



CONFERENCE NOTIFICATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS



5TH EUROPEAN ECOTOURISM CONFERENCE



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European Ecotourism Network Common attitude towards Sustainable tourism

Date: 10th – 12th September 2018 (until 14th including an extended field session)

Host: Ilia State University (iliauni.edu.ge)

Location: 3/5, Kakuca Cholokashvili Ave, Tbilisi, Georgia

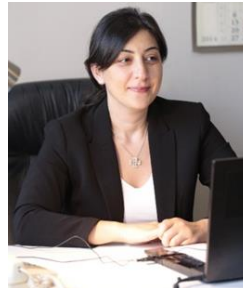
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Deadline for Abstracts: 31 May, 2018

Paper confirmation: 5 June, 2018

Deadline of submitting Full Papers: 31 July, 2018

Please, read carefully these guidelines for ABSTRACT and PAPERS writing.

Guidelines of Abstracts:

Length of Abstracts: 100 - 300 words in English ready for printing MS Word for Windows format (.doc or .docx);

Font: Arial; font size - 11 pt, single spacing;

Title: in bold type, capital letters, Arial, font size - 16 pt;

Name of authors: font size - 14 pt (without degrees);

Affiliations: Include data for the authors at the end of the abstract as follows:

- degrees, name, family name;
- work place;
- address for contact;
- telephone, fax number, e-mail.

Abstracts should be sent to conference@ecotourism.ge, applicants will receive a confirmation email upon paper submission and registration completion. If you have trouble receiving these emails, please look for them in your spam folder or please contact Georgian Ecotourism Association organizing committee on info@ecotourism.ge;

Introduction

It is a pleasure to announce the 5th European Ecotourism Conference to be held in Tbilisi, Georgia, 10-12 September 2018. The conference will be followed by extended field sessions for those who are interested (13-14 September).

During recent years Georgia's tourism sector has emerged as a source of significant economic growth and ecotourism is being considered as a key direction for its sustainable development. Increasing investments for nature conservation and development of rural areas helps to minimize negative effects from tourism activities and to meet international standards of ecotourism.

Call for papers and speakers

Therefore, the ambition of this Conference is to explore the ecotourism role and position in development, opening up new avenues for contribution to ongoing debates. Accordingly, while keeping this call for papers and paper sessions open to all aspects of Ecotourism development, we are particularly interested in contributions that cover the following **topics**:

- Ecotourism as instrument for poverty reduction and its role in the circular economy;
- Ecotourism in the digital century – digital storytelling, virtual travel itineraries;
- Ecotourism in the education of future tourism managers;
- Transboundary trails and cooperation's in Ecotourism – Eco-corridors;
- Ecotourism Destinations - Protected Areas as for economic development;
- Climate change & European Ecotourism: impacts, challenges and solutions;
- Ecotourism business models – successful examples;
- Eco labeling for sustainable tourism

The eight topics listed above are also those that our intended keynote speakers (to be announced later) are supposed to address.

Paper presentations are expected to receive between 25 and 30 minutes (but at least 20, depending on the number of submissions), including 5-10 minutes for discussions.

Fees

Basic conference fee: 80 Euros (50 Euros for students)

Included in the basic fee are: the full workshop program (excluding the extended field session), lunches, coffee breaks, a lavish Georgian dinner and a field trip across Tbilisi's environs, covering the new Ecotourism products in there.

The participation fee does NOT cover: Accommodation, travel costs and other expenses not listed;

In addition to the above, couple exciting field sessions are proposed:

- One day – Discovering Kvemo Kartli region (35 EUR);
- Two day – Protected areas of Samegrelo and Adjara regions (100 EUR)

For the registration please follow the link: <http://ecotourism.ge/conference2018/>