Respected Sir or Madam,

Greetings! Kindly receive the attached announcements and brochure.

In association of 25 universities/institutes and 28 other medium-small organizations belonging to 17 countries of the world, we are organizing a “Summer Field School & Workshop on Mountain Ecosystems and Resource Management” in Carpathian Mountains of Ukraine in July 2020. Please go through the attached announcements and brochure, and more detailed information is available on dedicated website www.grassrootsglobal.net. This program will be conducted for 40 international participants in English language covering the contemporary current topics on the following broad areas: (1) Mountain Ecosystems; (2) Freshwater Ecosystems; (3) Forest Ecology; (4) Grassland Ecosystems; (5) Biodiversity Conservation; (6) Wildlife Management; (7) Ecotourism; (8) Park-People Interface; (9) Participatory Resource Management; (10) Watershed Management; (11) Sustainable Agriculture & Organic Farming; (12) Agro-Biodiversity; (13) Transhumance & Pastoralism; (14) Livestock Production; (15) Mountain Livelihoods; (16) Mountain-based Conventions; (17) SDGs & Mountains; (18) Mountain Sustainability. Soon we will also announce another program “International Academy on Natural Resource Management & Governance” to be held in December 2020 in India.

We believe your key office is involved in these technical fields and your officers need strengthening of their capacities on such themes & topics. Hence, we request you to NOMINATE your participants to attend forthcoming global program(s). Your candidates need to read relevant sections of the website www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020 and Apply online. In case, your office likes to sponsor group of participants from one or different departments or partner organizations, we may consider it distinctly based on further discussions in this regard.

I look forward to hearing from you as and when you have a convenience.

With best regards,

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Partners and Collaborators | FSc MER 2020

Albania (1) Albanian Alps Alliance
Armenia (2) Armenian National Agrarian University
Azerbaijan (3) NOAH’S Alliance for the Protection of the Biodiversity
Belarus (4) Grodno State Agrarian University
Bhutan (5) Royal Thimphu College
Bosnia and (6) University of Sarajevo; (7) University of East Sarajevo
Herzegovina (8) Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, University of Banja Luka
(9) University of Mostar
Canada (10) The Rockies Institute
India (11) Assam Don Bosco University; (12) Ladakh Ecological Development Group
India (13) Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir
India (14) Centre for Ecological Audit, Social Inclusion and Governance
India (15) Central Himalayan Institute for Nature & Applied Research
India (16) Central Himalayan Environment Association
Kazakhstan (17) Avalon Historico-Geographical Society; (18) Avalon Public Foundation
Kazakhstan (19) Wild Nature NGO
Kyrgyzstan (20) Institute of Biology of National Academy of Sciences of Kyrgyz Republic
Kyrgyzstan (21) Kyrgyz Research Institute of Livestock and Pastures
Kyrgyzstan (22) Naryn State University; (23) Rural Development Fund
Kyrgyzstan (24) National Pasture Users’ Association of Kyrgyzstan “Kyrgyz Jayity”
Kyrgyzstan (25) Center for Development of Kyrgyz Nomadic Pastoralism
Kyrgyzstan (26) CAMP Alatoo Public Foundation
Kyrgyzstan (27) BIO-KG Federation of Organic Development
Myanmar (28) University of Mandalay; (29) Hinthada University
Nepal (30) ICIMOD – Himalayan University Consortium (HUC)
Nepal (31) Himalayan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology
Nepal (32) Faculty of Forestry Hetauda, Agriculture and Forestry University
Romania (33) Valahia University of Targoviste
Slovenia (34) Society for the Protection of the Alps - CIPRA Slovenia
Tajikistan (35) The Public Association "Kuhhoi Pomir"; (37) Little Earth
Ukraine (38) Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil & Gas
Ukraine (39) Zhytomyr National Agroecological University
Ukraine (40) National University of Life and Environmental Science of Ukraine
Ukraine (41) V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University; (42) Our Home Manyava
Ukraine (43) Yaroslav Mudriy National Law University
Ukraine (44) Public Institution ‘Institute of Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development’ of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
Ukraine (45) Institute of Agrarian Economics
Ukraine (46) Ukrainian National Forestry University
Ukraine (47) Kosiv District Council; (48) Hutulshehyyna National Park
Ukraine (49) Carpathian National Nature Park; (50) MAMA-86-Yaremche
Ukraine (51) National Ecological Center of Ukraine; (52) nAshe misto
Ukraine (53) Vytvytsya United Rural Community (Cultural)
Ukraine (54) All-Ukrainian Ecological League

# Some more partners and collaborators will join before deadline of application.
Summer Field School & Workshop on Mountain Ecosystems and Resource Management

To build the capacities of future leaders (researchers, students, practitioners and scholars) we have announced a 10-days international program namely FSc MER 2020 or “Summer Field School & Workshop on Mountain Ecosystems and Resource Management” on 6-15 July 2020 in Ukraine’s Carpathian Mountains. The natural ecosystems in mountain areas are crucial for the existence of humankind on this planet. The proposed program is to cover the contexts of mountain regions globally, i.e. Himalayas, Alps, Andes, Rockies, Karakoram, Pamir, Carpathian, Fuji, Caucasus, etc. This program will be conducted for 30-40 international participants in English language covering the contemporary current topics on the following broad areas: (1) Mountain Ecosystems; (2) Freshwater Ecosystems; (3) Forest Ecology; (4) Grassland Ecosystems; (5) Biodiversity Conservation; (6) Wildlife Management; (7) Ecotourism; (8) Park-People Interface; (9) Participatory Resource Management; (10) Watershed Management; (11) Sustainable Agriculture & Organic Farming; (12) Agro-Biodiversity; (13) Transhumance & Pastoralism; (14) Livestock Production; (15) Mountain Livelihoods; (16) Mountain-based Conventions; (17) SDGs & Mountains; (18) Mountain Sustainability. Elaborated details of our program can be seen on dedicated website www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020.

