

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013

9:00

Current condition of the Greek xeric grasslands in terms of flora and management

Dr. Michael Vrahnakis, Greece

Dry grasslands in Slovakia - current state, management and restoration  
Dobromil Galvanek, Institute of Botany Banska Bystrica, Slovakia

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Dr. Christoph Saure, Office for Animal Ecological Research Berlin, Germany

20 years care of the xeric grasslands in the area Owczary

Dr. Andrzej Jermaczek Museum of the meadow Owczary, Poland

Coffee break

Management of xeric grasslands by grazing with Heck Horses

Elisa Kallenbach, University for Sustainable Development Eberswalde, Germany

Revitalization of dry grassland with grazing goats in Krakow-Czestochowa Jurassic Upland

Prof. Dr hab. Andrzej Czylok, Silesian University Katowice, Poland

Conservation and management of dry grasslands in Latvia

Dr. Solvita Rusina, University of Latvia

14:00

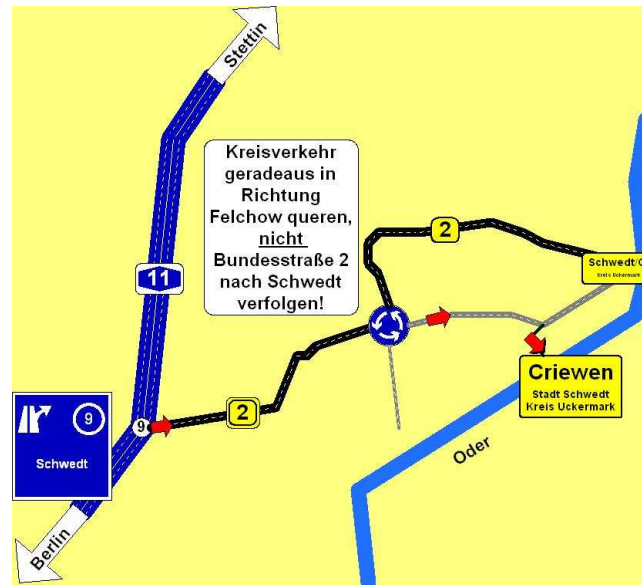
End of the conference (approx)

## Location

### Car

BAB 11 Berlin-Stettin (Szczecin)

Exit Joachimsthal/Angermünde/Schwedt in direction of Schwedt. The roundabout after Angermünde pass straight in direction of Felchow. After 15 kilometers exit Criewen. Follow the main road to the castle.



### Railway / Bus

From Berlin in the direction of Schwedt or Stralsund till Angermünde. From there bus no. 468 in direction of Schwedt (Bus stop in front of the railway station) directly to Nationalparkzentrum Criewen (Brandenburg Academy).

### Address:

Brandenburgische Akademie Schloss Criewen

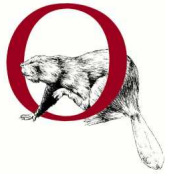
Park 3 - Schloss

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# Brandenburg Academy „Criewen Castle“



## Concepts for modern management of xeric grasslands between nature conservation and agriculture

26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

in cooperation with



European Dry  
Grassland Group

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**Topic:** Xeric grasslands belong to the most endangered environments in Europe. Concerning their profitability they cannot compete with other forms of economic and agricultural usage. A cross-border exchange of experiences about their proper management is absolutely essential and urgent. In the Lower Oder Valley the xeric grasslands also belong to the floristic most valuable parts of the only Brandenburg national park. As in other regions, they are home to rare and endangered plant communities that are dependent on our special protection. It is a big challenge to ensure a cultivation of these xeric grasslands in accordance with nature conservation requirements. Without agricultural use, especially grazing, these traditional agricultural usable areas with their biodiversity will become overgrown and gradually disappear. But not only the xeric grasslands of Germany but also the xeric grasslands in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe are priority areas of biodiversity and play an important role for nature conservation. The challenges are similar. Therefore, the conference should enable an exchange of experiences, also beyond the borders of Germany, and present successful examples from real life.

**Participants:** environmentalists, agriculturalists, landscape conservationists, scientists, species protectors and civil servants

**Organization:** Brandenburg Academy Criewen Castle

**Conference**

**Languages:** German, Polish, English

### Preliminary Program

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

11:00 Welcome and Opening speeches  
Uta Böhme  
Brandenburg Academy  
Dr. Solvita Rusina  
Dr. Michael Vrahnakis  
European Dry Grassland Group

Status and future prospects of xeric grasslands in Brandenburg  
Dr. Frank Zimmermann, State Office for Environment, Health and Consumer Protection Brandenburg, Germany

Care of xeric grasslands in Poland - theory and practice (project LIFE)  
Katarzyna Baranska, Club for Nature Conservation, Poland

Xeric grasslands in Hungary :  
Distribution, use, protection -  
Experience over the past 20 years  
István Sándor, Hortobagy, Hungary

Lunch

20 years care of then xeric grasslands  
Owczary  
Dr. Andrzej Jermaczek, Museum of the meadow Owczary, Poland

Some like it hot: Feather grass areas in Lower Oder valley  
Immo Kämpf, University Münster, Germany

Small Excursion in the National Park (planned)

Coffee break

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Andreas Herrmann, State Office for Environment, Health and Consumer Protection Brandenburg, Germany

Characterization and conservation of dry grasslands in Slovenia  
Prof. Dr. Sonja Škornik, University Maribor, Slovenia

General report on the measures to care the xeric grasslands in Lublin Voivodeship  
Dr. Anna Cwener, University Maria-Curie-Sklodowska Lublin, Poland

Floodplains and Dry grass landscapes  
Dr. Ansgar Vössing, National Park Foundation Lower Oder Valley, Germany

Reception of the National Park Foundation Lower Oder Valley

Dinner