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## 10 YEARS ECRR NETWORK

### INVITATION

**SEMINAR ON 28-29 MAY 2009, LELYSTAD  
THE NETHERLANDS**

#### **Synergies between River Restoration and River Management**

focussing on Natura2000 and Ramsar sites

The ECRR was officially established in a constitutional meeting in April 1999, in Silkeborg in Denmark and the start was supported by a LIFE project. A special seminar will be organised to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the ECRR. This seminar will be hosted by Rijkswaterstaat – Centre for Water Management, in The Netherlands.

Therefore, it gives great pleasure to cordially invite you to the seminar “Synergies between River Restoration and River Management, focussing on Natura2000 and Ramsar sites”. This is a very actual topic, especially in relation to the implementation of the relevant European Directives. The aim of the seminar is to discuss the constraints, possibilities and opportunities of implementing the EU Directives e.g. the Water Framework Directive and Bird and Habitat Directive, by river restoration. Conclusions and recommendations will be formulated.

**Participants can apply to give an oral presentation by sending in an abstract of about 500 words before 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2009. Four participants will be selected to give their presentation.**

**For the program of the seminar and the registration to the seminar, see the next pages. Participation in the seminar is free of costs, including consumptions, lunches, celebration dinner and excursion. Only hotel costs and travel costs to and from the seminar need to be paid by participants themselves.**

Bart Fokkens  
President of the ECRR

Luitzen Bijlsma, General Director  
Rijkswaterstaat – Centre for  
Water Management

# **ECRR SEMINAR PROGRAMME 28 MAY 2009**

## **Synergies between River Restoration and River Management**

### **focussing on Natura2000 and Ramsar Sites**

#### **1. Opening**

- Luitzen Bijlsma – General Director, Rijkswaterstaat - Centre for Water Management
- Opening addresses by some partner organisations
- Bart Fokkens – President of the ECRR

#### **2. Keynote speakers will give a presentation and will be interviewed about the relation with and aspects of the implementation of the EU directives.**

- Basin wide river restoration for reintroduction of the salmon in the river Rhine.
- River restoration and nature conservation along the Lower River Danube; Danube Delta and Green Corridor (Special Protected Areas and Special Community Importance).
- Regional river restoration in relation to new (policy) drivers, like flood protection, fisheries, recreation, ecosystem services, urban development, Hydro-power etc.

#### **3. Facilitated general discussion about the keynote speeches**

- The discussion will focus on the constraints, possibilities and opportunities for new river restoration practices in relation to the implementation of the EU Directives, especially for Natura2000 and Ramsar sites.

#### **4. Coffee break**

#### **5. Four selected presentations about the seminar topic of and interviews with seminar participants about the relation with and aspects of the EU Directives.**

#### **6. Formulation of conclusions and recommendations about the synergies between river restoration and river management with respect to the implementation of the EU Directives.**

#### **7. Lunch**

#### **8. Celebration program**

- Presentation about River Restoration and EU Directives implementation in the River Danube Basin on behalf of the International Commission on Protection of the River Danube
- Presentation about River Restoration in an European perspective of wetland management and restoration and EU Directives implementation on behalf of Wetland International / Ramsar
- Presentation of developments in river restoration and EU Directives implementation in Europe and the role of the ECRR, on behalf of the ECRR

