



Volcanoes, Landscapes and Cultures

First World Conference

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The present World Conference, taking place under the Auspices of UNESCO, the Council of Europe and the relevant Italian Institutional and Academic authority aims at taking stock of the results of recent scientific research on the various fields concerned with volcanic landscapes and territories.

Objectives of the Conference

The conference wishes to provide answers to the increasing demand for comprehensive policies focusing on the protection and enhancement of the huge natural and cultural heritage represented by volcanic landscapes and territories together with the people living therein, all over the world.

Moreover the creation of a permanent platform for the on-line exchange of information and experience will also be proposed to participants.

Focus

To open the widest possible debate addressing the multifaceted relations between humankind and volcanoes, including their socio-cultural, economic and risk taking components.

Four thematic areas are proposed for discussion, each developing its specific topics:

- **Nature and Sciences** (Advances in geo-sciences, volcanology and geo-engineering. Volcanic ecosystems, biodiversity and soil fertility. Population safety and risk management. Education, public awareness...)
- **Nature and Culture** (Parks, geo-parks and protected areas, biosphere reserves. UNESCO's World Heritage. Territorial and landscape management. History and archaeology, myths and societies. Arts, literature and cinema...)
- **Volcanoes and Sustainable development** (Mining, specialized agriculture, renewable energies and geothermy. The special case of Volcanic Islands...)
- **Volcanoes and Tourism** (Exploration, trekking, thermal waters and health, cruises among volcanoes...)

Who can attend

All those from the Scientific and Academic world. Public and private actors contributing to territorial governance and sustainable development.

All those finally who wish to participate through their professional competence and vision to the progress of the ancient complicity among volcanoes and mankind.

Abstract are expected before 15 July at conf-volcano@etnecatania2009.com

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