

INTENSIVPROGRAMM “IPSOIL II”

1.. INTRODUCTION

The University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences in Vienna (BOKU) in cooperation with ten universities from UA, BG, SI, YU, HU, SK, CZ, DE and AT were submitting a project proposal for an Intensive Program (IP) within the Sokrates Erasmus program. The **goal** of this Intensive program (IP) IPSOIL is to work out a common vision for measures against uncontrolled sealing and reasonable land use, intending a balanced production and also developing concrete measures for integrated and multifunctional land utilization. On the basis of the soil indicator framework – the DPSIR approach – and its application in practice helps to understand complex systems and processes and react by developing responses and solutions for strategies and operational procedures, to create landscapes involving with great responsibility.¹ This framework of the ‘five main soil research clusters’ serve as a theoretical background for our project.

- Within the **first phase** of the IPSOIL I project from 2004 to 2005 we were analyzing the theoretical and practical examples from the ‘five soil research clusters’, and were integrating the topics systematically within a future search workshop and were working on various case studies and projects about soil and land use to understand the problem. The results of this first phase we will describe in our publication and you can already find the papers and power point presentations on our website <http://www.academia-danubiana.net>
- The **second phase** of IPSOIL II from 2005 to 2006 deals with conceptualizing a concept about soil and land use towards a thematic strategy for soil protection and sustainable land use. The question will be, how to bridge between the available scientific knowledge on one side and those who need it for defining policies, and operational procedures, such as stakeholders, and politicians and decision makers on the other side. Therefore the main target will be, to develop methodological approaches, how to initiate a dialogue between those who own soil and those who are interested in keeping soil multi-functional. At our Kick off meeting November 2005 we were already elaborating a basis for dialogue, between the participants of the universities and to enable all interest groups concerned, to understand their common situation better and to accept the responsibility for multifunctional soil and land use.²
- Finally the aim of this Intensive program IPSOIL III within the **third phase** from 2006 to 2007 will carry out a common vision for achieving a concept for a ‘learning region’ to obtain goals of a resource saving regional development in the Danube space. To manage our continually changing activities in land use planning, new ‘polycentric governing styles’ may support the dialogue between all the players, in an ongoing process to create effective governance toward a ‘learning region’ democratically by everyone affected.

This concept for a ‘learning region’ will establish a sustainable learning support and mobilise regional and local actors, authorities, organisations and associations to a committed and effective involvement, utilisation and support for developing new concepts of responsible land use. This will be as Hochgerner is pointing out “an experiment for planning of a comprehensive development and transformation process of a region. The local and regional actors will work on cooperation agreements for finding ‘common ground’ for future development.³ The results of this IP should be supported in practical application. For realizing the expected goals a process will be initiated as an innovative beginning, which the students can transfer in their region in the Danube space⁴, as a result of the Intensive program.

¹ BLUM, Winfrid, E.H.; BÜSING, Jürgen; MONTANA-RELLA, Luca (2004): Research needs support of the European thematic strategy for soil protection. Trends in Analytical ‘chemistry. Vol. 23, No.10-11, 2004. Published by Elsevier Ltd.

² “Results Kick.Off IPSOIL II November 2005 (pdf)” go into IPSOIL II www.academia-danubiana.net

³ HOCHERNER, Josef / HARRINGER Sanna (2004): Learning Region in der Biosphärenregion jordes+. JORDES workshop „Strategieentwicklung“ Sopron 14.12.2004

⁴ KVARDA, Werner; Hrsg. (2004): Ecologisation of the Danube Region. Der Donauraum. Zeitschrift des Institutes für den Donauraum und Mitteleuropa. 44.Jg.. 1 / 2 - 2004. Wien: Böhlau Verlag

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2.. DAILY PROGRAM IPSOIL IIIP Intensive program from March 20th till April 1st 2006 in Neusiedl am See

Day	9:00 – 12:00	Lunchtime	14:00 – 18:00
19. March Sunday			Arrival Accomodation 'Haus am Tabor'. Entrance office will be open from 2 p.m. in the afternoon ! 19:30 Dinner in the Rathausstüberl
20. March Monday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM Introduction Prof. BLUM – Information about the IP	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM Presentation lectures & case studies -
21. March Tuesday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM Presentation lectures and case studies –	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM Presentation lectures and case studies – 5.p.m. Welcome reception Major Kurt LENTSCH
22. March Wednesday	EXCURSION Biologische Station Illmitz Birdwatching tour. Guiding, Dr. Alfred GRÜLL 9:00 till 12:30	RATHAUS STÜBERL 12:30 – 14:00	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM Discussion with 'stakeholders' of the region about the multifunctionality of soil and land use BÖHM, ZECHMEISTER, TITZ, SUMALOWITSCH, KELLER, SCHENDL, RODLER, JÄGER u.a.
23. March Thursday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM <u>FUTURE SEARCH WORKSHOP</u> Phase 1 – Searching for common ground	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM <u>FUTURE SEARCH WORKSHOP</u> Phase 2 – Desirable trends- creating a 'mind map'
24. March Friday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM <u>FUTURE SEARCH WORKSHOP</u> Phase 3 + 4 – Prouds and sorries, Future scenarios	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM <u>FUTURE SEARCH WORKSHOP</u> Phase 5 – Formulation Strategies International Evening
25. March Saturday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM <u>FUTURE SEARCH WORKSHOP</u> Phase 6 – Plans for action	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS - SEMINARRAUM Presentation of the results
26. March Sunday	Individual cultural activities		Individual cultural activities
27. March Monday	FEUERWEHRHAUS - SEMINARRAUM Project, group work	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS - SEMINARRAUM Project, group work
28. March Tuesday	FEUERWEHRHAUS - SEMINARRAUM Project, group work	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM Project, group work Program tonight: 7.30 p.m. Jazz in the Gerbgruben in Neusiedl am See
29 March Wednesday	FEUERWEHRHAUS - SEMINARRAUM Project, group work	RATHAUS STÜBERL	EXCURSION – Schlosshof im Marchfeld , in the European context Guiding, Director Kurt FARASIN
30 March Thursday	FEUERWEHRHAUS - SEMINARRAUM Project, group work	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS - SEMINARRAUM Project, group work
31 March Friday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM Preparatory work for the presentation	RATHAUS STÜBERL	HAUS IM PULS PRESENTATION of the results - IP workshop, 17:00 Press conference
1. April Saturday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM Compilation and summary of the results and reflection of the group work	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS - SEMINARRAUM Internal final discussion – Follow up for IPSOIL III
2 April Sunday	Departure		