

6th European Ramsar Meeting

Stockholm - Sweden

Working Group N.1: 'Action for culture in European wetlands'

Sunday, 4 May 2008, 11h00-13h00

A working group will be convened with the following objectives:

- to review progress made in the implementation of Ramsar COP Resolutions VIII.19 (2002) and IX.21 (2005);
- to assess the process of developing guidance to the CPs for incorporating cultural aspects in the management of wetlands;
- to provide guidelines for the work of the Ramsar Culture Working Group during the period 2009-2011;
- to reinforce an integrated approach to the management of all wetland values in Europe and in parts of the World in which Europe is assisting.

The workshop will be chaired by *Thymio Papayannis*, Co-ordinator of the Ramsar Culture Working Group.

The programme of the workshop is the following:

11h00-11h10 Short introduction on the theme by the Chair

11h10-12h00 First part: Implementing Resolutions VIII.19 and IX.21

Brief interventions by CP representatives from Armenia (*Karen Jenderedjian*), Bosnia and Herzegovina (*Jaroslav Vego*), Croatia (*Eugen Draganović*), Estonia (*Kai Kimmel*) and Sweden (*Camilla Ersson*) of work done in their own countries. This may cover both general aspects from their National Reports, including the degree of integration of responsibilities for natural and cultural heritage, and a reference to one or two specific wetland case studies.

Presentation by *Thymio Papayannis* of the work carried out by Med-INA in the Mediterranean.

12h00-12h40 Second part: Developing and using guidance on the cultural aspects of wetlands

Introduction of the draft Ramsar Cultural Guidance document by *Dave Pritchard*.

Structured discussion on the use of the document and the way forward, on the basis of the following questions / points:

- How to finalise the document at least for this phase; with the understanding that in the triennium 2009-2011 it will be reviewed and further improved.
- In what form to disseminate it (including languages) and to which recipients.
- Possible role in this process of integrated or closely collaborating services for natural and cultural heritage in European countries.
- Potential future contribution of the Ramsar Culture Working Group.

12h40-13h00 Conclusions