



Anthropocene Challenges: Exploitation of Resources vs. Preservation of Natural Systems

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Dear Colleagues,

Twentieth-century human development has brought the Earth into a new epoch that has been defined by many researchers as the Anthropocene.

In the Anthropocene, scientists have to face a new and challenging problem: How to support human well-being without compromising the Earth's capacity to provide the resources that human societies need. A pivotal role for this aim is played by the geo scientists involved in deepening the knowledge of our, and other, planets.

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