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INVITATION FOR COLLABORATOR

Dear Professor/President/Director/Rector/Vice-Rector/Scientist-in-Charge,

The Grassroots Institute aims to undertake innovative research, strengthen human development initiatives and take appropriate grassroots field action to empower marginalized communities and Indigenous people to bring about environmental and social consciousness as a societal change agent. To know more about our institution, please see the website: www.grassrootsinstitute.net.

To build the capacities of researchers, students, practitioners and scholars we propose to organize a 10-days “**Summer Field School & Workshop on Mountain Ecosystems and Resource Management**” on **6-15 July 2020 in Ukraine’s Carpathian Mountains**. This program will be conducted for international participants in English language covering the contemporary current topics on the following broad areas: (1) Mountain Ecosystems; (2) Freshwater Ecosystems; (3) Forest Ecology; (4) Grassland Ecosystems; (5) Biodiversity Conservation; (6) Wildlife Management; (7) Ecotourism; (8) Park-People Interface; (9) Participatory Resource Management; (10) Watershed Management; (11) Sustainable Agriculture & Organic Farming; (12) Agro-Biodiversity; (13) Transhumance & Pastoralism; (14) Livestock Production; (15) Mountain Livelihoods; (16) Mountain-based Conventions; (17) SDGs & Mountains; (18) Mountain Sustainability. We have announced this program worldwide using separate website, extensive advertising, social media, academic networks and other global platforms. The organizing partners, collaborators, sponsors and resource persons get equal publicity and visibility across the world. A brochure and the communication plan (Annex-II) is attached for your reference. Elaborated details of our program can be seen on dedicated website www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020.

In an attempt to engage more and more stakeholders and preparing intra-institutional and inter-institutional platforms from where the mountain sustainability can be promoted regionally or globally, we invited many academic institutions, international organizations, local councils and NGOs to partner/collaborate the program. So far, above 28 leading universities/institutions and nearly 27 medium/small organizations belonging to 17 countries have signed MoU to partner/collaborate in this innovative program. Some more are expected.

I am approaching you to invite **your institutional partnership (Collaborator)** in the said program. Kindly go through the attached documents, and we expect your consent to be a Collaborator of this innovative training program. If you are interested, please let us know to send an MoU for signature.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



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Partners and Collaborators | FSc MER 2020

Albania	(1) Albanian Alps Alliance
Armenia	(2) Armenian National Agrarian University
Azerbaijan	(3) NOAH'S Alliance for the Protection of the Biodiversity
Belarus	(4) Grodno State Agrarian University
Bhutan	(5) Royal Thimphu College
Bosnia and Herzegovina	(6) University of Sarajevo; (7) University of East Sarajevo
	(8) Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, University of Banja Luka
	(9) University of Mostar
Canada	(10) The Rockies Institute
India	(11) Assam Don Bosco University; (12) Ladakh Ecological Development Group
India	(13) Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir
India	(14) Centre for Ecological Audit, Social Inclusion and Governance
India	(15) Central Himalayan Institute for Nature & Applied Research
India	(16) Central Himalayan Environment Association
Kazakhstan	(17) Avalon Historico-Geographical Society; (18) Avalon Public Foundation
Kazakhstan	(19) Wild Nature NGO
Kyrgyzstan	(20) Institute of Biology of National Academy of Sciences of Kyrgyz Republic
Kyrgyzstan	(21) Kyrgyz Research Institute of Livestock and Pastures
Kyrgyzstan	(22) Naryn State University; (23) Rural Development Fund
Kyrgyzstan	(24) National Pasture Users' Association of Kyrgyzstan "Kyrgyz Jayity"
Kyrgyzstan	(25) Center for Development of Kyrgyz Nomadic Pastoralism
Kyrgyzstan	(26) CAMP Alatau Public Foundation
Kyrgyzstan	(27) BIO-KG Federation of Organic Development
Myanmar	(28) University of Mandalay; (29) Hinthada University
Nepal	(30) ICIMOD – Himalayan University Consortium (HUC)
Nepal	(31) Himalayan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology
Nepal	(32) Faculty of Forestry Hetauda, Agriculture and Forestry University
Romania	(33) Valahia University of Targoviste
Serbia	(34) Faculty of Hotel Management & Tourism, University of Kragujevac
Slovenia	(35) Society for the Protection of the Alps - CIPRA Slovenia
Tajikistan	(36) The Public Association "Kuhhoi Pomir"; (37) Little Earth
Ukraine	(38) Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil & Gas
Ukraine	(39) Zhytomyr National Agroecological University
Ukraine	(40) National University of Life and Environmental Science of Ukraine
Ukraine	(41) V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University; (42) Our Home Manyava
Ukraine	(43) Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University
Ukraine	(44) Public Institution 'Institute of Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development' of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
Ukraine	(45) Institute of Agrarian Economics
Ukraine	(46) Ukrainian National Forestry University
Ukraine	(47) Kosiv District Council; (48) Hutsulshchyna National Park
Ukraine	(49) Carpathian National Nature Park; (50) MAMA-86-Yaremche
Ukraine	(51) National Ecological Center of Ukraine; (52) nAshe misto
Ukraine	(53) Vytvytsya United Rural Community (Cultural)
Ukraine	(54) All-Ukrainian Ecological League
Ukraine	(55) Academician Stepan D. International University of Economics & Humanities

