An international summer school on

Quaternary Science

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The study of past climate and ecosystem dynamics remains one of the best ways to validate predictive models and improve our understanding of past, present, and future environmental change. Quaternary ecosystem science encompasses many diverse research topics that ask for specialized training of students. Exchange of scientific ideas and knowledge from diverse schools of thought presents one of the best ways of scientific validation, development of new skills, and technological innovation. QUESTING is an international forum for the exchange of knowledge between students and scientists wanting to explore the field of Quaternary ecosystems science.

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17 courses will be given between Monday 24th and Friday 28th August

The objectives of this program are to provide high-level teaching in Quaternary science from an international group of experts in **palaeoecology and paleoclimatology**. Members of the scientific committee will offer background courses and the junior scientists will present courses based on an annual theme. The summer school will provide students with an overview of the subject and an interdisciplinary tool kit for conducting field and laboratory research.

**Annual theme**: Regional Palaeofire Reconstructions (proxies, chronology, processes, and models).

**Place**: Royal Saltworks of Arc-et-Senans (UNESCO World Heritage Site), Franche-Comté Region, France.

**Language**: English

**Conditions**: MSc and PhD students as well as post-docs can apply. Each participant will present a poster on his current or proposed research project.

**Cost**: 360 € (including accommodation and registration fee for the 4 days summer school)

**Scholarships** (25 full fees are available): You can apply for a scholarship by sending a letter of motivation to attend the course, a CV, one page abstract of your research, and one letters of reference. Attestation (with full program courses) for participation will be address on request for university validation.

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