The Office for Science and Technology of the Consulate General of France in Los Angeles invites you to a screening of "Seasons", the gorgeously cinematic docu of the French directors Jacques Perrin and Jacques Cluzaud, dedicated to the evolution in time of European landscapes.

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by UCLA Professor Ursula K. Heise with producer and director Jacques Perrin, co-director Jacques Cluzaud, screenwriter and scientist Stéphane Durand, and executive producer Olli Barbe. It will address the questions of Earth evolution, climate change and our impact on the planet.

Synopsis

Seasons is a thought-provoking, exceptional tale, recounting the long and tumultuous shared history that inextricably binds humankind with the animal kingdom. After traveling the world alongside migrating birds, and diving the oceans with whales and manta rays, Jacques Perrin and Jacques Cluzaud return with this new film on more familiar ground. They take us on a trip back through time to rediscover the European landscapes we have shared with wild animals since the last Ice Age. Winter had gone on for 80,000 years when, in a very short period of time, an immense forest sprang up, covering the entire continent.

A new planetary configuration brought about a transformation; the cycle of seasons became established, the landscape metamorphosed, and the flora and fauna evolved as the story began…