



We are pleased to welcome you to the conference

"The Future of the Oder"

at the Brandenburg Academy "Schloss Criewen".

The conference will be simultaneously translated into German, Polish and Czech. The conference is organised by the Brandenburg Academy and the alliance "Time for the Oder".

The conference starts on 7.9.2023 at 11:15 and ends on 8. 9. 2023 at 14.00.

The following speakers have agreed to give presentations on the following topics (I apologise for the German version. We are working on the Polish and Czech translations):

Greeting Message (video transmission, live link)

Steffi Lemke, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Berlin

Concerns about the Oder and how Brandenburg deals with them

Anke Herrmann, Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Climate Protection (MLUK), Potsdam

The special investigation project of the IGB Berlin at the river Oder

Dr. Martin Pusch, Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries, Berlin

Ichti fauna of the Odra River before and after prymnesin poisoning

Prof. Roman Źurek, Academy of Sciences, Institute for Nature Conservation, Kraków (Cracow), Poland

Benthic invertebrates of the Odra River before and after prymnesin poisoning

Prof. Elżbieta Dumnicka, Academy of Sciences, Institute for Nature Conservation, Kraków , (Cracow), Poland

Gravel banks on the Odra River: changes in the last 83 years and their perception by contemporary society

Adriana Holuřova, University of Ostrava (Ostrava), Czech Republic

Mortality of aquatic animals in the Lower Odra river valley during the Odra river disaster in summer 2022

Agnieszka Szlauer-Lukaszewska, Institute of Marine and Environmental Sciences, University of Szczecin, Dr. Dominik Marchowski, Museum and Institute of Zoology, Academy of Sciences, Warszawa (Warsaw), Poland

Problems of the Odra River are problems of its catchment area

Ilona Biedron, Association "Center for the Protection of Wetlands", Kraków (Cracow), Poland

Importance of the ecological status of the Odra tributaries in view of the disaster and the growing risk of further disasters in the development of the Odra River as a waterway

Artur Furdyna, Poland

The impact of increased salinity on the cost of implementation of hydraulic engineering investments

Prof. Bogdan Wziątek, University of Warmia and Masury, Olsztyn, Poland

The impact of coal mining on the salinity of Upper Silesian rivers in the Odra and Vistula catchment areas

Dr. Leszek Pazderski, University Nicolaus Copernicus Thorn (Toruń), Poland

Efficiency of fish migration by ramps and technical fish ladders in Poland

Piotr Sobieszczyk, Academy of Sciences, Institute of Nature Conservation, Kraków (Cracow), Poland

Monitoring of the water quality in the Odra River before, during and after the massive fish-kill in summer 2022. What have we learnt from the disaster?

Prof. Dr. hab. Agnieszka Kolada, Institute of Environmental Protection, Warszawa (Warsaw), Polen

Losses of the fish fauna and macroinvertebrates in the Oder River in 2022: needs for remedial action

Dr. Andrzej Kapusta, Infish Olsztyn (Allenstein), Poland

Assessing damage and restoring fish stocks in the Oder - one year on

Sascha Starck, Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries, Berlin

The Odra river development: effects on the aquatic ecosystem

Michael Voigt, Lower Oder Valley National Park Administration, Criewen, Germany

Pilot Project Feasibility Study Blue Ribbon - Concept for the Water Bodies Oder 2 and 3 as Federal Waterway in Germany

Julia Walther, Stowasserplan GmbH, Radebeul, Saxony, Germany

Europe's First Wild River National Park in Albania - The Vjosa as a Blueprint for River Protected Areas?

Annette Spangenberg, Euronatur Foundation, Radolfzell, Germany

Other speakers:

Steffen Zahn, Institut für Binnenfischerei e. V., Potsdam-Sacrow, Brandenburg

Piotr Nieznanski, WWF Polen, Warszawa (Warsaw),

The conference will be accompanied by several excursions:

Thursday, 7th September 2023:

17.00: Walk from and to Criewen Castle - through the hillside and floodplain forests of the Lower Oder Valley along the Old Oder.

18.30 Reception by the Lower Oder Valley National Park Foundation

19.00 Dinner at Criewen Castle

20.30 Film and lecture evening in the festival hall (chaired by Tobias Schäfer, WWF Germany)

Friday, 8th September

15.00 - 18.00 Canoe trip (for paddlers) from and to the Wilderness School Teerofenbrücke via the old catfish estuary and the West Oder into the Polish Lower Oder Valley and back (Lower Oder Landscape Park, Park Krajobrazowy Dolina Dolnej Odry).

Due to the limited number of places for this excursion, it is absolutely necessary to register and confirm as soon as possible!

Saturday, 9th September 2023:

10.00 am - 12.00 noon Walk to and from Criewen Castle on the theme "Wide Meadows, Wild Forest - Walk along the Wilderness Experience Trail to the Wisents" (no registration required).