

Dear ESUG Members,

Thanks to a kind invitation and hard work on local arrangements by Dr Viktor Šegrt, there will be meetings in Karlovac, Croatia, during Tuesday-Thursday 23-25 April 2019, of ESUG and of the group for Sustainable Use and Management of Ecosystems (SUME) of IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Services. A provisional programme for the three days, starting on the afternoon of Tuesday 23 April and ending around mid-day on Thursday 25 April, is shown below.

Tuesday 23 April, Afternoon:

“Why use community-based multilingual networks for conservation through sustainable use?”  
Explanation, discussion and break-outs on Naturalliance, Sakernet, Perdixnet, etc.

Evening:

Icebreaking event

Wednesday 24 April, Morning:

General Meeting of ESUG

Afternoon:

Third Regional Meeting of SUME

Planning of future projects / Training in networking software

Evening:

Dinner for meeting participants

Thursday 25 April, Morning

Planning of future projects / Training in networking software

The ESUG General Meeting will provisionally start at 9.00 on Wednesday 24 April, with the intention that ESUG members should have arrived the previous day. Support for low cost travel and accommodation of those translating Naturalliance2 will be agreed in the usual way. There are details for buses from Zagreb airport and a large variety of overnight possibilities on the logistics file at <http://esug.sycl.net/10/esug-general-meetings>. Funding should be available eventually for Amharic, Arabic, Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Dutch, Estonian, Farsi, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Houssa, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latvian, Lithuanian, Malay, Mandarin, Pashto, Polish, Romanian, Spanish, Swedish, Russian, Swahili, Thai, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese and Zulu. However, not all can be funded initially, so please complete the [provisional registration form](#) as soon as possible, even if your attendance is not yet certain.

Please note that Karlovac is becoming a popular tourist location, with a 50% increase last year, as a base for touring a western Croatia which is so beautiful in spring. Therefore, booking your accommodation as soon as possible is very strongly recommended!

With best wishes,

Robert

Prof R E Kenward, Chair of ESUG and IUCN-SUME