

13<sup>th</sup> Living Lakes Conference, Mexico

## Results of the Annual General Meeting and Delegates Session

Moderators:

Udo Gattenloehner, GNF Director and Mike Ounstedt, GNF Advisory Board

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[www.globalnature.org/LLC/member-section/](http://www.globalnature.org/LLC/member-section/)

Participating delegates of Living Lakes.

<i><b>Delegates Name</b></i>	<i><b>Organization</b></i>	<i><b>Country</b></i>	<i><b>Registration</b></i>
Abrakhamia, Giorgi		Georgia	
Adameit, Mechthild	MRLSD	China	
Afaneh, Baha	FoEME	Jordan	Voting Delegate
Andrade, Germàn	Fundación Humedales	Colombia	Voting Delegate
Aspiazu Arce, Bernardo Jose	TRÓPICO Bolivian Association for Conservation	Bolivia	
Baake, Rainer	Deutsche Umwelthilfe	Germany	
Baghashvili, Inga		Georgia	
Bateman, Azucena	Amigos del Lago	Mexico	Voting Delegate
Bueno Sanchez, Eugenio	Fundacion Global Nature	Spain	
Bukia, Nana		Georgia	
Cartwright, Bob	Lake District National Park	UK	
Clark, Rosanne Felicity	Wilderness Action Group	South Africa	
Cordero, Natalia	Asociación Vivamos Mejor	Guatemala	
Cordova, Alicia	Amigos del Lago	Mexico	Voting Delegate
Curto, Erio	Fundación MAR	Argentina	Voting Delegate
Dagbaeva, Nina	GRAN	Russian Federation	Voting Delegate
Dale, Simone	Wildlands Conservation Trust	South Africa	
De Freitas, Roger	BTCV, GNF	UK	
Degenhardt, Arya	Mono Lake Committee	USA	Voting Delegate
del Rio, Amanda	Fundacion Global Nature	Spain	Voting Delegate
Eckhoff, Ranveig	Global Nature Fund	Germany	
Abeyrathne, Ekanayake	EMACE	Sri Lanka	Voting Delegate
Fan, Zhewen	MRLDC, Jiangxi Province	China	
Gabunia, Irakli		Georgia	
Gan, Rong	Science & Technology Department, Jiangxi Province	China	
Gattenlöhner, Udo	Global Nature Fund	Germany	
Gavashelishvili, Davit		Georgia	

Girón Solórzano, Estuardo René	Asociación Vivamos Mejor	Guatemala	
Goeppel, Barbara	Deutsche Umwelthilfe	Germany	
Guillem Avivar, Antonio	Fundación Global Nature, La Albufera	Spain	
Hammerl, Marion	Global Nature Fund	Germany	Voting Delegate
Hardt, Ulrika		South Africa	
Hartwig, Kat	Wildsight	Canada	
Hoare, Daniel Dr.	Broads Authority	United Kingdom	
Hoeck, Hendrick	Global Nature Fund	Switzerland	
Jaervet, Arvo	Lake Peipsi - Vortsjarv Fund	Estonia	
Jerrentrup, Hans	Soc. Protection of Nature & Eco-Development	Greece	Voting Delegate
Kaljuvee, Jaanika	Lake Võrtsjärv Foundation	Estonia	Voting Delegate
Kartal, Mehmet	Secreteriat General of Nilufer Local Agenda 21	Turkey	Voting Delegate
Kilasonia, Mariam		Georgia	
Körner, Thomas	NABU-BV Donau-Bodensee	Germany	
Lecciones, Amy	Soc. Conservation of Philippine Wetlands	Philippines	Voting Delegate
Leschied, Heather	Wildsight	Canada	Voting Delegate
Liu, Meiyong	MRLSD	China	Voting Delegate
Manda, Edgardo	Laguna Lake Development Authority	Philippines	
Martinez, Silvina	Amigos del Lago	Mexico	
Mezurnishvili, Inga		Georgia	
Sumaryono, Moeljo Soeparto	Yayasan Konservasi RASI/ Mulawarman University	Indonesia	Voting Delegate
Natali, Mauro	Provincia di Perugia	Italy	Voting Delegate
Neaves, Amanda		Germany	
Niekisch, Manfred Prof Dr.	Nature Conservation & Environmental Protection	Germany	
Ogonda, Godfrey Dr.	OSIENLA - Friends of Lake Victoria	Kenya	
Ong'ang'a, Obiero	OSIENALA - Friends of Lake Victoria	Kenya	Voting Delegate
Oniashvili, Natalia	NGO Black Sea Eco-Academy	Georgia	Voting Delegate
Ounsted, Michael	Wetlands International	UK	
Pereira Larroca, Daniel	Fundacion Amigos de las Lagunas Costeras de Rocha	Uruguay	
Pinder, John	Environment Agency	UK	
Rao, Premanjali	CRenIEO	India	Voting Delegate
Rick, Klaus Prof Dr.	Trier University of Applied Sciences	Germany	
Rivera, Maria	Ramsar Convention on Wetlands	Switzerland	
Ross, Karen Dr.	Wilderness Foundation	Botswana	

