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First Congress of project “Integrated Land-use Management Modelling of Black Sea Estuaries” (ILMM-BSE) in Bulgaria

The first congress of the project “Integrated Land-use management modelling of Black Sea Estuaries” (ILMM-BSE) was held in Burgas, Bulgaria on 6th November 2013. The event was hosted by Burgas State University “Prof. Dr Assen Zlatarov”. Project partners from Turkey, Ukraine, Georgia and Bulgaria presented their organisations as well as the land-use management models in their countries.

Official guests of the congress were Mr. Niyazi Evren Akyol – Consulate General of Republic of Turkey in Burgas, Mr. Evgeni Vrabchev – Deputy Governor of Burgas District, Mr. Dimitar Karanenov – Honorary Consul of Ukraine in Bulgaria, Ms Marineta Nikolova - representative of Burgas Municipality, Ms Dobrinka Stoilova - Director of Regional Inspectorate of Environmental Protection - Burgas (RIOSV), Prof. Jun Nakajima - Ritsumeikan University, Japan, Mr. MUSTAFA Ib - Deputy Mayor of Ruen Municipality, Burgas region.

Academicians, researchers and experts from departments related to eco-system protection, biodiversity, environmental protection and land-use modelling, from local universities, NGOs, administrations and research institutions participated in the event.

Prof. Valentin Nenov from Burgas University “Prof. Asen Zlatarov” made the opening presentation on the scope and objectives of the Black Sea Basin 2007-2013 joint operational program and the specific tasks in the frame of the ILMM project. Ms Sonya Enilova as a Lead Partner from Burgas Regional Tourism Association made a presentation of the project scope, activities and target groups. Detailed description of the objectives and estimated results was done. A presentation of BRTA activities and Bulgaria and Burgas region as a tourist destination was enjoyed by the participants in the congress. Deputy Governor Mr. Vrabchev greeted the congress on behalf of Burgas District Administration. Ms Nikolova from Burgas Municipality presented the importance of the ILMM-BSE project to the area and the projects implemented by Burgas in the field of environment and Black Sea areas in Bulgaria.

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