

# DAPHNE

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## FOREWORD

*Dear friends,*

*The year 2004 began with a move to new premises, bought with the aid of a bank loan. This move definitely represents a step in the right direction as regards the sustainability of Daphne as an organisation. We have also grown in terms of branch offices: the newest is based in Zvolen (Central Slovakia) and now has three full-time employees. The creation of a sister organisation in the Czech Republic under the same name – Daphne Institute of Applied Ecology CZ (based in the town of Ceske Budejovice) – marks another important achievement in the development of Daphne.*

*This year has been typified by continued efforts towards the establishing of the Natura 2000 network and the initiation of a certification system for semi-natural grasslands within the framework of a Rural Development Plan. The results of the hard work of dozens of botanists in carrying out detailed and extensive field mapping were used for the identification of important areas included in the Natura 2000 network. These same data serve as the basis for the new farmer subsidy system, which will support the conservation of valuable grassland habitats. This is an excellent example of the application of scientific work towards biodiversity conservation. More than one billion Slovak crowns (around 26 million Euros) will be allocated for this purpose in the period 2004 – 2006 under the Rural Development Plan.*

*Following lengthy preparations we have commenced our second medium sized GEF project focused on peatland conservation in Slovakia. It will help us to implement the Strategy and Action Plan for Mire and Peatland Conservation in Central Europe prepared under the co-ordination of Wetlands International in 2003.*

*A new partnership we are currently testing in the Slovensky raj National Park focuses on the implementation of practical conservation measures under the LIFE Nature programme. The partnership includes all the relevant stakeholders in the region and comprises the Park Administration and four other partners from different sectors including a research institute, municipal government and an NGO. We anticipate that this project will help not only nature but also contribute to the effective co-operation of all partners towards the conservation of park biodiversity.*

*Our successful series of teacher's manuals has been completed in the publication of the 'World of the Woodlands' manual, following heavy demand from many teachers across the Slovak Republic. According to the State Institute of Education our 'Worlds' manuals belong amongst the favourite complementary teaching materials used by teachers in the Slovak Republic.*

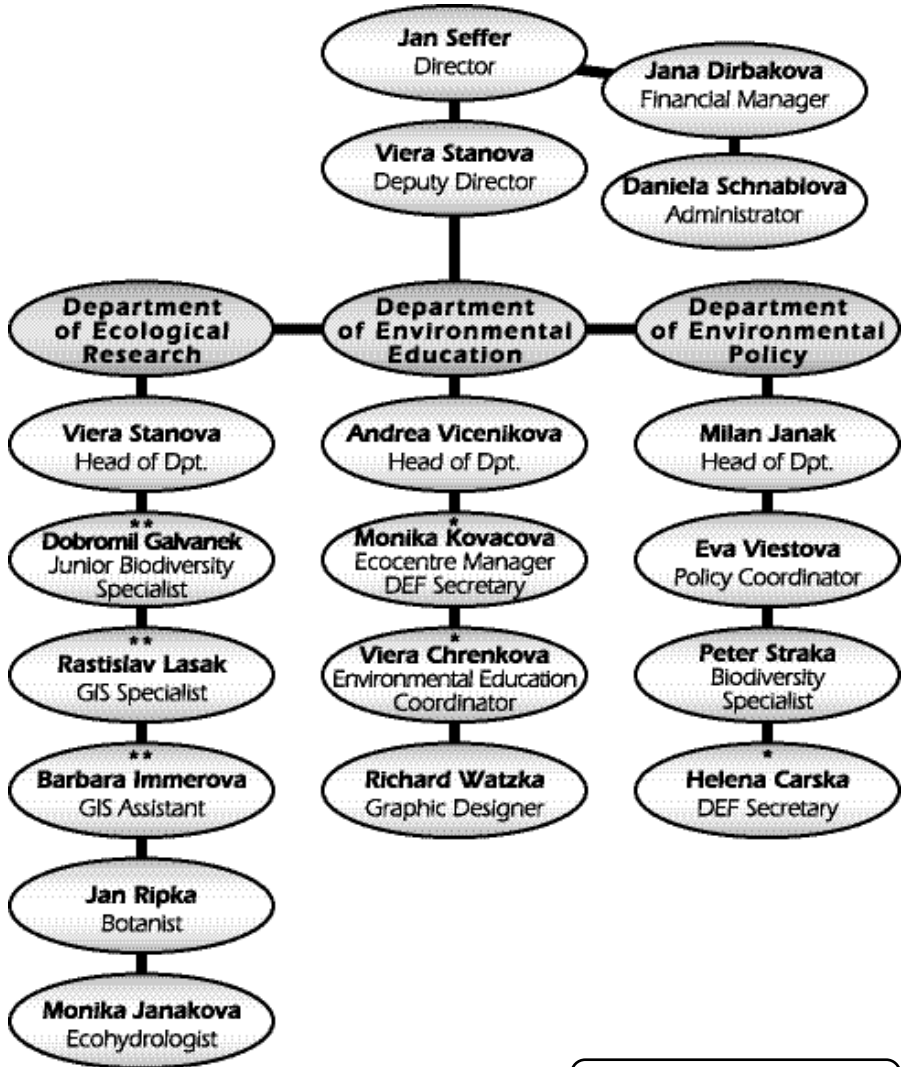
*This annual report highlights the results achieved through the enthusiasm, co-operation and professional work of many individuals. I would like to thank them all in the hope that the coming years will continue to bring us interesting challenges.*

