

IRSAE Conflict Mediation workshop in Sweden

The “Understanding and managing biodiversity conflicts” theme group in IRSAE is organizing a workshop at [Grimsö Wildlife Research Station](#), Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, from **19-23 November 2018**.



Registration: Please send an E-mail (**email subject:** Conflict mediation 2018), containing a brief description of your PhD project and/or description of the relevance of the workshop to your research, to Ann Eklund (ann.eklund@slu.se).

It would be great if the people who defiantly would like to attend would send a **confirmation** to Ann as soon as you can. I also encourage the ones who are interested in the workshop to contact Ann.

Costs: No workshop fee for IRSAE members. Participants will be reimbursed for parts of the travel and accommodation costs.

About the workshop

This workshop will cover:

- What are biodiversity conflicts?
- Understanding role and values
- Discussion and analysis of case studies (throughout)
- Tools to deal constructively with conflict
- Management of conflict within ourselves & communicating with others
- Learn about escalation and complexity
- Tools to quickly analyse a given conflict situation
- Tools for designing conflict resolution workshops

The participants will get training and practice in conflict mediation. Training of this kind is often lacking during the biology/ecology education, yet in the conflict ridden situations in which many graduates find themselves (e.g. in biodiversity conservation), these skills are essential for progress. As well as helping students explore conflicts in their research, the course will also provide them with the tools to deal with inter-personal conflicts. The primary focus will be on hands-on mediation of conflict. The instructor **Yorck von Korff** is an expert in conflict mediation, has experience from working within the UN, and uses various interactive training techniques such as role-play, offering the students an excellent opportunity to practice mediation and discover how to deal with the complex tasks that they have at hand by building on a range of student experiences. He will be working with **Estelle Balian** who is a trained facilitator with experience of wildlife conflicts.

Grimsö Research Station:

