

Danube Day 2014 in Croatia

Action at Kopački rit marks 10 years of Danube Day

Following the major flooding in May, the planned programme of public events could not take place in 2014.

Danube Day was still marked at **Kopački rit** with a host of free river events. An eco-fair, boat trips, workshops, youth dance and exhibitions entertained and informed the visitors about one of Europe's largest remaining intact wetlands.

To commemorate 10 years since the first Danube Day and 20 years of international cooperation through the 1994 Danube River Protection Convention, a series of articles on floods, climate change and good practice appeared in the journal, **Hrvatska vodoprivreda**.

With 13-year-olds from Semeljci winning the **international Danube Art Master** competition last year, there was keen interest to see who would win the Croatian round in 2014. Entries focussed on sandmartin conservation, with many depicting the birds and their habitats. Lovro Ujlaki from Koprivnica won with his forthright message: 'Stop destroying sandmartin habitats'. Part of a basin-wide art and rivers competition, the national round was organised by Green Osijek. Finalists were treated to a day of canoeing, straw sculpture, games and drumming, along with a trip to the Mura-Drava-Danube Biosphere Reserve.

Danube Day Partners

Ministry of Agriculture; Hrvatske vode (Croatian Waters); Kopački rit Nature Park; International Sava River Basin Commission; Green Osijek Association for Environment and Nature Protection; Zlatna Greda Eco Centre and Mura-Drava-Danube Biosphere Reserve.

Danube Day 2014: Get active for a living Danube!

For general information about the 14-country Danube Day celebrations, view www.danubeday.org or email the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR): benedikt.mandl@unvienna.org.