



Ministerstvo životního prostředí



4th IRF European Ranger Congress 2017

from 9th – 13th May 2017
in Litomerice / Czech Republic

Under the patronage of the International Ranger Federation IRF

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With grateful support of Jitka Sachetová, member of the Regional Council of the Ústí Region

Under the Patronage of Ladislav Chlupac, Mayor of Litomerice

“Rangers in Europe Exploring new approaches to conserving nature”

Conference venue: Culture Hall, Na Valech 2028, 412 01 Litomerice; Web: <http://www.mkz-ltm.cz>

TIME	AGENDA
Tuesday, 9th May 2017	
9:00 - 17:00	Meeting of the European national associations' representatives (separate invitation and agenda)
All day	Transfer participants from Prague airport to Litomerice
All day	Registration at the registration desk in the culture hall / Litomerice
19:00 – 20:00	Dinner – “Potlach”
20:00 – 20:30	Welcome speeches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sean Willmore; President IRF - Frank Grütz; IRF European Representative - Borek Franek; Chairman Czech Ranger Association - Dan Hartansky; Chairman Slovak Ranger Association
20:30 – 23:30	Entertainment with live music, cultural programme: Music school Litomerice, Junior Ranger Band Litomerice (swing), SKICO band (rock)

TIME	AGENDA
Wednesday, 10th May 2017	
9:00 - 10:00	Opening ceremony with flag parade
10:00 – 10:30	Welcome speeches: - Mgr. Richard Brabec; Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic - Vice-Minister of Environment of Slovakia - Ctibor Kocman; European Commission DG ENV.D.3 Nature Protection - Jitka Sachetova; member of the Regional Council of the Ústí Region - Mgr. Ladislav Chlupac; Mayor Litomerice
10:30 – 11:30	Protected Areas of the Czech Republic - NATURA 2000 areas in Europe - Ctibor Kocman; European Commission DG ENV.D.3 Nature Protection - National Parks – Adam Divis (NP Šumava), Vaclav Nic (NP České Švýcarsko) - Protected Landscapes – Mgr. Ondrej Vitek, Ph.D. (Agency of Nature Conservation CR) - Nature Parks – Mgr. Radomír Studený (District office Liberec)
11:30 – 12:30	- History of Litomerice – Benedict Janda, Junior Ranger - Junior Ranger Project in Litomerice – Sára Elion Svobodová, Junior Ranger - Geology, landscape, protected areas of the Litomerice region RNDr. Jana Ptackova, Ph.D.
12:30 –14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:20	Guest speech - Carol Ritchie; Executive Manager EUROPARC Federation
14:20 – 15:00	The Ranger System in Slovakia – Dan Hartansky, Chairman Slovak Ranger Association
15:00 – 16:00	<u>Workshop Session 1:</u> - Junior Ranger Programme – Carol Ritchie, Executive Director EUROPARC Federation - Rangers and Health Care – Linda Tedford (SCRA), Countryside Ranger, Social and Therapeutic Horticultural Practitioner - Working with Volunteer Rangers – Michal Ulrych, Borek Franek (CRA), Dan Hartansky (SRA) - Twinning projects – new approaches and best practice – Michael Großmann, Mario Schmid (NP Bavarian Forest, Germany) - Ranger Training and cooperation – ideas and best practice – Adam Divis (NP Šumava), Miroslav Rybar (NP České Švýcarsko) - Towards a European Ranger Training Standard – Frank Grütz (IRF European Representative) - Financial cuts and seeking out new sources of income generation – Roger Cole, Ian Brooker (CMA, England) - Between campfire and digital media – best practice in nature education – Achim Laber (Nature Preserve Feldberg, Germany)

