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The **Les Planes de Son Centre**, fruit of Caixa Catalunya's Charity Work, managed by the Territori i Paisatge Foundation, welcomes the International Conference on Mountain Corridors in the Pyrenees, from 24 to 27 October 2005. The Centre is located in the Catalan Pyrenees, on the borders of the Aigüestortes and Sant Maurici Lake National Park and the High Pyrenees Nature Park.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE MOUNTAIN CORRIDORS IN THE PYRENEES

The Conference is co-organised by the Territori i Paisatge Foundation and IUCN-WCPA –World Conservation Union and World Commission on Protected Areas Mountains Theme, and is supported by the Europarc Federation and Eurosite and has European Council recognition.

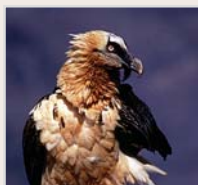
The event includes a meeting to exchange points of view and reveal experiences concerning large scale conservation efforts in mountain areas, comparing case studies on the Cantabrian Mountains, the Pyrenees, the Alps, the Carpathian mountains, the Appenines, the Caucasus mountains and America and Canada's Rocky Mountains.

The results will be included in the IUCN-WCPA manual *Large scale conservation connectivity - conservation corridors management*, coordinated by G.Worboys (IUCN-WCPA). This publication is scheduled to appear in 2006.

Participants will be invited to focus on the singularities (ecological, social and cultural) of Europe of the initiatives for connectivity between large scale mountain systems in terms of threats, impacts and opportunities.

During the Conference, the Cantabria-Pyrenees-Alps mountain corridor initiative will be officially presented.

Pyrenees Conference participants will be offered an extension with optional sessions in the Cantabrian Mountains, in the North-West of Spain.



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Caixa Catalunya's Social/Charity Work created the **Territori i Paisatge Foundation** in 1997, one of its principal aims being to collaborate to conserve the countryside's natural heritage as well as to make the population aware of the need to protect the environment. The Foundation has three basic lines of action which are:

- To acquire parts of land with well conserved natural habitats in order to later manage them.
- To collaborate in nature conservation projects developed by the country's different entities.
- To provide continuous education, both to the young and adult populations so as to bring environmental values to our society.

24 OCTOBER

- 10.00 h** Opening session in Barcelona.
Caixa Catalunya Auditorium in La Pedrera (Passeig de Gràcia, 92, Barcelona).
- 11.00 h** Coffee break
- 11.30 h** Presentations
- The Pan-European Ecological Network, by **Dr. Eladio Fernández Galiano**, *head of the Natural Heritage and Biological Diversity Division of the European Council.*
 - Some mountain conservation corridor initiatives from around the world, by **Prof. Lawrence S. Hamilton**, *Mountain Protected Areas Senior Advisor, World Commission on Protected Areas (IUCN).*
 - The Cantabrian-Pyrenees-Alps initiative, by **Mr. Miquel Rafa**, *head of Land Management of the Territori i Paisatge Foundation.*
 - Presentation of the initiative from Cantabria to the Alps, by **Mr. Jordi Sargatal**, *director of the Territori i Paisatge Foundation.*
- 14.00 h** Lunch
- 16.00 h** Coach trip to Son
- 20.30 h** Welcome and brief presentation of the Les Planes de Son Centre, by **Mr. Eugeni Rojas**, *director of the Centre*, and **Mr. Miquel Rafa**, *head of Land Management of the Territori i Paisatge Foundation.*
- 21.00 h** Dinner
- 22.30 h** Short film "Boscoss vells. Artistes per la Natura als Pirineus Catalans" ("Ancient forests. Artists for Nature in the Catalan Pyrenees") on the Pyrenees Ancient Forests project.

25 OCTOBER

Presentations of European experiences and projects

- 9.00 h** Presentations
- The Alpine network of protected areas, by **Mr. Yann Kohler**, *France.*
 - Hohe Tauern National Park: a model of transboundary cooperation in the Alps, by **Dipl. Ing. Harald Kremser**, *head of the Departmental Section of National Parks of the Salzburg Federal State Government, Austria.*
- 11.00 h** Coffee break
- 11.30 h** Presentations
- Appenine Europe Park Project, by **Sr. Roberto Gambino**, *director of the European Centre for Documentation on Natural Park Planning, Italy.*
 - Ongoing experiences of ecological connectivity related regional natural parks in France, by **Mme. Cécile Birard**, *Federation of Regional Natural Parks, France.*
- 13.00 h** Lunch

