

Announcement

World Sturgeon Conservation Society e.V.

General Assembly 2008

April 6, 2008 15:00 – 18:00 hrs

Istanbul University

Baltalimany Sosyal Tesisleri

Baltalimany Kemik Hastanesi Yany No 84

Baltalimany, Istanbul Turkey

Blue Meeting Room, 1st Floor (Baltalimany Guesthouse)

Further details on meeting place see website:

http://www.istanbul.edu.tr/sosyaltesisler/b_resimler.htm

Tentative Agenda

- 1) Opening of the General Assembly and Welcome by the President
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda, logistics and other issues
- 3) Welcome Address by the local organisers
- 4) Introduction of the Board of Directors
- 5) Annual Report of the President on Activities of the Society
 - a. WSCS publications in general
 - b. Availability and distribution of Publications (e.g. Ramsar Declaration, ISS5 Proceedings)
 - c. Second Edition of the WSCS Special Publication 1 (available at new rates)
 - d. Status of the Piacenza Workshop Proceedings on Fish elevators
 - e. Report on the *Acipenser sturio* Action Plan (Bern Convention, Standing Committee 2007)
 - f. Publication of the proceedings of the 2nd Status Workshop on Identification of Acipenseriformes Species in Trade (Special Issue of the Journal of Applied Ichthyology)
 - g. Status of the preparation of Proceedings of the First International Workshop on Fish Sperm, Czech Republic, 2007 (Special Issue of the Journal of Applied Ichthyology)
 - h. Briefing on „sturgeon Session“ at the AFS 137th annual Conference, San Francisco, 2007
 - i. Report on the recent developments within the Danube sturgeon conservation programmes (WSCS letter of concern to Environment Minister in Romania and to EU Directorates requesting to re-consider decisions on sill construction across spawning migration routes)
- 6) Treasurer's Report
 - a. Report on Membership Development
 - b. Annual Balance 2006 and approval
 - c. Proposed budget 2007 revisited
 - d. Proposed budget 2008 and approval
- 7) Website issues and Circular News (update of the membership directory; website services)
- 8) Sturgeon Bibliography and sturgeon reprint archive (need for input & assistance for translation)
- 9) IUCN and Sturgeon specialist Group (Report by Dr. Pourkazemi)
- 10) Report on the Status of implementation of the Danube Sturgeon Action Plan (Dr. Radu Suciú)
- 11) Cooperation and links to other national and international organisations (WAS, EAS, EAFP, WCFS)
- 12) Preparation - joint session of WSCS-WAS at the WAS annual meeting in Busan, Korea, 2008
- 13) Announcements (Symposia, Conferences, Workshops 2008 & World Fisheries Congress)
- 14) Planning activities for the 6th International Symposium on Sturgeons (ISS 6; report from the local organising Committee, discussion on programme and special workshops)
- 15) Special presentation and discussion on Sturgeon Conservation Research and plans in Turkey
- 16) Open Session with the General Public and Media
- 17) Next WSCS General Assembly (place and time)
- 18) Miscellaneous
- 19) Closing of the Meeting

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