



PROGRAMME

Monday – May 3

(Last boat from Trondheim 4:30 p.m. – arrival Brekstad at 5:30 p.m.)

Registration

19:30 *Informal reception at Ørlandet kysthotel*

Tuesday - May 4 10:00 – 17:00

09:00 – 10:00 *Registration - coffee & tea etc*

Opening session 10:00 – 11:00

Chair: Finn Katerås, Norway

- **Welcome speeches**

Berit Lein, Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management

Hallgeir Grøntvedt, Mayor - Municipality of Ørlandet

Aage Tørris Ekker, County Governor of Sør-Trøndelag

Tobias Salathe, Ramsar Bureau

- **Objectives and expected outcome** – *Jan Petter Huberth Hansen*, Conference Manager
- **Approval of the agenda** - *Finn Katerås*, Chair – Programme Committee
- **Practical information** - *Conference Secretariat*

Short break

Background session: Working with wetlands – overviews 11:00 - 12:30

Chair: Finn Katerås, Norway

The Convention on biological diversity and wetlands - *Gunn Paulsen*, Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management

Global Priorities of the Ramsar Convention - *Tobias Salathe*, Ramsar Bureau

Brief updates:

- **Wetlands International** - *Jon Atle Kolås*, Norwegian Institute for Nature Research & *Torsten Larsson*, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
- **The Bonn Convention – AEWA** - *Øystein Størkersen*, Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management
- **Others**

Lunch 12:30-13:30

Session 1: Perspectives on wetlands – global to regional 13:30-15:00

Chair: Gunn Paulsen, Norway

Wetland Conservation Challenges - *Tobias Salathe, Ramsar Bureau*

Wetlands in an EU perspective – *Torsten Larsson, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency*

Nordic Wetland Conservation - main findings from the report (TemaNord 2004:506)
Øystein Størkersen, Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management - Project secretary for the report

Coffee & tea (15:00-15:30)

Session 2: Wetland Conservation and management 15:30-17:00

Chair: Torsten Larsson, Sweden

Arctic Co-operation on seabirds (CAFF) - *Hallvard Strøm, Norwegian Polar Institute & Morten Ekker, Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management*

The Myvatn-Laxa Ramsar site: Ecological processes and anthropogenic impact
- *Gisli Már Gislason PhD, University of Iceland*

Conservation of Ramsar Sites in Iceland - *Arni Bragason, Iceland*

The Tautra Ramsar site – restoration project - *Svein Karlsen, County Governor of Nord-Trøndelag & Per Gustav Thingstad, Museum of Natural History and Archaeology, NTNU, Norway*

The Dokka Delta project: plans for a Ramsar Information centre – *Alastair Brown, Randsfjordmuseene, Norway*

Possible short updates on:

Øra Ramsar Site – new management plan - *Gunnar Bjar, County Governor of Østfold*

Ilene & Prestrødkilen Ramsar site – challenges in management – *Karl Hagelund, County Governor of Vestfold*

17:30 Excursion – *Austeråttlunden Landscape Protected Area and Austerått Castle*
20:00 Dinner at the hotel

Wednesday - May 5 09:00 – 17:00

Session 2 continued: Wetland Conservation and management 09:00-10:30

Chair: Arni Bragason, Iceland

Ramsar sites in Greenland – status, challenges and the way ahead - *Inge Thaulow & Tom Christensen, Greenland Home Rule*

Development of hydrological restoration of mires, swamps and other wetlands within the forestry in Sweden - *Michael Löffroth, WWF, Sweden*

Lake Rakovye on the Karealian istmus – *Dimitry Kovaljev, St-Petersburg State University*

Coffee & tea (10:30-11:00)

Conservation and management of Northern Bogs Ramsar site in Latvia - *Mara Pakalne, University of Latvia & Andris Urtans, North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve.*

Ramsar sites in Latvia – *Rolands Auzins, Nature Protection Board, Riga, Latvia*
(Title to be confirmed)

Management possibilities of the Zuvintas and Kamanos wetlands, the Ramsar sites in Lithuania - *Arunas Pranaitis, Zuvintas Biosphere Reserve, Lithuania*

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| Session 3: Wetlands - more than birds | 11:00-12:30 |
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Chair: Timo Asanti, Finland

Icelandic wetlands: Ecological classification and anthropogenic impact
- *Gisli Már Gislason PhD, University of Iceland*

Diversity, Condition and Conservation of Wetlands in the Republic of Karelia
- *Oleg Kuznetsov, Russia*

Strategy and Action Plan for Mire and Peatland Conservation in Central Europe and Russia: lessons learned and perspectives - *Tatiana Minaeva, Wetlands International Russia Programme*

Survey of the Neva Bay of the Gulf of Finland - *Dimitry Kovaljev, St-Petersburg State University*

Lunch 12:30-13:30

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| Session 4: Towards increased and improved wetland cooperation in the Nordic countries? | 13:30-18:00 |
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Chair: Ann Wahlstrom, Sweden (tbc)

Regional action for Wetlands - experience from the Mediterranean region and beyond
- *Tobias Salathe, Ramsar Bureau*

Increased and improved wetland cooperation in the Nordic countries – some thoughts
- *Jan-Petter Huberth Hansen, Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management*

- **Breakout sessions**

Coffee & tea 15:30-16:00

- **Presentations & discussions**
- **Preparations for the European Wetland Meeting – Armenia, December 2004**

20:00 Conference dinner

Thursday - May 6 09:00-19:00

Field excursion by boat and bus to Ørlandet Wetland System

Responsible: Tørris Ekker, County Governor of Sør-Trøndelag

The nearby wetlands (Ramsar site) in Ørlandet municipality will be used as demonstration areas. More information to be found on www.fylkesmannen.no/ST . See also brief profiles of Norwegian Ramsar Sites : http://www.ramsar.org/profiles_norway

20:30 Dinner at the hotel

Friday - May 7 08:30 – 10:00

Summary and concluding remarks etc

Chair: Finn Katerås, Norway

- Recommendations
- Summary findings
- Closing

(Boat to Trondheim at 10:20 a.m.)

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE¹

Chair: Finn Katerås (Norway), Torsten Larsson (Sweden), Timo Asanti (Finland), Arni Bragason (Iceland), Jan-Petter Huberth Hansen (Norway).

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE & SECRETARIAT

Conference manager: Jan-Petter Huberth Hansen, Aage Tørris Ekker, Vigdis Jakobsen



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