



20TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY

20th Symposium
60 years of tradition (since 1967)

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The terms "landscape" and "landscape ecology" have been disappearing in recent years. These two core terms within our scientific domains are relatively less frequently used in books, scientific literature, and EU Horizon grant results. In Slovakia, the concept of "landscape" is also disappearing from legislation. This raises several questions: Are we facing a crisis in landscape ecology? Do we currently need the concept of "landscape" at all, and why? What role can landscape ecology play in addressing the complex environmental challenges of our time?

Therefore, the main topic of the **20th International Symposium on Landscape Ecology (2027)**, is:

Why do we need landscape and landscape ecology?

In addition to this main theme, the symposium will also be an opportunity to present and discuss other current topics, including:

- the role of landscape ecology in the ecosystem and landscape restoration, and their adaptation to global changes,
- post-transformation landscapes and their development, particularly in Central and Eastern Europe,
- the application of new tools and models in landscape ecology,
- education, public engagement and citizen science for landscapes
- intersection of landscape with art and crafts.

We invite researchers and experts from all disciplines related to landscape, students, decision-makers, practitioners, and other interested stakeholders **to join us in exploring and discussing these important issues.**

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