*John Giffen*

## **A brief illustration of what we have achieved**

- ✿ In association with local farmers, we have restored over 140 ha of floodplain meadows that had formerly been used as arable land in the Morava floodplain.
- ✿ Within the scope of grassland and peatland mapping projects, more than 12,000 localities have been drawn up, representing the largest database of non-forest habitats in Slovakia; more than 70 % of the total area of grasslands in Slovakia has been mapped so far.
- ✿ We prepared a methodology for the identification of Natura 2000 sites and wrote a definition for the Favourable Conservation Status of non-forest habitats.
- ✿ In 2004, in collaboration with experts from the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic, we prepared a methodology for management plans of sites in the Natura 2000 network.
- ✿ In 1999, our Ecocentre was opened in Devin and functions as the only NGO operations centre in Slovakia. Since January 2000, over 2,000 children from infant schools, 20,200 children from primary schools (5,700 in 2004) and 1,995 pupils from secondary school have participated in programs at the Ecocentre.
- ✿ Almost 1,400 primary school teachers have participated in a series of thematic seminars on the possibilities for using our 'World of Wetlands', 'World of Grasslands' and 'World of Peatlands' manuals. More than 2,000 handbooks have been distributed so far through these trainings.
- ✿ In 1999 we founded the Danube Environmental Forum (DEF) as the Danube platform for non-governmental non-profit organisations. Membership currently stands at 150 members from 13 countries in the Danube region. The secretariat of the DEF is based in Bratislava and Daphne staff carry out its functions on a daily basis.
- ✿ In co-operation with NGO partners from Austria and the Czech Republic we contributed significantly towards the formation of a Trilateral Ramsar Platform for the Morava and Dyje floodplains as well as assisting in the restoration and conservation of the area. We received the Ramsar Wetland Conservation Award 2002 in appreciation of our work with the NGO Trilateral Initiative.
- ✿ Our Grassland Information System serves as the basis for the implementation of a crucial agri-environmental scheme entitled 'Conservation of semi-natural grasslands', which significantly contributes to conservation of grassland biodiversity.

**DAPHNE team**



\* Located in Ecocenter  
 \*\* Branch office Zvolen

## Projects

### ❁ **Conservation, Restoration and Wise Use of Rich Fens in the Slovak Republic**

The project is aimed at the conservation of Carpathian peatland biodiversity, with a focus on calcareous fens, a unique ecosystem with its centre of distribution in Slovakia. Activities are carried out in three pilot areas serve to demonstrate best practices in restoring and managing these valuable habitats, and lessons learned will be applied to the development and maintenance of the Natura 2000 network in Slovakia, with a special emphasis on conservation of fen and mire biodiversity. The selected sites represent 3 main types of ecosystem ecological situations. Abrod is a typical representative of a lowland spring fen system; Klastorske luky is a spring fen system located in hollows and Belianske meadows is a spring fen system located in the foothills of the highest part of the Carpathian Mountains.

