

**PROGRAMME FOR NORDIC BALTIC SEMINAR – 18 - 21 AUGUST**  
**Norway, Dovrefjell–Sunndalsfjella National Park**

**Local Participation in the Management of Protected Areas –  
“How Can Protected Areas Become a Resource for Local Communities?”**

**Monday, 18 August**

- 16:00 -18.30hrs:      Arrival Dovrefjell Hotel – (by Train from Oslo or Trondheim)  
                                  (16.00 – 18.00 possible to visit National Park, Visitor centre, Dombås)
- 19.00hrs:               Dinner
- 21.00hrs                Film – presentation from the area

**Tuesday, 19 August**

**08:30 – 10:00**

- Opening of the conference
- Nature conservation and management of protected areas in Norway.  
*by Olav Nord – Varhaug, Directorate for nature management*
- Why local management – experiences and evaluation? *by Randi Boe, Directorate for nature management*
- Experiences and examples from work of the local administration in the Dovrefjell area, *by Dovrefjellrådet*
- Discussion and question

**10:30 – 12:30**

- “Dialogue for nature conservation – a skills development programme”  
*by Mia Olausson, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency*
- Finnish Approach to Participatory Planning in Nature Conservation Areas - Best Practices
  - o Participatory Planning in Metsähallitus by Teppo Loikkanen, Park Superintendent, Saimaa Park District, Metsähallitus
  - o Participatory planning – "Case Pihlajavesi Natura 2000 area: Integrating targets of conservation, recreation and game management." Arto Vilen, Planning Consultant, Metsähallitus
- Presentation of excursion

12:30 Departure for Kongsvold (30 km)

13:00 Lunch – presentation about Kongsvold – cultural heritage and botanical garden

**15:00 Excursion**

- National Park monument at Hjerkinnhø
- Wild reindeer centre – from military installation to wild reindeer centre
- Nature restoration project from Hjerkin to the top of Tverrfjellet. Presentation by Hjerkin PRO, Odd Erik M
- Examples of restoration of roads and facilities in the area
- Do we want a road passing through the protected area? Case: tremendous grassroots enthusiasm regarding the Snøheimveien road
- Musk ox – management and potential conflicts
- Snøheim – visit to tourist lodge, including coffee break

- Fokstugu (nature reserve and farm), nature protection and farming in the Dovrefjell area by *Laurits Sønsterbø*
- 20:00 Dinner Dovrefjell Hotel

### **Wednesday 20 August**

08:30 Departure for Lesja museum (12 km)

09:00-10:30

- Economical effects of National Park to local society and ecological effects of society to National park – Loving them to death - old slogan new perspective; Experiences from Finnish Lapland Pekka Sulkava Senior Adviser, Metsähallitu
- Local participation and local management involving the Sami people in the World Heritage Site Laponia in northern Sweden by Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (Mia Olausson or Anna von Sydow)
- How to find good meeting places, for local interests – harmonising local and central administration

11:00-12:30

- Wild reindeer – protection objectives in Dovrefjell – challenges and possibilities
- Unesco's World Heritage List - efforts to get wild reindeer hunting in Dovrefjell area, included on the list, by *John Olsen*
- Lesja – wild reindeer exhibition at the local museum

### **13:00 Lunch**

#### Excursion

- Various visits in the area – nature trail, hunting pits and soapstone quarry
- Traces after human activities dating back thousands of years
- Wild reindeer – current challenges and wild reindeer hunting as theme
- We taste dishes featuring reindeer meat
- *Dinner at Dovrefjell Hotel*

### **21 August**

08:30-10:30

- European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas, How this concept can be used in our area, by Dovrefjellrådet
- "Europarc STC Charter for Sustainable Tourism – Role of Entrepreneurs in Certification Process – Case Koli National Park by Lasse Lovén, Development manager, Metsähallitus
- How to Involve SME's (Small and Medium Sized Tourism Enterprises) in Planning and Mgmt of Nature Protection Areas at Destination Level
  - o Principles of Sustainable Nature Tourism, Collaboration with SME's (Small and Medium size Enterprises), Indicators of Sustainability, Interpretation Plan, Visitor Studies by *Teppo Loikkanen, Park Superintendent, Saimaa Park District, Metsähallitus*
  - o Saimaa Nature Tourism Plan: Contents, Process and Experiences by *Mari Laukkanen, Planning Consultant Metsähallitus*

**Poster:**

“The role of the Evo and Teijo Hiking Area in local economy”

Jere Rauhala

”Europarc Green Charter in Dovrefjell”

11:00-13:00

- group work
- presentation of the results of the group work, formulation of conclusions