



Landscape ecology and ecosystem services

ialeUK 2011 conference
Announcement and call for papers

6–8 September 2011
Wolverhampton University, Telford Campus



The International Association for Landscape Ecology is pleased to announce our 18th annual UK meeting, which will explore landscape ecology and ecosystem services.

This international conference will be very much of the moment. There is growing recognition of the importance of ecosystem services, as heralded by initiatives such as The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) and the UK Government's ongoing development of a Natural Environment White Paper. Key questions that landscape ecology needs to address at a range of scales include: how drivers of change influence the dynamics of ecosystems; how biodiversity, ecosystem functions and ecosystem services are inter-related; how we can measure ecosystem health; how we can measure the economic value of services and supporting systems.

We are keen to hear from anyone developing new evidence, policies, strategies, plans or cross-sectoral projects on the ground that relate to landscape ecology and ecosystem services. Please submit abstracts (300 words) for presentations and posters to proceedings2011@iale.org.uk by 25 February 2011. Speakers and poster authors are requested to contribute eight-page summaries by May 2011, as proceedings will be published in advance as a book. We welcome early submissions and suggestions for themes, events, field excursions and workshops.

There will be two days of presentations on science, policy and practice, networking events and workshops, followed by fieldtrips to landscape-scale projects. Telford lies within easy reach of many fascinating landscapes including the Long Mynd and Stiperstones, the Welsh Marches, the Shropshire Meres and Mosses and the urban landscapes of Birmingham and the Black Country. Further details of the conference programme and how to register will be published in early Spring.

Landscape ecology is the study of interactions, across space and time, between the structure and function of physical, biological and cultural components of landscapes; marine, freshwater, and on land. The core aims of ialeUK are to promote and encourage: interest, learning and understanding of landscape ecology; inter-disciplinary research across the many fields in landscape ecology; and, communication between scientists, policy makers, planners and practitioners concerned with landscape ecology.

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