



Job vacancy – EUROPARC Federation Communications Officer

Please note the following job vacancy; the EUROPARC Federation is seeking for a Communications Officer. The post will be based in Grafanau, Germany. To apply, you need to send a covering letter and cv to Richard Blackman, EUROPARC Federation Deputy Director, at office@europarc.org. Deadline for applications is 14 December 2007. Full specification and job description is on the EAI website – www.europarc-ai.org



Duncan Mills Scholarship – call for applications

Duncan Mills was the first Chairman of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs Regional Park, who campaigned tirelessly for National Parks in Scotland. Sadly, Duncan died before he saw Loch Lomond and the Trossachs become Scotland's first National Park. In recognition of his work an annual scholarship has been established by EUROPARC Atlantic Isles, in association with Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority. The scholarship will enable the recipient to undertake a study visit to one or more protected areas anywhere in world to gather experience that will be of benefit to themselves as well as contribute to the body of knowledge concerning protected areas. The Award is worth £1000.



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If you would like to apply for this funding we need:

- A nomination letter from a manager / senior officer, outlining your experience;
- An outline of the proposed study tour (maximum 1000 words).

Please send these to Dan Bloomfield, preferably electronically, by the **12th February 2008**.

Spring 2008 seminar – advance notice

The next EAI seminar has been pencilled in for the **27th and 28th March 2008**, and will be held in Cardiff.



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The topic is a big one – what will the **Protected Areas of the Future** look like? The kinds of questions we will be asking

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include:

- What can we learn from reforms elsewhere in Europe?
- What might reviews in the UK produce?
- What will be the impact of upcoming guidance on IUCN category IV?
- How are we going to implement the European Landscape Convention?
- What is the potential for Category IV parks in the Republic of Ireland?

Look out for further details soon.

New Project – Coastal Management Plan Advice Project

EAI have instigated a partnership with CCW, SNH and Natural England to develop a major new research project. The work will develop advice for the managers of coastal protected landscapes which will give them the capability of connecting with the marine environment through their management plans, the statutory development plan process and the various other planning policy instruments. The work will be completed by the end of April, at which point there will be a seminar to launch the advice – look out for further announcements.



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Green tourism businesses – VisitBritain consultation

VisitBritain recently consulted EAI concerning their plans for a entry level scheme for sustainable tourism business accreditation. Our response was made after canvassing the members of the EAI European Charter for Sustainable Tourism Network. The Network had concerns about the scheme, particularly that it might negatively impact upon the work being done in many protected areas to work productively in partnership with tourism businesses.



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You can read our response on our website.

European Charter Newsletter

The third Newsletter of the European Charter Network has been published.

- Information and news from various Charter protected areas
- Information on Charter Part II, the European CharterNet and other Charter related issues
- New evaluations and re-evaluations 2007
- Outlook 2008
- Calendar of Events



The newsletter is available to download from our website.

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Four year Strategy and Action Plan approved

EAI has finalised its Strategy and Action Plan to take us forwards to the end of 2012. The Strategy lays out our vision and aims, within the context of the wider Federation network. Our Action Plan, led by the needs of our members, describes a comprehensive set of initiatives that cover communications, spreading best practice, enhancing our links with Europe, and influencing policy and programmes, as well as developing our own organisation.



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The full document is available on our website.

Study trip to Iceland – 5-6 June 2008

We now have dates for the EAI study trip to Iceland next summer. Our hosts, 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 bound to be limited – if you would like to go, please let Dan Bloomfield know as soon as possible.



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