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Evening 20.00

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Plitvice Park Excursion

Conference Programme
Wednesday, 22 February 2006

Morning 09.00 – 10.30

10th Meeting of the Council of the PEBLDS (Part 1)

- Opening of the meeting by the Chair and adoption of the agenda
- Adoption of the Joint MCPFE/PEBLDS Statement on SFM and Ecosystem Approach
- Briefing on the status of the European Biodiversity Resourcing Initiative

Morning 11.00 – 12.30

Fourth Intergovernmental Biodiversity in Europe Conference

Opening of the Conference

Election of the Chair and other officials

Adoption of the Agenda

Keynote Addresses and opening statements

- Mr. Božo Biškupić, Minister of Culture, Republic of Croatia (Host Country)
- Mr. Aleksandar Popović, Minister of Science and Environmental Protection, Serbia and Montenegro
- Mr. Jan Szyszko, Minister for the Environment, Poland
- Dr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister, Republic of Croatia

Lunch 12.30 – 13.30

Afternoon 13.30 – 15.30

- Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Stalzer, Director General, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria (EU Presidency)
- Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaf, Executive Secretary, CBD Secretariat
- Mr. Ladislav Miko, Director, Protecting the Natural Environment – DG Environment

Friday continued

Lunch 13.00 – 15.00

Side-Events

13.00-14.00 Financial mechanisms for the 10 new EU countries (Norway)

13.30-14.30 Invasive green algae Caulerpa in the Adriatic Sea (Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, Croatia);
Pastureland rehabilitation and invasive species management with endangered autochthonous breeds (Lonjsko Polje Nature Park)

Afternoon 15.00 – 17.30

Cross-cutting issues
(CBD COP-8 agenda items V.27.1 and V.27.3)

PROTECTED AREAS AND ECOLOGICAL NETWORKS

Co-Chairs: Nicola Breier, Federal Ministry of Environment of Germany and Stela Drucioc, Moldova

Panel: Jan-Willem Sneepe, Chair of the Committee of Experts of the Pan European Ecological Network; Rob Wolters (European Centre for Nature Conservation)

INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

Chair: Piero Genovesi, Italy

Late Afternoon 17.30 – 18.30

Consideration and adoption of the Chair’s conclusions by the Conference and the PEBLDS Council

Closure of the Conference
Thursday continued

Side-Events

18.30-19.00 EU Habitats and Birds Directive for new habitats and new species proposals in the Dinaric Alps (Royal Dutch Society for Nature Conservation)

18.30-19.00 The Green Belt Initiative (IUCN)

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Morning 10.00 – 13.00

Other substantive issues arising from decisions of the Conference of the Parties (CBD COP-8 agenda item V.1)

Thematic programmes of work (CBD COP-8 agenda items V.26.1 and V.26.4):

FORESTS AND BIODIVERSITY

Co-Chairs: Prof. Jerzy Szwagryz, Poland and Gabriele Obermayr, Austria

Panel: PEBLDS Joint Secretariat and MCPFE Liaison

AGRICULTURE AND BIODIVERSITY

Chair: Ladislav Miko, European Commission

Panel: Ybele Hoogeveen (EEA); Maria Luisa Paracchini (JRC-Ispra); Sonja Kargjaj Todorovic (Ecologica); Gwyn Jones (European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism), Goran Gugić (NP–Lonjsko polje), Michael Baltzer (WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme)

Wednesday continued

– Dr. Jeffrey McNeely, Chief Scientist, IUCN – The World Conservation
– Mr. Bulat Yessekin, Director, Regional Environment Centre, Central Asia
– Ms. Marie Belling, European Landowners Organisation on behalf of the Secretary General, Mr. Thierry de l’Escaillie
– Mr. Alex Kirby, Journalist

Exhibition by Konstantin Kostov «TrashArt» (15.30 – 16.00)

10th Meeting of the Council of the PEBLDS (Part 2)

- Review of the role and place of the PEBLDS and its support structure in furthering the implementation of the Kyiv targets
- Budget of the PEBLDS
- Other business
- Closure of the 10th Council Meeting

Evening 19.00

Reception

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Thursday, 23 February 2006

Morning 10.00 – 13.00 and Afternoon 15.00 – 16.00

Preparations for the 8th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

Issues for in depth consideration
(CBD COP-8 agenda items III.14, III.16 and III.19)
Thursday continued

ISLAND BIODIVERSITY
Chair: Dr. Goran Susic, Croatia

GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE
Co-Chairs: Fabio Stoch, Italy and Alexander Shestakov, Russian Federation

COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (Article 13)
Co-Chairs: Sylvi Ofstad, Norway and Sandra Rientjes, European Centre for Nature Conservation

Special Guest: Feiko Prins, “Connecting nature and people” Vereniging Natuurmonumenten, EEB, ECNC, Europarc Federation and Eurosite

Lunch 13.00 – 15.00

Side-Events
13.15-14.00 How to achieve the 2010-target? A quantitative exploration of options at the global and regional levels (Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency –MNP)
14.00-14.45 Mountain biodiversity in the Alps, Balkans and Carpathians The Dinaric Arc Initiative - DAI (UNEP, UNESCO and FAO)
14.00-14.45 RDBMS web enabled GIS designed to manage biodiversity data (Natura 2000), EEA state of the environment indicators (OIKON- Institute for Applied Ecology)

Thursday continued

Afternoon 16.00 – 18.30
Strategic Issues for Evaluating Progress or Supporting Implementation
(CBD COP-8 agenda item IV.)

Progress towards implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan including the 2010 target and the Convention’s contribution to relevant Millenium Development Goals: CBD Implementation in the pan-European region and the 2010 biodiversity targets – Achievements, obstacles to implementation and needs

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KYIV BIODIVERSITY RESOLUTION
Chair: Sebastian Winkler, Countdown 2010 Secretariat

Monitoring progress and reporting progress (CBD COP-8 agenda item IV.23):

STREAMLINING EUROPEAN 2010 BIODIVERSITY INDICATORS
Co-Chairs: Jan Plesník, Czech Republic and Robertina Brajanoska, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Panel: Gordon McInnes, EEA; Anne Teller, European Commission; Myriam Dumortier, Belgium

Evening 19.00
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