

Mountain hay meadows – hotspots of biodiversity and traditional culture



PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE

Venue: Boros Guesthouse, Gyimesközéplek, Romania

DAY ONE – Monday 7 June 2010

18.00 Reception for delegates and local VIPs, including drinks and a light meal.

DAY TWO – Tuesday 8 June 2010

Topics: Landscape, biodiversity and traditional hay meadow management.

8.00	BREAKFAST		
8.45	Welcome and opening remarks	Rodics Gergely	Pogány-havas Association, RO
9.00	Protecting biodiversity before and after 2010	Dr Rodics Katalin	Ministry of Environment and Water, HU
9.15	Natural treasures of the Csík Basin and Csík Mountains	Demeter László	Sapientia University, Csíkszereda, RO
9.30	Vegetation, and traditional ecological knowledge in Gyimes	Dr Molnár Zsolt	Institute of Ecology & Botany, Institute of Ethnography, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, HU
9.45	Proposal for the creation of a new Natura 2000 site in the Csík Mountains	Dr Csergő Anna-Mária	Sapientia University, Marosvásárhely, RO
10.00	Pasture- and biodiversity protection in Gyergyóremete	Laczkó Albert Elemér	Gyergyóremete, Mayor's office, RO
10.15-11.00	BREAK & POSTERS		
11.00	The effect of landscape structure on biodiversity	Dr Hartel Tibor	Mihai Eminescu Trust, RO
11.15	Options for young people in semi-subsistence family farming	Sárig Attila	Farmer and young entrepreneur, Gyimesbükk, RO
11.30	Landscape scale conservation of butterflies in subalpine hay meadows by Romanian smallholders	Dr Sally Huband	European Forum for Nature Conservation and Pastoralism, and Macaulay Land Use Research Institute, UK
11:45	Grasslands of the Stânișoara Mountains	Dr Adrian Oprea	Anastasiu Fătu Botanical Garden, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, RO
12.00	Farming in a protected landscape (UK context)	Fraser Hugill	Farmer and former head of conservation management North Yorkshire National Park Authority, UK
12.15-13.45 Workshop A	Meadow management plans: how to make a management plan out of a centuries-old practice	Owen Mountford	Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, UK
12.15-13.45 Workshop B	Education opportunities from biodiversity	Demeter László	Sapientia University, Csíkszereda, RO
12.15-13.45 Workshop C	Ecotourism opportunities from biodiversity	Nagy Benedek	Sapientia University, Csíkszereda, RO
13.45-14.45	LUNCH & POSTERS		

15.00 DEPART FOR FIELD TRIPS

Trip A: Delne project site. Led by Demeter László and Csergő Anna-Mária.

Or

Trip B: Jávárdipataka project site. Led by Molnár Zsolt and Babai Dániel.

20.00	Dinner at Borospatak	
	Entertainment	Gyimesi music and dance

DAY THREE – Wednesday 9 June 2010

Topics: Social science, economics and rural development relating to hay meadow management and products.

8.00	BREAKFAST		
8.45	Welcome and Opening remarks	Rodics Gergely	Pogány-havas Association, RO
09.00	Farming and management of hay meadows in Csík and Gyimes – experiences from sociological research	Biró Róbert	Pogány-havas Association, RO
09.15	Harnessing agricultural subsidies in Harghita County	Sólyom Andrea	Sapientia University, Csíkszereda, RO
09.30	Agri-environmental subsidies in Harghita county (dilemmas and problems)	Péter Pál	AGORA – Working Group for Sustainable Development, RO
09.45	Local perspective on sustainable rural development in Harghita County	Mátéffy Mária	Pogány-havas Association, RO
10.00	Short talks to preview posters		
10.20-11.05	BREAK & POSTERS		
11.05	The change of landscape use – the relationship between the community living in a landscape and its environment	Dr Herczeg Ágnes	Transpagony Landscape and Garden Architecture Office, RO
11.20	Quality milk production: adding value to meadow products	Szócs József	Agency for Payments and Intervention in Agriculture, RO
11.35	Adding value through food and tourism	Cristi Gherghiceanu	Fundația ADEPT, RO
11.50	Preview of September conference	Nat Page	Fundația ADEPT, EFNCP
12.00 – 13.30 Workshop A	Options for rural development in the region	Jeremy Staniforth	High Representative for Sustainable Development, RO
12.00 – 13.30 Workshop B	Subsidies and grants for meadow management	Răzvan Popa	Fundația ADEPT, RO
12.00 – 13.30 Workshop C	Creating a business from quality milk products	Rodics Gergely, Márton István	Pogány-havas Association, Harghita County Council, RO
13.45-14.45	LUNCH & POSTERS		
	DEPART, OR JOIN A SECOND FIELD TRIP		

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20.00	Dinner at Boros Guesthouse
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