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	Wednesday, 10th May 2017
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:30	<u>Workshop Session 2:</u> - Junior Ranger Programme – Carol Ritchie, Executive Director EUROPARC Federation - Rangers and Health Care - Linda Tedford (SCRA), Countryside Ranger, Social and Therapeutic Horticultural Practitioner - Working with Volunteer Rangers - Michal Ulrych, Borek Franek (CRA), Dan Hartansky (SRA) - Twinning projects – new approaches and best practice – Michael Großmann, Mario Schmid (NP Bavarian Forest, Germany) - Ranger Training and cooperation – ideas and best practice – Adam Divis (NP Šumava), Miroslav Rybar (NP České Švýcarsko) - Towards a European Ranger Training Standard – Frank Grütz (IRF European Representative) - Financial cuts and seeking out new sources of income generation – Roger Cole, Ian Brooker (CMA, England) - Between campfire and digital media – best practice in nature education – Achim Laber (Nature Preserve Feldberg, Germany)
17:30 – 18:00	Rangers in Sweden and the cooperation with IAPF Zimbabwe – Günter Lenhardt, Geir Hansteen Jörgensen; Anti Poaching Unit Sweden
18:00 – 19:00	Guided walks in the historic city of Litomerice – Students of Language School Masarykova Litomerice
18:00 – 18:30	Meeting of the organizing committee and the operational team (members only)
19:30 – 20:30	Dinner at culture hall (bad weather) / Barbecue in the garden of language school (fine weather)
20:30 – 23:30	Entertainment with live music: Junior Ranger band, Music school band, cultural programme, (bad weather)/ Entertainment with Ranger Games and free-time with individual exchange (fine weather), music

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8:30 - 18:00	Thursday, 11th May 2017
	Field workshops:
	1) NP České Švýcarsko, Hřensko, NPR Kaňon Labe (PLA Labské pískovce) with boat trip – guide (M. Rybar, V. Nic), translation EN, ES Items: Cooperation with Police, River Police, Rangers from Germany across borders NP Sächsische Schweiz, Protected Area for birds : <i>Ciconia nigra</i> , <i>Falco peregrinus</i>
	2) NP České Švýcarsko, Jetřichovice, Vysoká Lípa – guide (H. Hartel, P. Svoboda, M. Tryzna), during travel short visit NPP Panská skála in PLA České středohoří (Place of celebration World Ranger Day in Czech Republic) Items: Forest management and fire in NP.
	3) PLA České středohoří, NPR Milešovka, PR Březina – guide (B.Franek, R. Hamersky, D. Pitek, R. Studeny) Items: Cooperation with NGO – JRP, CSOP, Scout, old fruit trees in nature, forest management, water retention in the landscape, visit Meteorological station and lookout Milešovka, oldest fragments of forest, swamp Březina.
19:00 – 20:30	4) PLA České středohoří, NPR Raná, NPR Oblík, Dobroměřický rybník – guide (J. Ptackova, P. Moravec) Items: Management protected species <i>Spermophilus citellus</i> , LIFE project, cooperation with paraglider, typical steppe area.
20:00 – 20:30	Dinner
20:30 – 23:30	Meeting of the organizing committee and the operational team (members only)
	Entertainment with live music, cultural programme: FUJARA Slovak Folklore Music – Mr. Landecký and his guests, wine tasting - Litoměřice castle

TIME	AGENDA
	Friday, 12th May 2017
9:00 - 9:30	Presentation Sean Willmore, President International Ranger Federation IRF
9:30 – 12:00	1st European Congress Membership Meeting with elections of the Executive Board (separate invitation and agenda)
12:00 – 12:30	5th IRF European Ranger Congress 2020 in NP Bavarian Forest/ Germany – Michael Großmann, Head Ranger NP Bavarian Forest
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:30	Czech and Slovak Volunteers on Sumatra Island/ Indonesia – NP Gunung Leuser – Tiger commando (Anti Poaching Patrol); Rhino, Elephant, Tiger, Orang Utan - Chairman Milan Jeglik, Zuzana Kolouskova (first Environmental School at Sumatra)
14:30 – 15:00	Rangers in Israel – Ilan Yeger; Law Enforcement Division Israel
15:00 – 15:30	Rangers in Kosovo – Bekim Bytyqi; NP Sharri
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:00	Presentation outcomes workshops – leaders of the workshops
17:00 – 18:00	Official closing of the congress
18:00 – 18:30	Meeting of the organizing committee and the operational team (members only)
19:00 – 20:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:00	Constitutive Meeting of the European Executive Committee EEC
20:30 -	Dance Party, music Junior Ranger band

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Saturday, 13th May 2017	
9:00 - 12:00	Departure (please pick up the prepared lunch packages before departure!)