**Co-ordinator:** Viera Stanova

**Period:** 2004 – 2009

**Funding:** UNDP – Global Environment Facility (GEF) – Medium Sized Project

**Partners:** State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic, Dpt. of Land and Water Resource Management of Faculty of Construction of Slovak Technical University, Hydromelioration s.e., Department of Plant Ecology at the University of Groningen (Netherlands)

### ❁ **Support and Capacity Building for Implementation of Ramsar and Carpathian Conventions in Serbia**

Project development objective is to increase capacities of governmental and non-governmental organizations in Serbia to implement Ramsar and Carpathian Conventions. Partner for implementation of Carpathian Convention is NGO Ecolibri Bionet and for implementation of Ramsar Convention is NGO Danube Environmental Forum Serbia & Montenegro. Our experts in close cooperation with Serbian colleagues are preparing information system for data collection from Serbian part of Carpathians. Under cooperation of Slovak and Serbian experts the Management Planning Guidelines for Serbia as well as management plan for selected Ramsar site in Serbia will be developed.

**Co-ordinator:** Viera Stanova

**Period:** 2004 – 2006

**Funding:** Slovak official development assistance for Serbia and Montenegro – Bratislava-Belgrade Fund, which is co-financed by CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency of the Government of Canada).

**Partners:** ECOLIBRI BIONET – Independent Agency for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development, Danube Environmental Forum Serbia & Montenegro



### ❁ **Ecohydrological Research as a Basis for the Restoration of Calcareous Fens in the Slovak Republic**

This project was aimed at assessing the prospects for restoring selected calcareous fens and fen meadows through analyses ecohydrological conditions, soil conditions and biological potential, such as the presence of seed banks and of relic populations of endangered plant species. The main objective was to carry out ecohydrological analyses in order to understand the functioning of the hydrological systems that control ecopedological processes and vegetation development of the selected fens and fen meadows. An exchange of experience on ecohydrology and soil science serves as a very important objective of the project. The project focuses on the following fen areas: fens close to Strba (Pastierske II.), National reserve Belianske luky, National Nature Reserve (NNR) Abrod, NNR Raksianske raselinisko and Popradске raselinisko.

**Co-ordinator:** Viera Stanova

**Period:** January 2002 – December 2004

**Funding:** Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Fisheries, the Netherlands

**Partners:** University of Groningen (Netherlands), Alterra – Green World Research, Wageningen (Netherlands)



## ☛ **Central European Grasslands – Conservation and Sustainable Use**

This project focuses on four model areas (the Morava River floodplain, Olsavica, Mala Fatra National Park and Slovensky raj National Park), each representing a different ecological problem relating to grasslands. The project is aimed at promoting sustainable use of grasslands through preparation and implementation restoration and management plans, prepared in 2002 and finalized at beginning of 2003, when implementation started.

National component of the project is grassland inventory, now at the stage where 72 % of the pre-selected area of grassland in Slovakia has been mapped. The Grassland Information System has played a crucial role in the process of selecting Natura 2000 sites in Slovakia and it is used for purposes of Rural Development Plan. During 2004 altogether 10 training sessions for teachers were conducted with 196 participants. They were based on the manual 'World of Grasslands' which was finished in 2000.

