



Living Lakes 2019

15th International Conference on Lakes and Wetlands

7th – 9th May 2019

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20 Years of Living Lakes - A look into the future

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20 Years of Living Lakes

Since its foundation in November 1998, the Living Lakes Network unites environmental organisations striving for the protection of lakes and wetlands worldwide. Starting with four partners, the network today consists of 109 partner lakes represented by member organisations from all over the world. It created a platform for raising awareness, exchanging ideas and advice and initiating common projects. The Living Lakes Network has tackled many challenges, grown together and developed a mutual trust over the years. The 20th anniversary of the network is a reason to celebrate the success story of Living Lakes, to pass in review and forging out plans for the future.

Venue

Complex Esportiu-Cultural Petxina, Valencia, Spain

Passeig de la Petxina, 42, 46008 València

Involving the Private Sector

Since its creation in 1998, Global Nature Fund and Living Lakes have been seeking for strong alliances with partners from the private sector. GNF and its partners – within others Fundación Global Nature – pursue careful and considerate use of natural resources as well as the development of alternative income sources. In our global world, the strong interconnection between environmental and economic development becomes more and more evident. Strong and positive social and environmental performances of companies are a necessity if we want to solve the big challenges our planet is facing. Strengthening biodiversity and ecosystems can therefore be an opportunity for business knowing that almost every business sector depends to some extent on biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Registration

Online registration at www.livinglakes2019.org

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Programme

(Some speakers mentioned in the agenda are still subject to final confirmation)

MONDAY, 06.05.2019 – ARRIVAL DAY	
	Arrival in Valencia
TUESDAY, 07.05.2019 – DAY I	
PARTNERSHIPS FOR LAKE AND WETLAND RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT	
8.30 – 9.00	Conference Registration
9.00 – 10.00	<p>Opening of the 15th World Living Lakes Conference</p> <p>Moderator: Manfred Niekisch, <i>Vice President, Global Nature Fund, Germany.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, <i>Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica, Spain.</i> • Joan Ribó i Canut, <i>Ayuntamiento de Valencia, Spain.</i> • Elena Cebrián Calvo, <i>Conselleria d'Agricultura, Medi Ambient, Canvi Climàtic i Desenvolupament Rural, Spain.</i> • Cosme Morillo, <i>President of Fundación Global Nature, Spain.</i> • Marion Hammerl, <i>President of Global Nature Fund, Germany.</i>
10.00 – 11:30	<p>Keynote Presentations</p> <p>Moderator: Eduardo de Miguel, <i>Fundación Global Nature, Spain.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakes and wetlands in Spain: Protection under EU Water Framework Directive. Javier Cachón de Mesa, <i>Director General de Calidad y Evaluación Ambiental y Medio Natural, Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica, Spain.</i> • Approaches to protect lakes and wetlands: Successes and challenges for lake protection on global level. Tobias Salathé, <i>Senior Adviser, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Switzerland.</i> • Living Lakes Partner City of Valencia: Planning, regulations and voluntary programs on local level to protect lakes and wetlands. Sergi Campillo, <i>Regidor Delegat de Conservació d'Àrees Naturals i Devesa-Albufera, City of Valencia, Spain</i> • Floodplains and wetlands in Germany. Significance, threat and measures for protection and restoration. Bernd Neukirchen, <i>Head of Unit „Inland Waters“, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Germany</i> <p>Questions and comments from the audience</p>
11.30 – 12.00	Coffee Break

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12.00 – 13.30	<p>Presentations – Water challenges of our times</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <i>(to be confirmed)</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to mainstream successful pilot initiatives and tools for sound management of lake watersheds. Prof. Dr. Klaus Töpfer <i>(To be confirmed)</i> • Strategies for partnerships of business and NGOs for the protection of wetlands Ward Hagemeyer, <i>Head Business and Ecosystems, Wetlands International, The Netherlands</i> • Public-private cooperation for water management. Factors of success. Amanda del Río, <i>Fundación Global Nature, Spain.</i> • Business tools to manage water challenges. Marta Santamaría, <i>Natural Capital Coalition.</i> <p>Questions and comments from the audience</p>
13:30 – 15.00	Lunch
15.00 – 17.00	Parallel Sessions:
	<p>Session 1: Spanish & international initiatives of the business sector to conserve water resources and increase resilience against climate change</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Elvira Carles, <i>CEO, Empresa y Clima, Spain.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International projects to conserve water resources. Paola Agostini, <i>Global Lead for Resilient Landscapes, The World Bank, USA.</i> • Example I – Frank Schad, Head of Corporate Communications, Cultural and Social Sponsoring, Alfred Kärcher SE & Co. KG, Germany. • Example II – Jaime José Castillo Soria, Director de Relaciones Institucionales de Aguas de Valencia, Spain. • Example III - Dominik Slappnig/Klaus Strixner, <i>Sika Community Programme, Sika AG, Switzerland.</i> • Discussion <p>Summary of results</p>

