

**Report for the UN General Assembly
“Sustainable development in mountain regions”**

Activities of the Institut de la Montagne since 2007

Since 2007, the Institut de la Montagne has been actively involved in the organization of conference sessions, publications, expertise and projects on water in mountains. The main conference sessions organized between 2007 - 2009 include “Hydrology and Climatology in Mountain Areas” at the European Geosciences Union annual meeting in Vienna. In addition, a special session on “Water in Mountains” was introduced at the 13th World Water Congress in Montpellier in September 2008 comprising semi-arid and humid mountains. A contribution was made to a UNFCCC side event on Water in Mountains in Bonn, 2009. The main publications include a Special Issue of Hydrological Processes 2009 on “Hydrometeorology and Snow Climatology in Mountain Areas” and contributions in popular and professional alpine and economical journals and newsletters (e.g. INBO). Reviews were carried out for scientific journals such as Journal of Hydrology, Hydrological Processes, Hydrology and Earth System Sciences, Journal of River Basin Management, River Research and Application and Nordic Hydrology. Project expertise on climate change and hydrology in mountains encompassed the Israel Science Foundation, National Research Agency (French), EU 7th Framework programme and the BMBF (Germany Ministry for Research and Technology). Subcontracting focused on Climate Change Impacts on Adaptation to Water Resources in the Alps for the EEA (European Environmental Agency) and on implementation of ICT for the Sustainable Development of Water Resources. The main project coordinated is “Alp-Water-Scarce” (from 2008-2011), an Alpine Space European Interreg with 5 countries and 17 partners aiming to develop Early Warning Systems against Water Scarcity in the Alps.