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SALVERE News

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Semi-natural grassland as a source of biodiversity improvement - A CENTRAL Europe Project

During times of economic recession, as the current ones, the support to environmental issues often fails in favor of interventions aimed at solving more urgent social difficulties. In this hard context, SALVERE represents an important tool to keep the attention high for topics that, even if they don't directly affect the economy of Central Europe, can nevertheless significantly contribute to the maintenance of its biological integrity, which is essential for any durable economic activity.

Having the first half of 2009 mainly dedicated to bureaucratic matters and work planning, during the second the foreseen activities started rapidly. We initiated the transfer of proposed methods to target groups, through local media, the successful Poznan regional workshop and, at a supra-national level, during the 15th EGF Brno Symposium. At the same time all partners started field studies on grassland seed production, harvesting trials and sowing on the receptor sites. The coming winter months give us time to obtain the first project results and to answer all questions of people interested in our work.

By Michele Scotton

Review of the 1st regional Workshop in Poland



About sixty experts from different countries and many institutions met during the SALVERE Regional Workshop in Poland organized by the Department of Grassland Sciences of Poznan University of Life Sciences (PULS) - one of the partners in our SALVERE project.

The workshop was divided into two parts. The first part took place at Palace Wasowo conference hall, it was a series of lectures concerning semi-natural grassland restoration, seed market and seed production of native plants. Invited speakers from Poland talked about diversity, richness, threats and opportunities for Polish semi-natural meadows. One of the lectures gave an overview of the Polish market concerning ecological, multi-species seed mixtures.

The second part of the workshop was a field trip combined with mini-sessions in the Natural Education Centre in Psyche, where the workshop participants had the occasion to hear two interesting lectures about nature (including semi-natural grasslands) protection problems, from the practical point of view.

During the field trip, the participants visited the experimental sites of the Agricultural Experimental Farm in Brody, part of the University of Life Sciences in Poznan (PULS) and in Zgierzynka (Natura 2000 area) and also a demonstration site, set up in Gluponie, on the embankment of the A2 highway.

By Piotr Golinksy

Link to the Conference proceedings: <http://www.salvereproject.eu/content/workshop-poland>

SALVERE Folder

The project SALVERE wants to promote High nature value Farmland (HNVF) with its biodiversity as a valuable resource to support sustainable rural development in Central Europe. To do so, a folder was created which is available in 6 different languages: English, German, Czech, Slovakian, Polish and Italian. If you want to see and read the Folder please use the Link to our webpage and download it as pdf.



Link: <http://www.salvereproject.eu/content/downloads>

Upcoming News

3-4 December 2009 Central Europe annual event - Verona Italy www.central2013.eu/

8-10 December 2009 National meeting „Seed grass production organised by the Department of Grass land Sciences of Poznan University of Life Sciences (PULS) and the Section of Grasses and Legumes of Polish Seed - ChamberBoszkowo (Wielkopolska province) www.puls.edu.pl

12 January 2010 SALVERE - Using native plants to protect the soil and improve biodiversity - Italy for information contact michele.scotton@unipd.it or claudia.dalbuono@unipd.it

11-12 May 2010 Regional Workshop in the white Carpathians - Czech Republic www.salvereproject.eu

19-20 May 2010 Gumpensteiner Begrünungstagung - Austria www.raumberg-gumpenstein.at

23-27 August 2010 SerAvignon 2010 Ecological Restoration and Sustainable Development - Establishing Links Across Frontiers - Avignon, Provence, France www.seravignon2010.org



The SALVERE TEAM wishes
you a merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

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