



SURE Christmas Greetings 2020

Dear colleagues and friends of the SURE,

We hope you are doing well and that the current pandemic is not affecting you too much.

Towards the end of an astonishing year 2020 that has clearly illustrated the value of urban nature such as accessible urban green spaces fostering human resilience in times of stress, we see the crucial role of urban ecology research supporting sustainable development more than ever before.

By the end of this special year, the SURE board would like to thank you for supporting the urban ecology community and our chapters. Unfortunately, also SURE was effected by the pandemic situation and we had to postpone the 3rd SURE World Congress in Poznan (Poland) to 7-9 July 2021. However, we are delighted to announce that the SURE 2020/21 Conference is once again open for registration and abstract submission. The deadline for registration and abstract submission is April 30, 2021. For more information please visit the [SURE Congress website](#).

Besides the 3rd SURE World Congress, further SURE events are planned for 2021:

- Since we postponed the SURE World Congress together with the SURE board election 2020, the election will take place during the SURE World Congress in July 2021. In spring 2021, you'll have again the chance to propose candidates to the Nomination Committee. More information will follow.
- Together with Ege University Izmir, Turkey, SURE is applicant for the project 'Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment of Urban Coastal Districts in Izmir' in the frame of the Climate Change Adaptation Grant Programme (CCAGP) EU-Turkey. We are very hopeful to start the project in 2021. This could be an example for other such cooperative applications together with SURE. We are prepared to be your project partner.
- The SURE Summer School Shanghai, organized by Junxiang Li together with Amy Haze (University Melbourne) and Jürgen Breuste, is planned to take place in the second half of August 2021.
- The SURE Summer School Bucharest, organized by Cristian Ioja together with Jürgen Breuste, is planned to take place in the second half of July 2021.
- The SURE Summer School Berlin, organized by Salman Qureshi, is planned to take place before the SURE conference in July 2021.
- The SURE Summer School Tabriz, organized by Akbar Rahimi in cooperation with Jürgen Breuste and Cristian Ioja, is planned to take place in June 2021.
- We call to offer internships by researchers and institutions and to announce interests from our SURE students' side. University Salzburg (Jürgen Breuste) and University Bucharest

(Cristian Iloja) offer a cooperative internship on urban protected areas (our topic for the session) in Salzburg and in Bucharest.

The SURE board hopes that the SURE World Congress and SURE Summer Schools can take place as planned and to meet old and new SURE members there. The SURE EC will decide in spring, if the SURE activities can take place as attended events or as online formats. For any updates, please visit our [SURE webpage](#).

We wish all of you a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year and we hope to see you at a SURE event in 2021.

Kind regards,

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