

Dear Colleagues,

The deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to 4 July 2021!

We would like to provide a last opportunity for those who might have missed the deadline and have not submitted an abstract yet.

Please ensure that your submission **arrives by 4 July 2021 at the latest**. More information about the conference and abstract submission is provided at the conference webpage:

<https://www.gfoe-conference.de/index.php?cat=registration>

<https://www.gfoe-conference.de/index.php?cat=callforpapers>

Don't miss out and register for the GfÖ digital conference! We have developed a concept which will satisfy a large number of participants. It will enable contributors and observers to attend the digital scientific session (posters and talks) and panel discussions in real time when they are live-streamed. All scientific sessions and panels will be recorded, so that everyone will have the opportunity to pick and choose as they like. The platform we have chosen is providing innovative ways to keep everybody engaged with excellent opportunities to meet speakers and poster presenters, as well as to meet individually or in groups at "table" arrangements. Please also promote poster presentations within your network.

Poster presentations will receive lots of special attention. Each poster has its own exhibition stand and on this stand the author has various opportunities to present his/her scientific results. The following will be used for this purpose:

- The presentation must be submitted in the form of a PowerPoint presentation (in PDF format) and not in A0 format, in order to create a better overview for the viewer.
- The presentations can be viewed at any time by interested participants.
- Three poster sessions will be scheduled in the programme for 1 hour each.
- At the exhibition stand for the posters, each presenter will have his/her own video conference room. During the poster session, presenters will be asked to be present at their booth, similar to a face-to-face meeting. The poster sessions will be live-streamed and offer the possibility of a digital face-to-face meeting between the presenters and interested participants through the use of a video conferencing tool.
- It is possible to use other contact functions to arrange a digital face-to-face meeting or to ask questions in the chat.
- The poster presentations will remain accessible to registered participants for up to 4 weeks after the end of the conference.

The Citizen Science Workshop is still accepting contributions from participants for a marketplace. Flashes of Citizen Science projects by participants (1-2 slides each with 1 result & 1 reference to the Citizen Science strategy). Please submit title and presenter in the Call for Abstracts on-line. No abstract is required therefore please fill in the appropriate fields with the comment n/a.

Debate Lounge

In order to support the opportunity to facilitate discussion between the participants and the oral, we will set up for each individual scientific session a separate virtual room, so called digital debate lounges (named "Meet the Speakers") that will provide the opportunity to meet the session speakers for another 30 minutes. This debate lounges are organized by using a video conferencing tool which provides the opportunity for a virtual group face-to-face meeting

Keynotes

Just two days ago we have updated the webpage for exciting keynote presentations check it out!

<https://www.gfoe-conference.de/index.php?cat=keynotes>

Please share the information on the 50th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of Germany, Austria and Switzerland with colleagues, students and all other persons who have an interest in participating.

In case you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@gfoe-conference.de

We look forward to a stimulating conference and hope that you are able to participate.

With kind regards,

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(on behalf of the organizing committee)

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