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## 1<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT “Understanding Wetlands: A Key Issue in the Transition to a Sustainable Economy”

June 19<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014

Centre de Cultura “SA NOSTRA” (c/ de la Concepció, 12 - Palma)

### PROGRAM

#### **Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**15:30 – 16:00 Registration open**

**16:00 – 16:15 Conference Opening**

Official welcome by the organizers:

- Dr. Jordi Llabrés, Vice Chancellor of Innovation and Transference, Universitat de les Illes Balears
- Dr. Angel Bujosa, Director of the UNESCO/SA NOSTRA Chair, Universitat de les Illes Balears

#### **Block 1 - Understanding wetlands from natural sciences**

**16:15 – 17:15 Keynote speech**

*How wetland ecosystem services are underpinned by ecological functioning*

Dr. Jos T.A. Verhoeven, Ecology and Biodiversity, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

**17:15 – 17:30 Break**

**17:30 – 18:00 Case study presentation**

*Conflicts in water management in Northern Mallorca humid zones: S'Albufera and l'Albufereta*

Martí Llobera, Gabinet d'Anàlisi Ambiental i Territorial, Spain

**18:00 – 18:30 Case study presentation**

*Studying wetlands as a system: detection of key elements to explore change evidences and possible solutions*

Inmaculada Ferriz, biologist, researcher and coordinator at The Albufera International Biodiversity Group (TAIB), Spain

**18:30 – 19:00 Ideas Exchange Session:**

- *Wetland mollusks: resilience, extinction or expansion*  
Dr. Cristian Ruiz Altaba, Director of the Paratge natural de la Serra de Tramuntana. Direcció General de Medi Natural, Educació Ambiental i Canvi Climàtic, Govern de les Illes Balears. Departament de Filosofia i Treball Social. Universitat de les Illes Balears, Spain

#### **Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 – 10:30 Registration open**

#### **Block 2 - Understanding wetlands from social sciences**

**10:30h – 11:30 Keynote speech**

*Challenges in valuing changes in ecosystem services and biodiversity in wetlands*

Dr. Nick Hanley, Professor of Environmental Economics, University of St Andrews, UK

**11:30 – 12:00 Case study presentation**

*Valuing the storm protection services of coastal marshes in SE Louisiana*

Dr. Edward B. Barbier, Department of Economics and Finance, University of Wyoming, USA

**12:00 – 12:15 Break**

**12:15 – 12:45 Case study presentation**

*Valuing biodiversity in s'Albufera natural park*

Dra. Cati Torres, Applied Economics Department, Universitat de les Illes Balears, Spain

**12:45 – 13:15 Ideas Exchange Session:**

- *Effects of environmental uncertainty on welfare estimates*

Michela Faccioli, PhD student at the Universitat de les Illes Balears, Spain

**13:30 – 15:00 Symposium lunch**

**Block 3 - Understanding new ways for wetland management**

**15:00 – 16:00 Keynote speech**

*Ecosystem services and tools for wetland management*

Dr. Edward B. Barbier, Department of Economics and Finance, University of Wyoming, USA

**16:00 – 16:30 Case study presentation**

*Two case studies on valuing wetlands restoration*

Dr. Nick Hanley, Professor of Environmental Economics, University of St Andrews, UK

**16:30 – 16:45 Break**

**16:45 – 17:15 Case study presentation**

*Relevance and limitations of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements*

Delmar Blasco, Coordinator of the Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative (MedWet) and former Secretary General of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar) 1995-2003

**17:15 – 17:45 Case study presentation**

*Evolution and trends in the use of wetlands in the Balearic Islands*

Joan Mayol, Conselleria d'Agricultura, Medi Ambient i Territori, Govern de les Illes Balears, Spain

**17:45 – 18:45 Ideas Exchange Session:**

- *"A Green Island, a natural country of culture and traditions", a new tourism asset in the Balearic Islands*  
Maria del Carmen Azpelicueta, PhD student at the Universitat de les Illes Balears, Spain

- *A socioeconomic approach of s'Albufera and its area of influence*

Laura Royo, oceanographer, researcher at The Albufera International Biodiversity Group (TAIB), Spain

**18:45 – 19:00 Conference Closing**

**Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00 Departure from Palma by bus**

**10:30 – 12:00 Visit to s'Albufera wetland**

**12:30 Departure from s'Albufera wetland**

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