**Co-ordinator:** Jan Seffer

**Period:** 2000 – 2005

**Funding:** World Bank – Global Environment Facility (GEF) Medium Sized Project

**Partners:** State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic, Administration of National Park Slovensky raj, Administration of National Park Mala Fatra, Administration of Protected Landscape Area Zahorie, Municipality of Olsavica, Co-operative Farm Olsavica, Faculty of Construction of Slovak Technical University

## ☛ **Conservation of Habitat Diversity in Slovensky Raj National Park**

The Slovensky raj National Park belongs amongst the most valuable areas of Western Carpathians. As such, it is exceptionally rich in both species and habitat diversity. Due to its value it was included into proposed Sites of Community Interest in the Slovak Republic. The project shall catalyse co-operation between several important stakeholders in the area and together with them make important steps towards a sustainable development of the region. Existence of the Slovensky raj National Park on one hand represents

an obstacle for strong economic development in the region, but on the other hand brings important income from tourism.

The project will generate several tools for harmonisation of tourist development, forest and agricultural management and nature protection in National Park. A common goal and collaboration of all these sectors is an assumption for the preparation and successful implementation of the management plan for the National Park and the proposed Site of Community Importance.



**Co-ordinator:** Viera Stanova

**Period:** September 2004 – December 2008

**Funding:** European Commission – LIFE Nature

Beneficiary: State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic,  
Administration of Slovensky raj National Park

**Partners:** Daphne – Institute of Applied Ecology, Forest Research Institute, Hrabusice community, Association of villages Slovensky raj, Slovak Skouting

### • Important Plant Areas in Slovakia

The aim of the project was the identification of the most important and most valuable botanical sites in Slovakia. The project was also carried in 6 other Central and Eastern European countries as a pilot project led by British organisation Plantlife in the frame of its programme for the identification of Important Plant Areas (IPA). Daphne had a leading role in the implementation of the project in Slovakia. The criteria for site selection were based on the distribution of selected threatened and endemic taxa and threatened habitats. The proposal of the national network of IPAs covers more than 13 % of the area



of the country. The results of the project and description of the sites will be published during the year 2005.

**Co-ordinator:** Dobromil Galvanek

**Period:** July 2002 – December 2004

**Funding:** Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Fisheries, the Netherlands via Plantlife London

**Partners:** State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic, Institute of Botany of Slovak Academy of Sciences

### ❁ **Natura 2000 in Slovakia – Bridging the Implementation Process**

The project has aimed to assist the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic in completing the preparations of the EU Natura 2000 Network in Slovakia through field mapping and data verification of pSCIs and through assistance to fulfil the EU requirements in terms of defining favourable conservation status and developing a monitoring methodology for Natura 2000 species and habitat types. The results of all the work carried out by the two working groups, i.e. the Non-Forest Working Group and the Forest Working Group, can be obtained in their full lengths and in Slovak language on the webpage of the State Nature Conservancy [www.soprs.sk/natura](http://www.soprs.sk/natura).

**Co-ordinator:** Jan Seffer, Zuzana Guziova

**Period:** September 2003 – December 2004

**Funding:** Danish Ministry of Environment and Energy – DANCEE

**Partners:** Bio/consult as (Denmark), Forest Research Institute, Ecological and Forestry Research Agency (EFRA), Forest Management Institute – Lesoprojekt, Institute of Botany of Slovak Academy of Sciences, State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic, International Agricultural Centre (Netherlands).



## ❁ The Partnership in Nature Protection within EU Integration

The project was based on the co-operation of Daphne Institute and the Environmental Association Sunce from Split, Croatia. The goal of the project was to enable Sunce to develop its own strategy regarding the issues such as the transposition of EU nature and landscape protection legislation, effective nature management practices, media and public relations, fundraising for non-governmental activities, etc. We tried to achieve these goals through a series of training sessions, discussions and bilateral meetings. In the years prior to Slovakia's own entrance into the EU, Daphne was highly involved with the topic of EU Integration.

**Co-ordinator:** Eva Viestova, Milan Janak

**Period:** November 2004 – June 2005

**Funding:** European Commission

**Partners:** Daphne & Sunce = twinning partners

## ❁ Influencing EU Accession Project

Policy activities focused on continuation of co-operation with all important institutions in nature protection (non-governmental and governmental). Within the project we were working mainly on implementation of Natura 2000 network in Slovakia and integration of nature protection and agriculture and securing funding for nature conservation from the regional and rural development funds. With the financial support of the project in 2004 in relation with the entrance of the Slovak Republic to EU, project helped to finalise the national list of proposed Sites of Community Importance for Natura 2000 network and as well prepare the report on its implementation in Slovakia.

