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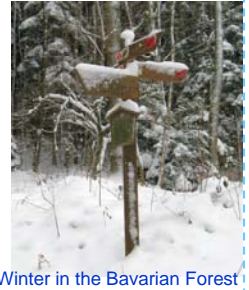
Thoughts and wishes from the Director for 2009!

Welcome to the first of our 2009 E-news bulletins. I hope you all had a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year. There is a saying: **'Mater artium necessitas'** - necessity is the mother of invention. As we all look ahead to a challenging year, invention and creative solutions, in all aspects of the work we do, will for sure be a necessity!

The Federation teams in Grafenau and Brussels **value and acknowledge the support you give** through your membership fees and input into our work to promote and support the work of your Protected Areas across Europe! We especially appreciate your continued support in these testing financial times.

We have produced an ambitious work plan for 2009, including the development of new projects for the future work of the Federation. Your input is welcome - we are always keen to hear your ideas and thoughts.

We look forward to working with you all this year and wish you a happy and successful 2009!



Winter in the Bavarian Forest

An Italian in Grafenau! Federico Minozzi joins the team.

Many of you will already know **Federico Minozzi**, who has recently joined the staff here at the EUROPARC Headquarters in Grafenau. Formerly the coordinator of EUROPARC Italy, where he worked for four years, Federico is currently responsible for the **Junior Ranger Programme**, **networking** with the **French and Italian Section** and with the **EU**, and the development of an **Agro-environmental project** at the Federation. He will be based in Grafenau for the next few months and will then join the Brussels team in their new office.



1. Federico, first of all please paint a picture of yourself for our members. Tell us something about the following:

a. How your friends/colleagues would describe you...

For a more realistic answer I think you should interview my colleagues and friends...but they would probably mention something about a "happy, quiet, tall man" who likes climbing mountains and exploring the world.

b. Your background...

I come from Rome, but I live in Spoleto, a small nice medieval town in Umbria, the green heart of Italy. I studied Political Science in Rome and the job I had with Federparchi and EUROPARC was my first real position.

c. Your hobbies...

To find out more about Federico please visit www.europarc.org/january-e-news

Switches in Section Staff

Over the last few months there have been a few changes within the Federation sections.

Mr Thomas Hansson and **Miss Evelina Selander** have taken over the presidency and coordination of the Nordic-Baltic section.

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Miss Stefania Petrosillo is the current coordinator of the Italian section and this weekend council elections will take place.

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Mr Händrij Härtel has become the president of our Czech section with **Mrs Zdenka Krenova** as vice-president.

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In the Spanish section **Mr Hermelindo Castro Nogueira** (oficina@europarc-es.org) has become the new president.

Notes from the Council and Section meetings



EUROPARC on excursion in Italy

In January, representatives from the Federation's Sections and our Council met at the beautiful Delta del Po Regional Park (IT). The area is a birdwatcher's paradise, a gastronome's delight and the artistic heart of European civilisation with an abundance of UNESCO World Heritage sites. Our Italian hosts took great pride in showing us their area as we discovered the international projects they are engaged in.

Down to business and a new planning, reporting and monitoring schedule, enabling the work of the Federation to be undertaken more effectively and collaboratively was agreed upon. It was exciting to learn of vast projects that are being undertaken across Europe, which support Protected Areas.

Council members convened for the first full agenda since their election last September. They have begun the process of revising regulations and the standing order in light of last year's statute changes; will continue the governance review by examining the roles of sections; and agreed the Federation's work plan and finalised budget. They also undertook to lead on a range of topics and themes and considered how to improve networking and lobbying on behalf of the Federation.

More details on the above will be uploaded on the website in due course.

If you no longer wish to receive these updates from us or you have any questions or comments please send an e-mail to office@europarc.org or phone us on 0049 8552 96 100.

Please circulate this E-News within your organisation and to those who might be interested!

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Progress report: „Celebrating 100 years of National Parks“

As many of you already know Europe celebrates the **100th anniversary of the establishment of its first National Park in Sweden** this year. To mark this occasion EUROPARC 09 will address the theme “100 years of National Parks in Europe. A shared inheritance; A common future”. In addition, we are developing the project “**Celebrating 100 years of National Parks in Europe**”, with ECO Consulting and support from Klagenfurt University (A), which aims to proclaim anew the value and benefit of National Parks across Europe and examine their 100 years of history.

Within the project framework **a number of activities** are planned including a publication on the history of European national parks, further developing our time-line that many of you will have seen at EUROPARC 08 and a travelling exhibition, which will visit European cities from September.

We have already developed a project concept and are **currently in the process of looking for project sponsors**.



Ångsö National Park (S) - one of the first 9 European Parks (picture: Park Authority)

If you are interested in finding out more about the project, wish to sponsor us or have any suggestions for sponsors, would like to host our exhibition at an event, or are a national park and still need to fill in the questionnaire visit www.europarc.org/current-activities or contact Morwenna Parkyn on m.parkyn@europarc.org

International Junior Ranger Camp 09

The international Junior Ranger Camp 2009 will be hosted by the “Parque Natural de Aiguamolls de l'Empordà” in Catalonia (ES) from **25 July - 1 Aug**.

Up to 20 Junior Rangers

from 10 different European parks are invited to Aiguamolls with their Mentors.

The park is a magnificent example of coastal wetlands, including salt-water wetlands, fresh water ponds, reed beds and dunes.

The programme **will include field work, beach games and cultural activities** as well as visits to three Catalunian natural parks: The Cap de Creus, les Illes Medes Natural Parks and the l'Albera.

Register soon at www.europarc.org/junior-ranger and for more information contact Federico Minozzi at f.minozzi@europarc.org.



Join us at the Reisepavillon!

The European Charter will be represented at the Reisepavillon, **26 Feb. to 2 March**, at a joint stand (Hall B5-532) with the TUI AG.

Visitors can learn about the Charter protected areas of the Rhin Vivant association (F) and Alpi Marittime (I) and Mercantour (F) National Parks from **local stakeholders** and enjoy their **local produce**.

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EUROPARC Consulting: Seminar specialists

EUROPARC Consulting GmbH (www.europarc-consulting.org) is the consultancy arm of the EUROPARC Federation. The company specialises in the **policy and practice of protected area management** and is uniquely placed to provide advice, training and expertise. Members benefit from EUROPARC Consulting's expertise, which are offered at a competitive rate. Profits made by EUROPARC Consulting are invested back into the EUROPARC Federation.

One of EUROPARC Consulting's tasks is **organising successful seminars**, which it has been doing since it was founded by the Federation. One particular series of seminars deserves to be highlighted: the **EUROPARC Atlantic Isles Seminars**. These are lively events where protected area professionals and those in related fields meet to share stimulating presentations and discuss best practice...

Read on at www.europarc.org/january-e-news



EAI London seminar participants, Jan 09. Picture: EAI

New content and exclusive member access for www.europarc.org!!

Good news! - the **EUROPARC member page** is now working correctly and **member passwords** to the sites exclusive member area will be sent out in next week. From then on our members will have exclusive access to the **new Brussels Bulletin** (currently available to all at www.europarc.org/brussels-information), which will bring them news and information on policies, events etc relevant to the field of protected area management direct from the EU.

We have also already added a **EUROPARC 09 page** to the site, www.europarc.org/Sweden_09. We will be filling this page with more information and adding **online registration** over the next few months – so keep an eye out!

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