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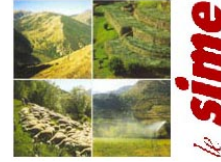
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**Rural Development measures and the future of pastoralism: regional  
problems, future management possibilities and policy realities.**

**Causses Méridionaux and Région Languedoc-Roussillon**

The 8<sup>th</sup> European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism

**Montpellier, France  
13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September 2003**

**PROGRAMME**

***Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September***

17.00 Reception of participants in conference hall and distribution of conference documents.

19.00 onwards Buffet dinner (to allow for late arrivals).

## ***Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September***

### **SESSION 1 Farm visits – to stock breeding areas on the southern Causses**

- 08.30 Departure with the buses.
- 08.45 Logistics of the field visits and links with the rest of the Conference provided on coaches.
- 09.00 Information provided on coaches on " The Causses Méridionaux, their farming and wildlife *SIME & Chambres Agriculture, France*".
- 09.30 Guided by facilitators and the farmers, visits to a sheep farm (transhumant), a milk sheep farm (Roquefort cheese), mixed suckler cow/horse farm. The field visits will also show sites with MAEs (agro environment measures) or on operations developed under LIFE and LEADER.
- 11.30 Meeting at communal house in le Caylar, Causse du Larzac. Sustainable development of southern Causses by A.C.M "*Association des Causses méridionaux*".
- 12.30 Buffet at communal house of le Caylar.
- 14.00 Continuation of farm visits on Causse du Larzac. Visits to a transhumant sheep farm and to a sedentary sheep farm.  
Causse de Campestre et Luc: Visit to a Roquefort milk sheep farm and to a suckling cattle – horse farm with reception at the farm.
- 19.00 Conference reassembles at dinner venue on the Causse de Blandas (Jurade).
- 19.30 Dinner.
- 22.0 Return to Montpellier (buses leaving in stages).

## ***Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September***

### **SESSION 2 Ecological value and farming dynamics in the Region Languedoc Roussillon**

Chairperson: Marc Dimanche

- 08.45 Introduction to the 8<sup>th</sup> Forum and an outline of the aims of the meeting. Ole Ostermann, EFNCP, France.
- 09.00 History of pastoralism on the Causses: Jacques Lepart, C.N.R.S. Montpellier, France.
- 09.30 LIFE Pastoralism project Languedoc Roussillon: Daniel Petit, A.M.E., France.
- 10.00 CADs (contrats d'agriculture durable): Jean-Yves Bechler, D.G.F.A.R. Ministère de l'Agriculture, France.
- 10.30 Coffee

Chairperson: Jean-Pierre Biber

- 11.00 Natura 2000 in Languedoc-Roussillon: Jean-Pierre Arnaud, DIREN Montpellier, France.
- 11.30 Pastoral breeding systems in southern France: Lucien Pagès, Marc Dimanche, Edmond Tchakérian, SIME & Institut de l'Elevage, France.
- 12.00 General Discussion (to raise the wider questions).
- 12.30 Lunch

### **SESSION 3 Using European Limestone and Karst areas as examples of High Nature Value landscapes associated with pastoralism.**

Chairperson: Davy McCracken

- 14.30 Karst grasslands of the Northern Adriatic: vegetation history, patterns and dynamics, management and nature conservation: Mitja Kaligarič, University Maribor, Slovenia.
- 15.00 Case study from Öland, Sweden: Tommy Knutsson, WWF Sweden.
- 15.30 Case study from Central and Eastern Europe: Gabor Figerczky, WWF Hungary
- 16.00 Coffee

Chairperson: NN

- 16.30 Proposals for a conservation strategy for dry grasslands in France: Francis Muller, Fédération des conservatoires d'espaces naturels, France.
- 17.00 Trends in farm management in the Burren, Ireland: Brendan Dunford, Burrenbeo, Ireland.
- 17.30 General discussion.
- 18.00 End
- 19.00 Reception in poster area
- 20.00 Conference Dinner

***Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September***

### **SESSION 4 The Policy Arena and High Nature Value (HNV) Farmland**

Chairperson: Berien Elbersen

- 09.00 The Colin Tubbs Memorial Lecture.

- Rural Development plans and High Nature Value farmland - developing policies to cope with ecological complexity: John Rodwell, University of Lancaster.
- 09.30 The HNV Indicators project - the Policy needs: Jan-Erik Petersen, EEA, Denmark.
- 09.50 HNV farmland, the RDR and the MTR of the CAP: Michael Hamell, DG Environment EC, Brussels.
- 10.10 Provisional results of the HNV Indicators Project and the aims of the Workshops: Erling Andersen, FSL, Denmark.
- 10.30 Coffee

## **SESSION 5 Workshops – The development and application of HNV indicators**

Chairperson: Jan-Erik Petersen

- 11.00 Introduction to the workshops: Erling Andersen.
- 11.05 Three simultaneous workshops addressing HNV farming systems in:
- [1] Mediterranean Europe.
  - [2] Atlantic Europe and Scandinavia.
  - [3] Central and Eastern Europe.
- 13.00 Lunch

## **SESSION 6 Concluding Session: The future of pastoralism and HNV farmland, regional problems, future management possibilities and policy realities.**

Chairperson: Guy Beaufoy

- 15.00 Reports from the workshops followed by open discussion.
- 16.00 Guided discussion on the outcomes of the Conference opened and led by David Baldock.
- 17.00 Summary of main outcomes, conclusions and recommendations of the meeting.
- 17.30 Close
- 19.30 Dinner

***Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September***

Delegates depart.