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Biodiversity conservation and management, in view of its important role in food security and coping with malnutrition and climate change, particularly in developing countries, are one of the global key issues.

Against this background, the global Alumni Biodiversity Network "GAIInBiNet" organizes Summer/ Autumn Schools and Workshops, which eventually will serve as a base for exchange of information and skill enhancement in aspects being important for teaching. Moreover the initiation of Research Projects in bioclimatic similar ecosystems will be facilitated. A joint support and supervision of students, as well as the establishment of larger Cooperative Projects are further important goals. The German Alumni International Biodiversity Network GAIInBiNet has the objective to foster this type of networking on international level.

### **Aims**

This Autumn School aims to intensify the collaboration within GAIInBiNet. Therefore the Network will be extended to a more global structure through integration of the existing and newly established regional German alumni networks, thus cross-cutting from regional to global. Furthermore regional impact will be enhanced through

this kind of events on specific thematic areas of regional importance and may thus stabilize existing and establish new foci for future collaboration in research and education in various countries.

### **Thematic Background**

The content of the Autumn School is arranged along the overall theme "networking". Subtopics which will be dealt with in presentations, discussions, exercises and excursion are:

- ▶ *economic value of biodiversity*
- ▶ *biodiversity and food security*
- ▶ *agricultural biodiversity: genetic resources and risk minimizing strategies*
- ▶ *institutional, organisational and policy aspects.*

### **Venue**

The Autumn School will take place at Georg-August-University Göttingen, Germany. Göttingen is at an elevation of 150-300 m and has in November a long-year average temperature of 4.5 °C with an increased probability of precipitation.

### **Organization**

The Autumn School is being organized by the Centre for Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Forestry (CeTSAF) and the

Centre for Nature Conservation (CNC), Georg-August-University Göttingen, Germany.

It takes place in the framework of the German Alumni Biodiversity Network (GAIInBiNet).

### **Cost Coverage**

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is providing financial support for the Autumn School. The following costs will be covered:

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- ▶ Travel expenses (hometown-Frankfurt return ticket, Frankfurt-Göttingen return train ticket, based on receipts)
  - ▶ Accommodation and Living costs (07.11.2010- 19.11.2010)
  - ▶ Health insurance (max. 30 €, based in receipts)
  - ▶ Excursion (travel, meals)
  - ▶ Course material
  - ▶ Social and cultural programme
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### Participants

Invited participants should be graduates from German Universities and/or former DAAD scholarship holders that are involved in existing regional and international networks, or working in biodiversity related. GAINBiNet members are especially encouraged to participate.

### Application

Please send your abstract in English language to [gainbinet@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:gainbinet@uni-goettingen.de). It should compromise up to 300 words and include 4- 5 key words. All abstracts will be reviewed. Please attach a short CV including personal data, working experience, current position/duties and personal professional goals.

### Deadlines

**15 August 2010:** Abstract submission

**15 September 2010:** Notification to invited participants

Travel grantees commit themselves to hand in their full papers (5 pages max.) by **15 October 2010**, so that the Autumn School's documents can be prepared accordingly.

### Language

The language of the Autumn School is English.

### Programme

The final programme will be published once abstracts have been received and reviewed. At due time, please check for regular updates [www.tropenzentrum.de](http://www.tropenzentrum.de) and [www.alumni-network.de](http://www.alumni-network.de)

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