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	<p>Session 2: Watershed management, water footprint and other tools: Potential achievements and limits</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <i>(to be confirmed)</i>.</p> <p>Water Footprints: Concepts, Methodologies and Policy Responses. Francesc La Roca, <i>Fundación Nueva Cultura del Agua</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example I: How water stewardship standards can contribute to climate mitigation and adaptation. Applicable approaches for lake regions. Achim Drewes, <i>Head of Public Affairs, Nestlé and Alliance for Water Stewardship, Germany</i> • Example II: Methodology to evaluate ecosystem services in wetlands. Nieves Cifuentes, <i>Responsable Corporativa de Medio Ambiente y Sostenibilidad, Naturgy</i>. • Example III: • Discussion <p>Summary of results</p>
	<p>Session 3: Payment for ecosystem services, project support, sponsoring: Compensation or contribution or both?</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Marion Hammerl, <i>President of Global Nature Fund, Germany</i></p> <p>Payments for Ecosystem Services opportunities for the companies and environment. Stefan Höerman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example I: Nurture Lakeland Small Grants Fund; Sarah Swindley, <i>Director, Lake District Foundation, UK</i>. • Example II: Business Anchor for Biodiversity. <i>Andreas Gettkant, Coordinator of the Global Project Private Business Action for Biodiversity German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), Germany</i>. • Example III: Long-term cooperation between NGO and companies on rural development & lake protection. Dr Andrew Venter, <i>CEO, Wildtrust, South Africa</i>. • Discussion <p>Summary of results</p>
17.00 – 17.30	Coffee Break
17.30 – 18.00	<p>Wrap up of the day: Do we have answers to all questions?</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Udo Gattenlöhner, <i>Global Nature Fund</i></p>
20.00	Dinner in the Oceanographic hosted by Aguas de Valencia Foundation

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WEDNESDAY, 08.05.2019 – DAY II – FIELD TRIP

9.00 – 17.00	<p>Field Trip to L'Albufera:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat trip in La Albufera. • Guided visit to Tancat de la Pipa Green Filter: Example of shared management between two NGOs under a land-stewardship agreement, with University support. • Guided visit to the Interpretation Center El Racó de l'Olla. • Route into the Gola de Pujol.
	Free Evening (A guided tour to the City of Valencia will be offered)

THURSDAY, 09.05.2019 – DAY III

TOPIC: PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCREASING WATER ECOSYSTEM RESILIENCE AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

09.00 – 10.30	<p>Keynote Presentations:</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Manfred Niekisch, <i>Vice President, Global Nature Fund</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote on Science-Policy-Society interface on Ecosystem Restoration, Judith Fischer, <i>Chair of the EKLIPSE Restoration EWG, Member of the IPBES Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, Research Fellow at UWA African Research and Engagement Centre.</i> • Wetland Restoration Experiences in Comunitat Valenciana. <i>Conselleria d'Agricultura, Medi Ambient i Canvi Climàtic.</i> • Lake Spot Lights: Water Ecosystems around the world affected by climate change. Examples from the Living Lakes Network. • Solution approaches. Examples from the Living Lakes Network. <p>Questions and comments from the audience</p>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break

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11.00 – 13.00	<p>Presentations: Management and Monitoring of Lakes and Wetlands <u>Moderator:</u> <i>(to be confirmed)</i>.</p> <p>Management and monitoring of Mediterranean temporary wetlands in the river basin of Júcar. Manuel Alcalde Sánchez, <i>President of Confederación Hidrográfica del Júcar, Spain</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Lakes – Example of tropical lakes. Senglong Youk, <i>Fisheries Action Coalition Team (FACT), Cambodia</i>. • Sustainable Peatland Management in the Broads – Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating a sustainable economy. Harry Mach, <i>CANAPE Project Manager, Broads Authority, UK</i>. • Participatory monitoring of watersheds. Kat Hartwig, <i>Living Lakes Canada, Canada</i>. • Monitoring climate change impacts via satellite. Antonio Camacho, <i>Universitat de València</i>. <p>Questions and comments from the audience</p>
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 16.00	<p>Lake Restoration best practices World Café: “Matching partners for joint action of businesses, public institutions and NGOs”. Bring your best example on: <u>Moderator:</u> <i>EU EKLIPSE Programme Representative</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Focus: How to efficiently include that in projects. • Climate change adaptation: restoration and/or resilience. • Participatory monitoring: How to ensure success in the long run. • Citizens science: How to empower citizens in bottom up actions. • Awareness and media. How to communicate and make actions visible.
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee Break
16.30 – 17.15	<p>What will you take home? More answers or more questions? Summary of the conference - Young voices from the audience. Clemente Álvarez, <i>Ballena Blanca</i>.</p>
17.30 – 18.30	<p>Closing Programme Best Conservation Practice Award Ceremony Closing Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eduardo de Miguel, <i>Fundación Global Nature</i> • Udo Gattenlöhner, <i>Global Nature Fund</i>
20.30	Dinner and 20 Years Living Lakes Festivity Event hosted by Valencia City
FRIDAY, 10.05.2019 – DEPARTURE DAY	

