

2nd International Interdisciplinary Conference on
Land Use and Water Quality
Agricultural Production and the Environment



Vienna, Austria, 21–24 September 2015

A conference on the cutting edge of science, management and policy to minimise effects of agriculture and land use changes on the quality of groundwater and surface waters. The conference is aimed at scientists, land and water managers and policy makers involved in water quality improvement.

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Conference themes and topics

- A. Increasing system knowledge: research to increase understanding and improving modelling of the hydro(geo)logical, geochemical and biochemical reality
- B. Impact of climate change and hydrological/weather variability: assessment of effect on groundwater and surface water quality and distinguishing from manmade effects
- C. Assessment of national policy: effectiveness of programmes of measures on water quality on a regional and national scale
- D. Field research and data interpretation: research (monitoring and modelling) at plot and field scale for quantifying effects of farming practices and changes in land use
- E. Managing protected areas: risk assessment monitoring and modelling of water quality and quantity, for drinking water supply and ecosystem conservation within Habitat and Species Protection Areas
- F. Decision-making and implementation: role of policy, stakeholder and science in decision-making
- G. Decision-making and implementation: social and economic incentives and constraints for implementation (carrots and sticks)

For topics per theme, please visit our conference website



Objectives

This conference aims at discussing the entire policy cycle for water quality improvement.
The objectives are:

- to provide forum for exchange of scientific knowledge, research on system knowledge, modelling and uncertainty;
- to discuss the entire policy cycle for water quality improvement;
- to intensify contacts (a) between soil/water related scientists, agro related scientists, social scientists, ecological scientists and economists, and (b) between scientists, water managers and policy makers.

Venue

The conference will be held in the building of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences -- in German: Universität für Bodenkultur Wien (BOKU). This is also the building where the principle conference organiser is located (BOKU, Institute of Hydraulics and Rural Water Management IHLW, Muthgasse 18, A-1190 Vienna). The building is located in the vicinity (about 8 minutes walk) from the Heiligenstadt station of the underground line U4. Heiligenstadt is the terminus (end station) of this U4 line.

Accommodation

Once the Registration web page is open later in 2015 you can register for the conference. On that occasion you can book a hotel room in one of the selected and recommended conference hotels at your choice. Austropa Interconvention, the Registration and Housing Office for LuWQ2015, will be happy to confirm your room reservation.

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More information at <http://web.natur.cuni.cz/luwq2015>



Vienna a beautiful and kind city

There are many reasons to visit Vienna – the city is world famous for its imperial heritage, Schönbrunn Palace, the Belvedere, and the Hofburg. The capital scores highly thanks to the first-rate musical and cultural attractions at its concert halls, museums and theaters – from the Golden Hall of the Musikverein to the acclaimed Museum of Fine Arts and the State Opera House. Vienna is also a byword for epicurean enjoyment, with centuries of traditions shaping its coffee houses and Heuriger wine taverns. Over half of the city is accounted for by green spaces including parks and gardens, the Vienna Woods and the wetlands of the Donau Auen National Park.

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Abstracts submission

Abstracts are due by 1 February 2015. More information: <http://web.natur.cuni.cz/luwq2015>

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Conference – Registration and Housing Office

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