

## EUROPARC Nordic-Baltic Section Activity Plan 2013

### Introduction

The role of the EUROPARC Nordic-Baltic Section is to exchange information and build capacity of best practices. This will help the cooperation, communication and networking in the daily work of the secretariat with its members.

In 2013 the secretariat will continue to:

- highlight upcoming events of interest to the members;
- arrange thematical seminars in cooperation with member organisations;
- support and facilitate exchange of staff for capacity-building and information exchange;
- provide the members with help in finding project partners for projects within the Nordic-Baltic member countries and in relation with EUROPARC Federation and other EUROPARC sections;
- maintain and strengthen the links between Nordic-Baltic section, the EUROPARC Federation and it's other sections;
- support working groups inside Nordic-Baltic section and facilitate other initiatives to experience exchange.

**This year's seminars will focus on protected areas governance (April) and cultural heritage (September) issues. Seminar dedicated to the sections 10th anniversary will take place in May. Additional seminars are organized by section members upon their possibilities.**

### 2013 Activities

#### Members

The secretariat intends to recrute new members.

#### Member meetings

Members Assembly- Feb 6, Estonia.

Members meeting during EUROPARC Conference 2013 in Hungary (October 9-13).

#### Members seminars

Members seminar on protected areas governance- April 3-4, Estonia.

10th anniversary seminar- May 28-29, Finland.

Members seminar on cultural heritage- September, Estonia.

#### Participation in other meetings

The president and/or coordinator will participate in meetings with the Federation and its other sections. The secretariat will participate in other meetings and seminars that are organized by the members.

#### Involvement of EUROPARC sections

Focus on more information exchange between sections. In 2013 the sections of EUROPARC are chaired by the Spanish section, who represents all the sections in the EUROPARC Council.

### **Communication**

Information will be sent via e-mail or will be posted on our webpage and notices with links to the site will be e-mailed to members.

### **Website**

Maintenance and updating of the website contents will be carried out continuously. We strive to improve its usability and contents, with the contribution of material from the members. Members are encouraged to send relevant information about their protected areas!

### **Newsletter**

In 2013, 4 issues will be published according to the publishing plan below. The newsletter is either posted on the section website or distributed via e-mail.

<b>Issue no</b>	<b>Deadline for materials</b>	<b>Issue date</b>
No 1: 2013	1 March	Week 11 (11-15 March)
No 2: 2013	1 June	Week 24 (10-14 June)
No 3: 2013	1 September	Week 37 (9-13 September)
No 4: 2013	1 December	Week 50 (9-13 December)

### **Working Groups**

The secretariat is involved in the work and activities of the EUROPARC Federation Working Group on Health and Protected Areas. And keeps close look on other working groups inside the Federation as well: Sustainable Tourism, Transboundary, Wilderness, Value of protected areas.

### **Projects of cooperation**

Silent partnership in Grundtvig project, which is led by EUROPARC Germany. Project enables section members to take part in the project activities and meetings.

## Important Dates and Activities

<b>January</b>		
<b>February</b>		
6-7	Members Assembly	Tallinn/Saaremaa, Estonia
<b>March</b>		
11-12	International Symposium on Marine Nature Restoration in Northern Europe - restoration of reefs	Copenhagen, Denmark
<b>April</b>		
3-4	Seminar „Protected areas governance“	Soomaa National Park, Estonia
15-16	Biodiversity Symposium	Copenhagen, Denmark
26	Alfred Toepfer Natural Heritage Scholarships deadline	
<b>May</b>		
24	European Day of Parks. Motto: My park. My passion. My story.	
28-29	10th anniversary seminar	Nuukio National Park, Finland
<b>June</b>		
4	Working Group “Transboundary” meeting	Maas-Schwalm-Nette Nature Park, Netherlands/Germany
4-7	TransParcNet meeting 2013	Maas-Schwalm-Nette Nature Park, Netherlands/Germany
14	Nordic-Baltic Forum for Nature Interpretation	Uppsala, Sweden
15-18	International Conference 2013 Sharing our natural and cultural heritage: interpretation can make us citizens of the world	Sigtuna, Sweden
<b>July</b>		
tbc	Junior Ranger camp 2013	tbc
<b>August</b>		
<b>September</b>		
tbc	Seminar „Cultural heritage in protected areas“	Lahemaa National Park, Estonia
10-11	Conference „Communities as a part of sustainable rural tourism – success factor or inevitable burden“	Kotka, Finland
11-13	International Conference „Protecting the sacred: Recognition of Sacred Sites of Indigenous Peoples for Sustaining Nature and Culture in Northern and Arctic Regions“	Rovaniemi/Pyhä, Finland
<b>October</b>		
9-13	EUROPARC Conference. Theme: The Management Conference Members meeting Sections´ meeting	Hortobágy National Park, Debrecen, Hungary
<b>November</b>		
<b>December</b>		