



**Side-arms and floodplains along large rivers
LIFE+ project closing conference
18-19 November 2013, Mohács, Hungary**

PROGRAMME

18 November, Monday

- 9:45-10:45 Registration, and check-in to hotel rooms (coffee and snack)
- 10:45-11:05 Welcome and opening, Viktória Siposs (WWF Hungary) and Szabolcs Závoczký (Duna-Dráva National Park Directorate)
- 11:05-12:40 Presentations**
- Chair: László Gálhidy (WWF)
- Szilvia Ádám What the islands of the Danube reveal to us
- Dénes Bartha Softwood floodplain forests in Hungary. Naturalness, endangeredness, restoration possibilities
- Zoltán Szalóky Comparison of fish stocks in littoral and deep benthic habitats in the Danube
- Stefan Schindler Multifunctionality of floodplain landscapes: the effects of management options on ecosystem services
- 12:40-13:00 Questions and answers, discussion**
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-16:10 Presentations**
- Chair: Tamás Gruber (WWF)
- Stefan Schneeweis Pilot-project Bad Deutsch Altenburg: River Restoration and Prevention of Riverbed-Erosion in the Danube Floodplain National Park
- Tomas Kusík Restoration of floodplain habitats on the Slovakian section of the Danube
- Viktória Siposs Habitat restoration on the Szabadság Island and side-arm
- Csaba Abonyi Applied computer aided design methods related to the revitalization of Liberty Island side-arm
- Sándor Kövesi Improvement of forest habitats in the Danube region of DDNP
- Tibor Parrag Maintaining habitat diversity in the Danube-Drava National Park by rehabilitation of aquatic habitats
- 16:10-16:30 Questions and answers, discussion**
- 16:30-17:00 Session of posters and coffee break
- 17:00-18:40 Presentations**
- Chair: Klára Kerpely (WWF)
- Enikő Anna Tamás Background, aims and experiences of habitat restoration works in Gemenc region
- Balázs Trásy Evaluation of the environmental effects of the deviation of the Danube in Szigetköz through the colmatation of the riverbed
- Ulrich Schwarz Restoration Potential in the Mura-Drava-Danube-Transboundary Biosphere Reserve
- Gábor Ungvári Economic instruments for the ecologically sound water management
- Attila Lovas Water management and nature conservation - mutual benefits



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18:40-19:00 Questions and answers, discussion

19:00 Dinner and free discussion

19 November, Tuesday

7:00-9:00 Breakfast, checking out of hotel rooms

9:00-10:40 Presentations

Chair: Viktória Siposs (WWF)

Katarina Holubova Morphodynamic equilibrium: the key approach for sustainable restoration of large rivers

Habitat restoration plans in the area of Danube-Ipoly National Park Directorate

Tóth Balázs and

Tamás Rácz: Mapping of side-arms on the Hungarian Danube stretch: baseline data for side-arm restoration plans

Vlatko Rozac Restoration Activities and Management of Kopacki Rit Nature Park

Georg Frank DANUBEPARKS and its initiative for a Danube Wild Island Corridor (WILDisland)

10:40-11:00 Questions and answers, discussion

11:00-11:10 Closing

11:10 Picking up the lunch packs and leave for the field trip (short walk to the harbour, leave by a raft, warm clothes needed)

11:30-15:00 Field trip on the LIFE project site Szabadság Island and its side-arm. Guide: Viktória Siposs (WWF), Zoltán Omacht (DDNPI)

15:00 Arrival back to the Hotel