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ISS8 1st Announcement

The International Symposia on Sturgeon (ISS) are governed by the World Sturgeon Conservation Society (WSCS) and take place in a four year cycle in varying regions with importance for sturgeons and sturgeon biology. The next venue site for the 2017 event will be Vienna!

The upcoming venue will be an all-European effort to bring together the sturgeon experts worldwide. We consider it high time to draw the international attention to the pressing issue of sturgeon conservation in densely populated regions such as Europe that reveals intense conflicts between economic development and nature conservation. Also the transboundary approach that is vital in the management of many sturgeon populations is an essential prerequisite in the Danube River system – a river shared by the highest number of countries worldwide. As such the idea of a truly European conference is the motif to take over the responsibility for the 8th ISS. Europe, unifying extremely different heritages and cultures, also represents the chances and also the drawbacks that collaboration and internationalization offer for effective resource management.



Vienna is a perfect location in the heart of Europe that reflects much of the intercultural approaches with a charming environment that is to provide a great ambience for the international participants of the ISS8. The meeting will take place between September 11 and 17th 2017 on the premises of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU).

Topics



The 8th ISS will focus on the analysis of the dynamics of the decline and its drivers while transferring the lessons to be learned from successful conservation attempts in other parts of the world to improve the measures taken. This approach in conjunction with sound monitoring in place should aid to make conservation approaches increasingly effective.

The second stronghold of the conference will be the aquaculture sector. Europe has a large share in sturgeon farming and caviar production.

Traditionally, European traders have been the dominating distributors in caviar trade. Therefore, the European focus on caviar and caviar trade will provide a vital input for the conference topics. Quality control, alternative production methods, market trends and collaborative approaches in production and marketing, as well as control and enforcement are among the key issues to be addressed to meet the future challenges in this sector.



Organisation

The ISS8 will be organized in close cooperation between the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU) and the Leibniz- Institute for Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries (IGB-Berlin). Both Institutes have a long tradition in research and restoration of freshwater ecosystems and are involved in programmes for the protection and rehabilitation of sturgeon stocks in Europe.

The Symposium will be located in the beautiful historic 18th district in close vicinity of the Türkenschanz Park.

Aside of the conference itself, different excursions will take place both nationally and internationally, as satellite tours are planned to many different, from a sturgeons point of view interesting sites, like the Danube Delta, the Polish/German Sturgeon project, fish farms, research institutes and restoration projects in Italy, France, Serbia, Romania, Czech Republic and beyond.



Interested to become more than a participant but to take over a leading role in making this effort a success? There are several ways to become an active supporter for this venue. Please see the attached information and contact us for further details.

We look forward to see you in September 11th – 17th 2017 in the city of Vienna!

ISS8 Website online – now!

Check: www.iss8.info



8th International Symposium on Sturgeon
September 11th - 17th, 2017