



## THE IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS YOUNG PROTECTED AREA PROFESSIONALS GROUP

**Dear WCPA Young Professionals,**

The life has been active last months. Our Group is expanding; we're using new communications media to access more active young PA professionals worldwide. Our members are organizing events for YP in their countries, at global conservation congresses and meetings to engage more people and to discuss issues of concern. We're also working at IUCN-wide level to establish more close connections with other IUCN Commissions and IUCN Council to promote youth involvement to decision-making within the Union.

We do hope you'll enjoy reading about some of our activities. **And if you decide, you wish to organize an event (workshop, round-table, presentation etc.) for YP in your country, we'd be happy to provide you with a package of materials (power points etc.) and assist you with this.**

Thanks for being part of the Group and, please, send us your feedback on this newsletter and everything, we're doing!

All the best,  
[Svetlana Kopylova](#)

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### WCPA Young PA Professionals Group Update

- / **WCPA YP Group Annual Report for 2009-2010**

The brief report on our activities since May 2009 is available here:

<http://intergenerationalpartnership.wikispaces.com/file/view/WCPA+YP+Annual+Report+2009-2010.docx>

- / **Membership Update**

Our Group currently includes **92** active young WCPA members and **87** more young PA professionals are engaged into our networks as potential members.

### / Our Group Network

We are working on broadening our Network and optimizing our communications. In addition to our [LinkedIn](#) and [Yahoo Group pages](#), we've created "[Young Protected Area Leaders & their Senior Friends](#)" Group in Facebook. If you are not still with us, you are welcome. **Please, help us promoting the Facebook Group not only to young, but to senior PA experts as well** – it's specially created as a place for intergenerational communication. If the resource is actively used, it could become a basis for our own web-site for young conservation professionals and intergenerational partnerships. It'll be easier to find support for the website initiative, if we can demonstrate interest towards our social networks. Please, help us doing this!

We're helping to moderate Wiki-page of Intergenerational Partnership for Sustainability: we have our WCPA YP page there now at <http://intergenerationalpartnership.wikispaces.com/yp-wcpa>. **If anybody can take on a responsibility to update the page, please, let us know.**

We are also continuing the work on development of our own web-site. By the moment we have our [pages on IUCN web-site](#) and a structure of our own independent website. **Any your idea and / or help in moderating the Network resources are welcome!**

### / Call For Volunteers

We need volunteer for helping in moderating Network groups and web-site. And still are lacking our logo for better position the Group within and outside the IUCN. If you'd like to help with these, please, send a message to [Svetlana Kopylova](#) or [Anya Zavadskaya](#).

## YP Group Activities In January – April, 2010

### / WCPA YP Workshop at Healthy Parks – Healthy People, Melbourne, Australia

WCPA YP workshop was held at the recent Healthy Parks Healthy People Congress in Melbourne, Australia. The workshop was attended by 18 YPs and 3 Senior Professionals, discussing many fantastic issues and opportunities.

The workshop was facilitated using the World Cafe method. This method engages all participants small group round table discussions. The workshop was centered on 5 questions, including:

- What do YPs require to further develop their capacity and careers in the arena of Protected Areas?
- What are the current "hot issues" facing conservation and eco-health?
- How can YPs cultivate cross discipline collaboration and information sharing?
- How can YPs market our research, causes and information to the wider audience to engender greater support?
- What is our vision for the future?

The discussions generated from this workshop highlighted that YPs want to be included in all WCPA activities in order to have the opportunity to have their voices heard. By working together as a unified front, the YP WCPA group can influence, encourage and create change, so we can have a presence at workshops, congresses and international meetings, as well as initiate Senior- YP mentoring program.

Full report is available at <http://intergenerationalpartnership.wikispaces.com/yp-wcpa>.

