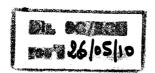


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## Report on Activities 2007- 2009

## 2007

- Organisation of the International Conference "Priorities for Conservation of Biodiversity in Biosphere Reserves in Changing Conditions" in the Congress Centre Stará Lesná, June  $2^{nd}-6^{th}$ , 2007, 40 participants from 16 countries also representatives of the UNESCO HQ, 26 presentations. Excursion in the wind-storm destroyed part of the Tatry BR. Presentations published in proceedings.
- Organisation of the 7<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Biosphere Reserves in Slovakia, Rožňava, November 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 78 participants (scientists, university teachers, State Nature Protection, Environment Agency). Presentations published in proceedings.
- Participation at the 34<sup>th</sup> UNESCO General Conference, Paris, October 16<sup>th</sup> November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007.
- Chairing the Commission for Social and Human Sciences at the 34<sup>th</sup> UNESCO General Conference, Paris, October 16<sup>th</sup> November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007
- Start of the work on the ICC MAB as newly elected country
- Sultan Qaboos Award to Julius Oszlanyi, chair of the Slovak MAB for multidisciplinary approach to nature conservation problems in BRs and for the contribution to the establishment of the trilateral BR Eastern Carpathians.
- Participation at the World Science Forum and World Science Day, organised by UNESCO and ISCU, Budapest, November 8<sup>th</sup> 11t<sup>h</sup>, 2007
- Participation at the EuroMaB Conference, Antalya, Turkey, November 12<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007
- Participation at the Conference "Natur, Landschaft und regionale Identität Säulen eines Biosphärenparks" Illmitz, Austria, November 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 2007
- Participation at the conference "Proposed Research and Training Centre of the United Nations University in Slovakia for Healthy Landscape and Ecosystems", May 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007
- Publication of proceedings "Biosphere Reserves in Slovakia VII (in Slovak), ISBN: 978-80-228-1761-5
- Publication of proceedings "Priorities for Conservation of Biodiversity in Biosphere Reserves in Changing Conditions", ISBN: 978-80-89325-00-9



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- Submitting manuscript for publication "Landscape-ecological and socioeconomical evaluation of the BR Tatry "
- Visits and interventions at the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic
- Open-door-Day in 4 BRs

## 2008

- Participation at the IIIrd World Congress on BR UNESCO, Madrid, February 4<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- Participation at the  $20^{th}$  session of ICC MAB, Madrid, February  $6^{th} 7^{th}$  2008
- Celebration at the occasion of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of creation of the Slovak MAB Committee. Participants also from neighbouring countries, representatives of the MAB committees
- Participation at the ceremony at the occasion of listing the Slovakian and Ukrainian beech virgin forests to the UNESCO World Natural Heritage List, June 2008
- Start of the work in the Advisory Committee for BRs (newly appointed Mrs. Z. Guziová)
- Participation at the International Conference "Development of System of Protected Areas in Ukraine and Creation of Pan-European Ecological Network", Rakhiv, Ukraine
- Elaboration of Statement on the situation in the BR Tatry for UNESCO HQ (upon request)
- Elaboration of statements for media and public on the situation in the BR Tatry
- Publishing leaflets and postcards Zádielská tiesňava, BR Slovak Karst
- Elaboration of "Statement of the Slovak MAB Committee on the BR Tatry-Tatra National Park" (in Slovak and English), its submitting to Slovak Commission for UNESCO, UNESCO HQ, ministries of SR, administration of the regions etc.
- Publishing of the monograph "Landscape-ecologically optimal spatial and functional utilisation of BR Tatry", in Slovak. ISBN 978-80-224-0998-8
- Communication with the representatives of the Austrian MAB National Committee on the preparation of proposal for the new trilateral BR "Moravien"
- Preparation and guiding State Secretary Daniel Ács, Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic in the BR Eastern Carpathians
- Open-door-Day in 4 BRs



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## 2009

- Participation at the UNESCO World Conference on the Education to Sustainable Development, Bonn, Germany, March 31<sup>st</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009
- Work at the regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for BRs, Paris, February  $9^{th} 1^{1th}$ , 2009
- Preparatory work for the e-conference focused on Action plan of EuroMAB and Madrid Action Plan. Participation at the e-conference
- Organisation and participation at the EuroMAB Conference in Stará Lesná, October 26<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>th</sup>, 2009, "Doing together, Learning together", 113 participants from 22 countries also representatives of the UNESCO HQ, 25 presentations. Excursion in the wind-storm destroyed part of the Tatry BR. Presentations will published in proceedings.
- Participation at the World Science Forum, Side event seminar "How to Encourage Environmental Research Worldwide", requested presentation: Partners in Environmental Preservation: Towards Building International Environmental Networks" Budapest, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Preparatory work on the journey of Julius Oszlányi, to the Sultanate of Oman
- Elaboration of statement of SK MAB to the situation in the beech virgin forests listed in the UNESCO World Natural Heritage List. Statement submitted to the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic
- Publishing monograph "Biosphere Reserves in Slovakia"
- Publishing 4 brochures on 4 BR: Pol'ana, Tatry, Slovak Karst, East Carpathians
- Open-door-Day in 4 BRs

Bratislava, May 12th, 2010

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