Some more partners and collaborators will join before deadline of application.

FSc MER | Summer Field School & Workshop on Mountain Ecosystem and Resource Management

6-15 July 2020 • Ivano-Frankivsk Region, Ukraine



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Summer Field School & Workshop on Mountain Ecosystems and Resource Management

To build the capacities of future leaders (researchers, students, practitioners and scholars) we have announced a 10-days international program namely **FSc MER 2020** or “**Summer Field School & Workshop on Mountain Ecosystems and Resource Management**” on **6-15 July 2020** in *Ukraine’s Carpathian Mountains*. The natural ecosystems in mountain areas are crucial for the existence of humankind on this planet. The proposed program is to cover the contexts of mountain regions globally, i.e. Himalayas, Alps, Andes, Rockies, Karakoram, Pamir, Carpathian, Fuji, Caucasus, etc. This program will be conducted for **30-40** international participants in English language covering the contemporary current topics on the following broad areas: (1) Mountain Ecosystems; (2) Freshwater Ecosystems; (3) Forest Ecology; (4) Grassland Ecosystems; (5) Biodiversity Conservation; (6) Wildlife Management; (7) Ecotourism; (8) Park-People Interface; (9) Participatory Resource Management; (10) Watershed Management; (11) Sustainable Agriculture & Organic Farming; (12) Agro-Biodiversity; (13) Transhumance & Pastoralism; (14) Livestock Production; (15) Mountain Livelihoods; (16) Mountain-based Conventions; (17) SDGs & Mountains; (18) Mountain Sustainability. Elaborated details of our program can be seen on dedicated website www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020.

Objectives and Purpose of the Program FSc MER 2020

This international training program examines the mountain ecosystems in contexts of human development and natural resources, principles of managing natural resources, and governing the resources for sustainable conservation. Depicting on case studies from a wide range of the current natural resources across the globe, the program considers how different social, political, economic and cultural and gender aspects compete for and sustain the natural resources in mountain ecosystems. The program also examines how environmental activists and their interventions conserved parks, energy, water and land in the face of climate variability basing on a gender perspective. The program will consider how the current international and development system elaborates and processes to sustainably manage the available natural resources in mountain landscapes. **The program aims at equipping researchers, students, practitioners and teachers seeking learning about mountain ecosystems and sustainable development, with practical approaches, knowledge and skills necessary for meeting challenges of sustainable use of natural resources globally.** This international training program will be executed in partnership of various academic and practice-oriented organizations.

Eligibility for Admission

The FSc MER 2020 is specifically designed for the following:

- Young teachers
- PhD students
- Research scholars
- Early career practitioners
- Degree or Diploma students
- Other having interests

Potential participants having education in the subjects like Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Geography, Anthropology, Conservation Biology, Agriculture,

Forestry, Human Ecology, Resource Management, Economics, Wildlife, Water Science, Tourism, Animal Science, Cultural Studies, and allied subjects may join the program.

Duration and Location

6 – 15 July 2020. The program is proposed to take place in Carpathian Mountains of Ukraine (based in Ivano-Frankivsk region). See website for the **deadline** for applying.

Training Methodology

Our training programs combine the latest developments in a specific field or sector with the opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences with professionals from all over the world. The trainings are interactive and experiential learning-based. Our faculty members use a variety of formats: lectures, case stories/ studies, group discussions, group works and field visits. Participants develop individual Action Plan, in which they integrate all training topics and relate them to the reality of the participants’ field situations. So, in nutshell the following are the features of our trainings:

1. Participatory learning methodologies
2. Substantive reflections of participants' own personal capacities
3. Group deliberation and experiential activities
4. Handouts and reading materials
5. Residential venue and learning practice without formal time limits

Participation Procedure and How to Apply

All interested applicants are suggested to read carefully variety of information placed by us on the website www.grassrootsglobal.net. On the webpage ‘Participation Procedure’ <https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020/participation-procedure.html>, various steps are explained elaborately. Similarly, ‘Application Procedure’ is also explained with fine details on webpage <https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020/application-procedure.html>. At the time of applying online, the applicant will have to pay Application Fee of CAD 25 through credit or debit card.

