

Wednesday, 23 September

Arrival of participants in Thessaloniki Airport
Transfer from Thessaloniki Airport to Prespa in two groups by tourist mini-buses.
Group A: Departure from Thessaloniki airport at 14:00.
Arrival in Prespa Lakes at approx. 17:00
Group B: Departure from Thessaloniki airport at 19:30.
Arrival in Prespa Lakes at approx. 22:30
Check-in at Prespa guest houses

20:00-24:00 Evening welcome reception and dinner by the Society for the Protection of Prespa (‘Mylos’ restaurant in Lemos village)

Thursday, 24 September

09:00-10:30 Opening session
Chair: Nejib Benessaiah, Acting MedWet Co-ordinator

Welcome address
Lazaros Nalpantidis, Mayor of Prespa

Integrated approach to the management of the natural and cultural heritage of wetlands - the UNESCO approach
Giorgio Andrian, UNESCO

The Prespa context
Myrsini Malacou, SPP

Scope and aims of the Workshop
Thymio Papayannis, Med-INA

10:30-11:00 Coffee / Tea break

11:00-12:30 First session: Wetland cultural landscapes
Chair: Myrsini Malacou, SPP

Keynote papers -20 min-
Wetland landscapes: perception and the arts
Prof. Peter Howard
Mediterranean Wetland landscapes: current trends and future concerns
Stefanos Dodouras and Aphrodite Sorotou, Med-INA

Case studies -10 min-
A Prespa landscape: The wonder of ordinary places
Julian Hoffman, writer
Landscape evolution of Neretva diachronically
Eugen Draganović, Croatian Ministry of Culture

12:30-16:30 Boat trip to Askitaria and lunch

16:30-19:00 Second session: Archaeological sites and historic buildings
Chair: Josep Maria Mallarach, Silene Association

Keynote paper -20 min-
Water and Anthropolos: Archaeological testimonies of a diachronic relation
Theotokis Theodoulou, Greek Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities (to be presented by Irini Lyratzaki)

Case studies -10 min-
Archaeology and nature conservation:
From conflict to synergy - Butrint case study
Zamir Dedej, INCA

Potential positive impact on wetland conservation in the area of Kune-Vaini of the archaeological and historic heritage of the area
Sajmir Beqiraj, University of Tirana, Department of Biology

Archaeological sites and historic buildings in Turkish wetland sites
Selim Erdogan, Representative of the Department of National Parks, Turkish Ministry of Environment and Forestry (to be presented by Burcu Bursali)

Archaeological interests in two wetland sites - Desilo, Hutovo Blato (B&H) and Naron, Delta Neretva (Croatia)
Jaroslav Vego, Ramsar NFP

Archaeological heritage of the Prespa Lakes
Popi Nalpantidou, SPP

20:00-23:00 Dinner (‘Prespeion’ restaurant in Aghios Germanos village)

Friday, 25 September

09:00-11:00 Third session: Cultural aspects of productive activities - part 1
Chair: Prof. Theodora Petanidou, University of Aegean, Department of Geography

Keynote papers -20 min-
Productive activities in wetlands
Thymio Papayannis, Med-INA

Agriculture, stockbreeding and wetlands
Yannis Cazoglou, SPP

Water-management challenges: past, present and future
Dr George Parisopoulos, Researcher NAGREF

11:00-11:30 Coffee / Tea break

11:30-13:00 Fourth session: Cultural aspects of productive activities - part 2
Chair: Prof. Moustafa Fouda, Egyptian Ministry of Environmental Affairs, Nature Conservation Sector

Keynote papers -20 min-
Integrating biodiversity conservation, waterbirds management and hunting culture, a challenge for the conservation of Mediterranean Wetlands
Jean-Yves Mondain Monval, ONCFS

Cultural aspects for the conservation of Mediterranean salinas
Prof. Theodora Petanidou, University of Aegean, Department of Geography

Food and culture, food and nature: Food resources and culinary heritage in Mediterranean wetlands
Irini Lyratzaki, Med-INA

13:00-18:00 Lunch and field trip to Aghios Achilios
Visit of the Basilica and short walk to Panagia Porfyra

18:00-19:30 Fifth session: Cultural aspects of productive activities - part 3
Chair: Eugen Draganović, Croatian Ministry of Culture

Keynote paper -20 min-
Wetland fisheries: Fisheries in the Greek lagoons and indicators of biological integrity
Prof. Manos Koutrakis, NARF

Case studies -10 min-
Traditional fisheries and wetland conservation: threats and opportunities for synergy - the Amvrakikos case study
Vassilis Spyrtas, French Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and the Sea

Compatibility of tradition and economic development in the management of the Orbetello Lagoon
Mauro Lenzi, Lagoon Ecology and Aquaculture Laboratory

Cultural heritage of wetlands in Egypt
Prof. Moustafa Fouda, Egyptian Ministry of Environmental Affairs, Nature Conservation Sector

20: 00 Dinner (‘Mimallones’ restaurant in Lemos village)

Saturday, 26 September

10:00-12:00 Sixth session: Spiritual and secular aspects
Chair: Dave Pritchard, Ramsar CWG & STRP

Keynote papers -20 min-
Sacred wetland sites in Northern Mediterranean
Josep-Maria Mallarach, Silene Association

Sacred wetland sites in Southern Mediterranean
Nejib Benessaiah, Acting MedWet Co-ordinator

Case studies -10 min-
The revival of the Hima in Lebanon and the Middle East
Assad Adel Serhal, SPNL

Integration of the cultural aspects in ecotourism programmes in Jordan protected areas
Maan Smadi, RSCN

Interpretation and ecotourism possibilities of Mediterranean wetland sites
Vanja Debevec-Gerjevič, Park Škocjanske jame

Environmental education in wetland sites: the case of Centre National d’Education Environnementale de Sidi Boughaba
Abdelhamid Belemlih, SPANA

Social events and their potential environmental impacts
Violeta Zuna, Prespa GEF / UNDP, Albania

12:00-12:30 Coffee / Tea break

12:30-13:30 Seventh session: Effective management of the natural and cultural heritage
Chair: Vanja Debevec-Gerjevič, Park Škocjanske jame

Keynote papers -20 min-
Integrating culture into wetland management
Thymio Papayannis, Med-INA

The Ramsar guidance on culture and wetlands
Dave Pritchard, Ramsar CWG & STRP

13:30-17:00 Visit to Aghios Germanos Byzantine Museum
Lunch and visit of Byzantine Churches

17:00-19:00 Closing session
Chair: Zamir Dedej, INCA

Keynote paper -20 min-
The way forward: establishing collaboration within the MedWet Culture Network
Nejib Benessaiah, Acting MedWet Co-ordinator

Discussion and inputs from participants

Closing statement
Thymio Papayannis, Med-INA

20:00-23:00 Farewell dinner (Mylos restaurant)

Sunday, 27 September

Departure: transfer to Thessaloniki airport in two groups
Group A: Departure from Prespa Lakes at 08:00.
Arrival in Thessaloniki airport at approx. 11:00
Group B: Departure from Prespa Lakes at 09:45.
Visit of Dispilio representation wetland settlement (one hour).
Arrival in Thessaloniki airport at approx. 13:00.

Return flights

