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French-German WWD at the Oberrhein/Rhin Supérieur Ramsar Site

Beneath you'll find the short report of the French-German WWD at the Oberrhein/Rhin Supérieur Ramsar Site. This year WWD has been celebrated in Germany (Land of Baden-Wurtemberg). In report, there are two pictures, one from the official part of the day and one from the informal Ramsar-Evening that we organise from time to time in one or another city on both sides of the Rhine River.

**Short Report of WWD celebrated at the French-German Ramsar Site
"Oberrhein/Rhin supérieur"**

The French-German WWD at the Ramsar Site Oberrhein/Rhin supérieur was organised by the Ministry for Rural Affairs and Consumers'protection of the Land Baden-Wutemberg on February 2nd. It took place in the municipality of Grafenhausen (see picture N°1). This event took place 5 years after the Site was designated as a transboundary one. Along 16 presentations, the event focussed on the rehabilitation and protection of the floodplains as well as the assessment of the realisations and the vision for the future. Although the event took place on a Saturday the place of venue was fully attended.



At the end of the Day the mayor organised a visit on the spot of rehabilitation measures in the nearby nature reserves of Taubergiessen and Elzwiesen.

In the evening, an informal meeting gathered German and French participants in a

restaurant around Mr. Bruno Jaeger former head of the professional union of fishermen who organise boat tours in the floodplains as well as Mr. Jean Wencker (from Alsace Nature organisation), Rhine expert. Christian Muller and Serge Dumont showed short films of the rich biodiversity of the Rhine tributaries and the aquatic underworld of gravel pits along the River.

On picture 1 Mr. Wolfgang Baur (head of the Nature Protection and Tourism Direction at the Ministry of Baden-Wurtemberg for Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection (left), Mr. Jochen Paleit, mayor of the Grafenhausen city, Mr. Bodo Krauss (Ministry for Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection and organiser of WWD) and Mr. Michel Guéry, deputy director of the French Direction for Environment, Housing, and Spatial Management are carefully listening to the various presentations.



Picture 1 : from the city of Kappel-Grafenhausen.