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“Emerald Network of Nature Protection Sites, Phase II”**

**Emerald biogeographical Seminar  
for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia for all habitats and species  
(except birds) and all biogeographical regions  
27-29 May 2015  
Tbilisi, Georgia**

Seminar venue:  
Holiday Inn Hotel  
1, 26 May Square  
0171 Tbilisi  
Georgia

**AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, 27 May 2015**

<b>1. Opening session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Opening of the meeting</b> by Jan Plesnik, Vice-Chair of the Bern Convention Standing Committee</li><li>• <b>Welcoming address</b> by national authorities Georgia</li><li>• <b>The Emerald Network constitution process and the South Caucasus countries</b>, by Iva Obretenova, Programme Officer Ecological networks, Council of Europe</li></ul>	<b>9.00 - 9.30</b>
<b>2. Introduction to the seminar, rules of procedure and main outcomes expected</b> by Otars Opermanis, independent expert to the Council of Europe	<b>9.30 – 9.50</b>
<b>3. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of animals (other than birds) in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites</b> <p>The discussion will be organised species by species, examining site proposals in all bio-geographical regions. There will be no separate sessions devoted for each bio-geographical region.</p> <p>Introduced by Otars Opermanis, independent expert to the Council of Europe</p>	<b>9.45 - 11.00</b>
<b>Coffee Break</b>	<b>11.00 - 11.20</b>
<b>4. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of animals (other than birds) in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)</b>	<b>11.20 - 12.30</b>
<b>Lunch break</b>	<b>12.30 -13.30</b>
<b>5. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of habitats in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites</b> <p>The discussion will be organised habitat by habitat, examining site proposals in all bio-geographical regions. There will be no separate sessions devoted for each bio-geographical region.</p> <p>Introduced by Marc Roekaerts, independent expert to the Council of Europe</p>	<b>13.30 -15.30</b>
<b>Coffee Break</b>	<b>15.30 - 15.50</b>
<b>6. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of habitats in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)</b>	<b>15.50 - 17.30</b>

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<b>7. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of habitats in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)</b>	<b>9.30 - 11.00</b>
<b>Coffee Break</b>	<b>11.00 - 11.20</b>
<b>8. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of habitats in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)</b>	<b>11.20 - 13.00</b>
<b>Lunch break</b>	<b>12.30 -13.30</b>
<b>9. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of animals (other than birds) in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)</b>	<b>13.30 – 15.30</b>
<b>Coffee Break</b>	<b>15.30 - 15.50</b>
<b>10. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of animals (other than birds) in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)</b>	<b>15.50 – 17.30</b>

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<b>11. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of plants in the proposed Emerald sites</b> Introduced by Marc Roekaerts, independent expert to the Council of Europe	<b>9.00 - 12.30</b>
<b>Lunch break</b>	<b>12.30 -13.30</b>
<b>12. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of plants in the proposed Emerald sites</b>	<b>13.30 – 15.30</b>
<b>Coffee Break</b>	<b>15.30 - 15.50</b>
<b>13. Continuation of unfinished work</b>	<b>15.50 – 17.00</b>
<b>14. Preliminary results of the Seminar evaluation discussions and first statistics on the sufficiency of the Emerald Network in the target countries</b>	<b>16.30 – 17.00</b>
<b>15. Conclusions of the meeting and follow-up</b>	<b>17.00 - 17.30</b>