Society, Globalization and Sustainability» at GLOBUS, Institute for Globalization and Sustainable Development. <http://www.kub.nl/>

### Nino Künzli

Assitant Professor (PD) at the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine University Basel, Department of Environmental Health. Member of OcCC (Swiss Advisory Body on Climate Change). <http://www.unibas.ch/ispmbbs/insti/e/ekuenz.htm>

### Brigitta Ammann

Professor at the Institute of Plant Sciences of the University of Bern, Head of the Research Group Paleocology. Member of the NCCR-Climate, working in two complementary fields: climate reconstructions from biological records and biotic responses to climatic change. <http://www.botany.unibe.ch/paleo/paloek.htm>

### Wolfgang Cramer

Professor and head of the Department of Global Change and Natural Systems at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research. Member of the Scientific Steering Committee of Global Change and Terrestrial Ecosystems program (GCTE) of the IGBP. <http://www.pik-potsdam.de/~cramer/>