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XXI ANNUAL BIOECON CONFERENCE

**Inequality and poverty in biodiversity conservation and natural resource  
management**

**11 - 13 September 2019**

**Wageningen International Congress Centre (WICC), Wageningen, The Netherlands**

*Hosted by the Section Economics of Wageningen University*

**Keynote Speakers**

**Professor Marten Scheffer, Wageningen University, the Netherlands**  
**Professor Katharine Sims, Amherst College, USA**

The Scientific Partners of BIOECON are pleased to inform you that the **Twenty-First International BIOECON Conference** will be held at **Wageningen International Congress Centre (WICC), Wageningen, The Netherlands on 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. BIOECON XXI will be of interest to both researchers and policy makers working on issues associated with land-use decisions and its impact on biodiversity. In particular, BIOECON XXI aims to focus on inequality and poverty – both in terms of people’s welfare and in terms of species richness of the environment – in biodiversity conservation and natural resource management. Submissions are welcome on this theme which highlight experiences in both developed and developing countries, or trade related issues between the two.

Our keynote speakers will be  
**[Prof Marten Scheffer](#)** (Wageningen University) and

**[Prof Katharine Sims](#)** (Amherst College).

In addition to the conference theme, BIOECON XXI aims to have parallel sessions on a broad range of topics within the umbrella of biodiversity economics including: the role of biodiversity and ecosystem services in economic development, plant genetic resources and food security issues, deforestation and development, fisheries, institutions and instruments (e.g. Payments for Ecosystem Services), development and conservation, wildlife conservation and endangered species, international trade and regulation and climate change. For a flavour of previous conferences go to this link <http://www.bioecon-network.org/pages/events-01.html>.

In particular, submissions are invited on the themes of:

- Resources management, distribution, development, poverty alleviation
- Instruments for conservation in the context of land-use and biodiversity
- Evaluation of biodiversity-related policies and programmes (such as PES)
- Potential of data science for research on biodiversity and conservation
- The conservation and value of crop genetic diversity
- Evolution and design of institutional frameworks for resource conservation (property rights, market instruments etc.)
- The role of behavioural economics in biodiversity conservation policy design
- Experimental (lab and field) approaches to biodiversity and ecosystem service conservation
- Governance and management of natural resources in developing countries
- Development, growth and resource constraints
- Biodiversity conservation and conflict

BIOECON aims to be relevant for policy-makers and policy. To this end **expert policy panels** will be organised. The purpose of these panels will be to bring together practitioners (Government, private sector, NGOs) and academics from different disciplines to discuss current policy related issues in biodiversity conservation and environment. The panel sessions will be supported by and contribute to the aims and goals of the funding partners. Two policy panel sessions will take place, one of which will focus on the role of valuation studies in informing the valuation of natural capital and ecosystem services in policy to date.

The Conference will open with a reception on early evening of Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of September. Conference sessions will commence in the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup> of September and conclude in the afternoon of the 13<sup>th</sup> of September. The conference banquet will take place in the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup> of September.

## **SUBMISSIONS**

Complete papers may be submitted for presentation within the BIOECON Conference and only complete papers will be considered by the Scientific Programme Committee. Electronic copies should be sent to [bioecon.2019@wur.nl](mailto:bioecon.2019@wur.nl) no later than **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019**. Please include Abstract, and Keywords with your submission. Acceptance of papers will be notified by email by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019.

It is also possible to submit 3-4 papers together as a suggested “**special session**” under a theme similar to those indicated above. The Scientific Partners reserve the right to accept papers on an individual basis, so it is possible that even when a session is not accepted, individual papers within the session might be so.

Once again BIOECON XXI welcomes suggestions for a special **natural sciences or interdisciplinary** parallel session to foster more interdisciplinary collaboration with the BIOECON network. Sessions proposed should focus on any aspect of biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services and need not be exclusively focussed on economic methodologies or approaches.

## **REGISTRATION**

**Selected presenters** will be invited to register for the conference at the “invited presenter” rate. The invited presenter rate consists of a €275 registration fee that will cover the costs of 2 nights single accommodation, reception, lunches, and conference banquet. Double rooms, additional lunch guests and additional guests for the conference banquet can be arranged upon request at a surcharge. Presenters affiliated with institutions in developing countries and PhD students can submit a motivation letter to apply for a reduced fee of €175. There is a €275 registration fee for all **other participants** that will include the banquet, lunches and refreshments, but not accommodation. There is a €140 registration fee for day-participants (that includes lunches and refreshments but not lodging and the conference banquet). All other questions regarding fees, registrations and accommodation should be sent to the conference secretariat at [bioecon.2019@wur.nl](mailto:bioecon.2019@wur.nl).

Registration will be open from 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Further registration details and all other conference information will be provided on the BIOECON website at [www.bioecon-network.org](http://www.bioecon-network.org).