Forest Hydrology

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This course will provide an introduction to physical hydrology and geomorphology of forested watersheds with an emphasis on managing forest resources and the effects of land use, climate topography on hydrological processes.

Management will focus on forested watersheds for the control of the amount and timing of water yield, stormflow and sedimentation through the examination of water and sediment budgets, riparian systems, and hillslope/watershed hydrological processes.

Course format

- Lectures from Monday to Thursday
- PDF copy of the lectures will be available 2 days before the day.
 - Read the material before lecture
 - Make your print and take notes
 - Problems and questions (use of calculator during lectures!)
- Sections on Tuesday & Wednesday
 - Discussion of lectures and readings

Course organisation

- 22 Oct 1 Nov SUFONAMA/MEDFOR
- 22 Oct 15 Nov: FES
- Technical field visit: Friday Oct 26, afternoon

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Availability of help

- Ask questions in class. A favor to classmates
- Participate in lab discussions. Practice professional problemsolving roles.
- Office hours
 - Marco Borga: Tues & Thurs 4-5 pm;
 - By e-mail.

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Assessment: the grad

Three steps:

- Report (Posina flood simulation with two land use scenarios)
- Written Examination
- Oral Examination

The course will provide:

- Examples of written exams;
- Check list of oral questions.

The problem: Estimate the flood peak corresponding to NOV01 2010 extreme storm over the Posina river basin.



Posina river basin

For this basin (headwater) we have rainfall data, collected on different raingauges. Then, we have to transform the rainfall data into discharge data (we have to use a rainfall-runoff model). This will be done accordingly with two land use scenarios.

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- Examples of written ex.
- Check list.

Exercises

- 1. Given the area of a basin, the mean annual rainfall values and real evapotranspiration (in mm), compute the average mean runoff in m3/s.
- 2. Given values of basin area, rainfall, Curve Number and Ia, compute the value of runoff.
- Given values of basin area, of mean annual rainfall at a number of raingauges, and the corresponding Thiessen coefficients, compute the mean basin rainfall.
- 4. Application of mass conservation law for hydrological balance analysis in various climates.
- 5. Effect of forest canopy on rainfall interception during flood events.

- 1. Basics of climate patterns and energy balance.
- 2. Basics of measurements of rainfall and discharges.
- 3. Basics of application of the mass conservation rule in hydrology.
- 4. Basics of soil hydrology
- 5. Impact of topography, vegetation and climate on runoff generation
- 6. Flood modelling.

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