- 14.30 h** Short walk in the surroundings of Son
- 16.00 h** Presentations
- The persistence of the brown bear: a pan-Cantabrian challenge, by **Dr. Carlos Nores Quesada**, *Oso Pardo Foundation / INDUROT-Universidad de Oviedo, Spain.*
- 18.00 h** Coffee break
- 18.30 h** Workshop
- Conclusions on European experiences. Chaired by **Prof. Lawrence S. Hamilton**, *senior consultant for Protected Mountain Areas of the IUCN.*
- 21.00 h** Dinner

26 OCTOBER

Presentations of international experiences and projects

- 8.30 h** Presentations
- The Yellowstone to Yukon initiative, by **Mr. Harvey Locke**, *Strategic Advisor for the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative, Canada.*
 - The Carpathian Ecoregion initiative, by **Prof. Dr. Ivan Voloscuk**, *coordinator of BR Tatry, president of ACANAP, Rumania.*
 - Black Vulture Conservation Projects, from the Pyrenees to the Balkan Mountains, by **Mrs. Evelyn Tewes**, *the Black Vulture Foundation.*
- 11.00 h** Coffee break
- 11.30 h** Presentations
- La Puna ecological corridor (Bolivia, Peru and Chile), by **Sr. Hernan Torres**, *Linking the Los Flamencos Nature Reserve (Chile) and the Eduardo Avaroa National Reserve (Bolivia), member of IUCN/WCPA Mountains Biome Theme Project and Chair of IUCN/SSC specialist group on South American camelids.*
 - The system of Andean corridors in Venezuela, by **Mr. Edgard Yerena**, *Wildlife Research Group at the Department of Anatomy, Cambridge University, United Kingdom.*
- 13.00 h** Lunch
- 14.30 h** Visit to the Aiguestortes and Sant Maurici Lake National Park. Welcome by **Sra. Mercè Aniz**, *director of the National Park* and **Sr. Joaquim Llach**, *president of the National Park.*
- 18.00 h** Presentations
- The ecological connectivity of protected alpine areas in the Catalan Pyrenees, by **Sr. Gabriel Palacios**, *Department of Physical Planning of Catalonia, Spain.*
- 19.30 h** Poster exhibition
- Short presentations during the visit to the poster exhibition.
- 21.00 h** Dinner

27 OCTOBER

- 9.00 h** Workshop
• The Cantabrian to the Alps initiative. Chaired by **Sra. Patrizia Rossi**, *director of the Alpi Marittime Natural Park, Italy.*
- 10.00 h** Conclusions and recommendations for the World Mountain Forum of 2006.
Brief visit to the Les Planes de Son area.
- 11.30 h** Guided tour around Son village.
- 13.00 h** Lunch
- 15.00 h** Coach trip to Barcelona or optional sessions in the Cantabrian Mountains.



▲ Location of La Pedrera (Passeig de Gràcia, 92). Barcelona.

OPTIONAL SESSIONS IN THE CANTABRIAN MOUNTAINS

28-31 October 2005

For those participants who are interested, an extension to the work sessions on the Cantabrian Mountains will be offered, including a presentation of the local initiatives and meetings with a variety of groups of interest from the nearby area.

27 OCTOBER

Coach trip from Son to Vitòria-Gasteiz (approximately 6 hours)

Dinner in Vitòria-Gasteiz

28 OCTOBER

- 9.00 h** Environmental Studies Centre – Centro de Estudios Ambientales. Casa de la Dehesa de Olarizu. Welcome and presentation.
- 9.15 h** Presentations
• The territorial model of Vitoria-Gasteiz: an opportunity for ecological connectivity, by **Sr. Luis Andrés Orive**, *director of the Vitoria-Gasteiz Environmental Studies Centre.*
- 9.45 h** Field trips
• **Stop 1:** Santuario de Oro (panoramic viewpoint over the Atlantic and the Mediterranean). Landscape protection.

• **Stop 2:** Garaio and Mendixur, Ullibarri Gamboa reservoir (Ramsar site). Environmental management strategy.

• **Stop 3:** Salburua wetland (Ramsar site). The greenbelt of Vitoria-Gasteiz. Environmental Studies Centre.

14.00 h Lunch in Vitòria-Gasteiz

17.00 h Presentations

• Landscape and ecological connectivity at three levels: The Basque Country, the historical territory of Álava and the Vitòria-Gasteiz City Council.