Scholarships and Fee Waiver

There are some scholarships available in the form of Tuition Scholarships and Travel Scholarships. For full fee paying participants, there will be some places under Fee Waiver scheme. Please read <https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020/scholarships.html> webpage for further details and procedure of applying.

Institutional Partnership

Interested academic institutions and field-based organizations can approach us for partnership or collaboration in this international program. Detailed information may be obtained on link <https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020/call-for-cooperation.html>.

More Information

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Annex-II

SUMMER FIELD SCHOOL & WORKSHOP MOUNTAIN ECOSYSTEMS AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

6-15 July 2020 | Ivano-Frankivsk Region, Ukraine

COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY PLAN

ADVERTISING

All related advertisements will be prepared mentioning logos of the **Organizing Partners, Field Partners, Sponsors** and **Supporters**. Such advertisements and communications will be distributed and placed on independent website, the websites of all partners, collaborators, sponsors and supporters. In some relatively big-size advertisements, the logos of **collaborators** will also be placed in small size.

DISPLAY AND VISUAL MATERIAL

Visual and display materials (e.g. participants' kit bag, stationery, banners, glow signs, note pads, posters, pamphlets, power point displays, etc.) will mention logos of the **Organizing Partners, Field Partners, Sponsors** and **Supporters**). In some big size displays, the logos of **collaborators** will also be given space.

INDEPENDENT WEBSITE

An independent website of the 'Summer Field School & Workshop' will contain the following broad items as part of its contents:

- The website will contain sections of program's Introduction, Background, Purpose, Outcomes, Participation Procedures, Training Methodology, Benefits of Participation, etc.
- Full program schedule with day-wise session plans, practicals, field trips, facilitation process will be placed on the website.
- Details and links of the Carpathian mountains, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kosiv, Dolyna, Hutsulshchyna National Park, and associated locations will be posted along with maps and guide of 'how to reach'.
- Detailed profiles of Core Faculties, Associate Faculties and Field Faculties & Facilitators will be created on the website.
- Names, affiliation and brief profiles of members of Organizing Committee and Scholarships Selection Committee will be placed on the website.
- Profiles of Participants will also take space on the website.
- Application Procedures will be explained in detail along with Eligibility Criteria, Essential Documents, etc.

- Application Process will be ONLINE; the submitted applications will reach administrator of website in pdf format. At the end of deadline period all the applications will be passed on to Organizing Committee as well as Scholarships Selection Committee.
- Necessary details of available Scholarships will be placed on website. Expectedly, there will be three types of Scholarships: (a) Full Scholarships (covering international travel, local travel, course fee); (b) Partial Scholarships (covering course fee only); (c) Travel Scholarships (covering international travel, local travel). [The course fee will include the cost of teaching/training, accommodation, food, field trips, cultural excursion, etc.]
- **Organizing Partners** and **Field Studies Partners** will have logos on the bottom of each page of the website. The logo will be hyperlinked with the website URL of the partner institution/organization. Additionally, in the section of “Partners”, a paragraph text about the institution/organization along with contact name and website URL will be placed.
- **Sponsors/Supporters** and **Media Partners** will have logos on the bottom of each page of the website. The logo will be hyperlinked with the website URL of the partner institution/organization. Additionally, in the section of “Partners”, a paragraph text about the institution/organization along with contact name and website URL will be placed.
- **Collaborators** will have logos displayed in a separate section “Collaborators”. Their logo will not repeat on each page of the website. However, in the section of “Collaborators”, a paragraph text about the institution/organization along with website URL will be placed side by side the logo.
- Participants’ Reflections about the sessions and overall program will get space in website.
- Abstracts of the papers written by participants will also get distinct space.
- Learning Resources: All teaching material, lecture ppt, lecture notes, exercise notes, presentations, photos, videos, links, etc. will be uploaded on the website and will be open access resources.

FACEBOOK and LINKEDIN

In the name of Summer Field School, a fresh institutional or event page will be created on Facebook and LinkedIn. Specially, the advertisements (prepared in image file mentioning logos of the **Organizing Partners, Field Partners, Sponsors and Supporters**) will be constantly posted on both the platforms. Sponsored ads will also be played with forward link to website of the program.

OTHER WEB MEDIA and CHANNELS

On all other channels and web platforms, the advertisements (prepared in image file mentioning logos of the **Organizing Partners, Field Partners, Sponsors and Supporters**) will be posted and displayed.