

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT
6TH INTERNATIONAL CORMORANT RESEARCH
GROUP CONFERENCE
ODESSA, UKRAINE 10-14 SEPTEMBER 2003

We are glad to send to you first announce the sixth Wetlands International Cormorant Research Group meeting in Odessa.

Venue

The meeting will be held in the Hotel “Valentina”

Address: Kurortnyi pereulok, 2 (Arkadiya)

Tel.: +38 (0482) 632587

Travel

There are direct flights to Odessa from Vienna, Budapest, Varshava, Istanbul, Moscow.

Shuttle bus service from the Odessa airport to the hotel “Valentina” will be available for all participants on 10 and 11 September. Participants from Ukraine and neighboring countries can arrive also by train, bus or car. From the Train/Bus Stations the hotel can be reached by taxi (travel costs – about UAH). In case of any questions after arrival to Odessa please call from the airport/stations the local organizers of the Meeting (Tel.: will give in second ann.).

Currency

All payments in Ukraine are performed only in Ukraine national currency – hryvna (UAH).

The current exchange rate is 5.30 UAH = 1 US\$, or 5.60 UAH = 1 € You can change money in the exchange desks available in the airport, train/bus stations, in the town or at the hotel.

Accommodation

Single (28 - 55 €) and double(35-38 €) rooms including breakfast are available at the hotel “Valentina”. All meals will be served at the hotel and cost 15-20 €with local dry vine.

Cost of friendly dinner – 25 €

Meeting language

English and Russian

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Special emphasis will be given on the situation of Cormorants and fisheries in Eastern Europe and the eastern part of the Mediterranean.

10 Sept - arrival and accommodation of participants. City tour Odessa.

11 Sept - official opening of conference and several plenary papers.
Afternoon regional papers. Friendly dinner.

12 Sept - conference excursion to the Ramsar site wetland - Delta of the river Dniestr (on the Ukrainian and Moldavian border) with many Pygmy Cormorants. Social and cultural program.

13 Sept - Papers on each species of Cormorant. Round table discussion on the Pygmy Cormorant. Prepare and adopt a resolution. Slides and video about Cormorants and other birds and Ukrainian nature

14 Sept - Departure.

We intend to have abstracts of papers and posters ready at the beginning of the conference. All abstracts of presentations will be published in English.

In order to publish the abstract as soon as possible, all participants are kindly requested to submit their abstract ready for the publication to the organizers of the Meeting till 15 April 2003 (by E-mail in attachment file Word for Windows). The papers should be written in English. They must not exceed 2 printed pages (A4 format) including text, tables, figures and references (all in black and white). Characters should be in the same type-face for all figures.

COST OF POST CONFERENCE EXCURSION

For real birdwatchers we are propose a post conference excursion.

3 day excursion to Danube biosphere reserve and surrounding wetlands will be available from 14 till 16 September. Full cost including traveling, meal, accommodation - 150 €per person.

REGISTRATION FEE 80 €

MAIN ORGANIZERS:

State organization:

Odessa National University named after I.I. Mechnikov, biological department
Ukrainian state research institute on control of plague named after I.I. Mechnikov,
wildlife monitoring department *NGOs:* Azov-Black sea ornithological union Wildlife conservation

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Please send us your application not later than 15 April

Second announcement will be send after 25 April

