



EUROPARC Nordic Baltic Section Activity Plan 2010

Introduction

Biodiversity will be an important theme for many of EUROPARC Nordic-Baltic Section's activities in 2010. The Section is a registered supporter of the International Year of Biodiversity 2010 and our (major) events will be published in the IYB2010 calendar. We will mark the IYB2010 amongst other things with our two seminars.

2010 marks the mid-term for the secretariat's placement in Sweden and we need to start looking towards the 2012-2014 presidency period. Ideally, the placement of the secretariat and presidency should alternate between Nordic and Baltic countries. The Baltic states are next in turn and Latvia has recently hosted the secretariat. The Members Assembly has thus decided that the Estonian and Lithuanian members shall be asked if they wish to take on the presidency in 2012-2014. Formal requests will be sent out by the secretariat. This will be an important item for the fall member meeting. The final decision is to be made by the Members Assembly in February 2011.

This year, we will also see the Section's new website come into place and, hopefully, a new working group on protected areas and health, together with EUROPARC Atlantic Isles. In 2010, it will also be important to find funding opportunities for 2011 and investigate the secretariat's current and future legal status. These are among the planned activities for the Section in 2010. More information is also available in the [minutes from the Members Assembly](#).

Planned activities 2010

Members

The Members Assembly encourages member organisations to provide the secretariat with names of potential new members and their contact information.

Members from countries outside the EUROPARC Nordic-Baltic Section should be invited to seminars, etc.

Member meetings

Members Assembly, 2 February Stockholm

Fall member meeting, September. Location to be announced.

Participation in other meetings

The secretariat shall participate in two meetings organised by other sections and/or the Federation per year.

Seminars

The 2010 seminars will focus on biodiversity. The spring seminar is organized by the Section and Keskkonnaamet/Environmental Board of Estonia. It will take place in May and includes a visit to protected areas on one of the islands off the Estonian west coast, as well as participation in "Nature Conservation beyond 2010" in Tallinn, a conference which the Section also supports. "Biodiversity Management in Nordic-Baltic Woodlands" is the working title of the fall seminar. It will be organized in Sweden, by the Section and Västmanland County Administrative Board.



Communication

The construction of a **new website** that more clearly signals the ENBS:s connection to the EUROPARC family was initiated during the 2nd half of 2009. The final designs were finished in February 2010. During the spring months of 2010 the domain is to be transferred, all the website contents to be looked over, revised if needed and transferred to the new website. The site launch is scheduled for late spring.

If desired by the members and funds allowing, there could be a second phase of improvement to the new site to add a member log-in. This would give members access to the main EUROPARC data base, directly from the Section's site.

Maintenance and updating of website contents will be carried out continuously.

All members will be encouraged to continuously update their info on the EUROPARC Federation **database**.

The **newsletter** is to be published 6 times in 2010, according to publication plan below. It will be distributed as as a link to our website rather than as a pdf-file.

Issue No.	Deadline	Planned publ. date	Actual publ. date
No 1: 2010	19 Feb	1-5 March	26 Feb
No 2: 2010	1 April	19-23 April	
No 3: 2010	3 June	14-18 June	
No 4: 2010	20 Aug	30 Aug -3 Sept	
No 5: 2010	1 Oct	11-15 Oct	
No 6: 2010	3 Dec	13-17 Dec	

Working Groups

A proposal has been submitted (February 2010) to the Council of the EUROPARC Federation to create a new Working Group, under their auspices, to develop work in Europe on protected areas and health. If the proposal is accepted, this working group will be formed after the conference Healthy Parks, Healthy People in April. Plausible activities within the working group in 2010 are 2-3 meetings, one workshop in July and/or a workshop during the EUROPARC Conference in September.

Funding

The Nordic Council of Ministers has granted the Section 329 756 DKK. The money is tied to our two planned seminars on the theme of biological diversity.

Applications for funds for 2011 is a high priority of the secretariat throughout 2010. The Section is not currently established as a legal entity, which makes applying for funds more difficult. The secretariat will investigate the pros and cons of being established as a legal entity and bring the results to the next member meeting for discussion.

Other

The secretariat will distribute a **questionnaire** asking members what they think of the work within the Section. The answers will constitute a basis for discussions at the fall member meeting.