



Wetlands for the future



**Banská Bystrica
Slovakia**

**19th - 21st May
2011**



We would like to invite you to the conference organised in the framework of the project supported by Operational Programme Environment *The provision of the management of wetlands in Slovakia, raising of the environmental awareness of wetlands and capacity building*, and in the framework of the Carpathian Wetland Initiative Work Plan.

The conference is an accompanying event to the 17th International Festival of Environmental Films ENVIROFILM 2011 and it is organised at the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) and as a reminder of the 10th anniversary of the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic.

It is organised by the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic (SNC SR) and the Carpathian Wetland Initiative (CWI) in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic (MoE), Slovak Environmental Agency (SEA) and Daphne-Institute of Applied Ecology.

The aim of the conference is to reflect upon the significant milestones in wetland conservation at international, regional and national level, to discuss the methodological approaches in wetland inventory and in wetland protected areas management planning and to exchange experiences in these fields with other countries.

We would welcome any inputs regarding project experiences in wetland inventory, important wetland areas' management plan elaboration or in elaboration of management guidelines for various wetland types.

The expected output of the conference is preparation of wetland inventory model for the Carpathian region, recommendations for the management techniques and approaches to harmonised management plans especially in cross-border wetlands.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME AND AGENDA

Thursday, 19th May 2011

Registration, conference opening

Introductory presentations:

- 40 years of Convention on Wetlands and related European directives on biodiversity conservation
- Forests and Water - International Year of Forests and wetland conservation
- The role of the Carpathian Wetland Initiative in research harmonisation and wetland management in the Carpathians

1st session: Wetland inventory

- Introductory presentation
- Methodical approaches to wetland inventory
- Discussion

2nd session: Wetland management

- Methodical approaches to wetland areas' management planning
- Examples of management principles for some types of wetland habitats
- Discussion

3rd session: 10 years of the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic in wetland conservation

- History of the SNC SR and the results
- The future of the SNC SR and wetland conservation

Friday, 20th May 2011

Workshop:

- Examples of management plans of the wetlands of international importance in the Carpathians



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Conclusions
Conference closure
ENVIROFILM 2011 - film viewing - optional

Saturday, 21st May 2011

Bus trip to a Ramsar site, lunch provided
Return to Banska Bystrica

REGISTRATION

Invitation is open to the professionals in nature conservation and to experts on wetland inventory, protected areas management and on management techniques of various wetland types.

Participants are invited to register an oral presentation or a poster.
The working language of the conference is Slovak and English, with simultaneous translation.

The organisers will provide food during the conference. Active participants with a presentation will have the travel expenses and accommodation paid for, upon providing the original travel tickets/ documents.

Depending on the number of participants, there is a possibility of providing further financial support in accommodation and travel to other participants.

Please indicate in the registration form whether you would like to apply for accommodation and travel support. Please be aware that the organisers funds are restricted and that the support may not be granted.

DEADLINES

Registration: 20 March 2011
Abstract submission: 15 April 2011
Final programme and second announcement: 30 April 2011

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