



## Monitoring and Management of Visitors in Recreational and Protected Areas

26–30 September 2016, Novi Sad, Serbia

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### About MMV conference

Welcome to the 8th Conference on Monitoring and Management of Visitors in Recreation and Protected Areas (MMV) that will be held in **Novi Sad, Serbia**, September 26-30, 2016. The MMV conference provides a forum for presentations and other exchanges of ideas and experiences related to the monitoring and management of visitors in recreation and protected areas. The 8th MMV will focus on the sub-theme “**Cooperation across borders and scales**” with the emphasis on policies, problems, practices and innovative solutions that connect different areas and regions in order to collaborate on the same focus.

The ever-increasing use of protected areas for a variety of activities has led to a growing concern about the limits of their ecological carrying capacities. Areas of high ecological value, such as national parks and nature reserves, experience ever increasing pressures, from tourism at first place. In addition, new technologies make natural areas more accessible, which leads to extensive ecological impacts and to increasing conflicts between their user groups. In order to manage visitor activities and behaviour, one needs to monitor them and therefore deepen the understanding of their expectations, motivations and overall satisfaction. The MMV conference has made the first step in this direction, when it gathered scholars across disciplines and industry experts in Vienna in 2002, who all made contributions to knowledge and practice from their own perspectives. This event was considered a great success due to its multidisciplinary character, therefore the idea for follow-up conferences was supported and the conference now represents a international forum for exchanging ideas and experiences related to monitoring and management of visitors in recreation and protected areas.

Therefore, we welcome researchers, faculty members, public sector and industry managers, consultants, planners and members of NGO's dealing with visitor management in recreational and protected areas. The conference is organised around **themes** of regional cooperation, cross border projects, examples and professional experiences of cross-country protected areas and similar.

### CONFERENCE VENUE

**Rectorate building**, Address: No.1 Dr Zorana Đinđića Street, The Campus of the University of Novi Sad

The conference will be held in the newly built Rectorate building of the University of Novi Sad which was officially opened in 2013. The building covers space of 5000 square meters and has modern and multifunctional equipment. The amphitheatre has capacity of 180 guests and all technical logistics. Besides amphitheatre, there are more multifunctional conference rooms, exhibition areas, University club, Central library, research centers, offices, parking garage and regular parking, etc. The location of the building is quite impressive as it is integrated into the University park, only 100 meters from river Danube.



## CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Paul F. J. Eagles**, *Professor Emeritus, University of Waterloo, Canada & Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Murdoch University, Australia*  
Preliminary presentation theme: **Developing a national policy on training, education and research in visitor monitoring and management: lessons from Canada**



**Raoul Beunen**, *Environmental Governance at the Department of Management, Science & Technology at the Open University and Research, the Netherlands*  
Preliminary presentation theme: **Innovation in protected area governance: competing models and their impact in different places**



**Duška Dimović**, *WWF Adria Country Manager for Serbia*  
Preliminary presentation theme: **Values and Benefits of Protected Areas as potential for sustainable development**



**Boris Erg**, *IUCN ECARO*  
Preliminary presentation theme: **Protected Areas - Delivering on Global Goals and Targets**



**Maša Ljuština**, *Head of Protected Areas Section of the State Institute for Nature Protection, Croatia*  
Preliminary presentation theme: **Visitor management and monitoring in Croatian protected areas**



**Marko Slapnik**, *Co-founder of GREAT DAY, Institute for Pure Experiences, Slovenia*  
Preliminary presentation theme: **Visitor Management in Protected Areas in Slovenia: Interpretation as a soft approach to visitor management**

## CONFERENCE TOURS

There are two dates reserved for conference tours within the conference program.

**Mid-conference tour** will be organised 27 September and will be one-day excursion to National Park Fruška Gora with various activities depending on the group. The tour will end with mutual dinner. The whole tour is included into conference fee.

**Post conference tour** will be organised on 29 & 30 September and will include two-day excursion on several destinations in Serbia, even Croatia and Hungary. Participants will have the opportunity to choose within several tours depending on their desired activities (hiking, canoeing, canyoning, rafting, etc) and desired location (mountains, river valleys, canyons, marshes, etc.). These tours are not included into conference fee and include all costs.

More detailed information on tours is available at the official website.



## PROPOSED SESSIONS

Please note that these are only *proposed topics and sessions*. After the registration deadline and according to the submitted abstracts, final sessions will be created. Session *proposals by participants* are also welcome!

