Wetlands for the future

The conference organised at the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Convention on Wetlands and International Year of Forests, and as a reminder of the 10th anniversary of the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic (SNC SR). It is an accompanying event to the 17th International Festival of Environmental Films ENVIROFILM 2011 and run within the framework of the Carpathian Wetland Initiative (CWI) Workplan.

19 - 21 May 2011
Hotel Lux, Banská Bystrica, Slovakia
TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE

Day 1    Thursday 19 May 2011
8.30    Registration opening
9.45 - 11.00    Introductory presentations
9.45 - 10.00    40 years of the Ramsar Convention and relevant European directives on biodiversity conservation - J. Kadlečík, A. Saxa & J. Černecký (SNC SR, SK)
10.00 - 10.20    Forests and Water - International Year of Forests and wetlands conservation - Prof. V. Čaboun (National Forest Centre, SK)
10.20 - 10.40    The role of the Carpathian Wetland Initiative in wetland data harmonisation and wetland management in the Carpathians - T. Thompson, J. Kadlečík (CWI)
10.40 - 11.00    Joint activities developed by the Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention related to the Carpathian Wetland Initiative - H. Egerer (UNEP, ISCC, A)
11.00 - 11.20    Coffee Break
11.20 - 13.00    1st session: Wetland Inventory
11.50 - 12.30    The proposal for the wetland inventory methodology in the Carpathians - D. Galvánek (Daphne, SK)
12.30 - 12.50    The designation of the Ramsar sites in the Carpathian region of Ukraine - B. Prots (State Natural History Museum and WWF-DCP, UA)
12.50 - 13.00    Discussion
13.00 - 13.20    Side Event - Opening of the exhibition „The Species of European Importance in Slovakia“ in the hotel hall
13.00 - 14.00    Lunch
14.00 - 16.00    2nd session: Wetland management
14.00 - 14.20    The principles of management planning for wetland sites of Natura 2000 network - J. Černecký (SNC SR, SK)
14.20 - 14.40    Experiences in poor fen regeneration in Polish mountains - L. Wolejko (TU Szczecin, PL)
14.40 - 15.00    The restoration and management of wetlands and wet meadows in Special Protection Area Senianske fishponds - P. Sabo (UNDP/GEF project, SK)
15.00 - 15.30    Management models for the wet meadows habitats - M. Janák (Daphne, SK)
15.30 - 16.00    Discussion
16.00 - 16.20    Coffee break
16.20 - 18.00    3rd session: Ten years of the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic (SNC SR)
Introduction and an allocution by the SNC SR Director - J. Zuskin
The State Nature Conservancy in the past - J. Burkovský
The results of the SNC SR in water and wetland conservation and management - Z. Lichá
The future of the SNC SR and the perspectives in wetland conservation - J. Kadlečík
(Optional - Film viewing in the conference venue)
18.30    Common dinner
**Day 2  Friday 20 May 2011**

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<td>Youth participation in the inventory of peat bog biodiversity (Rodna Mountains) - C. Iusan (Rodna Mountains NP Administration, RO)</td>
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<td>Marshland and aquatic habitats in the Tysa River upper course (the Ukrainian Carpathians), which needs protection - L. Felbaba-Klushyna (Uzhgorod National University, UA)</td>
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<td>The conservation of the endangered bird species populations in natural habitats of inland Danube delta - K. Radvanská (BROZ, SK)</td>
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<td>Wetlands - an important landscape feature in stabilisation and expansion of some mammal species populations in Slovakia - M. Ambros (Ponitrie PLA Administration, SK)</td>
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<td>Using stoneflies (Plecoptera) for evaluation of aquatic habitats naturalness and preservation - I. Krno (Comenius University Bratislava, SK)</td>
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<td>Field Trip to wetlands in the close vicinity of Banská Bystrica (lunch included)</td>
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CONFERENCE VENUE:

Hotel Lux***
Námestie Slobody 2
974 01 Banská Bystrica, Slovak Republic

The hotel is easily accessible by car (near the main road and the city centre) and by public transport - just few minutes walking distance from the train and bus station in Banská Bystrica. The hotel has its own car park with an attendant. The hotel is situated near the historical centre of the city and the main shopping streets.

ACCESSIBILITY:

Zvolen (SK) 20 km, Bratislava (SK) 207 km, Košice (SK) 218 km, Budapest (HU) 171 km, Krakow (PL) 211 km, Vienna (A) 287 km, Prague (CZ) 517 km

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LOGISTICAL INFORMATION:

The room booking has been made in the hotel for registered participants according to their registration forms and the accommodation will be covered by the organizers. There is no need to contact the hotel directly.

The working language of the conference is Slovak and English, with simultaneous translation. The organizers will provide the food during the conference for registered participants.

Participants requiring reimbursement of their travel cost will be kindly asked to fill-out the reimbursement form and present their travel documents. The reimbursement will be realized after the seminar to the specified bank account and upon sending originals of the travel documents.

More information on accommodation are available on the e-mail address sop@nebotra.com.

ORGANIZERS:

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Slovak Environmental Agency
Daphne - Institute of Applied Ecology

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