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### / **WCPA YP-members in VI Southern Connection Congress (Argentina, February 2010)**

A symposium to discuss the conservation and sustainable management of Southern Hemisphere temperate indigenous grasslands was held at the **VI Southern Connection Congress (February 2010, Bariloche, Argentina)**. The meeting was organized by *Alan Mark, Kath Dickinson and Andrea Michelson* (YP-WCPA) on behalf of the Temperate Grasslands Conservation Initiative (TGCI), a project from WCPA-IUCN. A declaration regarding global indigenous temperate grasslands preservation was discussed at the end of the meeting, and it was duly adopted by most of those present in the audience. Currently work is underway to send the declaration to Argentina and Uruguay national authorities.

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### / **Participation in Q'apac Ñan Project (Ecuador)**

WCPA YP Group members are participating in the implementation of [Q'apac Ñan \(QÑ\)](#) (*Gran Ruta Inca in Spanish and Great Inca Route in English*) project in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru.

Gran Ruta Inca crosses many different mountain ecosystems, is linked to eight Protected Areas (PA), and connects with the Important Bird Areas (IBA's) of the South America (SA) region. The Cultural and Spiritual values team of the WCPA identified the area as a strategic value for SA and its PAs. A project to develop an **"Intervention Strategy for Project Design on Sustainable Uses of Biodiversity Associated with the Gran Ruta Inca (GRI) Landscapes"** is being implemented. YP-WCPA member *Augusta Almeida Ferri* is responsible for the field research in Ecuador.

For more information about the project and its results go to the [link](#) (*in Spanish*).

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### / **Parks and Protected Areas Study Tour in the USA for Conservation Professionals from Southeast Europe**

**Parks and Protected Areas Study Tour for Conservation Professionals from Southeast Europe**, was held in **New England, USA, from 6 to 13 December 2009**. Participants of the study tour were six conservation and rural development specialists from Romania, Kosovo, Serbia and Montenegro. The programme was organized by the **Quebec-Labrador Foundation/Atlantic Center for the Environment**, and supported with funding from the **Rockefeller Brothers Fund** and the **Trust for Mutual Understanding**.

The study was designed to promote an exchange of ideas and techniques related to parks management among the group of professionals from SEE and the peers in New England. Moreover, its aims were to provide training and professional development, promote an exchange of innovations in the field of conservation, and strengthen the capacity of NGOs in both regions to conserve natural areas through stewardship.

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### / **WCPA YP Group members in Colombia participate in international events: report from YP Group focal point in Colombia, Paula Bueno**

The 9TH Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, Convention on Biological Diversity, Cali, Colombia from 22 to 28 March 2010 was the last of three meetings mandated by the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, held in Bonn, Germany, in May 2008, to finalize the negotiations of the international regime on access and benefit-sharing. The in-

ternational regime is to be adopted at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Nagoya, Japan in October 2010.

Delegations from over 190 countries, representatives of indigenous, ethnic and local communities came together to decide over one of the most day-by-day critical issues: biodiversity genetic resources and the associated traditional knowledge, key for survival of many peoples and cultures throughout the world.

Indigenous and local communities from the Amazonian countries gathered together for a workshop in Georgetown, Guyana, 19-20 of April, with the purpose of sharing conservation experiences in protected areas and traditional territories, as part of the initiative of construction of a regional conservation vision led by REDPARQUES, which regional coordination is currently held by Colombia.

During this meeting, different ethnic group representatives presented their experiences about co-management in protected areas, covering all kinds of issues from cosmogony to livelihoods.

WCPA YP Group members and other young professionals were actively involved in both of the meetings and contributed to the decisions and resolutions.

© [Paula Bueno](#), Colombia

**If you would like to contribute to Group activities in your country, please, let us know!  
The heroes are always wanted! 😊**

## WCPA YP Group in the broader context

### / **Grace Mwaura appointed as IUCN Youth Councilor**

Grace Mwaura has been appointed to strengthen the voice of youth in the IUCN Council and ensure that the concerns of the next generation are adequately addressed. Grace graduated last year as Bachelor in Environmental Sciences from Kenyatta University and is currently the Secretary of the African Youth Initiative of the Climate Change. She is passionate about creating a global community of young people who are ready to work professionally and passionately to solve sustainable development challenges all over the world. Grace will serve till the end of Council's 2012 term.

