

THE BIOSPHERIC ACADEMY

A International Alliance between the Institute of Ecotechnics, UK/US,
Fundación de Actividades Biosféricas, Argentina;
Fundação Matutu, Brazil;
and Institute of Holistic Research, Spain



The Biospheric Academy (Academia Biospherica) offers an array of innovative international ecological restoration, intercultural education and artistic programs. Born as a multidisciplinary educational program from a strategic alliance between the Institute of Ecotechnics UK/US, the Fundación de Actividades Biosféricas in Argentina, the Fundação Matutu in Brazil, and the Institute of Holistic Research, Spain, the Academia Biospherica links with and offers seven innovative, multi-disciplinary training programs within projects operating in six different countries and the five main biomes of Earth: mountains, world oceans, forests, desert grasslands and cities. Each program transmits

the practices and know-how needed to live creatively and sustainably in the corresponding biome, based on the core values of sustainable ecology, artistic and cultural diversity, restoration of endangered areas and environmental education. Learning is vivid and rapid in virtue of the participatory and cutting-edge nature of the projects, with programmers and participants gaining real-time, hands-on experience.

The consortium of participating organizations are:

Biospheric Activities Foundation (Fundación de Actividades Biosféricas), an Argentinian non-profit organization with bases in Buenos Aires and Champaquí (Cerro Champaquí, Valle Traslasierra, Provincia de Córdoba, Argentina). The Foundation was established in 2008. For over four years at the headquarters of the Foundation in Buenos Aires a series of Academia Biospherica educational activities has been available to the public. Also, successfully developing an intensive in-house training in the three areas: Ecological Restoration, Intercultural Studies and the Arts. At the same time, in the Sierras Grandes of Córdoba the Centre of Ecological Restoration has been organizing summer workshops of environmental education and pioneering the reforestation of strategic remote areas, while developing agro-ecological models for the mountain ecosystems of this bioregion. www.fundacionab.org and in Buenos Aires www.academiabiosferica.org



Institute of Ecotechnics (U.K./U.S.) offers educational programs at demonstration projects which are consulted to by I.E. including Las Casas de la Selva (Puerto Rico), the October Gallery (London, U.K.), Birdwood Downs Company (Derby, West Australia). Synergia Ranch (Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA) and the Research Vessel Heraclitus (currently in the Mediterranean). www.ecotechnics.edu.



Matutu Foundation (Fundação Matutu), a Brazilian non-profit organization, established in 1995. Learning about ecology, farming, natural architecture and construction, community work and planning, managing of natural reserves, training in forest fire management and control, ecology of the Mata

Atlantica forest region of Brazil, training as a high mountain guide, psychological and spiritual exercises based on local traditional cultures, and long-distance horse trek expeditions. www.matutu.org & www.portalmatutu.com



Institute of Holistic Research of Montserrat (IREHOM), a Catalan non-profit organization with bases in Casasaies farm, Castellgali (Barcelona) and the Montserrat mountain, Catalunya, Spain. The Institute was established in 2010. The aims of the association: To learn of, research in and experiment with the humans and environment in order to reach practical conclusions which might help to spread and promote other ways of doing things. Other values and forms that might approach us to a mindful, healthy and sustainable life. From an holistic and integrating view taking into account every single factor that influence our life's path: education, health, nature and environment balance, spirituality and creativity. To develop group work techniques. To create a net with other projects with the same aims and offer places where to discuss about interdisciplinary dialogs and to be able to research and experience. To share and spread our path and knowledge to the society. www.irehom.org

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