



Ministry of Environment and Water

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2 FEBRUARY 2009 WORLD WETLANDS DAY IN BULGARIA

“Upstream-Downstream: Wetlands connect us all”

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER, REGIONAL INSPECTORATE OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER – VARNA:

The world wetlands day was celebrated on 2nd February with an open lesson which topic was “Important wetlands in the scope of RIEW - Varna”. The lesson was taught by an expert “Protected territories” Sanyal Krasteva in front of 60 children from fifth and sixth grade from Geo Milev High school in the city of Varna. The experts from RIEW – Varna had prepared a video material with which the children managed to see pictures of different protected territories, including sites “Durankulak lake” and “Lake Shabla”, protected areas, which are included in the list of the Ramsar Convention of Wetlands with International Importance. All students and teachers received booklets for the Ramsar sites in Bulgaria, which were supplied by the Ministry of Environment and Water. The children took an active part in the lesson which was built in a dialogue form.



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Some of the important wetlands in the territory controlled by RIEW – Varna are: Kamchia reserve, Baltata managed reserve, “Bolata” place, which is part of the Kaliakra reserve, “Lake Durankulak” and “Shabla lake”, “Varna-Beloslav” lake complex, the “Tuzla of Shabla and Balchik” and the “Taukliman lake”.

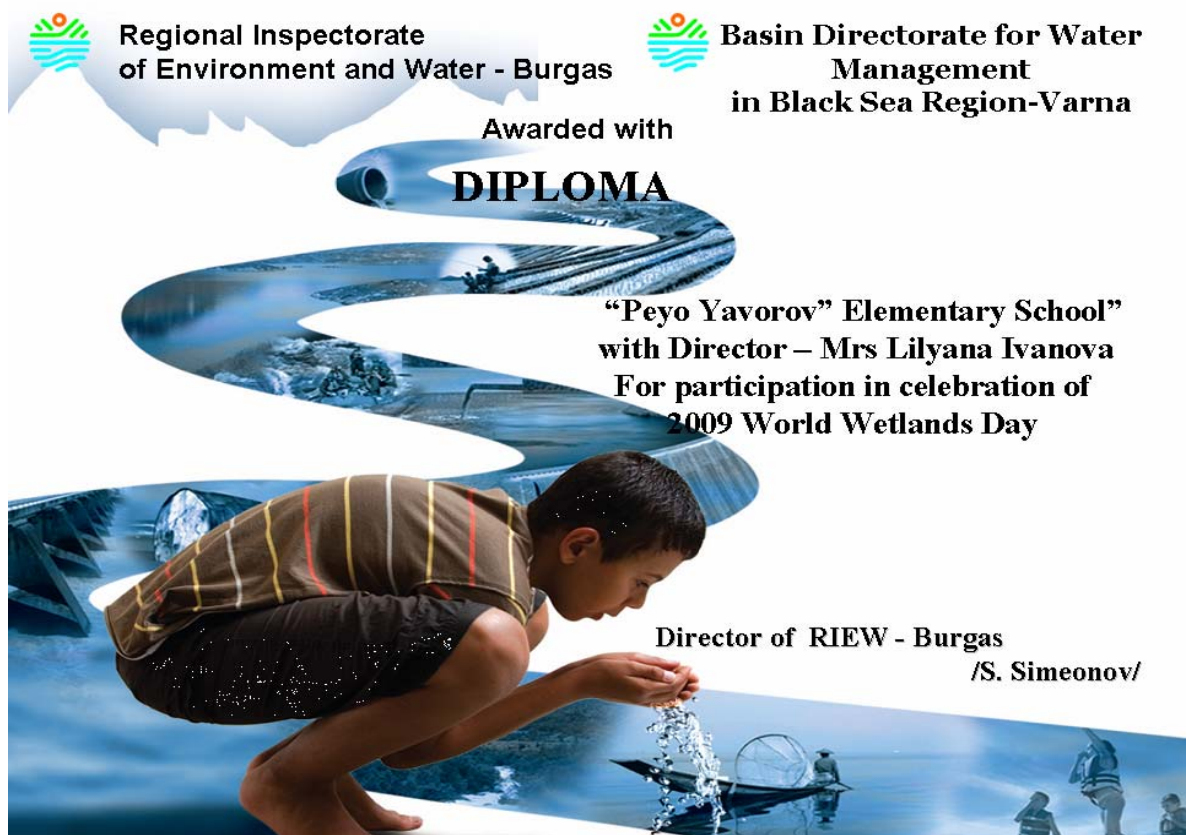
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On 28th January at 11 o'clock, a presentation on wetlands in Bulgaria and on the Ramsar Convention was given in Peyo Yavorov Elementary School.

120 children from 3rd and 4th grade enthusiastically took part in the lecture, while participating in a quiz with question like:

- Which is the longest river in the world?
- Which is the longest river in Bulgaria?
- Which is the largest lake in Bulgaria?
- Which is the water supply source for Burgas city and what children know about it?

The participants that were more active left with posters, diplomas and origami of a kind of a protected frog. The rest of the children received leaflets for the protected wetlands in our country with the promise that when spring comes we will visit all places in our city and particularly the lake of Pomorie and the Museum of salt, the lake of Atanasovo, Vaya, “Poda” and Ropotamo reserve.



The presentation was made by Albena Vasileva – expert “Ecological education and public relations” in cooperation with an expert from Basin Directorate – Varna.

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