



## REVISED SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

### Day 1 – 23 September 2008

#### 12.00 Reception desk

#### 13.00 Opening of the Symposium

- Welcome by the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia, Dr. Mitja Bricelj, State Secretary (5')
- Welcome by Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management Austria, Richard Stadler, Division International Water Management (5')
- Welcome by representative of the European Commission, Philip Owen, Head of Division Life (5')
- Dr. Aleš Bizjak, Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia: Introduction to the Symposium and importance of the Drava River Memorandum of Understanding (10')

#### 13.40 Importance of sustainable river basin management in transboundary context

Chair: Mag. Nevenka Colnarič, Environmental Agency of the Republic of Slovenia, Section Drava River Sub-Basin, Slovenia

- Philip Owen, European Commission: European view on sustainable river basin management and opportunities through the LIFE Finance Instrument (15')
- Dr. Gerhard Sigmund-Schwach, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, and Dr. Giorgio Andrian, UNESCO Bresce: Global view on sustainable river basin management from the Convention on Biodiversity, the UNESCO World Heritage Convention and the Ramsar Convention, Biosphere Reserve "Danube-Drava-Mura", (20')
- Philip Weller, ICPDR: Synergies among ICPDR activities and regional transboundary initiatives (15')
- Questions and answers (10')
- Announcement: Dr. Ulrich Schwarz, Fluvius, Vienna: Hydro-morphological Inventory of the lower Drava and Mura Rivers, IAD Pilot Study (2')

#### 14.45 Break

- Press conference (separate room)
- Poster presentation: Dr. Ulrich Schwarz, Fluvius, Vienna: Hydromorphological Inventory of the lower Drava and Mura Rivers, IAD Pilot Study
- Trailer of LIFE Drava Video Projection

#### 15.15 "Is the Drava River Basin management sustainable and well on the way?"

Chair: Arno Mohl, WWF Austria, Austria

- Introduction to the topic, chair (5')
- Dr. Rudolf Pollinger, Autonomous Province of Bolzano - South Tyrol, Department of Hydraulic Engineering, Italy (15')
- Norbert Sereinig, Government of Carinthia, Department of Water Management, Austria (15')
- Mag. Nevenka Colnarič, Environmental Agency of the Republic of Slovenia, Section Drava River Sub-Basin, Slovenia (15')
- Dr. Danko Biondić, Croatian Waters, Croatia (15')
- András Tálos, South-Transdanubian Environment Protection and Water Management Directorate, Hungary (15')
- Questions and answers (15')

16.50 Thomas Miklautsch, New World Spirit film creation, Carinthia: Life Vein Upper Drau River; world video projection premiere with introducing statement (30')

#### 17.30 End of day 1

**Day 2 – 24 September 2008**

**9.00 Introduction into the working sessions (5')**

**9.15 Session 1: Nature Conservation Challenges in the Drava River Basin**

**A)** Status of protected areas in the Drava River Basin

**B)** Future development of protected area network in the Drava River Basin

Chair: Dr. Gordana Beltram, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia

Co-chair: Dr. Gerhard Sigmund-Schwach, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

- Introduction to the topic, chair (5')
- Arno Mohl, WWF Austria: Status and future perspectives from the viewpoint of an international NGO (15')
- Dr. Reinhold Turk, Regional Government of Styria, Department for Nature Protection, Austria: Natura 2000 obligations and their implementation in the Drava River Basin including an European overview (15')
- Dr. Darij Krajičič, Simona Kaligarič, Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation: Management of Drava River in the Frame of Natura 2000 (15')
- Neven Trenc, State Institute for Nature Protection, Croatia: Ecological network and Natura 2000 along the Drava and Mura Rivers (15')
- Questions and answers (10')

**10.30 Break**

**11.00 Session 2: Hydropower Challenges in the Drava River Basin**

**A)** Existing hydropower infrastructure in the Drava River Basin

**B)** Future hydropower infrastructure developments in the Drava River Basin

Chair: Dr. Veronika Koller-Kreimel, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Division Water Management, Austria

Co-chair: Igor Čuš, Dravske elektrarne Maribor d.d., Slovenia

- Introduction to the topic, chair (5')
- Herfried Harreiter, Verbund, Austria: Implementation of WFD and sustainable electricity production - tasks, challenges and experiences in Drava River Basin (15')
- Mag. Christian Moritz, Arge Limnologie, Austria: Masterplan for Hydropower in Austria (15')
- Jože Milič, Dravske elektrarne Maribor, Slovenia: Hydropower Utilisation on the Drava River in Slovenia (15')
- Željko Pavlin, Zlatko Pletikapić, Dr. Stjepan Mišetić, Elektroprojekt, Croatia: Sustainable approach to planning of the multipurpose water management systems (15')
- Questions and answers (10')

**12.15 Lunch break**

**13.30 Session 3: Flood Protection Challenges and River Morphology in the Drava River Basin**

**A) Existing flood protection infrastructure in the Drava River Basin**

**B) Future flood protection infrastructure developments in the Drava River Basin**

Chair: Dr. Danko Biondić, Croatian Waters, Croatia

Co-chair: Gyula Hollo, Ministry of Environment and Water, Hungary

- Introduction to the topic, chair (5')
- Dr. Franci Steinman, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia: Flood Hazard, Flood Damage Potential and Residual Risk on the Drava River Basin (15')
- Dr. Helmut Habersack, BOKU Vienna, Austria, Norbert Sereinig, Government of Carinthia, Department of Water Management, Austria: Sustainable flood protection on the Drava River in Carinthia (15')
- Zoran Đuroković, Ivan Cerovec, Davor Haničar, Croatian Waters, Zdenko Tadić, Hidroing, Croatia: Flood protection experiences on the Drava River Basin in Croatia (15')
- Dr. László Rákóczi and Dr. János Szekeres, VITUKI, Environmental Protection and Water Management Research Institute, Hungary: Environmental effects of industrial dredging on River Dráva (Botovo-Drávaszabolcs) (15')
- Alajos Burián, Deputy-Head of Department of Water Damage Prevention; South-Transdanubian Environment Protection and Water Management Directorate, Hungary – Pécs, Ladislav Grđan, Croatian Waters, Croatia – Varaždin: River regulation of Dráva - Mura Rivers' mouth (15')
- Questions and answers (10')

**15.00 Break**

**15.20 Panel discussion on the Memorandum**

Dr. Aleš Bizjak, Norbert Sereinig, Arno Mohl

The 5 presenters from Day 1 – part "Is the Drava River Basin management sustainable and well on the way?"

Opportunity for participants to discuss the topics of the panel discussion and to sign the Memorandum.

**16.30 End of Day 2**

**Day 3 – 25 September 2008**

**9.00 Guided excursion to Natura 2000 sites along the Drava River, vicinity of Maribor (details to follow)**

**13.00 End of Symposium**