



Invitation to Nordic –Baltic seminar

The International Ranger Federation (IRF) and The Danish Rangers Association has the pleasure in common to invite you to the first Nordic-Baltic Nature Interpretation seminar in Denmark 8. - 10. October 2008. The aim of the seminar is to promote Nature Interpretation as an important part of rangers work

There are 2 key-elements at the seminar:

Intensive training in Nature Interpretation methods and the founding of an “IRF-Nordic-Baltic Forum for Nature Interpretation”.

Programme:

Wednesday the 8th of October

Morning:	Arrival and welcome
12.00	Lunch
Afternoon:	”What is good Nature Interpretation? How do we as Nature Interpreters influence people to take care of nature and work for a sustainable development? Theory and praxis.
	The session is run by Nature Interpreter and Cand. Pæd. Niels Ejbye Ernst , Danmarks Pædagogiske Universitet.
18.30	Dinner

- 20.00
1. Future Nordic-Baltic cooperation in the field of Nature Interpretation.
 2. Shall we together found an “**IRF-Nordic-Baltic Forum for Nature Interpretation**” ?
1. draft for convention for a such a forum is attached for discussion.
- Chairman of the session: **Rigmor Solem**, IRF

Thursday the 9th of October

- 8.00 Breakfast
- 9.00 ”Outdoor activities as a tool in Nature Interpretation”
Theory and praxis.
- The session is run by Nature Interpreter **Lars Borch**, who will guide us through a number of useful outdoor-activities and we discuss how to use this activities in our daily work
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 ”Outdoor activities as a tool in Nature Interpretation”
Theory and praxis –continued !
- 15.00 Coffee-break
- 15.30 Exchange of information. The participants tell about “what goes on” concerning nature interpretation in their country.
Chairman of the session: **Dorrit Hansen**
- 17.00 Founding of “IRF-Nordic-Baltic Forum for Nature Interpretation” and discussion of the coming years work.
Chairman of the session: **Rigmor Solem**.
- 19.00 Seminar-dinner

Friday the 10th of October

8.00	Breakfast
9.00	<p>“Nature Interpretation and climate”</p> <p>Climate is a hot theme in these years, and in 2009 there is UN - summit meeting concerning climate in Copenhagen.</p> <p>How do we as Nature Interpreters integrate climate in our interpretation? A number of case studies will be demonstrated in theory and praxis.</p> <p>The session is run by a Danish Nature Interpreter and climate-coordinator.</p>
12.00	Lunch
13.00	<p>Evaluation, thanks and Good Bye</p> <p>Chairman: Arne Bondo-Andersen & Rigmor Solem.</p>

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1. Draft

Convention for “IRF-Nordic-Baltic Forum for Nature Interpretation”.

1. “IRF-Nordic-Baltic Forum for Nature Interpretation” is set up and organized by the IRF-member organizations in the nordic-baltic countries.
2. Each member organization nominates a responsible contact-person.
3. The aim of the forum is:
 - To follow up and implement in the Nordic Baltic countries the “**11 Shared Principles: Heritage Interpreters promoting sustainable development**” who were adopted at the IRFs World congresses in Australia 2004.
 - Organize exchange of experience and “best practice” within the field of interpretation.
 - Organize Nordic Baltic education- and training courses and seminars - at least a seminar each second year, managed by a new country every time.
 - Organize a Nordic Baltic electronic network concerning interpretation
 - Organize study tours and jobswob.