

## SIGGEN SEMINAR 2017



### Protected Areas for Sustainable Agriculture:

Sharing experiences from across Europe that support agriculture in Protected Areas.

**10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

***FREE to EUROPARC members***

# Siggen Seminar 2017

## Information

This year, the Siggen Seminar will run from **10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>\* March** and will focus on **Protected Areas promoting Sustainable Agriculture initiatives that:**

- **contribute to protect habitats and species;**
- **improve landscape management;**
- **support the work landowners and farmers, and resulting in high quality productions.**

In particular, we will be looking at some partnership and management practices from **France, Italy and Ireland**, with inputs from other organisations, with a view to developing **new guidance and models to improve the cooperation between protected areas and the farming community.**

Our seminars are always fun, lively, interactive and informative. We also aim to make them relevant to the work of Protected Areas and certainly are a valuable chance to learn from others across Europe. **We ask participants to come prepared with case studies or example that we can work through.**

So, if you have agriculture production in or around your Protected Area and, want to understand and develop more sustainable agriculture practices then this is the seminar for you!

**We will also look to the creation of a Sustainable Agriculture commission for EUROPARC to take forward this area of work, developing tools and good practice guidance for the future.**

**\*IF you are interested in participating in the meeting of the new EUROPARC commission then please foresee a departure on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March. All others can depart on Sunday afternoon 12<sup>th</sup> March. You must indicate this preference at the time of registration in order that we can correctly reserve your accommodation.**

The seminar will bring together EUROPARC members, especially from national agencies, regional governments and parks. Participants will meet fellow Protected Area managers from across Europe in a relaxing and fun atmosphere and return back renewed, refreshed and invigorated in their work!

### **Registration closes on March 1st (or when places are filled)**

**Places are limited so please book early!**

**Location:** The Siggen Estate (Gut Siggen), Siggen, Germany (*read page 4 for more details about how to reach Siggen*)

**Costs:** The seminar is **FREE** for members of the **EUROPARC Federation**. Participants will therefore **ONLY cover their own travel to and from the event.**



# Seminar : Draft Programme

*A full programme will be published prior to the seminar*

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March: Participants arrive

- Arrival of participants
- Dinner from 18.30 to 19.30 (a cold dish can be left for late arrivals)
- Evening – Welcome and introduction of participants to seminar

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March

- Scene setting: aim of the seminar and key questions (needs and expectations)
- The work of EUROPARC in protected areas and sustainable agriculture
- **EC - DG Env** (TBC): Building partnerships between agriculture and biodiversity: EU measures, funds and tools
- **RSPB - Emily Field** - : Building partnerships for conservation - Farmland Bird LIFE Project
- **Slow Food** (TBC) : Building partnerships and valuing local productions and biodiversity
- **IFOAM** (TBC) : conciliate farming interests with biodiversity conservation requirements, the perspective of farmers

### Lunch

- Case studies from Protected Areas and discussion: France, Ireland, Italy
- What works? Analysis of the common aspects that make good partnerships between Protected Areas and agriculture

Evening to relax. *Participants can bring material from their park to show if they wish.*

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March

- The feasibility towards a European Charter for Sustainable Agriculture in PAs: what it should address? How should it work? Which measures and actions should it cover to answer the needs identified during previous day?
- Conclusions and Recommendations

### Lunch

- **Departures for those not staying for the Protected Areas and Sustainable Agriculture Commission meeting**

Open meeting of the Commission. To set terms of reference, agree members and plan of action to develop this work.

