

Ramsar NorBalWet Seminar 2009

Networking with Wetland Managers in Nordic-Baltic countries

Aims of the seminar

- to strengthen valuable exchange of know-how between Nordic Baltic countries upon priority areas of wetland cooperation
- to form active networks on different levels of wetland actors

Main themes

- how to enhance the transboundary cooperation
- the roles of wetland strategies
- wetland restoration and biological diversity, especially river, lake and mire restoration

Meeting venues

- Province Administrative Building (Valtion virastotalo), Itsenäisyydenaukio 2, Turku, Finland

Programme		Person in charge
Tuesday, August 25		
1300	Arrival and check-in at hotel of your choice Lunch at Restaurant of Province Administrative Building	
Session 1	Current issues of implementing the Ramsar Convention and cooperation between countries Venue: Auditorium	Chair: Kai Kimmel, Estonia
1400-1415	▪ Words of welcome	Tiina Niikonen, Superintendent, Metsähallitus Natural Heritage Services
1415-1500	▪ Ramsar info & COP10 actions for the contracting parties	Nadezhda Alexeeva, Assistant Adviser for Europe, Ramsar Secretariat
1500-1520	▪ CEPA Action Plan developed in Norway	tbc
1520-1530	▪ Practical info	
1530-1600	Coffee	
Session 2	Enhancing cooperation within NorBalWet region	Chair: Kai Kimmel, Estonia
1600-1630	▪ Cooperation of transboundary Ramsar sites within NorBalWet region, examples of EUROPARC transboundary cooperation	Liisa Nikula, Senior Advisor, Metsähallitus Natural Heritage Services
1630-1700	▪ Wings over wetland – Wetlands International (regional initiative involvement of flyways?)	Dr. Umberto Gallo-Orsi, WOW Project Coordinator Wetlands International
1700-1720	▪ Wetlands and development aid – situation in Finland ▪ Situation in other NorBalWet countries (short comments from each)	Dr. Matti Nummelin, Environmental Advisor, Ministry for Foreign Affairs
1720-1730	Discussion Check-in at the hotel for those who did not do so before lunch	
1800-2000 Excursion	Mietoistenlahti Bay (70 km drive in all)	Mikael Nordström, Senior Advisor, Metsähallitus Natural Heritage Services
2030	Dinner, Restaurant Ship Cindy (www.cindy.fi)	Tel. +358 2 250 2300

Programme		Person in charge
Wednesday, August 26		
Breakfast at the hotel		
Session 2	Wetland strategies Venue: Auditorium	Chair: Tiina Niikonen, Finland
	<i>Coffee available on the side table</i>	
0900-0920	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swedish river restoration programme 	Henrik Schreiber, Conservation Biologist, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
0920-0940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finland's strategy on wetlands and game and LIFE+ project 	Mikko Alhainen, Game Management Planner, Hunters' Central Organisation
0940-1010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finland's strategy on mires and state of Finnish mires 	Dr. Tapio Lindholm, Leading Expert, Nature Division, Finnish Env. Institute
Discussion		
Session 3	Wetland restoration and biological diversity	Chair: Jan-Petter Huberth-Hansen, Norway
1030-1050	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STRP presentation Ramsar tools for wetland restoration: Ramsar Handbook See www Ramsar.org/lib/lib_handbooks2006_e.htm 	Nadezhda Alexeeva, Assistant Adviser for Europe, Ramsar Secretariat
1050-1210	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wetland restoration & biological diversity in Nordic-Baltic countries 10-minute presentations from each country 	Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Norway, Russia & Sweden
Discussion		
1220-1300	Lunch at Restaurant of Province Administrative Building <i>Coffee available on the side table at the Auditorium</i>	
1300-1320	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New river restoration manual of Sweden 	Henrik Schreiber
1320-1340	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life projects promoting mire diversity 	Maarit Similä, Conservation Biologist, Metsähallitus Natural Heritage Services
1340-1400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kokemäenjoki Life project (2006-2011) & area presentation 	Tapio Aalto, Southwest Finland Regional Environment Centre
Discussion		
1430-1900	River Kokemäenjoki, Puurijärvi-Isosuo National Park	Tapio Aalto, Project Coordinator, Southwest Finland Regional Environment Centre (200 km drive in all)
Excursion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life project: restoration and biological diversity & mire restoration www.outdoors.fi/puurijarviandisosuonp 	Tel. +358 2 567 321
1900-2130	Dinner at Raska in Huittinen (www.vierastaloraska.net)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing of the seminar Summary findings, recommendations and closing statement 	
2300	Arrival at hotels in Turku	

Programme		Person in charge
Thursday, August 27		
Breakfast at the hotel		
Departure for airport, harbour or train station		
0900	Meeting of Coordination Group	Venue: Senaattikabinetti
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project planning Website Training Workshop for Coordination Group 	Tiina Niikonen
1230-1330	Lunch at meeting venue	tbc