



“Mountains are agroecosystems for people”

1st Joint Meeting of

**EAAP Mountain Livestock Farming Working Group
& FAO-CIHEAM Mountain Pastures Sub-Network**

September 28th - 30th, 2020 - Bled, Slovenia

2nd Announcement

Background and objective

EAAP Mountain Livestock Farming Working Group (MLF), FAO-CIHEAM Mountain Pastures Sub-Network (MP) and University of Ljubljana are promoting a joint meeting focused on the topic of the mountains in the function of agroecosystems for people. A broad range of topics related to farming in mountain areas, precision mountain farming, smart agriculture (digitalisation), mountain product quality, value chains, management options for ecosystem services and conflicting priorities in mountain areas (wild animals, natural resources and human needs) will be covered during the meeting. Therefore, research contributions of all disciplines relevant to mountain livestock farming are welcome. The gathering of participants from different regions across Europe is expected to stimulate the exchange of knowledge, promote innovation and thus enabling the expertise to be bundled and implemented on a local level throughout Europe.

Programme

The meeting will be held in Bled, Slovenia. It will last three days, providing a forum for scientific and technical exchanges and a one-day field trip.

The scientific sessions will be structured on five topics with a concluding session. They will consist of conferences presented by keynote guest speakers and free contributions as oral presentations and posters. Meeting sessions will consider the following topics:

1. Farming systems and global change
2. Precision mountain farming and smart agriculture
3. Product quality and value chains
4. Management options for ecosystem services
5. Conflicting priorities in mountain areas: wild animals, natural resources and human needs

We kindly invite scholars from all over Europe to submit an extended abstract of one page and present at the meeting their work on the five topics above. The working language of the meeting will be **English**.

A book of abstracts collecting all the abstracts accepted by the scientific committee will be available at the meeting and on the website of the conference.

Pre-registration & abstract submission

If you are willing to attend the Joint Meeting of EAAP MLF & FAO-CIHEAM MP, please fill the form at this link: <https://forms.gle/5yzBHMxUkDs5PNUR8>

Via this link above you will be asked to upload your abstract and to write a short take-home message about your work. Note that the abstracts should be drawn according to the abstract template sent together with this announcement (a facsimile is available also at the end of the present document) and should not exceed one page, including Title, Authors, Institutions of the authors and the text organized into usual sessions.

The **deadline for pre-registration and submission of Abstract is April 9th, 2020**

Registration & Conference Fees

Conference fee for 1st EAAP MLF & FAO-CIHEAM MP Joint Meeting include:

- attendance to all sessions listed in the official program;
- coffee breaks;
- lunches on Monday, September 28 and Wednesday, September 30;
- participation to the technical tour on Tuesday, September 29;
- social evening, including social dinner;
- a copy of the Book of Abstracts.

Registration at reduced fees will be possible before June 30th, 2020; please, register on time. Late and on-site registrations (from June 30th) will be possible, but you will be charged a 100 EUR extra on top of the conference fee. Credit cards and bank transfer will be accepted for payments. **Should you need a registration fee invoice or a proforma invoice, please contact the local organizing committee.**

| | Early Registration until June 30 th , 2020 | Regular Registration from July 1 st , 2020 |
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| 1st EAAP / FAO-CIHEAM joint Meeting – senior experts | € 300,00 | € 400,00 |
| 1st EAAP / FAO-CIHEAM joint Meeting – young researchers (below 35 years) and students | € 200,00 | € 300,00 |

*Prices include 22% VAT.

Venue

The conference will be held at **RIKLI BALANCE HOTEL** in Bled, Slovenia. All sessions and poster presentations will take place at Rikli Balance Hotel, Bled.

Rikli Balance Hotel is a modern conference hotel that boasts a prime location in the centre of Bled. Embraced by a park featuring majestic trees, it offers stunning views of Lake Bled, its island, the castle and the Julian Alps.

Bled is easily accessible – only 35 km from the National Airport Ljubljana. A shuttle from the Airport of Ljubljana to the venue of the meeting in Bled will be provided by the local organisers.

The excursion on 2nd day will drive the participants to Triglav National Park.

Accommodation

Hotel accommodation will be possible in different hotels near Bled lake. Hereafter a provisional list of hotels (we will try to expand the list in the next period):

- Rikli Balance Hotel **** superior
- Hotel Park****
- Hotel Savica**** garni
- Grand Hotel Toplice*****
- Hotel Jadran***
- Hotel Krim***
- Hotel Astoria***
- Central Hostel Bled**



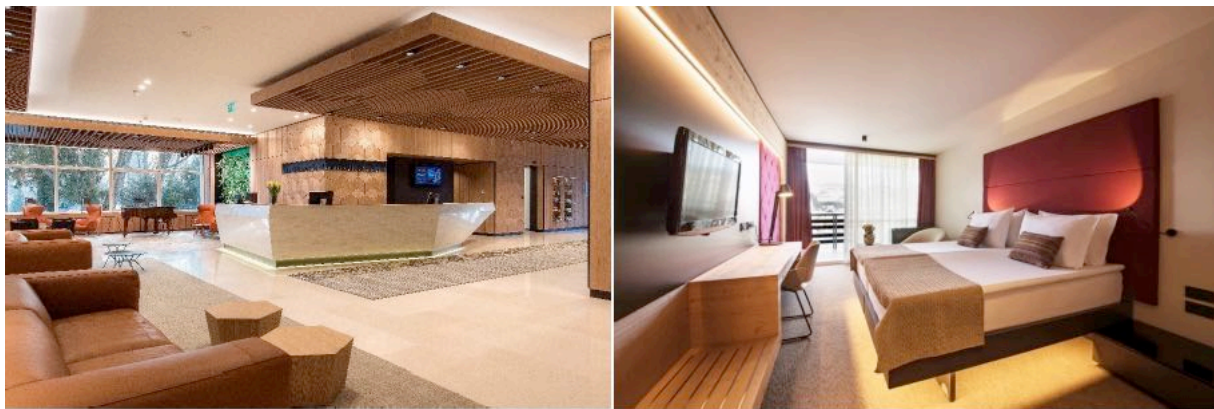
Hotel booking is guaranteed by the Meeting organisers until August 10th, 2020.

