



**EAAP Mountain Livestock Farming
Working Group**

&

**FAO-CIHEAM Mountain Pastures Sub-
Network**



Announce

1st EAAP / FAO-CIHEAM Joint Meeting

“Mountains are agroecosystems for people”

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

The **EAAP - Mountain Livestock Farming (MLF) Working Group** is a group of experts working together to identify emerging areas of research and encourage collaboration among researchers from different countries and disciplines. It wants to be a welcoming platform for discussion on livestock production in mountain areas in a broad and transdisciplinary perspective, and dissemination of relevant outcomes by organizing conference sessions within EAAP, meetings and joined events with other related initiatives that will enable researchers and stakeholders to contribute and exchange their new knowledge, experiences and innovations.

FAO-CIHEAM - Mountain Pastures (MP) is a sub-network operating within the network on Pasture and Forage Crops, which aims at exchanging scientific and technical information under Escorena system, a European initiative to enhance sustainable agricultural development and food security by improving the use of information, communication, and associated technologies. MP sub-network groups over 400 researchers from European temperate mountains and other mountains of the world such as Himalaya, Rocky Mountains, and Andes. The main activities of the network are the promotion of R&D and the organization of specific meetings.

EAAP – Mountain Livestock Farming (MLF) and FAO-CIHEAM Mountain Pastures Sub-Network share the common interest for a sustainable use of resources - vegetation, animal and human capital - in mountain areas.

The idea of this **1st EAAP – MLF and FAO-CIHEAM MP Joint Meeting** originates with the goal of putting together scholars willing to share their knowledge and experience, discuss about mountain agriculture, livestock husbandry, landscape conservation, tourism, related social and economic sciences..., and draw the future of such sectors in the temperate mountains.

LOCATION:

For three days, the town of **Bled** on Lake Bled in the Upper Carniolan region of north-western Slovenia, on the edge of Triglav National Park in Slovenia Alps, will host an event interconnecting science, people and nature.

Organized by the Biotechnical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana, the meeting will include invited keynotes, oral and poster presentations, and an excursion to local farms and industries, completed by events aiming at encouraging the exchange among scholars of different disciplines.

PROGRAM outline (provisional)

On day 1 and 3, meeting sessions considering the following topics will be organized:

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)

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

We invite scholars from all over Europe to submit and present at the meeting their work on the five topics above.

Venue:

The meeting will be organised in [Rikli Balance Hotel](#) in Bled, situated at 507 m a.s.l. Bled is easily accessible – only 35 km from the National Airport Ljubljana. All sessions and poster presentations will take place in [Rikli Balance Hotel, Bled](#).

DEADLINES

Please SAVE THE DATE and find the important dates hereafter:

- January 15th, 2020: Abstract submission and registration opens
- March 15th, 2020: Deadline for abstract submission
- May 15th, 2020: Notification about abstract acceptance
- June 15th, 2020: Early bird registration closes – Regular registration opens

Further information as well as access to the submission platform and registration will be available soon!

Best regards,

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