Objectives and Purpose of the Program FSc MER 2020

This international training program examines the mountain ecosystems in contexts of human development and natural resources, principles of managing natural resources, and governing the resources for sustainable conservation. Depicting on case studies from a wide range of the current natural resources across the globe, the program considers how different social, political, economic and cultural and gender aspects compete for and sustain the natural resources in mountain ecosystems. The program also examines how environmental activists and their interventions conserved parks, energy, water and land in the face of climate variability basing on a gender perspective. The program will consider how the current international and development system elaborates and processes to sustainably manage the available natural resources in mountain landscapes. The program aims at equipping researchers, students, practitioners and teachers seeking learning about mountain ecosystems and sustainable development, with practical approaches, knowledge and skills necessary for meeting challenges of sustainable use of natural resources globally. This international training program will be executed in partnership of various academic and practice-oriented organizations.

Eligibility for Admission

The FSc MER 2020 is specifically designed for the following:
- Young teachers
- PhD students
- Research scholars
- Early career practitioners
- Degree or Diploma students
- Other having interests


Duration and Location

6 – 15 July 2020. The program is proposed to take place in Carpathian Mountains of Ukraine (based in Ivano-Frankivsk region). See website for the deadline for applying.

Training Methodology

Our training programs combine the latest developments in a specific field or sector with the opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences with professionals from all over the world. The trainings are interactive and experiential learning-based. Our faculty members use a variety of formats: lectures, case stories/studies, group discussions, group works and field visits. Participants develop individual Action Plan, in which they integrate all training topics and relate them to the reality of the participants’ field situations. So, in nutshell the following are the features of our trainings:

1. Participatory learning methodologies
2. Substantive reflections of participants’ own personal capacities
3. Group deliberation and experiential activities
4. Handouts and reading materials
5. Residential venue and learning practice without formal time limits

Participation Procedure and How to Apply

All interested applicants are suggested to read carefully variety of information placed by us on the website www.grassrootsglobal.net. On the webpage ‘Participation Procedure’ https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020/participation-procedure.html, various steps are explained elaborately. Similarly, ‘Application Procedure’ is also explained with fine details on webpage https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020/application-procedure.html. At the time of applying online, the applicant will have to pay Application Fee of CAD 25 through credit or debit card.

Scholarships and Fee Waiver

There are some scholarships available in the form of Tuition Scholarships and Travel Scholarships. For full fee paying participants, there will be some places under Fee Waiver scheme. Please read https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020/scholarships.html webpage for further details and procedure of applying.

Institutional Partnership

Interested academic institutions and field-based organizations can approach us for partnership or collaboration in this international program. Detailed information may be obtained on link https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020/call-for-cooperation.html.

More Information

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REQUEST FOR YOUR ENDORSEMENT

29 October 2019

Dear Sir or Madam,

Greetings! The Grassroots Institute aims to undertake innovative research, strengthen human development initiatives and take appropriate grassroots field action to empower marginalized communities and Indigenous people to bring about environmental and social consciousness as a societal change agent. To know more about our institution, please see the website: www.grassrootsinstitute.net. We believe that your contributions to science, conservation, sustainable development and policy change are commendable. We are approaching you with a request for your support and help.

In association of 22 universities/institutes and 28 other medium-small organizations belonging to 16 countries of the world, we are organizing “Summer Field School & Workshop on Mountain Ecosystems and Resource Management” in 2020. We seek your help in spreading the message in the way you may do.

USE A SUPPORTING NOTE OR EMAIL TEMPLATE
You are requested to post and circulate attached announcement and brochure in network using your Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, WhatsApp, Viber, Skype or other platform. If possible, also circulate our announcement and brochure in your network through e-mail or your website/blog. While posting or forwarding our announcement and brochure, you may please add your note or remark. You may also use Email Message Template, which is attached. Your help and support will be highly appreciated.

SPREAD THE MESSAGE BY YOUR ENDORSEMENT
We request you to write an “endorsement letter” for our program on your official letterhead. With your endorsement letter, you are requested to circulate and disseminate our announcement and brochure among 190 or more contacts. These three documents can also be mounted on your department or organization notice board. We will request the scan/PDF copy of your ‘endorsement letter’, which can be published on our dedicated website [www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020] with your name, affiliation, email and website.

ADDITIONAL INTERESTS
1. In case, you are interested for collaboration in our program, please read information on link https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020/call-for-cooperation.html and contact us.
2. In case, you wish to associate for long-term with The Grassroots Institute, please look at the options on link http://www.grassrootsinstitute.net/opportunities.html and contact us.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE YOUR BIG CONTRIBUTION TO PROMOTING THE MOUNTAIN SUSTAINABILITY. With best regards,

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