The conference interacted with 250 talks and 200 posters during one week, with 600 participants.

Keynote speakers were:
- Donald L. DeAngelis (U. S. Geological Survey and Department of Biology, University of Miami):
  - Linking Global Change to Landscape Patterns and Species Populations
- Ute Krämer (University of Heidelberg, BioQuant Center and Heidelberg Institute for Plant Science):
  - Metal hyperaccumulation and hypertolerance in Arabidopsis halleri
- Bruce Johnson (Teaching & Teacher Education, The University of Arizona College of Education):
  - Ecological Understandings: Teaching, Learning and Action
- Jens-Christian Svenning (Department of Biological Sciences, Aarhus University):
  - Plio-Pleistocene climate change and its impacts on species distributions and diversity patterns
- Julia Koricheva (School of Biological Sciences, University of London):
  - Trade-offs in plant allocation to antiherbivore defences: a meagre support for a major concept
- Kenneth B. Storey (Institute of Biochemistry, Carleton University):
  - Life in the cold: a biochemist's perspective on animals in winter

Many assistants made the success of the conference possible.

Impressions of the conference

The Welcome party outside the Audimax lecture hall

Many interested participants followed the talks in the different lecture halls

In the social event 220 participants enjoyed a relaxed evening in the greenhouses of the Ecological Botanical Garden.