

Biography of Speakers

(in order of appearance)



Dr. Tobias Plieninger has been an Associate Professor in Countryside Planning at the Department of Geosciences and Natural Resource Management since September 2013. At the same time he remains Research Fellow at the Geography Department of Humboldt University, thus stressing linkages between UCPH and UBER. He holds a PhD in forest and environmental sciences and a habilitation in landscape ecology.



Dr. Carsten Mann is a Postdoc at the Department of Geosciences and Natural Resource Management, University of Copenhagen, and head of the Governance and Innovation Research Unit at the Center for Technology and Society, Technische Universität Berlin. As a forest and environmental scientist, he has an interdisciplinary background, carrying out research on environmental governance, policy assessment and systems innovation by combining concepts of social-ecology with those of sociology, policy and institutional analysis. The transfer of scientific results in policy and management practice is the central interest in his work.



Peggy Dieryckxviisschers is a policy officer in the quality unit in the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development at the European Commission, where she examines applications for the registration of names as geographical indications. She is also involved in the development of the quality policy, specifically with regard to PDOs, PGIs and TSGs. Peggy has been working for over 13 years for the European Commission where she previously built up experience in Rural Development policy. Prior to that, she worked as a VAT expert for the Belgian Ministry of Finance and the insurance company AXA. She earned her Master of Law degree and Master of Tax Law degree at the University of Leuven where she graduated in 1997. Married with two children, she lives in the Brussels area.



Dr. Heli Siitari is the current coordinator of the Wildlife Estate program in Finland. She is working as an Executive Director for the Nature and Game Management Trust Finland, and holds a Presidency of the Policy and Law division for the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC). She has a PhD in ecology and

environmental management, and in her work she is working actively with different stakeholders like scientists, landowners, hunters and decision makers.



Carol Ritchie is the Executive Director of the EUROPARC Federation. As her title suggests, Carol is responsible for the smooth running of all the Federation Directorate and its work. Carol operates across Europe, out of both the Regensburg and Brussels offices as well as anywhere else needed, to represent the Federation's interest and to support the work of the President and Council.



David Shiel is the Senior Officer with the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in North East Wales. He has a wide role across the AONB leading a team that develops a range of projects focusing on nature conservation, recreation and tourism as well as community development. He was responsible for the development and delivery of the Heather and Hillforts Landscape Partnership Project which focused on reversing the decline of heathland management across the Clwydian Range and Llantysilio Mountains. The project sought to reconnect the farming community to the moorland areas and to re-establish the link between its conservation and agricultural management.

Moderator



Patrick Worms, a molecular geneticist, represents the World Agroforestry Centre the world's premier research institution devoted to the study of the roles of trees in agricultural landscapes to policy makers in Brussels and elsewhere in Europe. Active since the 1970s, the Centre has reported on the astonishing benefits of multi-crop agriculture involving trees in thousands of peer-reviewed publications. Headquartered in Nairobi and active across the tropics, the Centre may be best known for its work in Africa's drylands, where agroforestry is leading to a revolution in farming productivity.