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Program Structure

This two-day conference will be structured in six thematic sessions. 4 keynote speakers, 2 plenary speakers and 2 other international invited speakers will grace these sessions. Each session will then follow-up with other open presentations. Full program will be developed and announced in due course of time after the confirmed names of speakers. Besides this, a workshop on Spatial Ecology will also be conducted prior to the conference

Invited Keynote and Plenary Speakers

Prof. Dr. Anne Rademacher (New York University, USA)
Prof. Dr. Seyed Kazem Alavipanah (University of Tehran, Iran)
Prof. Dr. Jürgen Breuste (University of Salzburg, Austria)
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First South Asian Regional SURE Conference

18-22 January 2017 Karachi-Pakistan



**Theme: Urban Ecology and Frontiers
of Sustainable Development**

Together for more sustainable urban future

Why holding a SURE Conference?

Urban ecology has matured over the past decades and has become an organized and modern discipline. Enough research and application in urban ecology is occurring to justify an international congress that is independent of other conferences. The first Urban Ecology World Conference was organized 1996 in Leipzig, Germany. In the past 20 years, smaller symposia and conferences have been held in the frame of landscape ecology events, e.g. in 2007 and 2011. The first and second SURE Urban Ecology World conferences were held in Berlin and Shanghai. Regional SURE chapters organized already in South-East Europe, Latin America and China's conferences since 2013.

Why having the Conference in Karachi?

Karachi is the city where urban ecology has gained its importance as a discipline in the last few years. Being the largest city of the country, it has a vast diversity of physiography and ecosystems. To understand more about urban ecology and its advancement in the region, a **new chapter (SURE South Asia) has been established recently in SURE Congress 2016. The member countries are Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan and Maldives. This chapter is organizing its First Regional Conference in one of the biggest urban centers of the region.** This is an invitation to study processes and patterns of both urban development and urban ecology at "living places" during field trips. The local host, the Department of Geography of the University of Karachi, is the pioneer of research in "Urban Ecology" in the city.

Theme:

Urban Ecology and Frontiers of Sustainable Development

Venue:

Department of Geography, University of Karachi

Date:

18-22 January 2017

Specific Venue:

International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences, University of Karachi

Key dates/deadlines:

Call for papers	September 10, 2016
Due date for abstract submission (300 words)	October 25, 2016
Notification of Acceptance	December 20, 2016

Registration Fee:

SURE Member	PKR 2000/-
Non Member	PKR 3000/-
For Professionals	PKR 3000/-
Overseas participants	US\$ 100/-
For Students	PKR 1000/-

**The registration fee includes access to all sessions, all official documentation including program booklet and conference proceedings, Welcome reception morning and afternoon tea/coffee and a conference bag.*

Conference Proceedings:

All presenters should submit short papers (about 3-5 pages) that could be extended and submitted for special journal issues.

Journal Special Issues:

Organizing committee has planned to publish a special issue of journal comprising selected papers being presented at the conference.

Student Awards:

Best paper by doctorate students, best poster by doctorate students, best paper/poster masters students.

Winners will be given registration fee waiver, a certificate and 2 years free membership of SURE.

Excursions (proposed):

- Wetlands in Karachi
- Agricultural landscape of Karachi
- New Defence Housing Authority City (A newly planned housing society situated at the fringe of the Karachi city)

**Excursion will be organized to the above mentioned sites in/around Karachi. However, the final excursion depends on how many delegates are willing to participate.*

Pre-Conference Workshop:

A two-day training workshop will be conducted on **Mapping Species** on the software **MAXENT** on 18-19 January 2017.