#### **9. Closing ceremony**

- By Rijkswaterstaat – Centre for Water Management

#### **10. Reception at seminar venue**

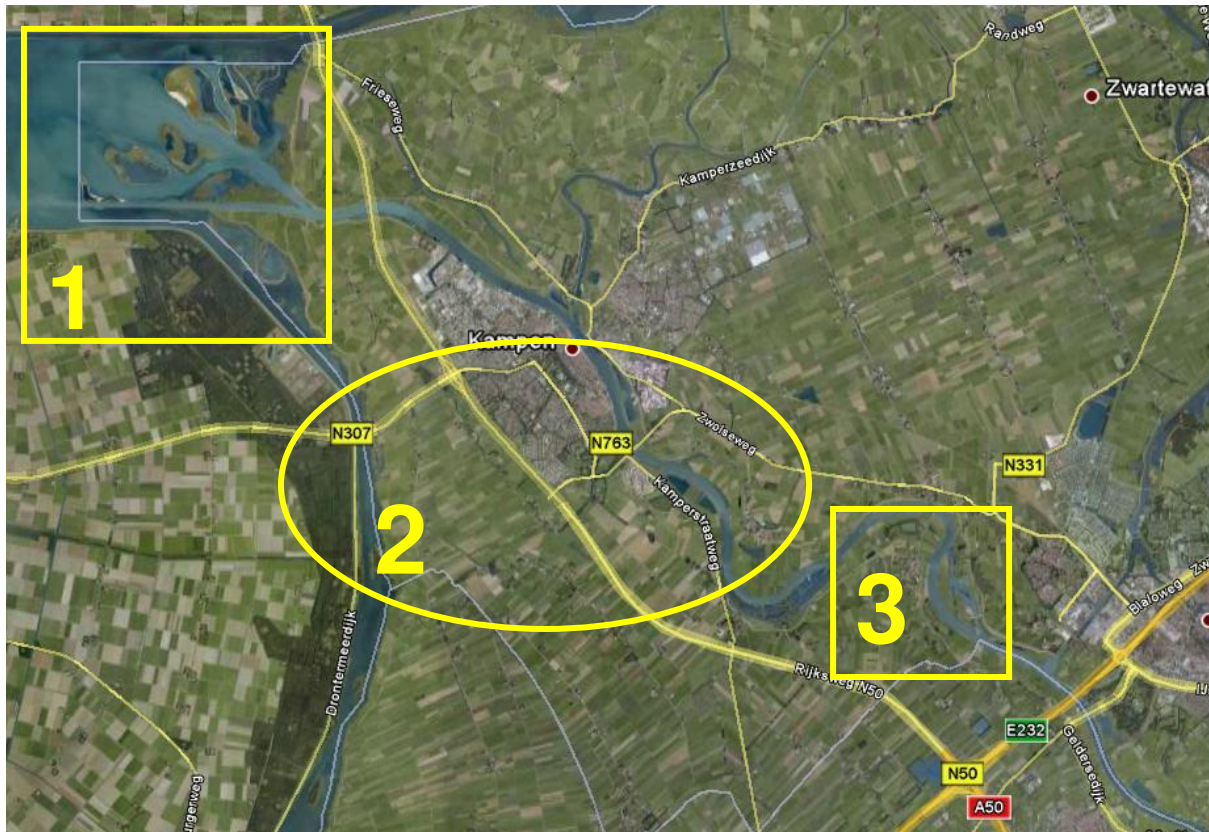
#### **11. Dinner for all seminar participants**

Due to the early announcement, the final programme might be slightly changed. The program, including the names of the keynote speakers, will be final within a few weeks.

# ECRR SEMINAR EXCURSION 29 MAY 2009

After a short bus trip through the IJsselmeerpolders a boat trip on the River IJssel, the northern branch of the River Rhine. The trip will go along:

1. River restoration projects in the IJssel delta, a Natura2000 site.
2. The River IJssel with projects of urban development in combination with wetland development, flood prevention and flood risk management measures.
3. A floodplain restoration project, including a short walk through the floodplain.



# REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

## Registration and hotel booking.

Registration should be done before **15<sup>th</sup> of April 2009**, through the registration form available at [http://www.ecrr.org/lely09\\_form.htm](http://www.ecrr.org/lely09_form.htm). Participants can also participate in only the first seminar day.

## Seminar location.

The Seminar will be held in Lelystad The Netherlands. Lelystad is located on about 60 km from Amsterdam and has a direct connection by train with Schiphol/Amsterdam airport. There are trains every 15 minutes from the airport and the duration is about one hour.

## Costs

There is no seminar participation fee and all consumptions and lunches are free and the celebration dinner and the excursion are also free.

## Hotel accommodation.

Seminar participants can stay in Apollo Hotel Lelystad (<http://www.apollohotelsresorts.com/lelystad/>) at 5 minutes walking distance from the railway station and the seminar venue. Hotel costs are ca. € 110,-- per night including breakfast.

It is possible to stay in a hotel in Amsterdam, but participants should make the booking by themselves. From Amsterdam Central Station to Lelystad Central Station is about 45 minutes by train.

## Seminar venue.

The Seminar venue is the Agora theatre, in the city centre of Lelystad, within 5 minutes walking distance from the railway station and the hotel.

## Agora theatre and conference centre



**The Batavia Yard, Centre for traditional shipbuilding.**

