



“Mountains are agroecosystems for people”

1st Joint Meeting of

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

7th-9th June 2021 - Bled, Slovenia

NEW Announcement

Background and objective

EAAP Mountain Livestock Farming Working Group (MLF), FAO-CIHEAM Mountain Pastures Sub-Network (MP) and the University of Ljubljana are promoting a joint meeting focused on the topic of the mountains in the function of agroecosystems for people. The meeting will cover 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 the mountain areas (wild animals, natural resources and human needs). 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 and presentations

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

Please note that, even though we strongly encourage the participation in person, the whole meeting will be also available as online live streaming. In case Covid-19 restrictions will

forbid meeting face-to-face, the 1st Joint Meeting of EAAP MLF and FAO-CIHEAM will be organized only as online live event.

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 or 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>

You are kindly asked to upload your abstract via this link above and to write a short take-home message about your work. Note that the abstracts should be drawn according to the abstract template attached to this announcement and should not exceed one page, including Title, Authors, Institutions of the authors and the text.

The **pre-registration and abstract submission are already open and will close on the 1st March, 2021**

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, 7th June, Tuesday, 8th June and Wednesday, 9th June;
- participation to the technical tour on Wednesday, 9th June;
- social evening, including social dinner on Tuesday, 8th June;
- a hard copy of the Book of Abstracts.

Registration at reduced fees will be possible before **30th April 2021**. Please register on time! Late registrations will be possible from 1st May until 31st May, but you will be charged an 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.

Meeting fees for:	<u>Early Registration until 30th April 2021</u>	<u>Regular Registration from 1st May 2021</u>
Senior experts	€ 300,00	€ 400,00
Young researchers (below 35 years) and students	€ 200,00	€ 300,00
Virtual participation	€ 100,00	€ 150,00

*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 in **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 and about 3 hours from Venice international Airport. However, please note that Covid-19 restrictions may limit flights and local transports by bus or train as well. A shuttle from the Airport Ljubljana to the venue of the meeting in Bled will be provided by the local organisers, depending on the number of requests and Covid-19 safety transportation rules.

The excursion on day 3 will drive the participants to Triglav National Park.



Accommodation

Hotel booking is guaranteed by the Meeting organisers until 10th May 2021.

Hotel accommodation will be possible in two different hotels near Bled lake:

② **Rikli Balance Hotel** **** superior

③ **Hotel Park******

Other hotels might offer accommodation for the meeting participants if the national situation will improve during spring.

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 € 120.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Single use room, lake view € 145.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Double room € 136.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Double room, lake view € 176.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Rates include: bed & breakfast, wireless internet, 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 center of Bled, at the shore of the lake. It is known for its hospitality and comfort. **Hotel was completely renovated in the winter 2019/2020.**



Special rates for our event:

Single use room € 100.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Single use room, lake view € 125.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

Double room € 110.00 per room per day, bed & breakfast

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

Rates include: bed & breakfast, wireless internet, use of swimming pool, parking place – upon availability, VAT

PLEASE BOOK YOUR ROOM THROUGH DIRECT LINK TO ON-LINE BOOKING:

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

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

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Important dates - deadlines

- **1st March 2021:** Deadline for Abstract submission and Pre-registration
- **1st April 2021:** Notification about abstract acceptance
- **30th April 2021:** Early bird registration closes (reduced fee) – Regular registration opens

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Abstract template (fac-simile)

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

Extended abstract title. Times New Roman font size 14

Authors first, middle and family name. Times New Roman font size 12, italic.

Key words:

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 11 in main text. Line space should be size 1.15 throughout the text.

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.