



SURE Chapter report

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3) Objectives of the Chapter:

- Cooperation in the preparation of joint research projects and publishing of their scientific results;
- Exchange of experiences, share of publications and information about interesting events;
- Organizing regional scientific meetings: symposia, seminars and workshops;
- Organizing exchange of lecturers (ERASMUS+).

4) Main activities within the last 12 months

The 7th Scientific Symposium “Ecosystem services in a transdisciplinary approach - ECOSERV 2023”

The 7th Scientific Symposium “Ecosystem services in a transdisciplinary approach” – ECOSERV 2023 organized by Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań together with SURE – Central Europe Chapter



and the National ESP Network took place on 14-16th September 2023 in Poland. The event gathered 100 participants from 15 countries. Participants showed approximately 60 presentations and 20 posters during two plenary and eight thematic sessions.

Their topics included:

- Ecosystem services across various ecosystems: urban ecosystem, water ecosystem
- Ecosystem Services at the landscape level;
- Socio-cultural services of ecosystems;
- Biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- Mapping and assessment of ecosystem services;
- Ecosystem services in management practice;
- Services provided by the main types of ecosystems in Poland.

ECOSERV 2023 brought together research, ideas, concepts, and experiences and provided a friendly forum for discussing research and presenting different points of view on mapping, assessing, and implementing ecosystem services.

Although Symposia ECOSERV examined various aspects of ecosystem services, last year's event focused on the benefits of urban ecosystems. Two specialized sessions were devoted to this topic, while many other presentations and half of the posters also referred to urban ecosystem services.

Special Issue in Ecosystem Services „Ecosystem services towards planning healthy and resilient landscapes”

Special Issue in Ecosystem Services has been launched in 2023. Submission is open from March 2023 till December 2024 with particular reference to participants of ECOSERV2023 Symposium. The initiative is led by prof. Damian Łowicki (Managing Guest Editor), Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland in collaboration with 4 Guest Editors – ass. prof. Iwona Zwierzchowska, Adam Mickiewicz University, prof. Junxiang Li, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, prof. Davide Geneletti, University of Trento, Italy.

The SI covers following topics:

- Landscape planning considering the ecosystem services supply, flow, and demand.
- Identification, assessment and valuation of ecosystem services contributing to landscape health and resilience.
- Measuring and monitoring landscape conditions determining ecosystem service capacities.
- Innovative data, techniques and methods in landscape assessment for planning with ES.

Special Issue in LAND

Prof. Andrzej Mizgajski (The CE Chapter) initiated the preparation of the proposal of the Special Issue in LAND. The Special Issue concerns Urban Ecosystem Services and Climate Resilience: Trends and Challenge. As a Guest Editors serve Prof. Andrzej Mizgajski, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań,



Poland; Prof. Marek Degórski, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland; Dr. Martina Artmann, Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development, Germany; Dr. Alina C. Hossu, Universitatea din Bucuresti, Bucharest, Romania.

This Special Issue focus particularly on the following themes:

- Urban ecosystem services for climate adaptation - potential, supply and demand;
- Evidence regarding the impact of urban green/blue spaces on the local climate;
- Exploration of the link between climate change mitigation/adaptation and human health;
- Pluralistic perceptions of benefits for the local climate provided by urban ecosystems and associated instrumental, intrinsic and relational values;
- Urban ecosystem management for climate adaptation and its interlinkages with biodiversity protection.

Workshop “Paradigm shift in urban ecology” in Bucharest, 17-19 November, 2023

The members of the SURE Central Europe Chapter from Adam Mickiewicz University participated in the Workshop “Paradigm shift in urban ecology” in Bucharest, 17-19 November, 2023 at the University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography, Bucharest, Romania. The event was organized by the Centre for Environmental Research and Impact Studies, Faculty of Geography – University of Bucharest and Society for Urban Ecology – South East Europe Chapter. The SURE Central Europe Chapter was represented by a strong delegation from Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan: prof. Andrzej Mizgajski, dr Iwona Zwierzchowska, prof. UAM Katarzyna Fagiewicz, and prof. UAM Damian Łowicki, dr Lidia Ponizy, and dr Piotr Lupa.

During workshops dr Iwona Zwierzchowska gave a presentation concerning “Ecosystem services potential in the planning and management of urban areas. Case study of Poznań, Poland.”

The workshop aimed to offer a framework for discussions in the Society of Urban Ecology, for creating new opportunities for collaboration between their members.

SURE partners collaboration studies

Representatives of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań – prof. UAM dr hab. Katarzyna Fagiewicz and prof. UAM dr hab. Damian Łowicki got involved in collaboration studies concerning “Socio-cultural integration of immigrants using urban nature” coordinated by Professor Mihai Răzvan Niță, University of Bucharest.

ERASMUS+ Agreement between SURE partners

ERASMUS+ Program - bilateral Inter-Institutional Agreement has been signed between SURE partners - Iyldiz Technical University in Istanbul and Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań for the academic years 2023/2024-2028/2029.