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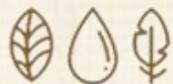
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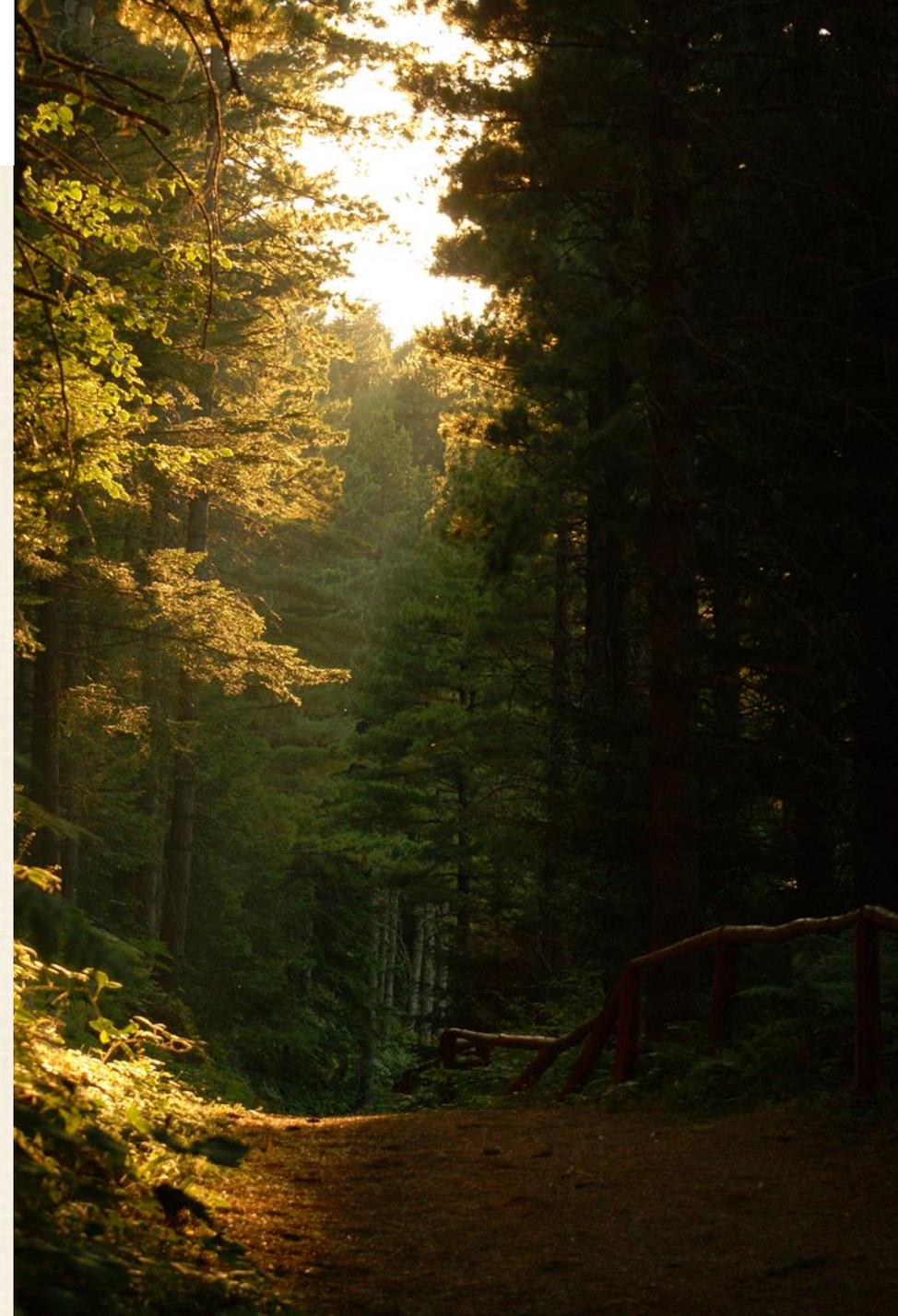
Summer Research Camp: “Pelister 2019” 8th – 13th July 2019

As part of ongoing efforts to support conservation through research and social engagement, the PrespaNet partners are pleased to invite applications from Albania, Greece and North Macedonia for the Summer Research Camp: “Pelister 2019”

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Collaboration

The Macedonian Ecological Society (MES), in collaboration with its partners Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania (PPNEA) and the Society for Protection of Prespa (SPP), which together form the environmental network PrespaNet, will organise a Summer Research Camp: “Pelister 2019”, to be held on 8th - 13th July 2019 in Pelister National Park in North Macedonia

Supporting the organisation of the research camp are the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and the Biology Students' Research Society, of the University of Ss Cyril and Methodius, Skopje, as well as the Pelister National Park Public Enterprise



Main theme, objectives and studies

The main aim of the camp will be to give participants an intensive experience of field research and biodiversity monitoring, offering the opportunity to improve their existing skills in such work:

- During the field camp the organisers will provide taxonomical and ecological expertise on algae, plants, fungi, several groups of vertebrates (amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals) and invertebrates (butterflies and ground beetles), as well as landscapes
- Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the extent of biodiversity richness of each group in the region, and to witness it first-hand in the Pelister National Park
- In addition to working with qualitative field methodologies, monitoring protocols will also be tested and taught, spanning from presence/absence data and continuous counts to capture-recapture techniques



Information for applicants

The research camp is open to students studying biology and related disciplines, environmentalists and active citizen scientists from Albania, Greece and North Macedonia

Special consideration will be given to those working in conservation and protected area management in Prespa

Previous field experience is necessary and will therefore be considered an advantage during the selection procedure

Participants will be spending a substantial time in hiking shoes, and sleeping in sleeping bags and tents - some capacity for physical endurance is expected from all attending

Accommodation facilities will vary during the camp, depending on the area where research is being carried out, and participants are expected to be able to share rooms and tents



Practical matters

- The official language during the research camp will be **English**
- The costs for accommodation, food and transport will be covered throughout
- After successfully completing the research camp, participants will be given completion certificates
- Further details regarding transport, accommodation and the programme will be distributed to successful applicants
- Apply by 17 June [here](#)

The Summer Research Camp: "Pelister 2019" is being co-organised by the members of PrespaNet: a coalition of three environmental NGOs - MES, PPNEA and the SPP. The mission of PrespaNet is to safeguard the unique natural and cultural heritage of the Prespa region, and at the same time to promote the sustainable socio-economic development.

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