

Dear Members of SUME,

Thanks to a kind invitation and hard work on local arrangements by Dr Viktor Šegrt, there will be a third Regional Meeting of SUME in Karlovac, Croatia, during Tuesday-Thursday 23-25 April 2019. This follows the Regional Meetings last year in Kyrgyzstan and Peru. Please see details of all on <http://sume.sycl.net>. This European meeting will be with the European Sustainable Use Group, like our inaugural meeting in Vienna in 2015, and is special, because we will be launching the global-with-local networking system mandated in SUME's terms of reference.

European Sustainable Use Group has been reaching agreements and raising the funding needed to underpin the system, and has just reached the point at which it is safe to proceed. Therefore a Content Committee is being formed, translation is being planned, and a new page will soon go on our website for what at the moment is called Naturalliance2. There will be training at the meeting for those of you who volunteer to translate and run web-sites in regional languages, with some support available for low cost travel and accommodation of those coordinators. The aim is to operate, when adequate funding is secured, in 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.

The meeting is scheduled for the week before the 7th IPBES Plenary, in Paris, in the hope that some of you may be able to come to Europe for both – perhaps spending the 4 days between meetings enjoying the beautiful spring countryside in Croatia. A provisional programme, starting on the afternoon of Tuesday 23 April and ending around mid-day on Thursday 25 April, is shown below, with logistic details at <http://sume.sycl.net/10/sume-in-karlovac,-croatia>. If you might consider attending, please return the [provisional registration form](#) as soon as possible.

With best wishes,

Prof Robert Kenward, Chair of ESUG and IUCN-SUME (reke@ceh.ac.uk)

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