### 1. *Local/regional development and protected areas*

- Stakeholders' approach in management of protected areas
- Financial planning and investments in protected areas
- Policies, methods and tools for protecting nature
- Economic impacts on local community
- Public involvement in planning processes
- Cross-border cooperation in protected and recreational areas
- Danube strategy
- (Trans-national or national) recreational routes, trails and greenways

### 2. *Visitors and local community*

- Managing visitor impacts
- Understanding visitors' needs, preferences and behaviour
- Environmental awareness
- Local knowledge and skills
- Creating and co-creating memorable experiences in nature
- Innovative approaches to tour guiding
- Safety issues in outdoor recreation
- Natural areas accessibility
- Outdoor education and interpretation
- Experiential and health values of outdoor recreation

### 3. *Tourism planning in protected and recreational areas*

- Trails and routes modelling
- Onsite visitor monitoring systems
- Contemporary trends in outdoor activities
- Nature-based tourism products: ecotourism, geotourism, adventure tourism, wellness tourism
- Usage of ICT for recreational activities
- Commercialisation of nature
- Tourist infrastructure
- Commercial tourist packages
- Outdoor museums and nature centres
- Festival and events in protected areas
- Traffic and parking issues

### 4. *Visitor management and nature conservation*

- Assessment and evaluation models of protected areas
- Integrating outdoor recreation and nature conservation
- Raising environmental awareness through interpretation and storytelling
- Environmental and landscape aesthetics and design
- Cultural landscapes
- Geodiversity and geoheritage
- Inland waterways and environmental protection

## IMPORTANT DATES & FEES

Please mind the important dates and deadlines in order to successfully register and participate in the conference. Conference abstracts are invited on the outlined topics and others falling within the scope of the meeting and clearly state the purpose, results and conclusions of the research. Conference participants are given opportunity to present their research at oral and/or poster sessions. Please find the instructions for writing and formatting abstracts at the official website.

### ■ **Abstract Submission Deadline: 1st May 2016**

This is the deadline for abstract submission. Please send your abstracts until this date so organisational and scientific boards could have enough time for review.

### ■ **Early birds registration Deadline: 1st July 2016**

If registration is completed until this date price of conference fee is:

- Students: 150€\*
- Regular: 250€

### ■ **Standard Registration Deadline: 31st August 2016**

This is the deadline for registration. Please register until this date so organisational and scientific boards could have enough time to review all abstracts and create the final conference program.

The conference fee until this date is:

- Students: 200€\*
- Regular: 300€

### ■ **Special conference fees:**

- For participants from developing countries\*\* (no early bird) 200€
- One day registration\*\*\*: 100€
- Accompanying person fee: 150€

### ■ **Conference fee includes:**

- Attendance at all concurrent sessions
- Attendance at all plenary sessions
- Attendance at poster session
- Mid conference field trip
- Conference materials (MMV program guide and proceedings)
- Lunch and coffee breaks
- Gala dinners and entertainment

\* Only MSc and PhD students are allowed to present. University certificates are required as a proof.

\*\* The list of countries is defined according to their Gross National Income (GNI) per capita per year.

\*\*\* One-day registration fee includes full program for a specified day.

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## ABOUT NOVI SAD

Novi Sad is the capital of The Autonomous Province of Vojvodina and the second largest city in Serbia. It is the industrial, cultural, scientific, educational, and administrative centre of Vojvodina.

Novi Sad's first written documents date back to 1694. Within the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, in 1748, Novi Sad was granted the status of a free city. Other important historical dates are concerned with the period following 1918, when Vojvodina became a part of Serbia within the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes and in 1944 when Novi Sad was liberated from the fascist occupation.

Today Novi Sad has a population of about 300,000 inhabitants and highly developed economic and cultural activities. The first Grammar School was founded in 1810. The first professional theatre – The Serbian National Theatre was founded 1861, and the oldest cultural distribution among the Serbs – the Matica Srpska moved from Budapest to Novi Sad in 1864. What is now known as The Serbian Academy of Arts and Sciences – Novi Sad branch was the Academy of Arts and Sciences of Vojvodina founded in 1979.

Novi Sad offers a wide range of interesting sights and is famous for its Petrovaradin fortress and attractive resorts outside the town on the river Danube, in Fruška Gora, the hills near Novi Sad, as well as for its fishing and hunting.

For further information about Novi Sad go to the official website.

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