

We are pleased to announce the First Workshop on Biological Soil Crusts:

# Biological Soil Crusts in Ecosystems – their Diversity, Ecology, and Management

which will take place at Zellingen-Retzbach (near Würzburg), Germany from

August, 22-25, 2010

Since the first edition of the “soil crust bible” (Belnap and Lange 2001) a lot of research on biological soil crusts (BSC) was conducted covering various topics on a worldwide scale. We would like to trigger an exchange of ideas and results, and to discuss possible new theories/approaches with the international experts.

The following sessions are planned:

- Diversity, ecology and biogeography of soil crusts
- Mapping, monitoring and management of soil crusts
- Role of biological soil crusts in ecosystems
- Disturbance and restoration of biological soil crusts
- Interaction of BSC and vascular plant vegetation
- Free topics

See you at Zellingen-Retzbach

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## Program:

- 22.8. Arrival, registration, informal get-together, dinner
- 23.8. Workshop sessions, wine tasting evening if wanted
- 24.8. Morning sessions, afternoon: field trip to a nature reserve with European steppe formation and biological soil crusts ("Mainfränkischer Trockenrasen")
- 25.8. Morning sessions, departure after lunch

## Scientific Sessions (preliminary):

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  - Mapping, monitoring and management of soil crusts
- 24.8. Role of biological soil crusts in ecosystems
  - Afternoon: Field trip
- 25.8. Interaction of BSC and vascular plant vegetation
  - Free topics

Detailed program after the final registration!

## Registration:

For registration please complete the [registration form](#) and submit it by fax to +49 (0)631 205 2998, or by e-mail to <BSCworkshop@biologie.uni-kl.de>

Deadline for abstract submission

(use template please) 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 (**extended to April 5**)

Notification of abstract acceptance 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Registration (latest) 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Workshop 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010

## Fees:

Conference fees (including field trip)	80.- Euro regular/60.- Euro students
Accommodation (including breakfast, lunch, dinner, and coffee)	
Single room	195.- Euro
Double room	175.- Euro
Social evening (wine tasting, Dinner)	35.- Euro

Please pay all fees (via bank transfer or check for deposit only) until May 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 to

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Regular contributions will be talks of 15 minutes + 5 minutes discussion each. Please note that we have no posters. Instead, we invite you to present short notes/ideas in 5 minute talks (+ 3 minutes discussion). For both contribution types, please submit abstracts by e-mail using [this template](#) and indicate, if you wish to present a regular contribution or a short note.

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