



**Eurosite Annual Conference 2009  
25th – 29th May 2009, Peñíscola, Spain**

**Participatory Conservation - A Stakeholder Approach  
Provisional Business Day Programme for 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**Location:** Hotel Hosteria del Mar, Peñíscola, Spain

**Today's Chairperson:** Mr. Ian Jardine, President Eurosite, United Kingdom

**Morning Session:**

08.30 – 12.30 **Eurosite meetings** – indicative timings:

08:30 Board Meeting

09:00 Council Meeting

10:00 Annual General Meeting

11:30 Poster Session and Coffee Break

12:00 Annual General Meeting continued

*[N.B. – Board, Council and Eurosite members, as appropriate, should refer to separate detailed agendas for each of the meetings scheduled for this morning's session.]*

12:30 – 14:00 **Working Group Sessions** - participants choose one working group from the following:

**1. Interpretation and Public Access to Natural Areas**

**Chairperson:** *Dña. Zafira Ferrer Allkins. Técnico en Uso Público VAERSA - Consellería de Medio Ambiente, Agua, Urbanismo y Vivienda, Spain*

**Speaker:** *Donald McNeil, Forestry Commission, Planning & Environment Manager. UK.*

**Speaker:** *Xavier Ariño, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and scientific collaborator of the Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya (FEEC).*

**2. Branding and Quality Standards**

**Chairperson:** *D. Pedro Ondarzabal Aizpurua. Técnico en calidad. VAERSA - Consellería de Medio Ambiente, Agua, Urbanismo y Vivienda, Spain*

**Speaker:** *Henriet Leenen – Staatsbosbeheer*

**Speaker:** *Christian Ringot, Director for Communication and Stakeholder Involvement, EDEN 62, France: "Developing the EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) as a labelling tool for natural areas in Pas de Calais, Northern France." "Vers l'écocertification EMAS des espaces naturels départementaux du Pas de Calais."*

**3. Wetland Restoration**

**Chairperson:** *D. Salvador Palop Guillem, Jefe del Servicio de Análisis y Evaluación de la Consellería de Medio Ambiente, Agua, Urbanismo y Vivienda, Spain*

**Speaker:** *Frederik Zwart, Staatsbosbeheer, Terschelling, the Netherlands: 'WET DUNES – DRY FEET- An ecological restoration project and its consequences for*

*other functions of the dunes'*

**Speaker:** Toni Costa, biologist from Consorci de l'Estany d'Ivars i Vila-sana will present the case of the restoration of the biggest inland lake (126 ha) in Catalunya. The process started in 2005 and is now reaching the stabilising point.

14:00 – 15:30

Lunch

15:30 –17:00

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#### **4. Marine Conservation**

**Chairperson:** Emmanuel Thévenin, Atelier Technique des Espaces Naturels, France

**Speaker:** Sophie Elliott, Joint Nature Conservancy Council (JNCC), UK, Marine Protected Area Stakeholder Engagement Officer

**Speaker:** Roger Estève, Conservatoire du Littoral. The strategy of the Coastal Conservancy, the public debate on the marine strategy: 'Le Grenelle de la Mer'.

**Presentation and discussion:** the Coastal and Marine Initiative, a three year proposal

#### **5. Adaptive Management**

**Chairperson:** Ilke Tilders, Foundations of Success (FOS) Europe, the Netherlands

**Speaker:** Tim Coleshaw, Natural England

**Speaker:** Xavier Escuté i Gasulla, Departament de Gestió del Territori, Àrea de Territori i Paisatge Obra Social de Caixa Catalunya

#### **6. Connectivity and large-scale conservation**

**Chairperson:** Irene Bouwma, Landscape Centre, Alterra, the Netherlands

**Speaker:** Aysegul Cil, Program Manager-Nature and Society, ECNC-European Centre for Nature Conservation, The KEN project (Knowledge for Ecological Networks) & SPEN project (Spatial Planning and Ecological Networks)

**Speaker:** Miquel Rafa, Director, Area Territori i Paisatge- Caixa Catalunya: the Cantabric-Pyrenees-Alps Great Mountain Corridor

17:00 – 17:30

Summary Feedback from Working Groups/ Plenary Discussion

19:00

Visit to Casco Antiguo (optional visit to the old city)

21:00

Eurococktail and Dinner in Hotel Garden