Salki, Alex	Lake Winnipeg Foundation	Canada	
Salki, Catherine	Lake Winnipeg Foundation	Canada	
Säre, Margit	PEIPSI Centre for Transboundary Cooperation	Estonia	Voting Delegate
Sharpe, John	Broads Authority	United Kingdom	Voting Delegate
Smith, Bruce	Lake Winnipeg Foundation	Canada	
Speranza, Yan	Fundación Moisés Bertoni	Paraguay	Voting Delegate
Székely, Erzsébet	Association of Civil Organizations of Balaton	Hungary	Voting Delegate
Tamoevi, Davit		Georgia	
Terzioğlu, Zeynep	Secreteriat General of Nilufer Local Agenda 21	Turkey	
Thorsell, James	Corazon de la Tierra	Mexico	
Tolkachyova, Katja	Global Nature Fund	Germany	
Trötschler, Patrick	Lake Constance Foundation	Germany	Voting Delegate
Tsutsunashvili, Gogi		Georgia	
Unzueta, Sergio	Amigos del Lago	Mexico	
Velatta, Francesco	Provincia di Perugia	Italy	
Veldman, Charmaine	Wildlands Conservation Trust	South Africa	
Venter, Andrew Dr.	Wildlands Conservation Trust	South Africa	Voting Delegate
Weder, Dietrich Dr.		Germany	
Wu, Wenfeng	Science & Technology Dept, Jiangxi Province	China	
Xia, Jiangang	Science & Technology Department, Jiangxi Province	China	
Xiong, Shaoyuan	Science & Technology Department, Jiangxi Province	China	
Zhong, Balian	Fruit Industry Bureau of Ganzhou City	China	

## **Increasing the network activities and effectiveness**

### **Adapting the Criteria for Membership**

Proposal of the GNF Board has been revised (see Version circulated in May 2010). As the members agreed to a distinction between international and national members, the Associate membership status will be dispersed. Current Associate members will be contacted and - if the criteria for membership were fulfilled - nominated as international members. This change in membership status shall be realised as quick as possible.

All members fully agree that the Living Lakes network depends on active members and the “added value” of the network towards protection of lakes and wetlands will be defined by the quality of the members activities. The members underlined the importance of networking as a dialogue and the regular exchange of information.

As agreed on the AGM, GNF will realise a revision process of all members by the end of the year 2010 in order to identify those members (international and associate) that have been rather inactive and are currently not fulfilling the membership criteria. Those members will be contacted to warn them that their membership is in jeopardy.

The can improve their performance within the time frame of a year. In case of no improvement, the assembly considers a suspension of the membership.

**The improvement of internal communication was discussed intensively.**

According to the suggestions of the AGM at Lake Trasimeno, Italy, GNF organized an internal Website for LL members according to the structure agreed on (see annex). But so far, this internal website has not been used at all and the question why was not been answered. GNF insists to fill this website with life and will send again the simple instructions.

So use Facebook and other social networks would be additional communication tools, but they are not the adequate tools to exchange project ideas etc.

The same request goes for the “Knowledge Pool” on the website, where you will find studies and other useful information in a thematically structured way. Also the presentations of the past Living Lakes Conferences can be found on the knowledge pool. Marion requested to the Living Lakes members one again to use this tool and to send GNF (Almut Weis = [weis@globalnature.org](mailto:weis@globalnature.org)) information for the knowledge pool.

**Presentation of new full members in the international network**

- Pulicat Lagune  
PP presentation by Premanjali Rao, *Crenieo*
- Lake Atitlán  
PP presentation by Estuardo XXX, *Vivamos Mejor*
- Lake Winnipeg  
PP presentation by *Bruce Smith, Lake Winnipeg Foundation*

Result: The delegates of the AGM agreed to accept all three candidates as new full members of the international network in a unanimous decisions. GNF congratulates the new members and is looking forward to a fruitful cooperation.

**Presentation of new candidates in the international network**

- Laguna de Rocha  
PP presentation by *Daniel Pereira Larroca, Fundacion Amigos de las Lagunas Costeras de Rocha*
- Okavango Delta  
PP presentation by *Dr. Karen Ross, Okavango Delta Program Development, Wilderness Foundation*

Result: The delegates of the AGM agreed to accept the two new candidates in the international network in a unanimous decisions. GNF congratulates the new candidates and is looking forward to a fruitful cooperation.

Amanda del Rio presented the La Mancha wetlands (in total 43 wetlands) as a new member of the national network Spain (under constitution, details see PP presentation). GNF welcomes the new member in the national network.

It has been proposed to compile a “welcome kit” for new members and candidates. The welcome kit is supposed to include information on membership criteria, latest publications, communication tools, etc.

It was agreed to sign a Jordan River Declaration, a Lake Fúquene Declaration and a Lake Uluabat Declaration, presented by the respective delegates of those regions. The declarations can be found on the GNF website in the membership section.

### **Living Lakes Goals Brochure**

The Living Lakes members agreed on the proposal of GNF to publish a new goals brochure 2010 – 2015. Unfortunately not all members sent their evaluation of the goals 2005 – 2010 (what has been achieved) and the new goals with few but meaningful indicators to measure the success. Katja will collect the missing input. The new goals brochure will be ready by the end of 2010 (printed version in a limited number and PDF for download).

### **Living Lakes Working Groups:**

Different working groups have been created to discuss objectives, activities and possible joint projects regarding the following items:

- Capacity Building for Chinese NGOs /Exchange with European NGOs. Within this working group chaired by Mechthild Adameit, the input for a Concept Note to the European Commission (Civil Society Dialogue) has been profiled: Exchange of experience regarding sensitisation campaigns realised by NGOs. Focus: Protection of water resources. Participating LL members: Lake Vörtsjärv Foundation and CTC Peipsi, Fundación Global Nature España, Lake Constance Foundation, GNF. (\*) Concept Note has been presented but unfortunately not been approved!
- Living Lakes Schools
- Living Lakes Climate Change
- Water Hyacinth
- Communication

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