In relation with the agricultural activities for the biggest success we can consider the participation of Daphne in preparation of certificates on natural and semi-natural grasslands for farmers, while thanks to these certificates farmers can obtain interesting financial support for management of grasslands from the programme SAPARD and from the Rural Development Plan.

**Co-ordinator:** Eva Viestova, Milan Janak

**Period:** January 2004 – December 2004

**Funding:** WWF Austria through WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme

**Partners:** WWF European Policy Office (Belgium), WWF Austria, WWF Hungary, WWF Poland, NGOs Arnika and Veronica (Czech Republic)

## ❁ **Central Danubian Park – Floodplains of Morava-Dyje-Danube Confluence**

Co-operation of partners on the conservation of Floodplains of Morava-Dyje-Danube Confluence is the main goal of one of the longest projects of Daphne. The Trilateral Ramsar Platform, which consist of the representatives of countries' environmental ministries, site managers and NGOs from Czech Republic, Austria and Slovakia approved a new name of the trilateral Ramsar Site (see in the project name), submitted officially the designation letters to the Ramsar Convention Secretariat, agreed on the ceremonial establishment of the site and officially approved the common goals and principles for the site management. At the same time the elaboration of the national Morava Floodplain management plan continues in Slovakia.

**Co-ordinator:** Milan Janak

**Period:** January 2004 – December 2004

**Funding:** WWF Austria through the Danube-Carpathian Programme of WWF

**Partners:** Veronica (Czech Republic), Distelverein (Austria), WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme (Austria), WWF Austria, Palava Protected Landscape Area Administration (Czech Republic)

## ❁ **Conservation and Wise Use of Morava Floodplains Ramsar Site**

The main goal of the project was the strengthening the conservation and wise use of Morava Floodplain Ramsar Site through the development of site management plan and discussing the proposed site management with site users, providing them with alternatives for the site use and increasing public awareness on the values and functions of this wetland of international importance. In co-operation with Slovak Water Management Enterprise (branch Malacky) and co-operating municipalities, the Morava Floodplain Nature Trail was reconstructed and extended to the total length of 79 km, which makes it now the longest nature trail in Slovakia.



**Co-ordinator:** Milan Janak

**Period:** November 2003 – October 2004

**Funding:** Phare CBC SFMP Slovakia-Austria 2001

**Partners:** State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic – Administration of Zahorie PLA, Distelverein (Austria)

### ❁ **Saving the Unique Species Rich Grasslands in the Slovensky Raj National Park in Slovakia**

The project focused on the prevention of irreversible biodiversity loss in Kopanec area, located in the Slovensky raj National Park. On this site in 2002 – 2003 Daphne achieved to purchase ownership rights to 14.82 ha of land from 22 landowners after long negotiations and demanding administrative procedures. After 2 years of project implementation it was decided to re-focus and allocate remaining project funds for land purchase on similarly important and threatened habitats – localities of calcareous fens. Currently Daphne has ownership rights to 2.89 ha of land in Abrod and 2.37 ha of land in Klastorske luky.



**Co-ordinator:** Milan Janak

**Period:** November 2000 – December 2004

**Funding:** EECONET Action Fund

**Partners:** State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic – Administration of Slovensky raj National Park, Administration of Zahorie Protected Landscape Area, Administration of Velka Fatra National Park, Centre for Environmental Public Advocacy in Ponicka Huta

### ❁ **Conservation by Restoration: Strategy and Management for a River-Floodplain on the Lower Morava River**

The aim of the project is co-operation in elaboration of strategy and methodology of river network management focused on restoration of alluvial grasslands. Plans and current restoration measures implemented and in Morava river floodplain were evaluated and restoration scenarios proposed.

