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Press release

7th European Conference on Ecological Restoration
23 - 27 August 2010, Popes' Palace Conference Center, Avignon.

From 23 to 27 August 2010, the 7th European Conference on Ecological Restoration will take place in the prestigious place of the Popes' Palace Conference Center in Avignon, (seravignon2010.org). This conference is organized for the first time in France by the Mediterranean Institute of Ecology and Paleoecologie Research Center and the University of Avignon under the auspices of the Society of Ecological Restoration, Europe chapter. Placed under the high patronage of the French Ministry of Ecology, this conference will be introduced by Mr. Claude Haut, president of the Council of the *département* Vaucluse and Mrs Marie-Josée Roig, mayor of Avignon. This conference has been organized thanks to the support of more than 26 partners from state administrations, international NGO, international private foundations and private companies.

More than 450 participants coming from all over the world already joined the meeting to exchange ideas on ecological restoration and sustainable development. Because of its localization in the South of France, the main topic "*Ecological Restoration and Sustainable Development: Establishing Links across Frontiers*" will concern more particularly the Mediterranean Basin, the conservation of its important biodiversity and the exchanges of knowledge and technologies between the northern and the southern shores of the Mediterranean Sea. This conference also takes place in the International Year of Biodiversity and in the Union for the Mediterranean.

During the conference, more than 300 presentations in the form of oral communications or posters and 5 workshops will take place. Ten field excursions are organized to inform participants about innovative ecological restoration operations led in the region Provence-Alpes Côte-d'Azur. To facilitate transfers between researchers and professionals, the presentations will be published in five international scientific journals but will also complete a world database accessible to all on successes and failures in ecological restoration.

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