18.30 h Free time, visit to the town

21.00h Dinner in Vitòria-Gasteiz

29 OCTOBER

- 9.00 h** Coach trip to the Cantabrian Mountains (approximately 3 hours)

- 12.00 h** Short visit to the Fuentes Carrionas and Fuente Cobre National Park.
- 14.30 h** Lunch at the Cervera de Pisuerga National Parador
- 16.00 h** Coach to Somiedo (approximately 4 hours)
- 21.00 h** Dinner in Pola de Somiedo (Asturias)

30 OCTOBER

- 9.00 h** Welcome.
- 9.30 h** Presentations
- Dancing with wolves and bears, a walk by round the Somiedo Biosphere Reserve.
- 14.00 h** Lunch in Somiedo
- 17.00 h** Presentations
- The Yellowstone to Yukon initiative, by **Mr. Harvey Locke**, *Strategic Advisor for the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative, Canada.*
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 - The Cantabrian-Pyrenees-Alps initiative, by **Mr. Miquel Rafa**, *head of Land Management of the Territori i Paisatge Foundation.*
- 21.00 h** Dinner in Somiedo
- 22.30 h** Short film and music from the Cantabrian Mountains.

31 OCTOBER

- 9.00 h** Presentations
- The persistence of the brown bear: a pan-Cantabrian challenge, by **Dr. Carlos Nores Quesada**, *Oso Pardo Foundation / INDUROT-Universidad de Oviedo, Spain.*
 - Is it possible to repopulate the corridor between both sub-populations of the Cantabrian brown bear? by **Dr. Javier Naves**, *Department of Ecology at the University of Oviedo.*
- 11.00 h** Coffee break
- 11.30 h** Workshop
- Conclusions and recommendations for Cantabrian ecological connectivity.
- 12.30 h** Guided tour
- Closing ceremony
- Leave for Asturias airport

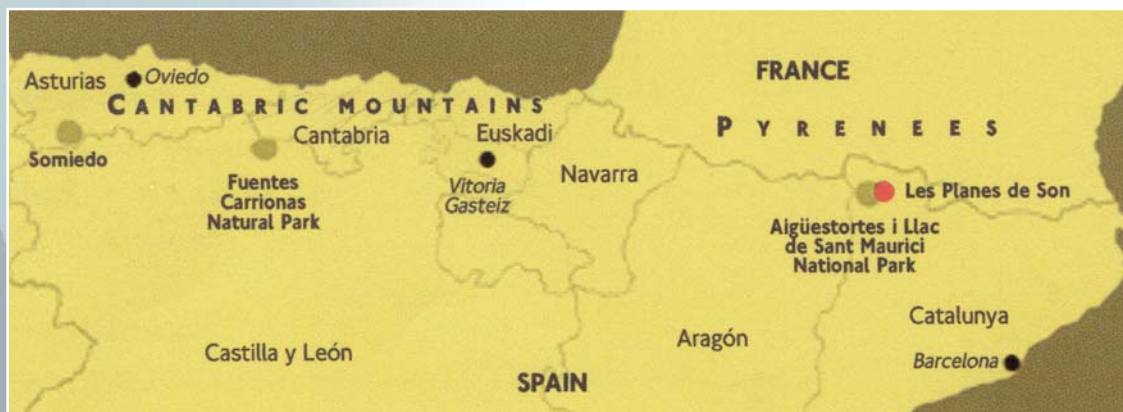
On the days prior to the World Parks Conference in 2003 in Durban (South Africa), the Mountains Biome of IUCN/World Conservation Union organised a work session on the efforts to protect international corridors in the Ukhalmaba- Drakensberg mountains, World Heritage.

One of the acts in Drakensberg included an excursion and a flag raising ceremony on the mountains to celebrate Parks for Peace and World Heritage.

Participants from all over the world were impressed by the wealth of the interaction and exchange of ideas among colleagues interested in the conservation of major landscapes with an aim to preserve biodiversity (especially of larger carnivores and herbivores). They decided to organise one last act in the Canadian Rocky Mountains in 2004 focusing on the conservation efforts applied to large mammals from across the world, with the special case of the Canadian Rocky Mountains to the region between Yellowstone and Yukon.

This Conference follows similar lines and at the same time can also be used in preparation for the next event which will take place in 2006. This is the date for completion of the manual on large scale connectivity in mountain areas by the IUCN-WCPA, coordinated by Sr. Graeme Worboys.

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