Our main task is to analyse relationship between preserved grassland habitats and flood regime by the means of statistical ecology. Based on these results vegetation model of potential restoration area in former floodplains linked to hydrological scenarios will be elaborated.

**Co-ordinator:** Rastislav Lasak

**Period:** 2003 – 2005

**Funding:** Water Research Institute – Science and Technology Assistance Agency

**Partners:** Institute of Zoology of Slovak Academy of Sciences

### ❁ **UNDP/GEF Danube Regional Project – Phase 2**

The primary focus of the relevant project component is to strengthen Danube Environmental Forum network (DEF) an umbrella organisation of NGOs in the Danube River Basin, its capabilities to respond to transboundary pollution issues with a focus on nutrient reduction. Phase 1 of



the project was focused on making the DEF network fully operational. Phase 2 is focused on supporting specific project activities to be implemented by the sustainable functioning network. The year 2004 was marked by the first celebration of Danube Day on June 29th. DEF Secretariat and National Focal Points played a large role in the preparation of the Danube Day celebration in 11 countries and actively co-operated with other stakeholders.

A considerable portion of the support was allocated for national activities of DEF members in 11 countries for national network strengthening, communication, capacity building, and public outreach. NGOs in all 11 Danube countries maintained the co-operation with representatives of the state authorities responsible for management of water and protection of water bodies as well as those responsible for the implementation of the EU WFD.

**Co-ordinator:** Helena Carska

**Period:** December 2003 – July 2007

**Funding:** UNDP/GEF

**Partners:** DEF National Focal Points in 11 Danubian countries

### • **Community Action Programme Promoting European Environmental NGOs**

Financial assistance is provided to NGOs, which are involved in contributing to the development and implementation of Community environmental policy and legislation in different regions in Europe. The program is supporting network organisations active at a European level working to apply the *acquis communautaire* in relation to the environment and sustainable development. In 2004 the action programme firstly granted DEF. The aim of the financial contributions under the programme is to provide support towards the costs that DEF had to bear in carrying out annual work programme for 2004.

**Co-ordinator:** Helena Carska

**Period:** January 2004 – December 2004

**Funding:** European Commission

**Partners:** DEF National Focal Points in 9 Danubian countries

### • **Addressing Nutrient and Toxic Pollution in the Sub-Basins of the Morava, Mura a Ogosta Rivers**

3 NGOs in Slovakia, Slovenia and Bulgaria are dedicating the period from September 2004 to June 2006 to 3 of their environmentally threatened rivers, the Morava, the Mura and the Ogosta respectively. They are focusing on increasing the awareness of local communities about the water quality in relation to the health and survival of not only surrounding flora and fauna, but also of the local people. By approaching



both the scientific and public perspectives of nature, this project aims to create a mutually positive and advantageous relationship for all stakeholders while improving the natural state of the rivers. It also serves as a model example of co-operation among NGOs, when knowledge is being transferred mutually, in that each partner has both capacity building input into a project, but also benefits from it.

**Co-ordinator:** Andrea Vicenikova

**Period:** September 2004 – June 2006

**Funding:** DRP's NGO Support Programme of the UNDP/GEF Danube Regional Project

**Partners:** Ecological Centre of Pomurje (PEC), Slovenia, Centre for Environmental Information and Education (CEIE), Bulgaria

### • **The Green Debate – Discussions on Environmental Issues for High Schools in Bratislava**

The aim of the project was to develop the skills and abilities of high school students in the field of the environment, foreign languages, communication and public awareness raising. There were 10 high schools selected in Bratislava and taking part in the project. Altogether 10 environmental issues were chosen (energy consumption and saving, protection of animals in the cities, bird protection, River Danube etc.), one for each school involved. The results of the school team work were presented in „Bratislava discussion“- the event with the participation of Bratislava public and media.

