

Call for papers

Young scientists in contest (YSC) – a special conference on research in the Canton of Grisons

Davos, Switzerland, August 27 – 28, 2008

What is YSC?

Famous for tourism, well known for its cultural heritage and estimated for its research opportunities, the Canton of Grison provides a rich choice of research and education fields. Perfectly embedded in the International Disaster and Risk Conference (IDRC 2008 Davos), “**Young Scientists in Contest**” offers an ideal opportunity for young researchers to demonstrate the range of high level research that is performed on topics related to the Canton of Grisons (Switzerland). On the one hand, YSC aims at building a platform where young researchers can meet with other researchers of their field and enter a dialogue across fields at the same time. On the other hand, YSC is meant to serve as a talent show for advanced professionals and researchers. To encourage this intercourse, YSC will be organised in succeeding sessions only.

YSC has competitive character and dedicates best presentation awards for both oral and poster presentations for both PhD and MSc students.

Being a window on research carried out in the Canton of Grisons, YSC comprises many disciplines, namely natural and environmental sciences, medicine and life science, architecture, arts, theology, linguistics, engineering, financial and social sciences. The various disciplines will get their own sessions, moderated by a panel of **experts who will form a jury**. The awards will be distributed during the award session on Thursday 28, 2008.

YSC is also a complementary and partner conference to **Phil.Alp** (Brig, September 9-12, 2008), organized by ICAS – the *Interakademische Kommission Alpenforschung* / Swiss Alpine Studies of the Swiss Academy of Sciences (scnat). Phil.Alp is a conference for young researchers dedicated to Alpine studies throughout Switzerland and all of the Alps.

Who can submit a paper to YSC?

YSC is open to all **PhD, MD and MSc students** as well as **postdoc researchers** who either deal with a thematic topic concerning the Canton of Grisons and its surroundings or who work in an institution, having its roots in the Canton of Grisons or surroundings.

Although part of the IDRC conference, YSC participants are expected to put their main focus on their core research topics. Nevertheless, participants are most welcome to relate their contributions to the overall topic of the IDRC conference and include reflexions on risk concerning their work into their presentations if appropriate.

YSC Organization

YSC is a common conference project of Science City Davos, Academia Raetica, ICAS and the Global Risk Forum / IDRC Davos 2008, supported by the Department of Education, Culture and Environment of the Canton of Grison (*Erziehungs-, Kultur- und Umweltdepartement des Kantons Graubünden*, EKUD), represented by the cantonal office of higher education (*Amt für Höhere Bildung Graubünden*).

YSC is organized as an **associated conference of IDRC Davos 2008**, which is held in Davos, Switzerland from August 25 to August 29. YSC will take place on Wednesday, August 27 to

Thursday, August 28, 2008. Participants of YSC may consider following the whole IDRC Davos 2008 conference, in particular also the IDRC plenary sessions of these two conference days.

The YSC proceedings will be a part of the IDRC proceedings 2008.

YSC program (updated on July 28, 2008)

This programme is fully embedded into the time schedule of the IDRC Davos 2008 programme. Attendees of YSC have access to all sessions and special events of the IDRC during these two days (see also conference fees).

Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008

Three sessions between 10.30 – 16.00h

- Session 1: Life Science
- Session 2: Natural & Environmental Sciences (I)
- Session 3: Natural & Environmental Sciences (II)

Thursday, Aug. 28, 2008

Three sessions between 10.30 – 16.00h

- Session 4: Medicine & Life Science (I)
- Session 5: Poster sessions : 2 parallel sessions on all topics
- Session 6: Medicine & Life Science II)

Call for papers (extended abstracts)

Please submit your paper **by May 15, 2008** to britta.allgoewer@wissensstadt.ch. Your contribution should be organised as an extended abstract and not exceed four A4 pages or approximately 10000 characters (with blank spaces) and include tables and figures if appropriate. Please use the template file provided (*IDRC_Extended_Abstract_Example_YSC.doc*) and save it as follows:

ysc_lastname_firstname_date.doc (e.g., ysc_brown_john_04152008.doc)

Please indicate the relevant disciplines for your research topics (one or more):

- Natural sciences
- Environmental sciences
- Architecture
- Arts
- Theology
- Engineering
- Medicine
- Social sciences
- Linguistics

Please refer to the guidelines (*IDRC_Guidelines_Extended_Abstracts_YSC.doc*) for further information on providing an extended abstract.

Please note: The submission of an extended abstract as either **YSC only** or **YSC & IDRC** participant will require a **letter of recommendation** by your PhD or MSc supervisor (see also 'registration').

Notification of acceptance

You will receive notification of acceptance **no later than by June 22, 2008**.

Registration & conference fees

Please register under: https://formular.beagthusis.ch//10a/10_1386_E.asp. You have two choices:

- **YSC only:** August 27 – 28, 2008. CHF 150.- (reduced fee due to sponsoring). The conference fees include: Access to the sessions, posters and exhibits, and plenary sessions on August 27 and 28, 2008, YSC proceedings, and coffee breaks. The conference dinner is not included.
- **YSC & IDRC:** August 25 – 29, 2008. CHF 450.- (includes YSC and full IDRC Davos 2008 participation) This is the regular price for students wanting to visit the IDRC conference. The conference fees include: Access to all sessions, posters and exhibits, YSC proceedings and IDRC proceedings, opening reception, coffee breaks. The conference dinner is not included.

Deadline for early fee registration: June 29, 2008

Please note: After June 29, 2008 the fee for **YSC only** will be CHF 250.- and CHF 590.- for **YSC & IDRC**, respectively. The latter corresponds again to the regular price for students who attend the IDRC conference.

Please note: The registration as either **YSC only** or **YSC & IDRC** participant will require a **letter of recommendation** by your PhD or MSc supervisor and a **copy of your student card** when you register (see also ‘call for papers’).

Questions?

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with Britta Allgöwer, Science City Davos:

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