



### Federation Headquarters – update from the EUROPARC 2007 Conference and General Assembly

A big thank you to all those Members who provided proxy voting forms concerning the proposed move of the EUROPARC Federation headquarters to Raixa, Mallorca. In the event however they were not required, as there was no vote.



This is because the Federation Council decided to implement, as part of its new five-year strategy, a comprehensive review of structures, roles and responsibilities within the Federation. Part of this review will be an assessment of office location issues, which will be subject to strategic assessment criteria. EAI will keep members posted on progress.

### EAI seminar – Community Engagement; what works and what you need to do. Newcastle, 1-2 November

We're taking bookings for our autumn seminar. The subject came out top of members' current concerns, so we have a superb programme of speakers, site visits and workshops planned. To download the brochure and booking form, click go to [www.europarc-ai.org](http://www.europarc-ai.org) and follow the links on the right.



### LIFE+ Project Proposal: The European Charter for Sustainable Tourism; Communication and Capacity-Building

The EUROPARC Federation, led by the Italian Section, are putting together a proposal to the LIFE+ Programme that will considerably boost the implementation of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas. The Federation is looking for potential project partners - protected areas who are willing to act as pilots for the Charter implementation. If you would like to know more, then please contact Dan Bloomfield (details at the bottom of this newsletter). Timescales are tight - a meeting is planned in the next few weeks, before getting a draft proposal together by the end of November.



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## Workshop on the Sustainability of the Natura 2000 Network, Peterborough, 17-18 October

The Natura 2000 Networking Programme, managed by EUROPARC and EUROSITE, is running a seminar aimed at assisting those managing Natura 2000 sites to make the most of potential social, environmental and economic benefits. The workshop is being run by Daniel Piec, Natura 2000 Ambassador. For further information ring Daniel on 01536 770359, or email him at [daniel.piec@natura-international.org](mailto:daniel.piec@natura-international.org)



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## New EUROPARC Atlantic Isles members

We're delighted that our membership has grown in recent weeks. Nidderdale AONB has joined EUROPARC Atlantic Isles, as has the City of London, which owns and manages Epping Forest and other important protected areas around London.



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## Wicklow Uplands Council Workshop: local Involvement in Countryside Management

EAI Member Wicklow Uplands Council have put together a two-day programme to be held at Glendalough Hotel, County Wicklow on the 23-24 October, with field trips and a choice of 6 discussion sessions. For full details and downloads go to [www.wicklowuplands.ie](http://www.wicklowuplands.ie).



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## EAI Sustainable Tourism Charter Network Meeting, Manchester 15th October 2007

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tourism Charter Network is imminent. We're meeting in Manchester's Central Library to discuss how best to implement Part II of the charter, which involves businesses, as well as plans to develop and grow the network. If you're interested in attending, please contact Dan Bloomfield.



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## Potential INTERREG IVB Project: Implementation of the European Landscape Convention

EAI are seeking partners in Belgium, France, Germany and Holland, as well as within the EAI Section, to develop a potential INTERREG IVB bid to the North West Europe Programme. There has been some initial discussion with people across the channel – the Dutch are keen to link the idea to work on ecological corridors, for example – but perhaps there are EAI members who are interested in the ELC, and would like to see it more widely and comprehensively implemented? If so, please contact Dan Bloomfield for a chat through some ideas.



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### Transboundary Parks Initiative – new developments

Transboundary Parks...following nature's design

The Transboundary Parks initiative is close to the hearts of the EUROPPARC Federation, although little has occurred in the Atlantic Isles. However, this might now be changing; at a workshop at the recent EUROPARC 2007 conference led by Zbigniew Niewiadomski from Poland, it was agreed that the existing Transboundary Network could be usefully expanded and better promoted, and that this might include a role for marine borders. There is also scope for work within the Initiative for work across borders that do not necessarily have protected areas, as traditionally quite narrowly defined, on both sides. If you'd like to discuss the potential for transboundary work, please contact Dan Bloomfield.

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### Potential study trip to Iceland

Plans are afoot for an EAI study trip to Iceland next summer. The idea is that our Icelandic member, the Environment and Food Agency (UST) will help arrange a meeting with key people and a tour to some of the remarkable National Parks in Iceland. Places are likely to be limited, so look out for further announcements!



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