**Co-ordinator:** Martin Menkyna

**Period:** February – June 2004

**Funding:** Siemens company

**Partners:** NGOs – Freedom of Animals, Society for Bird Protection in Slovakia, Architecture for Sustainable Development/Bicyba, Bratislava Regional Nature Protection Association (BROZ), Centre Rio 29, Danube Environmental Forum



## Activities of the Ecocentre Daphne

Since 1999, Daphne has been running the Ecocentre in Devin – city part of Bratislava. The Ecocentre Daphne provides environmental education programmes on different topics for infant and primary school children and for secondary and university students. Emphasis is put on the use of visual, interactive and creative tools in educational practices.



### • Number of participants in the Ecocentre programmes in 2004

Group	Number
Infant schools	309
Primary schools	5,700
Secondary schools	180
Universities	50
Teachers of primary schools	230

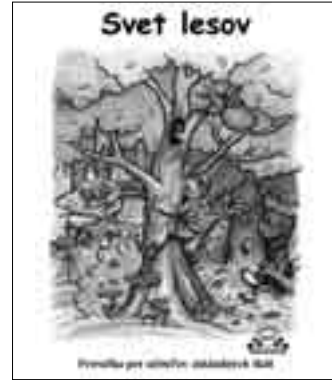
Practical conservation work is focused on shrub removal in protected area Devinska Kobyla, with following mowing of grasslands and invasive plant reduction. In Morava River floodplain the activities related to a restoration of damaged information panels of nature trail and cleaning the rubbish have been conducted. The Ecocentre also provides a lectures on various environmental and nature protection topics for university students and local people. In 2004 there were 21 lectures carried out.

## Publications in 2004

### ☛ **The World of Woodlands – Manual for Primary School Teachers**

Vicenikova, A. (ed.), 2004: *The World of Woodlands – Manual for Primary School Teachers*. Daphne – Institute of Applied Ecology, Bratislava, 306 p.

The fourth in the series of manuals for primary school teachers, this manual is focusing on forest topic in educational process. The main reason for the manual is to help teachers to prepare lessons with environmental and ecological content, to inspire them and to give them motivation.



### ☛ **Orbis Pictus – Morava-Dyje Floodplains**

An updated and improved edition of the original publication printed in 2000. It shows remarkable sights of the Morava River Floodplain region on both Slovak and Austrian sides, which are easy to visit during the cycling tours. Besides the cycling routes the information trail is also marked out. It begins under the Devin castle in Bratislava and continues up to the border crossing Moravský Svätý Ján – Hohenau. With its 39 information boards placed along almost 80 km of cycling route it represents the longest information trail in Slovakia.



### ☛ **Important Plant Areas in Slovakia**

A colourful leaflet for the public addressing the process of identification of the most important and valuable plant areas in Slovakia.



More details on [www.daphne.sk](http://www.daphne.sk)

## Membership

IUCN – International Union for the Conservation of Nature

CERI – Carpathian Ecoregion Initiative

DEF – Danube Environmental Forum

Spiral – Society of Environmental Education Organisations (Slovakia)

Agroeko Forum

Natura 2000 Platform



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European Commission

European Commission – LIFE Nature

ECONET Action Fund, the Netherlands

Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Fisheries,  
the Netherlands

Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Fisheries,  
the Netherlands via Plantlife London

Netherlands Government (MATRA, SENTER)

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Science and Technology Assistance Agency, Bratislava, Slovakia

Siemens company, Slovakia

Slovak official development assistance for Serbia and Montenegro –  
Bratislava-Belgrade Fund

State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic – Administration  
of Slovensky raj National Park

UNDP/GEF

UNDP/GEF Danube Regional Project

World Bank – Global Environment Facility (GEF) Medium Sized Programme

WWF Austria through WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme

## **National partners**

Architecture for Sustainable Development/Bicyba

Association of villages Slovensky raj

Bratislavské regionálne ochrannárske združenie/Bratislava Regional  
Nature Protection Association (BROZ)

Centre for Environmental Public Advocacy, Ponická Huta

Centre Rio 29

Co-operative farm Olsavica-Brutovce

Ecological and Forestry Research Agency (EFRA)

Forest Management Institute – Lesoprojekt

Forest Research Institute

Hrabusice community

Hydromelioration s.e.

