



## **EuroMAB 2009**

### **Doing together - Learning together**

**Tatry Biosphere Reserve, Stará Lesná, Slovakia**

**Academia Congress Center**

**27 - 30 October 2009**

#### **Main objectives**

- To co-build a EuroMAB Network strategy for contributing to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves and for implementing the Madrid Action Plan 2009-2013.
- To prioritize main thematic and activities for the EuroMAB Network.
- To share experiences and effective approaches to sustainable development, best practices and know-how.
- To identify and promote potential benefits of EuroMAB biosphere reserves for sustainable development.

#### **Process**

The EuroMAB 2009 meeting will use an interactive and participatory method adapted from AmericaSpeaks/Global Voices "21<sup>st</sup> Century Town Meetings®".

The organizers want to share concrete examples and success stories. To achieve this, the organizers will suggest several possible test cases/questions and ask participants to interact and discuss ideas based on their work in the biosphere reserves, within MAB National Committees, and in the EuroMAB Network, to better understand their expectations and needs. Participants will use these questions to suggest ideas for an effective EuroMAB Network that builds on the work and experience of biosphere reserves to share best practices on sustainable development.

Participants are most welcome to bring their papers and power point presentations which will be printed in the proceedings. A special hour is set aside each day for additional presentation of participants and partners. **Please contact the organizers if you would like to make such a presentation.**

#### **Outcome**

- The last day of the meeting the participants will receive a summary of the workshop results in bullet points as well as main recommendations.
- A co-built pilot web sharing platform for working together.
- A EuroMAB strategic paper will be made available to the participants via internet.

#### **Registration**

Registration will be done when you register for your hotel, upon your arrival.

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## Schedule

### Tuesday 27 October

09:00 -10:00	Opening  N. Ishwaran, Director UNESCO-MAB Secretariat Julius Oszlanyi, Chairperson Slovakian MAB National Committee
10:00 -10:30	Coffee break and press conference
10:30 -11:45	Introduction Session  From EuroMAB Antalya to Slovakia: Yildiray Lise (Turkey)  Report from the EuroMAB 2009 e-conference (e-conference moderators: Jean Philippe Messier and Timo Hokkannen; Catherine Cibien and Christian Diry; Cristina Herrerro Molino and Toomas Kokovkin; Zuzana Guziova and Nihat Zal)  Introduction to EuroMAB 2009 Slovakia: Julius Oszlanyi, Zuzana Guziova and Meriem Bouamrane
11:45 -13:00	Introduction to Session 1: Implementation of the EuroMAB and the Madrid Action Plans  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Climate change and biosphere reserves: Adam Fenech (Canada)</li><li>▪ Rising tides (movie): Andrew Bell (UK)</li><li>▪ Ecosystem Services and biosphere reserves, practices and perspectives: Denis Couvet (France)</li></ul>
13:00 -14:30	Lunch
14:30 -15:00	Introduction to the participative process, Estelle Balian (Belgium)
15:00 -18:00	Session 1 Round tables “Building together - Learning together”
16:00	Coffee break
18:15 -19:15	Free forum (case studies from participants, partners and poster session)
19:30 - 21:30	Ceremonial Dinner

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## Wednesday 28 October

- 09:00 -10:00      **Introduction to Session 2 Sharing practices and experiences: building a learning community**
- Periodic review, sharing lessons, approaches and methodologies: Martin Price (UK); Catherine Cibien (France) and Christian Diry (Austria)
  - Long-term Ecological Research in Biosphere Reserves and its basic principles: Julius Oszlanyi, Eduard Bublinc (Slovakia)
- 10:00 -13:00      Round tables “Building together - Learning together”
- 13:00 -14:30      Lunch
- 14:30 - 15:30      **Introduction to Session 3: Building, engaging and mobilizing Partners: demonstrating the benefits of biosphere reserves**
- Nature management, conservation, restoration of biological and landscape diversity and social-economic activity in Great Volzhsko-Kamsky Biosphere Reserve: Yuri Gorkhov (Russian Federation) (movie)
  - Charters for sustainable development the experience of Lac Saint Pierre (Canada) and Mont Ventoux (France) Biosphere Reserves: René Raiche and Christian Hart (Canada) and Ken Reyna (France)
- 15:30 -18:00      Round tables “Building together -Learning together”
- 18:15 -19:15      Free forum (case studies from participants, partners and poster session)
- 19:30 - 20:15      Dinner
- 20:15                Introducing Slovak Biosphere Reserves – presentations and discussions for interested participants

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## Thursday 29 October

### Excursions

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| 18:30 - 20:00 | Diner          |
| 20:00 - 23:00 | Ethnic evening |
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## Friday 30 October

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| 09:00 -11:00   | <b>Session 4: Networking, communicating best practices: co-building the EuroMAB web platform</b> |
|                | Introduction to Session 4: Timo Hokkanen (Finland)   |
| 09:30 -11:00   | Round tables "Building together – Learning together"   |
| 11:00 -11:30   | Coffee break   |
| 11:30 -13:00   | Debriefing on the methodology used and recommendations   |
| 13:00 -14:30   | Lunch  |
| 14:30 -16:00   | General conclusions and closure of the Meeting   |
| 21:30 - 22:30: | Reception  |
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## Saturday 31 October 2009

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| 07:30 - 8:30 | Breakfast |
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Departure of participants

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