



20TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON

LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY

First Circular

8-10 June 2027

Stará Lesná, Slovakia

Why do we need landscape and landscape ecology?

In recent years, the terms “landscape” and “landscape ecology” have gradually been disappearing from scientific literature, strategic documents, grant schemes, and legislative frameworks. This trend raises several fundamental questions: Is landscape ecology facing a crisis of identity? Do we still need the concept of landscape today? What role can landscape ecology play in addressing the complex environmental and societal challenges of our time?

ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

The 20th International Symposium on Landscape Ecology continues more than 60 years of tradition of scientific meetings focused on landscape research and landscape ecology. The symposium represents an international platform for knowledge exchange among scientists, practitioners, students, representatives of public administration, policy-makers, and other stakeholders involved in landscape and environmental issues.

Therefore, the main focus of the symposium will be a discussion on the importance of landscape and landscape ecological approaches in the era of global environmental change, increasing pressure on natural resources, and societal transformation.

The symposium will take place at the congress center of SAS Academia in Stará Lesná:

<https://kcacademia.sav.sk/en/>

SYMPOSIUM THEMES

- the role of landscape ecology in 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, technologies, and models in landscape ecology
- education, public engagement and citizen science for landscapes
- intersection of landscape with art and crafts

The symposium welcomes contributions from all disciplines related to landscape research, environmental planning, nature conservation, landscape management, and sustainable development.



IMPORTANT DATES



CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

The organisers of the symposium invite the professional community to submit proposals for thematic sessions for the 20th International Symposium on Landscape Ecology. Proposed sessions should be related to the main thematic areas of the symposium, but it is possible to propose session to other theme as well. The deadline for session proposals is 15th August 2026.

The session proposal should include:

- session title
- brief description of the thematic focus (200 words max.)
- preferred session format
- keywords
- names and contact details of the session organisers

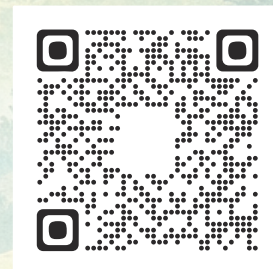
The organisers reserve the right to merge thematically similar sessions.

Detailed information about the submission process for thematic sessions and the submission form is available on

<https://landscape20.sav.sk/index.php/call-for-sessions/>

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information on symposium, including abstract submission, registration and social events is or will be published on:



<https://landscape20.sav.sk/>

ORGANISERS

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