Institute of Botany of Slovak Academy of Sciences in Bratislava

Institute of Soil Science and Soil Protection in Bratislava

Ministry of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic

Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic

Municipality of Devin, Devinska Nova Ves, Olsavica  
Sloboda zvierat/Freedom of Animals  
Slovak Agricultural University, Nitra  
Slovak Skauting  
Slovak Technical University, Faculty of Construction, Dpt. of Land  
and Water Resource Management  
Society for Bird Protection in Slovakia (SOVS)  
State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic – Centre for Nature  
and Landscape Protection  
State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic – Regional  
Administration of the Nature and Landscape Protection Bratislava  
State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic – Administration  
of the National Park Mala Fatra  
State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic – Administration  
of the National Park Slovensky Raj  
State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic – Administration  
of the National Park Velka Fatra  
State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic – Administration  
of the Protected Landscape Area Male Karpaty  
State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic – Administration  
of the Protected Landscape Area Zahorie  
Water Research Institute, Bratislava

### **International partners**

Alterra – Green World research, Wageningen, the Netherlands  
Arnika, the Czech Republic  
Bio/consult as, Denmark  
BITE Baja Youth Nature Protection Society, Hungary  
Bund Naturschutz in Bayern e. V., Germany  
Centre for Environmental Information and Education (CEIE), Bulgaria  
Centre for Environmentally Sustainable Development (CESD), Bosnia  
and Herzegovina  
Danube Environmental Forum Serbia & Montenegro  
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Ecolibri Bionet – Independent Agency for Biodiversity Conservation  
Sustainable Development  
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Green Action, Croatia  
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Palava Protected Landscape Area Administration, the Czech Republic  
Plantlife, London, United Kingdom  
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Ruthenia, Ukraine  
Serbian Ecological Society, Yugoslavia  
Society for Bird Research and Nature Protection, Slovenia  
Sunce, Croatia  
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Union for the Morava River, the Czech Republic  
Veronica – Ecological Institute, the Czech Republic  
Western Center of the Ukrainian Branch of the World Laboratory  
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WWF Hungary  
WWF Poland

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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### EXPENSES in 2004

⊕ Supplies and equipment	22 837 €
⊕ Energy and non-inventory supplies	3 918 €
⊕ Repair and maintenance	9 434 €
⊕ Travel expenses	17 450 €
⊕ External services	16 187 €
⊕ Office rent	13 893 €
⊕ Communications costs	12 218 €
⊕ Salary expenses (employees + external employment contracts)	243 169 €
⊕ Depreciation	23 972 €
⊕ Project expenses	108 078 €
⊕ Exchange rate losses	40 855 €
⊕ Audit, accounting	11 290 €
⊕ Taxes and fees	1 804 €
⊕ Interests	6 032 €
⊕ Donations	3 299 €
⊕ Others	35 107 €
⊕ <b>Total</b>	<b>569 543 €</b>

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### REVENUE in 2004

⊕ Grants	446 515 €
⊕ Selling of services	44 592 €
⊕ Interests	2 346 €
⊕ Exchange rate gains	25 415 €
⊕ Contributions / donations	77 €
⊕ 1% tax return	3 609 €
⊕ Income tax	-2 810 €
⊕ Others	19 641 €
⊕ <b>Total</b>	<b>539 386 €</b>

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**For the founders and board of directors of DAPHNE – Institute of Applied Ecology,  
Podunajská 24, 821 06 Bratislava:**

We have audited the accompanying Financial Statements of DAPHNE – Institute of Applied Ecology, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2004, the income statement for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Act of Law No. 466/2002 Z.z. of Auditors and Slovak Chamber of Auditors and with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. This audit can not be regarded as tax audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of DAPHNE – Institute of Applied Ecology as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2004, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Slovak Financial Reporting Standards.

In Prešov, June, 26<sup>th</sup> 2005



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The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of two tall, slender stems of purple flowers. The flowers are small and densely packed along the stems, with some buds still closed. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting foliage.

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