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Optional Tour Activities (not included in conference fee)

FRIDAY, 10.05.2019 – OPTIONAL TOUR ACTIVITY

BirdsWine: Trip to Sierra de Mariola and ecological cellar

SATURDAY, 11.05.2019 – OPTIONAL TOUR ACTIVITY

Trip to Marjal dels Moros Coastal Wetland

Background Information

The importance of lakes

Lakes and wetlands are among the world's most easily accessible source for fresh water. They are dynamic aquatic ecosystems; simultaneously providing fresh water, food, micro climate and recreation for humans, in addition to sustaining habitats for thousands of species of animals and plants. Water is a precious shared resource and its protection requires citizens, corporations and nations to act responsibly. The Living Lakes Network is about developing partnerships with all stakeholders to ensure a balance is firmly established between protecting sensitive ecosystems and managing the growth of lake-sensitive economic development – whether it is recreational, agricultural or industrial.

Current challenges in the management of water ecosystems

- » Insufficient regulation of water withdrawal
- » Contamination from point and non-point sources
- » Pressure of exploitation on surrounding areas
- » Lack of implementation of legislation for the protection of aquatic ecosystems
- » Lack of resources for the management & protection
- » Problems in administration and unclear assignment of responsibilities
- » Lack of public perception & knowledge about ecological values of water ecosystem such as lakes and wetlands

Target Group

Sound water management is crucial to find the right balance between optimising the use of water resources and protecting of the ecological integrity of lake and wetland ecosystems. This is of special importance because of the challenging impacts of climate change. There is a wide consensus on how best management practices are reached, and that is by including all stakeholders acting in the lakes basin. Therefore this conference targets the wide range of stakeholder implicating in lakes and wetland management, including: companies of those economic sectors benefitting directly from lakes ecosystem services (e.g. tourism, food), farmers and fishermen, administrations and political decision makers on local and regional level, scientific institutions, NGOs and other representatives of the local communities.

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Since the creation of this private, non-profit foundation in 1993, Fundación Global Nature (FGN) brings together theory and practice and combines the elaboration of strategies and plans with field work and applied projects. The main working areas are restoration of wetlands and protection of other valuable habitats, sustainable agriculture and business and biodiversity. Apart from implementing projects at a national and European level, FGN develops initiatives in other continents to support the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Global Nature Fund

Headquartered in Germany at Lake Constance, Global Nature Fund (GNF) is a non-profit, private, independent international foundation for the protection of the environment and nature. GNF launched the global Living Lakes network in 1998, the only lake network of NGOs worldwide.

Living Lakes

Living Lakes is an international network and partnership with the mission to enhance the protection, restoration and rehabilitation of lakes, wetlands and other freshwater bodies of the world.

Media Participation

Media representatives from around the world will be involved in the conference and observe the steps to preserve our water legacy for future generations. Conference delegates will exchange on what is being done, on municipal, provincial and federal level, to handle water as a scarce resource being the prerequisite for business development.

Organisational Information

Visa Procedure

In order to obtain an invitation letter to apply for Visa, please contact the Spanish host organisation Fundación Global Nature (Ms María Sánchez Murciano msanchez@fundacionglobalnature.org).

Registration Procedure

For registration please fill in the registration form or the online registration form and send it to the indicated address. You will receive a registration confirmation which will include a request for payment. Your registration is valid after payment of the full conference fee. Please note that the number of participants for the event is limited.

Conference Supporters

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Participation Fee

- » **50 Euro for the full conference**
- » Please note that transportation for the field trip (Wednesday 8th May 2018) and meals as listed in the programme can only be covered for the first 120 registrations.

Cancellation Policy /Refunds

Payment in full must accompany registration. Cancellations are required in writing and must be received on or before 31st March 2019 for a full refund. Cancellations received on or after 1st April 2019 are non-refundable. Refunds will be paid after the convention.

Accommodation

Please make your own hotel reservation. Please note, that breakfast will not be offered as part of the event. Hotels near the venue:

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