

MEETING SCHEDULE



Scientific Symposium

&

Third Meeting of the Signatories (MoS3)

of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation
and Management of the Middle-European Population of the

Great Bustard (*Otis tarda*)

8-12 April 2013 Szarvas, Hungary



VIDÉKFEJLESZTÉSI
MINISZTERIUM



07. April (Sunday): Arrival of participants

08. April (Monday): SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

Morning 8:30 – 13:00

8:30 **Registration**
Introduction

9:00 Opening Ceremony / Welcome and Introductory words by the Host Country
 Katalin Tóth, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
 László Tirják, Director, Körös-Maros National Park Directorate

9:20 Introductory presentation of the CMS Secretariat,
 Melanie Virtue, Acting Agreement Development & Servicing Officer

9:40 Overview presentation on the trends of the Middle-European populations of the Great Bustard, conservation activities and the introduction of the conference
 Anna Práger, MoU Contact Point, Hungary, Ministry of Rural Development

10:00 The Great Bustard protection and conservation activities in Hungary
 András Schmidt, Deputy Head of Department, Ministry of Rural Development

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **SESSION 1: Endangering factors and their effect on breeding success (eggs and chicks) and conservation activities thereof**

 moderator: Gábor Magyar (HU)

 overview presentation: Torsten Langgemach (DE)

 short presentations: Rainer Raab (AT)

 Péter Hajas (HU)

 David Waters (UK)

 interactive discussion / workshop

13:00 Lunch

Afternoon 14:00 – 17:30

14:00 **SESSION 2: Endangering factors and their effect on adult birds and conservation activities thereof**

moderator: Gergő Halmos (HU)

overview presentation: Rainer Raab (AT)

short presentations: Dorothee März (DE)

Attila Bankovics, Antal Széll (HU)

Attila Nagy (RO)

Jelene Kralj (CR)

Zsolt Végvári (HU)

interactive discussion / workshop

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 continued: Endangering factors and their effect on adult birds and conservation activities thereof

Evening Program

18:30 Welcome reception hosted by the Government of Hungary at the conference venue (Körös-valley Visiting centre)

09. April (Tuesday): SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

Morning 9:00 – 13:00

09:00 **SESSION 3: Habitat management / agri-environmental schemes**

moderator: Rainer Raab (AT)

overview presentation: Miklós Lóránt (HU)

short presentations: Rainer Raab (AT)

Dorothee März (DE)

Nikola Stojnic (RS)

Olga and Mikhail Oparin (RU)

Volodymyr Domashlinets (UA)

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Session continued (interactive discussion / workshop)

12:30 Central Asian Great Bustard Project / Mimi Kessler, Team Leader

13:00 Lunch

Afternoon 14:00 – 18:30 / 19:00

14:00 **SESSION 4: Joint Research Programme**

moderator: Anna Práger (HU)

overview presentation: Torsten Langgemach (DE)

short presentation: : Rainer Raab (AT)

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **SESSION 5: Captive Rearing and release**

moderator: András Schmidt (HU)

overview presentation: Torsten Langgemach (DE)

short presentation: : Balázs Szelényi (HU)

David Waters (UK)

Olga and Mikhail Oparin (RU)

Ricardo Sobrino (ES)

10. April (Wednesday): FIELD TRIP

Visit to the Great Bustard Rescue Station and 400 ha enclosure in Dévaványa and to some typical breeding and feeding grounds as well as the observation of birds in the field

09:00 Departure from the conference venue (participants will be picked up at their hotel)

10:00 Arrival to Réhely Visiting Centre, Welcome and visit

12:00 Lunch

13:30 Visiting of typical habitats of the Great Bustard by carriages

16:30 Coffee break, after the observation of displaying Great Bustards

19:00 Arrival to Szarvas

11. April (Thursday): MEETING OF SIGNATORIES (MoS3)

08:30 Registration (of newly arrived participants)

Morning 9:00 – 13:00 (Coffee break at 10:30)

Agenda items:

- 1.0 Welcoming remarks
- 2.0 Election of officers
- 3.0 Adoption of the agenda and meeting schedule
- 4.0 Opening statements
- 5.0 Reports
 - 5.1 Report of the Secretariat
 - 5.2 Overview Report
- 6.0 Review of MoU and Action Plan implementation
 - 6.1 Review of the conservation status of the Great Bustard populations in the agreement area
 - 6.2 Status of development and implementation of national work programmes

13:00: Lunch

Afternoon 14:00 – 18:30 (Coffee break at 15:30)

- 6.3 Status of implementation of the Medium-term International Work Programme (2008-2012)
- 7.0 Future implementation and further development of the MoU and Action Plan
 - 7.1 Amendment of the Geographical Scope of the MoU: Recognition of Additional Range States
 - 7.2 Amendment of MoU's Action Plan

Evening program

19:30 Welcome Reception hosted by the CMS (Szeparé Restaurant)

12. April (Friday): MEETING OF SIGNATORIES (MoS3)**Morning 9:00 – 13:00 (Coffee break at 10:30)****Agenda items:**

- 7.5 MoU Coordination
- 7.3 Adoption of new Medium-term International Work Programme (2013-2016)
- 7.4 Adoption of Guidelines
 - 7.4.1 Guidelines for Reinforcement and Reintroduction of the GB
 - 7.4.2 Guidelines for Monitoring of population parameters and of the effects of management measures,
 - 7.4.3 Guidelines for best practice on mitigating impacts of infrastructure development and afforestation of the GB
 - 7.4.4 Great Bustard Joint Research Programme

13:00: Lunch**Afternoon 14:00 – 16:00 (Coffee break at the end)**

- 7.4.5 Guidelines on measures to secure the successful wintering of Great Bustards
 - 7.4.7 Study on the different agri-environmental schemes for the benefit of the Great Bustard
- 7.6 Any other matters
- 8.0 Next meeting of the Signatories
- 9.0 Any other business
- 10.0 Closure of the meeting.

CONFERENCE VENUE

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