EUCALAND newsletter (January 2016)   **http://www.eucalandnetwork.eu**

Dear EUCALAND members and friends,

First of all, on behalf of the EUCALAND board:
We wish you a very good year 2016!

This newsletter will have three subjects:

1. **PECSRL conference.**
2. **Our publication on wooden grasslands.**
3. **2015 COST application.**

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Save the date: Let me remind you on the very important date of the **PECSRL conference** from **September 5th to 9th 2016**.

a)   We will have our **General Assembly** with new member confirmation, reports and elections. Please reflect, if you want to present yourself as president, secretary general or treasurer (for the latter we definitively need a successor). You will receive a formal invitation in due time, according to our statutes, in summer.

b)   **Abstracts**: Hurry up to prepare your abstract either for the special session No 8 (EUCALAND, call below), No 5 (RELY) or for others. If you go through the programme, you will find many interesting topics, several organised by the EUCALAND members.

Deadline: 31st January 2016

Web: http://www.pecsrl2016.com/index.php/sessions/19-contributions/49-s5.html

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This week we have received the good news that our common article on wooded grassland was published as **a chapter in a Springer book**.

You can pre-book a hard copy. Prices vary slightly from country to country.

Web: http://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783319263137#aboutBook

You can also choose the MyCopy option at Springer web site for a cheaper (however black and white) version. Printed eBook for just € | $ 24.99 is not available in every country.
Web: http://www.springer.com/gp/products/books/mycopy?countryChanged=true

EUCALAND will buy one ebook copy and will keep you informed about that. Co-authors will have a discount of 33 % when buying a hard copy, which is expected for April 2016.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank **Csaba** for compiling this chapter and for the huge work in organising and managing all the country contributions. And I would like to thank Antonio and Mauro for giving us the possibility of publishing in this book, edited by **Mauro**, supported hugely by **Antonio**. It is very nice, to have now (finally) the second "Eucaland" book, if you allow me to call it that way ;-). It gives us new energy and motivation for the coming tasks.

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Johannes Gnädiger informed me that we unfortunately failed with our **common COST application** "Culture-Based Management Strategies for High Nature Value Farming Landscapes". Once again, it shows that participating in COST is more a lottery than anything else.

Anyhow, thanks to everybody who participated in this effort.

As always: Please do not hesitate to contact us in case of questions, additions, ideas.

We would like to thank everybody for her or his active participation in the network, in projects and proposals!

With our very best regards,

On behalf of the board,

Alexandra & Martina

PECSRL 2016 Conference
Mountains, uplands, lowlands. European landscapes from an altitudinal perspective.

EUCALAND session S8: New activities in historic mountain landscapes

Session chairs:

Alexandra Kruse, Institute for Research on European Agricultural Landscapes e.V. (EUCLAND), France

Csaba Centeri, Szent István University, Institute of Environmental and Landscape Management, Hungary

Hans Renes, Utrecht University, Faculty of Geosciences, The Netherlands

Maurizia Sigura, Udine University, Dipartimento di Scenze Agrarie ed Ambientali, Italy

Jana Špulerová, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Institute of Landscape Ecology, Slovakia

Web: http://www.pecsrl2016.com/index.php/sessions/19-contributions/52-s8.html

Deadline for submission of abstracts for oral and poster proposals: 31st January 2016

Keywords: Mountain landscapes, agriculture, tourism, conservation, multiple use

Key topics to be discussed:

1) Current discourse and practice in terms of the demand for multiple use of resources, pluriactivity on farms and participative processes in land management to preserve mountain landscape.

2) What are the challenges and the way forward to build upon synergies?

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Mountain landscapes have proved to be sustainable and resilient, particularly because they could adapt to ever new functions. In the course of time, farmers have managed to survive by product innovation and by finding new markets. Nowadays the situation is different, as the landscape is no longer only a result of human activities but also an aim in itself. Different stakeholders, including national and regional governments, farmers' organizations and tourists and their organisations, try to preserve historic mountain landscapes for reasons of aesthetics, leisure, biodiversity and rural society.

The present situation is quite varied. Some mountain regions are rather successful, often by combining agriculture with rural tourism and by supplying high-quality products (slow food) to regional or even international markets. Other mountain areas find it increasingly difficult to maintain agricultural ways of life and a viable population density.

In this session we want to look at different strategies, in particular connected to agriculture, which European mountain regions are developing to preserve mountain landscapes by finding new economic bases.

The session is organized by Alexandra Kruse, Csaba Centeri, Hans Renes, Maurizia Sigura & Jana Špulerová, all from EUCALAND (European Culture Expressed in Agricultural Landscapes), an expert network that deals with the cultural and agricultural landscapes of Europe, promoting their consideration and use and preserving their cultural heritage. Following the successful special sessions at the PECSRL Conferences 2008 in Óbidos, 2010 in Riga/Liepaja, 2012 in Leeuwarden and 2014 in Gothenburg, we would like to focus this time on the interaction between different land users: energy producers, landscape planners, managers including farmers, tourists and the general public.

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