

## EUROPARC Nordic-Baltic Section Activity Plan 2012

### **Introduction**

The role of the EUROPARC Nordic-Baltic Section is above all to function as a forum for information exchange, as well as for capacity building and communication of best practices. Cooperation, communication and networking are key words in the daily work and in 2012 the secretariat will continue to:

- highlight upcoming events of interest to the members;
- arrange thematical seminars in cooperation with member organisations;
- support and facilitate exchange of staff for capacity-building and information exchange;
- provide the members with help in finding project partners for projects within the Nordic-Baltic member countries and in relation with EUROPARC Federation and other EUROPARC sections;
- maintain and strengthen the links between Nordic-Baltic section, the EUROPARC Federation and it's other sections.

This year's seminars will focus on green infrastructure (March) and communication (September) issues. Possible additional seminars are discussed further during the year (e.g. seminar on active ageing, see point „Members seminars“).

We will support the working groups inside the section and facilitate other initiatives to experience exchange to the very best of our ability.

### 2012 Activities

#### **Members**

The secretariat intends to recruit new members. At the beginning of this year we already have new Federation members in Sweden, whom we send out formal membership invitation letters.

#### **Member meetings**

Members Assembly- March 6, Estonia.

Members meeting during EUROPARC Conference 2012 in Belgium (October 22-25).

#### **Members seminars**

Members seminar on green infrastructure- March 7-8, Estonia.

Members seminar on communication- September, Estonia (to be confirmed).

Members seminar on active ageing- Autumn, Finland (to be confirmed).

#### **Participation in other meetings**

The president and/or coordinator will participate in meetings with the Federation and its other sections. The secretariat will participate in other meetings and seminars that are organized by the members.

### **Involvement of EUROPARC sections**

Focus on more information exchange between sections. In 2012 the sections of EUROPARC are chaired by the Czech section, who represents all the sections in the EUROPARC Council.

### **Communication**

Information will be sent via e-mail or will be posted on our webpage and notices with links to the site will be e-mailed to members. Last-mentioned is best solution to avoid e-mails with large attachments.

### **Website**

Maintenance and updating of the website contents will be carried out continuously. We strive to improve its usability and contents, with the contribution of material from the members. Members are encouraged to send relevant information about their protected areas!

### **Database**

The aim is to encourage members to fill EUROPARC database on the member organization with the information as much as they can provide.

### **Newsletter**

In 2012, 4 issues will be published according to the publishing plan below. The newsletter is either posted on the section website or distributed via e-mail.

<b>Issue no</b>	<b>Deadline for materials</b>	<b>Issue date</b>
No 1: 2012	1 March	Week 11 (12-16 March)
No 2: 2012	1 June	Week 24 (11-15 June)
No 3: 2012	1 September	Week 37 (10-14 September)
No 4: 2012	1 December	Week 50 (10-14 December)

### **Working Groups**

The secretariat is involved in the work and activities of the EUROPARC Federation Working Group on Health and Protected Areas lead by EAI and Metsähallitus. And keeps close look on other working groups inside the Federation as well: Sustainable Tourism, Transboundary, Wilderness, Value of protected areas.

### **Projects of cooperation**

Silent partnership in Grundtvig project, which is led by EUROPARC Germany. Project enables section members to take part in the project activities and meetings.

## Important Dates and Activities

<b>January</b>		
<b>February</b>		
<b>March</b>		
6-8	Members assembly and seminar „Protected areas as part of green infrastructure“	Tallinn/Roosta, Estonia
31	Deadline for staff exchange programme between EUROPARC and Australia, New Zealand	<a href="http://www.parksforum.org/cms/pages/International-Staff-Exchange-Programme.html">www.parksforum.org/cms/pages/International-Staff-Exchange-Programme.html</a>
<b>April</b>		
<b>May</b>		
11	Deadline for Alfred Toepfer Scholarships 2012 applications	<a href="http://www.europarc.org/what-we-do/alfred-toepfer-schol">www.europarc.org/what-we-do/alfred-toepfer-schol</a>
20-23	EUROPARC Siggen seminar. Theme: Conflict management in protected areas	Siggen, Germany
24	European Day of Parks. Theme: See the sky. Touch a tree. Feel the air. Find yourself!	<a href="http://europarc.org/whats-on/european-day-of-park">europarc.org/whats-on/european-day-of-park</a>
<b>June</b>		
11-14	TransParcNet meeting	Finland
<b>July</b>		
21-28	Junior Ranger camp 2012	Triglav National Park, Slovenia
27	Deadline for Alfred Toepfer Medal nominations	<a href="http://www.europarc.org/what-we-do/alfred-toepfer-medal">www.europarc.org/what-we-do/alfred-toepfer-medal</a>
<b>August</b>		
21-24	International Conference on Monitoring and Management of Visitors in Recreational and Protected Areas	Stockholm, Sweden, <a href="http://www.mmv2012.se">www.mmv2012.se</a>
<b>September</b>		
tbc	Communication seminar	Estonia
<b>October</b>		
22-25	EUROPARC Conference. Theme: (RE) CONNECTING Members meeting Sections meeting	Kempen and Maasland Regional Landscape, Genk, Belgium
<b>November</b>		
tbc	EUROPARC Sections meeting	Regensburg, Germany
<b>December</b>		