

**Zasavica, Serbia, 2 February 2009.**

WWD was celebrated this year on the 2 February at Special Nature Reserve “**Zasavica**”, the youngest Ramsar site in Serbia under the auspices of the **Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of Republic of Serbia, Institute for Nature Protection of Serbia, Provincial Secretariat for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of Vojvodina Province and SNR “Zasavica”**. This years slogan for WWD was a great opportunity to act at raising public awareness of the need for conservation of wetland values and the Ramsar Convention in general.

In brief, the programme was as following.

Opening speeches were given by :

- **Mr Slobodan Simic**, Manager , SNR “Zasavica”;
- **Prof Dr Ivica Radovic**, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning;
- **Dr Slobodan Puzovic**, Provincial Secretary, Provincial Secretariat for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development;
- **Prof Dr Nenad Stavretovic**, Director, Institute for Nature Protection of Serbia.

Presentations were given by:

- **Nikola Stojnic**, Institute for Nature Protection of Serbia – “Status of Ramsar sites in Serbia”;
- **Tamara Stojanovic**, Provincial Secretariat for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development – “Support of the Provincial Secretariat for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development to Ramsar sites in Vojvodina”;
- **Duska Dimovic**, Institute for Nature Protection of Serbia – “Presentation of the Project „*Protection of biodiversity of the Sava River Basin Floodplains*“”;
- **Mr Slobodan Simic**, SNR “Zasavica” – “Protection measures in SNR “Zasavica””.

At this occasion the certificate of *Wetland of International Importance* for Zasavica was handed over to Mr Slobodan Simic, Manager of SNR “Zasavica”.

At the end of the official programme present guests could choose between a walk by educational tracks of the site and a ride by a boat.

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**Photos from the event:**

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