## SUMMER SCHOOL



# Austrian Partnership Programme in Higher Education and Research for Development

### Preliminary program:

#### **Day 1:**

- Arrival: Meet the participants at the airport in Yerevan
- Accommodation: Check into a hostel in Yerevan
- Leisure Time: Enjoy free time in Yerevan
- · Evening Gather for dinner. Instructions on travel to field, safety rules in the field

#### Day 2

- Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast
- Travel: Depart for Artavan village
- Lunch: Enjoy lunch in Noravank gorge
- Accommodation: Check into a guesthouse or tents at the campsite in Artavan
- Lecture: Learn on the ENETWILD project, focusing on Swine fever in wild boars and the methodology of using camera traps for researching the presence and abundance of wild mammals
- Fieldwork: Receive instructions on working with GPS and installing camera traps. Engage in hands-on fieldwork to set up camera traps
- Evening: Gather for dinner. Enjoy free time.

#### Day 3:

- Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast
- Fieldwork: Spend the full day in the field small groups, accompanied by an instructor. Focus on finding camera traps in the field and replacing them new locations according to the scheme
- Evening: Gather for dinner
- Lecture: Attend a lecture on how to process the data received from camera traps. Review the captured images of animals SD card collected by the groups



#### Day 4:

- Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast.
- Travel: Depart for Hors village.
- Accommodation: Check into a guesthouse or tents at the campsite in Hors.
- Lecture: Learn biodiversity of Armenia
- Fieldwork: Receive instruction on working with binnacles and double observation methods for counting the bezoar goats. Engage in hands-on fieldwork to surveys animals.
- Evening: Gather for dinner. Enjoy free time.

#### Day 5:

- Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast.
- Lecture and field trip to nearby lake and finding the tracks of animals and recognise the plants.
- Dinner
- Travel back to Yerevan and check into a hostel in Yerevan

#### Day 6:

- Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast.
- Visit the Scientific Centre of Zoology and Hydroecology.
- Lecture on parasites of jackals in Armenia under under the APPEAR project with Austria
- Lunch
- · Participation in parasitological dissection of jackals. Oleg
- Short field trip to Garni temple
- Evening: Gather for dinner. Enjoy free time.





#### **Day 7:**

- Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast.
- Traveling to Botanic Institute
- Lecture on invasive plants and change of ecosystems under APPEAR projectAustria
- Lunch
- Field trip to Erebuni State Reserve. Finding the invasive plants along the trail
- Evening: Gather for dinner. Enjoy free time.

#### Day 8:

- Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast.
- Traveling to Sevan Lake. Survey freshwater ecosystem issues and conservation problems
- Travel to Hankavan/ Diljan. Short field trip to forest ecosystem
- Lecture and instructions on group projects on monitoring field. Receive comprehensive instructions and guidance on group projects focused on field monitoring techniques. Marine + Austria

#### Day 9:

- Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast.
- Self-guided: Engage in self-directed on individual or small group projects. Apply the skills and knowledge acquired during the program to investigate specific aspects of the local environment.
- Evening: Gather for dinner. Enjoy free time



#### Day 10:

- Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast.
- Continued: Continue with self-guided to further explore and document your chosen projects.
- Fieldwork Discussion: Participate in a group discussion to share and analyse the results of your fieldwork. Exchange insights, observations, and ideas with your peers.
- Return to Yerevan: Conclude your field expedition and return to Yerevan, reflecting on the
  experiences and discoveries of the past days.
- Results & Summary: Share highlights and key findings from your fieldwork, fostering camaraderie and intellectual exchange. Exam
- Farewell Party

#### Day 11:

· Enjoy free time.

Departure: Gather for departure arrangements and departure to the airport in Yerevan