



International Bearded Vulture Meeting A 30 years review on reintroduction in the Alps (1978 - 2008)

17th to 19th October 2008, Rauris/Hohe Tauern National Park, Austria

Organised by the Foundation for the Conservation of the Bearded Vulture, the International Bearded vulture Monitoring, Alpine Network of Protected Areas and Hohe Tauern National Park

30 years have passed since a small group of scientists had the plan to bring back the Bearded vulture into the Alps. While the project outcome was rather unclear in the beginning, we celebrate a story of success today. More than 150 birds could be released in the past and 50 field-grown chicks have fledged since 1997. In the winter 2007/2008 a number of 15 breeding pairs started with incubation – finally 7 chicks have been raised successfully. This gives good reason to expect the new population to start being self-sustaining. Now the people within the project have to face new tasks. On the one hand a professional monitoring must guarantee to detect negative impacts and react immediately in case of negative trends on the other hand the alpine subpopulation needs to be bridged with other subpopulations to maintain a meta-population. Both tasks have become an important aim. To discuss these and other topics we want to meet you in Rauris, the place where the story of the reintroduction began decades ago.

Preliminary Program for the Annual FCBV Meeting in Hohe Tauern National Park

Friday, 17th October 2008

Registration in Rauris at Gasthof Grimming 11:00 -14:45

IBM Steering committee: 16:00 -19:00

Moderation: Richard Zink

Participation of representatives from: Mercantour-, Ecrins-, Vanoise-, Gran Paradiso-, Stelvio- and Hohe Tauern National Park, from Alpi Marittime Nature Park and from A.S.T.E.R.S., Foundation Pro Bartgeier, Forest and Wildlife Service Province of Trento, FCBV and Alpine Network of Protected Areas.

Main discussion points: new annex of the IBM convention, the role of FCBV, financial aspects, rights for data analysis, financing genetic analysis

Social Gathering: 19:00

Welcome refreshment offered by the community of Rauris and the Nationalpark Council with regional Products from the area of Hohe Tauern

Option for dinner at the Gasthof Grimming 20:00



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Saturday, 18th October 2008

✓ **Official Opening**

Ferdinand Lainer (Hohe Tauern NP) 08:30 -09:00
Robert Reiter (Major of Rauris)
Michel Terrasse (President of the FCBV)
Greeting by a delegate of ALPARC

✓ **30 years of successful reintroduction, what do we need to do now?** 09:00 -10:30

Moderator: Michel Terrasse (President of the FCBV)
Hans Frey, Michel Terrasse and Richard Zink
“New monitoring strategies and bridging European subpopulations to decrease extinction risk

Marie Zimmermann & Martine Razin 09:00 -09:30
Main threats challenging population growth in Europe 09:30 -10:00
Discussion 10:00 -10:15

Coffe Break 10:15 -11:00

✓ **Studbook Report & Release season 2008**

Moderator: Michel Terrasse (President of the FCBV)
Hans Frey Studbook report and reproduction output 2007/2008 11:00 -11:15
Laura Martinelli, Release and Telemetry in Alpi Marittime NP 11:15 -11:30
Hans-Peter Gunsch, Release in Stelvio 11:30 -11:45
Michael Knollseisen, Release in Hohe Tauern 11:45 -12:00
Discussion 12:00 -12:15
**Fernando Ortega, Release in Andalusia (Spain)* 12:15 -12:30
Jerome Isambert, The reintroduction of three young Bearded Vulture in Sardinia 2008 12:30 -12:45
Discussion 12:45 -13:00

Lunch time at Gasthof Grimming 13:00 - 14:30

✓ **Monitoring- and Reproduction results**

Moderation: Richard Zink (International Bearded vulture Monitoring)
Francois Breton, First successful breeding in the southern French Alps 14:30 -14:45
Luca Giraud, Monitoring results from Alpi Marittime NP and the surroundings 14:45 -15:00
**Martino Nicolino, Monitoring results from Gran Paradiso NP and surroundings* 15:00 -15:15
Christian Couloumy, Monitoring results from Ecrin NP and surroundings 15:15 -15:30
**Jean Francois Dalix & Henri Suret, Monitoring results from Vanoise NP* 15:30 -15:45
Etienne Marle, Monitoring results from Haute Savoie 15:45 -16:00
Discussion 16:00 -16:15

Coffe Break 16:15 -16:45

(Francois Biollaz, Monitoring results from western Switzerland) 16:45 -17:00

* requested but not confirmed yet



Daniel Hegglin & David Jenny, Monitoring results from eastern Switzerland	17:00	-17:15
*Enrico Bassi Monitoring results from Stelvio NP and surroundings	17:15	-17:30
Michael Knollseisen, Monitoring results from Hohe Tauern NP and surroundings	17:30	-17:45
*Fernando Ortega, Monitoring results from Andalusia	17:45	-18:00
Martine Razin & Raphael Heredia, Monitoring of the Bearded vulture population in the Pyrenees (French and Spanish slopes)	18:00	-18:15
*Jean François Seguin, Monitoring results from Corsica	18:15	-18:30
Discussion	18:30	-18:45
✓ Visit of the new exhibition “Kings of the Air”	19:00	-20:00
Diner at the Gasthof Grimming	20:00	

Sunday, 19th October 2008

✓ **Strategies for the future**

Moderation: Ferdinand Lainer (Hohe Tauern National park)

Daniel Hegglin New strategies of the Foundation Pro Bartgeier for releases in CH	09:00	-09:20
Jean Pierre Choisy, Bridging the Alps and the Pyrenees, release option Vercors	09:20	-09:40
Enrico Bassi Mortality risks due to lead in hunting ammunition	09:40	-10:00
Discussion	10:00	-10:15

Coffee Break 10:15 -11:00

✓ **Data management, Genetics and Telemetry**

Moderation: Luca Giraudo (PN Alpi Marittime)

Richard Zink Facilitation of data management by the use of the IBM data base	11:00	-11:20
Barbara Hefti & Daniel Hegglin, Monitoring results of genetic analyses	11:20	-11:40
Daniel Hegglin New results of satellite telemetry	11:40	-12:00
Discussion		

✓ **Visit of the release site in Kruml valley** 13:00 -18:00