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Announcement ProMontesPrize 2023 Award for research work on the future of the alpine cultural landscape

The **Swiss Foundation for Alpine Research (SFAR)**, in collaboration with the **Forum Landscape, Alps, Parks (FoLAP)**, awards prizes for outstanding achievements by young researchers in securing the future of the alpine cultural landscape. The open-land biotopes, habitat for almost a third of the plant and animal species of the Alpine arc, are particularly endangered by reforestation. In addition, the multiple consequences of climate change are now a fundamental threat to all Alpine habitats. The awards recognize work that both investigates the causes of landscape change and develops practical methods for reactivating landscape diversity.

Keywords related to research and projects:

Biodiversity | Neobiota | Predators | Open-land biotopes | Summering pastures | Combating forest encroachment | Public works | Population | Marginal areas | Migration | Homework | Service public | Urban sprawl | "Alpine metropolises" | Biosphere reserves | Hiking trail network | Mountain sports | Hunting | Art | Culture-tradition-modernity | Tourism | Agriculture | Direct payments | Ecosystem- Services | Energy | Transport | Climate Change | Temperature Rise | Permafrost | Water Balance | Dry Periods | Glacier Retreat | Glacier Forefields | Extreme Events | Plastic | Soils | Nitrogen

Application

Applications are open to young researchers from universities and universities of applied sciences as well as private and contract researchers from Switzerland with completed dissertations, master's theses, or contract projects. Projects must relate to Switzerland. Age limit is 35 years (exceptions are possible). The work, written in German, French or English, must have been completed between September 2021 and September 2023. Applications must be submitted by 31 August 2023 using the online candidate form. Download: https://alpinfo.ch/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Form-Candidacy-PMP-2023_E-DEF.pdf

Selection

A jury consisting of members of the SFAR Foundation Board supplemented by experts from FoLAP will nominate 3 applications for presentation at the symposium "Future of Alpine Cultural Landscapes" on the **International Mountain Day, 11 December 2023**, at the Swiss Alpine Museum, our partner organisation in Bern.

The selection will be based on the following criteria:

- › Scientific quality of the work,
- › Relevance to the topic of alpine cultural landscape,
- › Relevance for practice.

During the symposium, the winner will be selected from the nominees on the basis of the quality of the presentation and the prize will be awarded.

Prize money

The prize winner receives 3000 Swiss francs, the other nominees 1000 Swiss francs each.

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