### / **Towards IUCN-wide Task Force on Intergenerational Partnerships**

We continue to work with IUCN CEC, IUCN CEL and new IUCN Youth Councilor, Grace Mwaura, on lobbying for creation of IUCN-wide task force on intergenerational partnerships. We're currently finalizing the vision, objectives and structure of the proposed task force and selecting the first activity, we could launch together as a joint inter-commission project. Grace is going to report on this at IUCN Council Meeting at the beginning of June.

## Coming events and opportunities

### / **CBD COP10, Nagoya, Japan**

We're planning to organize a series of events for YP as part of the meeting. **Details are being discussed now, all ideas and assistance are welcome!**

### / **Alfred Toepfer Natural Heritage Scholarships**

Each year the EUROPARC Federation in cooperation with the Alfred Toepfer Foundation F.V.S. awards three **Alfred Toepfer Natural Heritage Scholarships** to promising young conservationists with prac-

tical experience in the field of conservation and in the work of protected areas. **Deadline for applications – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010.**

Read more on [the EUROPARC Federation site](#).

### / **Young Leaders Forum, the 4th International Biennial Parks Leadership Conference**

**Parks Forum** is pleased to present the **Young Leaders Forum**, to be held as a precursor to the **4th International Biennial Parks Leadership Conference: Common Ground** in August 2010.

The 2010 Young Leaders Forum presents an opportunity to recognize aspiring young professionals in the parks, recreation and protected area sector and build their leadership capacity for future parks management and leadership.

The program will allow for energetic dialogue on the theme Engaging the Next Generation and other contemporary park management issues. Importantly, the outcomes of the Young Leaders Forum will be summarised and presented to the Common Ground conference, integrating the perspectives of the next generation into the wider discussion about the future of parks.

In addition to the day-long Forum on Monday **23 August 2010**, the Young Leaders registration includes full attendance at the Common Ground Conference on **24-26 August, 2010**.

Registrations can be completed online through the [Parks Forum conference website](#).

### / **European Youth Perspective Conference on Biodiversity 1 – 6 July 2010, Belgium**

**YouPEC** is the **YOUth PERSpective Conference on Biodiversity**, a unique seminar that will be bringing 150 people from all over Europe to Belgium from the **1st to the 6th of July**, to learn about, discuss and share knowledge and experience on biodiversity.

**There are still a number of places for young people from: Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, France, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Letvia, Luxemburg, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom.**

For more information and application form go to the [link](#).

### / **Scholarship opportunity for graduate students from ENPI (European Neighborhood) countries and Russia**

Scholarships for university graduates from European Neighbourhood (EN) countries and Russia to follow Courses in the European Union leading to a Master Degree in European Studies (European Union Law, European Union Economics, European Union Policy, Administration and Governance, European Union Integration History or Interdisciplinary European Union Studies).

Deadline for applications is June, 4.

More info at [http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2244\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2244_en.htm).

## Announcements

### / **Wild9 updates**



We are glad to announce that the plenary presentations from WILD9, where our Group has participated, are now online at [www.wild.org](http://www.wild.org). To access all of the information go to [the following page](#).

/ **Headlines Himalaya**

We are pleased to share with members of our group [the issues of Headlines Himalaya](#). If you wish to receive Headlines Himalaya on weekly basis, contact [Sangita Maharjan](#). Subscription is free and also available [online](#).

/ **Volunteer workcamps in Russian protected areas this summer**

[http://www.wildnet.ru/volunteer/ECZ\\_Workcamps\\_2008/index.php](http://www.wildnet.ru/volunteer/ECZ_Workcamps_2008/index.php)

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