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Conference “NATURA 2000: FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE”

Date: October 25th & 26th, 2007

Background information on the conference theme “Natura 2000: For the People, By the People”:

Government officials, NGO representatives, journalists, scientists, Hellenic Natura 2000 site managers and the Greek Orthodox Church (which is the only religion to officially celebrate a day for nature and the environment – September 1st – and which has a significant influence on Hellenic stakeholder cultural attitudes/behaviour affecting environmental conservation) will provide the content of the conference. The conference aims to publicly acknowledge the responsibilities of each of the foregoing as professional leaders in European society for the benefit of stakeholders in Natura 2000 sites and for the peripheral and consequential benefit of all Europeans and the wider international population.

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Conference Content

Title: "NATURA 2000: FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE"

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Venue: Hotel Aktaion, Mandraki, GR-85100 Rhodes

Confirmed Speakers:

- 1. His Eminence Metropolitan Kyrillos of Rhodes**
Representing His Holiness Bartholomew I.
"Theological Approach to Environmental Consciousness."
- 2. Evangelia Tzampazi**
Member of the Committee for the Environment of the European Parliament. (Socialist)
"Natura 2000 Network and Legal Protection of the Natural Environment: Weaknesses, challenges and opportunities."
- 3. Haralampos Kokkinos**
Secretary General, Prefecture of Southern Aegean.
"The Role of the Regional Government in the Management of Protected Areas"
- 4. Anastasios Aliferis, MD**
Mayor of Tilos
"The Role of Municipalities in the Management of Protected Areas"
- 5. Eleni Makrygianni**
Environmentalist, National Park of Evros Delta, Managing Authority, Coordinator.
"1997-2007: Promoting the Natura 2000 Network in the Evros Delta for a Decade"
- 6. Katerina Perraki**
Manager of the Environmental Policy Issues Dept. of the Hellenic Ornithological Society.
"Protected Areas and the Role of the NGOs"
- 7. Konstantinos Mentzelopoulos**
Founder & Director of the Tilos Park
"The Role of the Society of Citizens in Managing Protected Areas - The Tilos Experience."
- 8. Aristotle Hatzifountas**
Field Assistant, Tilos Park
"A Local Stakeholder's Experience with the Tilos Park"
- 9. Dr. Georgia Valaoras**
Monitoring expert, Coordinator for Greece LIFE Nature and LIFE Environment projects
"Implementation of LIFE-Nature Projects in Greece - An Evaluation"
- 10. Yannis Rigas**
Biologist
"Management Proposals for the Tilos Protected Area"
- 11. Dr. Haralampos Alivizatos**
Biologist, Ornithologist
"Three Years of Results of the managements Plan for the Birds of Tilos"

Pending Confirmation:

1. **Anastasios Karamarios**
Hellenic Parliament Member (Conservatives)
2. **Vrasidas Zavras**
Director of the Environmental Dept. of the Piraeus Bank

Confirmed Salutations:

1. **Ioannis Mahairides**
Dodecanese Governor
2. **Andreas Sioulas**
Director of the Rhodes Aquarium and the Marine Research Centre.