Accommodation payment has to be made directly to the hotel upon check out.



Rikli Balance Hotel **** superior

The hotel offers 130 rooms and 20 suites. It was completely renovated in 2017 and 2018. Its focus is on sustainability, your health and well-being. Its hotel rooms tell the stories of the Carniolan honeybee, of traditional Gorenjska embroideries, honey dough hearts, spruce from the nearby Pokljuka plain, and Arnold Rikli, the Swiss healer who founded a natural health resort in Bled in the 19th century. Here anybody can find a space where they can enjoy top-notch comfort, well-being and taste the local and traditional dishes. This is a place where your motivation and creativity easily boost to another level.



Special rates for this event:

Single use room € 139.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Single use room, lake view € 165.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Double room € 156.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Double room, lake view € 196.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Rates include bed & breakfast, wi-fi, use of thermal swimming pools in Wellness Živa, parking place – upon availability, VAT

HOTEL PARK ****

Hotel Park is a 4-star property that is mostly famous for its supreme central location as it is situated right in the centre of Bled, at the shore of the lake. It is known for its hospitality and comfort. Hotel will be completely renovated in the winter 2020.



Special rates for our event:

Single use room € 126.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Single use room, lake view € 156.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Double room € 140.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Double room, lake view € 174.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Rates include: bed & breakfast, wi.-fi, use of swimming pool, parking place – upon availability, VAT

HOTEL SAVICA ****garni

A pleasant hotel next door to the Rikli Balance Hotel. Affordable accommodation in friendly bright rooms with pleasing interiors makes for the right choice for organizers and participants of any event.



Special rates for our event:

Single room € 111.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Double room € 128.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Rates include: bed & breakfast, uwi-fi, se of thermal swimming pools in Wellness Živa (up to 3 hours/day), parking – upon availability, VAT

GRAND HOTEL TOPLICE*****

Member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, Grand Hotel Toplice is renowned as one of the most luxurious hotels in Bled, noted for its traditional comfort. It has hosted numerous eminent guests and has been the setting of a variety of important events throughout its rich history. Grand hotel Toplice has altogether 87 rooms, among them also 32 suites and 1 Presidential suite.

The competitive advantages of the hotel include its location on the shore of Lake Bled, its elegant 1930 s style, the high standard of services, modern relaxation programs and gourmet cuisine



Special rates for your event:

Single use room € 151.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Single use room, lake view € 206.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Double room € 174.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Double room, lake view € 232.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Rates include: bed & breakfast, wi-fi, use of thermal swimming pool and saunas, parking place – upon availability, VAT.

HOTEL JADRAN ***

Pleasant small hotel close to the lake.



Special rates for your event:

Single use room € 68.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Single use room, lake view € 84.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Double room € 84.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Double room, lake view € 106.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Rates include: bed & breakfast, wi-fi, parking place – upon availability, VAT

PLEASE, BOOK YOUR ROOM THROUGH DIRECT LINK TO ONLINE BOOKING

(remember hotel booking is guaranteed by the Meeting organisers until August 10th, 2020)

Rikli Balance Hotel: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/77257?groupID=2794752&adults=1>

Hotel Savica: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/77255?groupID=2794758&adults=1>

Hotel Park: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/77251?groupID=2794761&adults=1>

Grand Hotel Toplice: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/77278?groupID=2794769&adults=1>

Hotel Jadran: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/77264?groupID=2794779&adults=1>

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Important dates - deadlines

- **April 9th, 2020:** Deadline for Abstract submission and Pre-registration
- **May 31st, 2020:** Notification about abstract acceptance
- **June 30th, 2020:** Early bird registration closes (reduced fee) – Regular registration opens

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<https://www.mountpast2020.si/>



Abstract template (facsimile)

Please, use the 'abstract template.docx' file sent together with this announcement to prepare your abstract. Name the file with the name of the first author, followed by session number (e.g. Smith-session2.docx) and upload it in MS Word format at this link: <https://forms.gle/5yzBHMxUkDs5PNUR8> (please, note that only .doc, .docx files can be uploaded).

Extended abstract title. Times New Roman font size 14

*Authors family name, initials of first and middle names¹. Affiliations in the footer.
Times New Roman font size 11, italic*

Keywords: Maximum 5 keywords

Introduction: Please provide a short introduction to the background for your work. References may be included in the text like this: (Ricardo et al., 2017) but there is no room for a reference list in the extended abstract. Please prepare a full reference list if readers are interested at the meeting. The introduction should end with the aim of the study and/or defined hypotheses for your paper. Use Times New Roman font size 10,5 in main text. Use single line space throughout the text and skip one line between sessions.

Materials and methods: Please provide a short description of the materials and methods that form the basis of your study. If you present a literature review, please describe the data gathering process and the sources you have used.

Results: Please provide the main results from your study. Results may be presented as a short table or figure if you find it informative but, please, remember that you only have the space of one page, within the set line limits in this template. If results are presented with the use of tables or figures the legends should be self-explanatory. Table or figure legends should be Times New Roman font size 10.

Conclusion: Please provide a short conclusion from your study.

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