

Danube Day 2013 in Slovakia

Bratislava gets active and creative for sturgeons!

Slovakia got active for the sturgeons with a packed programme of fun events in the capital - on and about the Danube. The Ministry of the Environment in Bratislava was the main venue for the **10th Danube Day** fronted by radio and TV personality, Roman Bomboš.

Throughout the day, youth dance clubs and choirs gave their all and primary pupils from along the Danube tributaries proudly took charge of the microphone to present messages to their river. With environmental games, face-painting and even your own photographic shoot with a water-sprite, much fun was had! While some were fascinated by the Danube rescue boats and off-road vehicles, others enjoyed interactive exhibitions on floodplain forests and fish, award-winning Danube films and presentation of a river-themed arts competition.

At the water's shore, there were free boat trips, children's kayaking lessons, water measurement demonstrations and the chance to release Sterlets (small sturgeon species) - destined to grow into the monsters of the Danube!

The search to find Slovakia's young **Danube Art Master** reached its climax at the Ministry celebration, with the announcement of national winners by organisers, Broz. The 14-country youth contest invited you to get creative and make a piece of 3D art illustrating what the river means to you. Lucka Pelantová, Lilian Teskal, Daniel Vadóczky, Katka Csicsaiová, Diana Manyuczová, Martina Takáčová and Adriana Čičaiová from Komárno were pronounced winners for their 'Heart for the Danube'.

Earlier in the week, a **Danube Scientific Workshop** hosted by the Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute took place. Topics under discussion included hydrological conditions and forecasts, groundwater resources, sub-basin water quality, climate monitoring and river basin issues.

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For more about the 14-country Danube Day celebrations, view www.danubeday.org or email the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR): benedikt.mandl@unvienna.org.