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### **Young Lichenologist's Workshop: Lichens in the Alps**

Despite a long tradition of high mountain agriculture, forest management and tourism, the Alps still constitute the largest natural to semi-natural ecosystem complex in central Europe. Lichens are among the prominent life forms in alpine habitats. Their role in ecosystems and the vulnerability to change, including global warming, offers opportunities for interesting research.

The Institute of Plant Science in Graz announces an international workshop focusing on lichens in the Alps next summer (20. – 23. July 2011). The workshop will be organised by Toby Spribille, Juri Nascimbene, Lucia Muggia, and Martin Grube, under the auspices of the IAL. We want to especially encourage young lichenologists to participate at this workshop.

The Institute of Plant Sciences in Graz hosts one of the most important collections of lichens from the Alps, including a large number of type specimens. The workshop will be an excellent opportunity to discuss lichenological topics (floristics, systematics, ecology, phylogeography, etc.), present current projects, and plan future collaboration. Graz offers a relaxed and informal atmosphere on the south slopes of the eastern Alps, and is ideally situated for field trips to nearby alpine localities.

Participation fee will be kept low. We will have an upper limit of c. 20 participants. For more information and registration contact: [martin.grube@uni-graz.at](mailto:martin.grube@uni-graz.at).

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### **Lichenological seminars of the Humboldt Institute 2011**

The following Eagle Hill field seminars might be of interest for lichenologists:

Lichens and Lichen Ecology

Tutors: David Richardson & Mark Seaward; May 22 - 28

Crustose Lichens: Identification Using Morphology, Anatomy, and Simple Chemistry

Tutor: Irwin M. Brodo; May 29 - Jun 4

The Lichen Genera *Rhizocarpon*, *Fuscidea*, *Porpidia*, and Other Lecideoid Lichens

Tutor: Alan Fryday; Jun 12 - 18

Lichens and Gravestones

Tutors: Judith M. Jacob & Michaela Schmall; Jul 17 - 23

Online general information may be found at <http://www.eaglehill.us>.

2012 seminars will be posted in mid-December of 2011.