



Alpine-Carpathian International Colloquium
**“Large carnivores: management, research and public relation
strategies of the protected areas”**
2nd - 4th July 2009, Nizke Tatry National Park

Announcement

Context: The natural return of the large carnivores (bear, wolf and lynx) in the Alpine protected areas and the still very good distribution of these species in the Carpathians is a challenging situation. On the one side, it evidences the improving nature and habitat protection in the Alps and a high degree of acceptance of the carnivores in the Carpathians, but on the other side, it causes several problems with human activities especially in the Alps. The cooperation between Carpathian and Alpine protected areas and specialists seem essential in this issue.

Organisation: The colloquium is organized by ALPARC coordinated by the Task Force Protected Areas of the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention in partnership with Slovak State Nature Conservancy as well as with the Nizke Tatry National Park (SK). The event is following the projects of cooperation between the Alpine and Carpathian protected areas, even strengthened after the establishment of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) in 2006.

Public for the colloquium: Managers, staff and specialists of the Alpine and Carpathian protected areas, associated institutions, organizations and scientists, as well as the experts of nature protection and all the involved stakeholders.

Presentations: Each participant can propose a presentation. The only colloquium language is English and it is oriented to short presentations (15 minutes maximum) and discussions and exchange of experiences between the participants. Please prepare your presentations exclusively in English and on a PowerPoint basis. We kindly ask you to prepare as well a text for the colloquium publication, which will be prepared with the contributions of all the speakers. If there are too many presentations proposed, the organisers reserve the right to make a choice referring to the interest of the issue and the involved countries. In this case experts will be associated to make a choice.

Deadlines:

! Maximum number of participants is 80!

- Registration: 30th May 2009
- Proposal of speakers with summary of their text (2000 signs): 15th May
- Speakers registration: 30th May 2009
- Sending of presentations of the speakers (text for publication): 30th May 2009
- Final programme: 15th of June.

Fees of participation: There are no inscription fees. Fees for travel and accommodation will be in the charge of participants. All announced meals will be in the charge of organizers (limited to the official participants registered within the deadlines and in the limits of the announced maximum number of participants).

Alpine buffet: We kindly ask you to bring the specialties (food and drinks) from your region that you would like to share with other participants.

Please, respect the deadlines to insure an optimal organization of the event.

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