

SUSTAIN First European Conference in Bled, Slovenia

Educating for sustainable development through inquiry-based science education: a contribution to the challenges of the 21st century

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Aims and scope of the Conference

The [SUSTAIN project](#) Supporting Science Teaching Advancement Through Inquiry, aims at supporting the implementation at school of a more relevant and effective approach of the education to sustainable development (ESD) thanks to the specific contribution of inquiry-based science education (IBSE).

Especially, SUSTAIN is building pedagogical contents, tools and teachers' professional development activities that will foster among children the scientific understanding of issues and challenges linked to sustainable development, and thus reinforce their future ability to act as informed and responsible citizens.

The **First European Conference of the SUSTAIN project** is organized by the University of Ljubljana.

Its main goal is to gather actors involved in dynamics of ESD and/or IBSE to facilitate the convergence between both approaches and enlarge their common capacity to address current environmental, economic and social challenges that are at the heart of sustainable development.

The conference will specifically address the following issues:

- **Enlarging the awareness regarding the need for a scientific literacy for sustainable development issues be they environmental, economic or social;**
- **Reviewing the state of the research and practice in ESD and IBSE with an attention to the latest trends regarding the links between both approaches;**
- **Providing participants with up-to-date information on ESD related issues with an IBSE point of view.**

Target audience: educational experts, teachers, educators, education policy makers and other stakeholders actively involved in ESD at school.

Registration deadline: July 20, 2014 - Registration is no longer possible.

If you are interested in getting more information and participating in the Conference, please go through:

- [the programme of the conference](#)
- [the presentation of speakers](#)
- [the location, accommodation and costs](#)
- [the practical information](#)
- the online registration form (Registratiions are closed)
- the accommodation booking form (Registratiions are closed)

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Presentations:

- [Current developments and challenges in ESD](#)

Speaker: **Dr. Paul Warwick**, Research Fellow/Academic Developer, PedRIO & Educational Development, Centre for Sustainable Futures, Plymouth University.

- [How to teach sustainable development, as a science or as an ethical question?](#)

Speaker: **Prof. Pierre Léna**, President of the Foundation *La main à la pâte*, French Academy of Sciences.

- [Climate change, the big challenge for sustainable development](#)

Speaker: **Prof. Lu?ka Kajfež Bogataj**, professor for climatology at the University of Ljubljana. Vice-chair of the Working Group 2 Fourth Assessment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and currently one of the review editors of IPCC AR5.



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