

Joint scientific seminar ENAC-WSL

According to the pre-announcement of December 2009, ENAC and WSL will convene

on Friday, March 26, 9:45 to 17:00
in Bern, at Hotel Kreuz, Zeughausgasse 41

Purpose of the meeting:

- Develop awareness on converging research fields in both institutions
- Spark off the emergence of new synergies
- Foster personal contacts
- Develop / deepen / extend existing links and projects

Participants:

- Research group leaders, professors, senior scientists from WSL and ENAC, with focus on common issues.
- Invitation mainly addressed to professors and group leaders, with the request to possibly invite senior scientists of their labs or groups who might have interest in participating.

Contributions:

Your only duty before the meeting will be to provide your discussion group convenor with one slide presenting your relevant research axes. **Interested researchers that will not be able to attend are also welcome to provide a slide.**

Registration:

Per e-mail, as soon as possible, to one of the co-organizers:

[Prof. Alexandre Buttler](#), WSL

[Prof. François Golay](#), ENAC

Please, also tell us your choice of a thematic group you will join for the afternoon's discussion.

Location and contacts during the meeting:

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Programme

The program is articulated around thematic presentations and discussions pertaining to six different directions:

1. Construction, natural hazards and risks
2. Environmental process modelling of soils, snow and water
3. Resources, development, and economy
4. Environmental and soil chemistry and biology
5. Landscape and ecosystem processes
6. Land use, natural resources assessment, monitoring and management

A rough sketch of possible links between researchers of both institutions is suggested in a separate document (available in [A4](#)¹ or [A3](#)² format). However, feel free to join the group that is most appealing to you!

What	When	Who (speakers/convenors)
<i>Arrival - coffee</i>		
Presentation of WSL / EPFL	09h45	James Kirchner / Marc Parlange
1. Construction, natural hazards and risks	10h25	Lyesse Laloui / Hansueli Rhyner
2. Environmental process modelling of soils, snow and water	10h45	Andrew Barry / Perry Bartelt
<i>Pause</i>	11h05	
3. Resources, development, and economy	11h25	Philippe Thalmann / Irmi Seidl
4. Environmental and soil chemistry and biology	12h55	Jean-Paul Schwitzguébel / Ivano Brunner
5. Landscape and ecosystem processes	12h15	Stéphane Joost / Daniel Rigling
6. Land use, natural resources assessment, monitoring and management	12h35	François Golay / Félix Kienast
<i>Lunch</i>	13h00	→ standing lunch
Construction and environment: the EVOLVE project	14h00	Dieter Dietz, ENAC
<i>Break-out into thematic groups</i>		
Thematic discussions	14h30	Convenors WSL / ENAC
<i>Pause</i>		at the group's discretion
Thematic discussions (cont.)		Convenors WSL / ENAC
<i>Plenum</i>		
Outcomes from the thematic groups	16h00	Convenors WSL / ENAC
Conclusions, follow-up actions, general discussion		Director / Dean All
<i>End</i>	17h00 (17h15)	at latest

¹ <http://lasigpc5.epfl.ch/enac-wsl/Links-ENAC-WSL-A4.pdf>

² <http://lasigpc5.epfl.ch/enac-wsl/Links-ENAC-WSL-A3.pdf>