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VIIth International Scientific Conference

Innovative Solutions for Revitalisation of Degraded Areas

2 - 4 October 2013, Ustroń, Poland

The thematic scope of the Conference covers all aspects of revitalization of degraded areas. This year the Conference will focus on protection and revitalization of surface waters and groundwater, including innovative methods, technologies and tools to support aquatic ecosystem rehabilitation.

Site characterisation/Screening and Monitoring

- Techniques of soil-water environment monitoring and survey
- Tools for identification of main sources of groundwater contamination
- Sampling methods and pre-treatment
- Geotechnical and geohydrological investigations
- Spatial data analysis
- Integrated physical models for risk assessment
- Exposure models for risk assessment
- Pollutants soil microbe plant interactions
- Bioindicators (biomarkers) of environmental status
- Fingerprinting
- Backtracking
- Integral groundwater investigation
- Characterisation of sediment processes and modelling
- Fate of pollutants in soils and sediments
- Application of numerical models

Innovative clean-up technologies

- Remediation technologies for degraded areas in situ, ex situ
- Bioremediation and phytoremediation
- Bio-barriers
- Stabilisation, immobilisation
- Monitored natural attenuation
- Ecological risk assessment
- Green remediation technologies
- Nano-particles and emerging pollutants
- Decision support tools for remediation technology selection
- Sediment remediation technologies
- Innovative rehabilitation techniques

Natural and landscape aspects for revitalisation of degraded areas

- Biological restoration of brownfields
- Ecosystems clean up and revitalisation
- Landfills restoration
- Habitat and wetlands protection and restoration
- Revitalisation of natural and regulated rivers and river basins
- Biomass on contaminated land

Innovative management in land redevelopment - health, social and economic aspects

- Land use and consequences
- Health implications of degraded area redevelopment
- Health risk assessment
- Human biomonitoring
- Revitalisation of abandoned/depopulated areas
- Economics of brownfields regeneration
- Environmental dimensions of land management policies



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- Integrated land management policies
- Effective communication and facilitation with stakeholders
- Citizen participation in land management policies

Revitalisation of degraded sites - case studies and good practices

- Best practice and case studies
 - Mining areas
 - Surface waters and groundwater
 - Brownfields
 - Landfills
 - Complex former industrial sites (mega sites)
 - Former military sites
- Site management strategies for complex sites
- Methodologies for making better decisions
- Sustainable and green remediation
- Contaminated sediments management and beneficial use

Support tools for revitalisation of degraded urban areas

- Regulation, governance and legal issues
- Recycling of land
- Decision support tools for choosing sustainable solutions
- Development plans and regeneration strategies
- Public private partnerships
- Public awareness and education

DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, 2 October 2013	Conference opening ceremony Key presentation - Prof. Dr. Ing. Piotr Maloszewski, Helmholtz Center Munich, HMGU, Niemcy Session I Site characterisation/Screening and Monitoring Conference dinner
Thursday, 3 October 2013	Session II Innovative clean-up technologies Session III Natural and landscape aspects for revitalisation of degraded areas Session IV Innovative management in land redevelopment - health, social and economic Open-air dinner
Friday, 4 October 2013	Session V Revitalisation of degraded sites – case studies and good practices Session VI Support tools for revitalisation of degraded urban areas Closing ceremony