



BIODIVERSITY ON THE EDGE: Working Strategies for Rangers in a rapidly changing World

EUROPEAN RANGER CONGRESS

13 – 16 October 2022
Tirana International Hotel
Tirana, Albania

Agenda*

13th October

Date/Time	Issue	Room
until 13 pm	Arrival EEC	
until 18 pm	Arrival all participants	
15:00-18:00	EEC board meeting (Only EEC members)	VIP-Aula
19:30	Potluck-Dinner	

*Potluck-Dinner means a traditional dinner, where everyone brings specialities from their own countries, regions, etc. Dinner is organized like a big buffet for all to try every region's speciality.
All participants are welcome to bring regional food and specialities!*

*During the congress breaks: fundraising raffle to promote initiatives for ranger aid

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14th October

Date/Time	Issue	Speaker/Person in charge	Room
08:30-09:00	Opening ceremony (flag parade)		
09:00-09:15	Greeting speeches		Consortium Aula
	Urs Reif (Interim President of the ERF) Linda Nunn (Vice-President of the IRF)		
	ERF General Assembly and News from the ERF		
09:15-10:30	ERF General Assembly - Part 1	Open to all participants; decisions are made by the national representatives (voting members)	Consortium Aula
10:30-11:00	Coffee break		
11:00-12:30	ERF General Assembly - Part 2	Open to all participants; decisions are made by the national representatives (voting members)	Consortium Aula
12:30-14:00	Lunch		
14:00-14:15	The Rangers of Albania	Albanian Ranger Association	Consortium Aula
14:15-14:45	News from the ERF (General ERF-Update, Training, Projects, etc.)	EEC-members Urs Reif	Consortium Aula
	Ceremony of the new Twinning-Agreement between Countryside Management Association (UK) and Georgian Ranger Association		

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14:45-15:00 **Coffee break**

Presentations

15:00-15:30	Keynote speech: Facing the biodiversity crisis - why rangers need to work together (Example European flyways/bird migration)	Britta Schmidt (German Ranger Association) Ilan Yeger (Israel Nature and Heritage Foundation)	Consortium Aula
15:30-15:45	Universal Ranger Support Alliance (URSA) and its role in ranger affairs	Olga Biegus, URSA	Consortium Aula
15:45-16:00	The work of the Thin Green Line Foundation (TGLF)	Abi Irving (TGLF UK)	Consortium Aula
16:00-16:15	Introduction to the Force for Nature Ranger-App	Jamie Mc Callum (Founder of Force for Nature)	Consortium Aula
16:15-16:30	Analysis of the role, status and work of rangers in Europe - presentation of the results of a Europe-wide questionnaire	Lorand Vigh (Ranger Association of Vojvodina, Serbia)	Consortium Aula
16:30-16:45	Coffee Break		
16:45-17:00	Austria's National Parks and their Junior-Ranger Programmes	Birgit Gruber & Natalia Wrbka (Austrian Ranger Association)	Consortium Aula
17:00-17:15	The Euro MaB youth Network – Created by youth, lead by youth and supported by youth – youth as a key stakeholder in Biosphere Reserves	Jannis Splieth (Member of the Euro MaB Youth Network)	Consortium Aula
17:15-17:30	Presentation: Drones as tools for ranger work (e. g. wildlife monitoring)	Borja Díaz (Ranger in Basque Country, Spain)	Onufri or Metropol Aula

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17:30-17:45	<i>A Yellowstone in the Carpathians: To protect Europe's natural heritage, the Carpathia NGO is creating Europe's biggest protected area.</i>	<i>Mihai Zotta (Conservation director Carpathia Foundation)</i>	<i>Consortium Aula</i>
17:45-18:00	<i>PhenoRangers, a Monitoring Program of the Rangers in Switzerland</i>	<i>Laura Walther</i>	<i>Consortium Aula</i>
18:00-18:30	Break		
18:30-19:00	<i>Hybrid presentation: Working together with volunteers:</i> <i>Case study from Israel Nature and Parks Authority on Anti-poaching (second part of the Anti-poaching Webinar-series)</i>	<i>Sharon Golan, Israel Rangers</i>	<i>Consortium Aula</i>
19:30	Dinner		

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15th October

Date/Time Issue

08:00-18:00 Day-Field-Trip 1
Shebenik National Park and Rrajca UNESCO site

08:00-18:00 Day Field Trip 2
Divjake – Karavasta National Park (marshlands)

19:30 **Dinner**

16th October

Date/Time	Issue	Speaker/Person in charge	Room
09:00-10:30	Parallel Workshop Session		
	Workshop 1: Image work for Europe's rangers	Wiebke Bomas (ERF) & Gary Krosnoff (Krosnoff Media)	VIP Aula
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How should the ideal European Ranger Federation look, act and be like from the ranger's point of view? What should it offer their members? How should it represent Europe's rangers to the outside world? Image guidelines for communication of ERF and in individual countries 		
	Workshop 2: Fundraising for rangers - how to raise money	Michael Grossmann (ERF)	Onufri Aula
	Workshop 3: Working together in the ERF - teamwork between national associations, single rangers and the ERF	Maia, Sharon, Ian Brooker (ERF)	Metropol Aula

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10:30-11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00-12:30 **Parallel Workshop Session**

Workshop 4:
How to establish a ranger
association - using the
example of El Salvador (and
the partnership with Bavarian
Forest National Park)

Mario Schmid (German
Ranger Association)

Metropol
Aula

Workshop 5:
To the Evolvement of
Twinning Programs
(Open for all existing
Twinning projects)

Joao Correia (ERF)

Onufri Aula

Parallel meeting of all
heads/representatives of
national associations for
conclusion of the Tirana
Commitment
(documentation & action
points)

Urs Reif (ERF)

VIP Aula

12:30-13:00 Conference closure and
determination of the next
ERC

Urs Reif (ERF)

13:00-14:30 **Lunch** and departure

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