22nd Danilo Re Memorial

**Gesäuse National Park
26 – 29 January 2017
Admont / Gesäuse / Austria**

The Gesäuse National Park will be hosting the 22nd Danilo Re Memorial in 2017

Das For years the "Danilo Re Memorial" has been an important opportunity for the technical teams of the Alpine protected areas to meet together. This event is aimed notably at all those who are involved in day-to-day scientific monitoring, awareness-raising and knowledge brokering. It also symbolises the friendship between the protected areas and highlights their common efforts and objectives, taking place every year in a different protected area.

The Memorial consists of a thematic seminar, a sports competition (the Trophy) and an exchange of international experiences. Thus the General Assembly of ALPARC, the Network of Alpine Protected Areas, will be held during this event.

Between 250 and 300 members of the technical teams of the protected areas, coming from Austria, Slovenia, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and France, will be taking part.

The Danilo Re Trophy

One of the highlights of the event is the "Danilo Re Trophy", the sports competition itself. The teams of 4 will compete against each other in the following disciplines: mountaineering ski, slalom, Nordic skiing and shooting.

The Memorial is not only a sports event, but also a real opportunity to promote the Alpine regions internationally and for tourism.

The Gesäuse National Park has chosen to take a sustainable approach in the organisation of the event, in harmony with nature. The sports competitions will be held in the town of Admont in collaboration with Kaiserau. Great attention will be given to highlighting the cultural and gastronomic attractions of the region.

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In 2017 Austria takes on the Presidency of the Alpine Convention

Austria will take on the presidency of the Alpine Convention for 2017-2018. In this context, Andrä Rupprechter, the Austrian Federal Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, will be present at the opening ceremony of the Danilo Re Memorial to welcome the participants.

The Austrian Presidency could not have hoped for a better start: that of being a transmitter in the collective consciousness of the link which exists between the Alpine States and the validation of the action carried out jointly by the protected areas for the conservation of the natural and cultural heritage of the Alps.

The entire event is organised in an ecological and sustainable way. Thus the event as a whole (the sports competition, the seminar and the meeting between the members of the protected areas) is consistent with the objectives of the Alpine Convention.

The thematic seminar will focus on:

INTERPRETING THE ALPS – "How do I Connect Heart and Mind with the Alpine Landscape?"

In 2016, when he received the Danilo Re flag, Herbert Wölger, Director of the Gesäuse National Park, enthusiastically declared: "Welcome to the Gesäuse National Park in 2017! Herzlich Willkommen! Bienvenue! Dobrodošli!".

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22nd Danilo Re Memorial & General Assembly ALPARC

January 26 – 29th, 2017
Gesäuse National Park - Austria

Programme and Organisation

Thursday, January 26th, 2017

from 15:00	**Arrival** of participants and **registration** at : VOLKSHAUS - Eichelauweg 410, 8911 **Admont**
17:30 - 18:30 18:00 - 18:30	Team Leaders Meeting at: VOLSKHAUS - Admont Press conference at SPIRODOM HOTEL -Admont
18:45 - 19:15	Participants parade along Admont's streets to Volkshaus *Meeting point at MARIENPARK (close to Admont's Church)*
19: 15 -20:00	Official opening in front of the VOLSKHAUS **Welcome** by **Herbert Wölger** - Gesäuse National Park Director **Greetings from:** **Hermann Watzl,** Mayor of Admont **Michael Vogel**, President of ALPARC - The Alpine network of protected areas **Erich Neuhold,** Managing Director of the Styrian tourism association **Markus Reiterer**, Secretary-General of the Alpine Convention **Official opening** **Günter Liebel**, Head of Department of Environment and Climate- Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management **Concluding words : Mauro Fissore,** Memorial Danilo Re Steering Commitee Alpine Buffet at the VOLKSAHUS
from 20:00	

Friday, January 27th, 2017

8:30 – 13:15	**ALPARC General Assembly**
10:00 – 12:00	Individual training (for any sport and first shooting training session) at the KAISERAU
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch for athletes offered by the organisation at GASTHAUS SPORTALM at the KAISERAU and at GASTHAUS ZEISER (adress: Haupstraβe 6, 8911 Admont).
14:00 - 18:00	**Seminar INTERPRETING THE ALPS - How do I connect heart and mind with the alpine landscape?** Meeting point : VOLKSHAUS (Admont)- Attention : Outdoor seminar!
18:30	Panel of judges of Danilo Re's trophy – working meeting
19:30	Alpine buffet 2 at VOLKHSAUS

Saturday, January 28th, 2017

8:30	Kaiserau - **Mountaineering ski** competition
11:00	Kaiserau - **Slalom** competition
11:00 - 12:00	Kaiserau - Second shooting training session, for those who were absent on Friday.

11:30 -15:00	Lunch provided by the organisation at SPORTALM Restaurant
	Important! Due to limited space, please respect this schedule:
	  11:30 - 12:00 Mountaineering Skiers
	  12:00 -13:00 Shooters and Giant slalom skiers
	  From 13:00 : Supporters and cross-country skiers (after competition)

12:30	Kaiserau - **Cross-country skiing** competition (skating and classic)
14:00	Kaiserau - **Shooting** competition
16:30	End of competitions
18:00	Trophy's panel of judges consultation (Compulsory attendance of Memorial Danilo Re Steering Committee) at VOLKSHAUS in ADMONT
19:30	**Stiftsgärtnerei – Glashaus** (The abbey's plant nursery – greenhouse): **award and closing ceremony,** party ... open end

Sunday, January 29th, 2017

| 8:30 - 12:30 | **EXCURSIONS:**
1- A guided tour in the **Admont abbey**'s museum and the library
  10:00 – 12:00; meetingpoint: at 10:00 in front of the abbey´s museum in ADMONT

2- An alpinism skiing guided excursion (Grabneralm - Grabnerstein)
  08:30 – ca. 12:00; meetingpoint: at 08:30 in front of the VOLKSHAUS in ADMONT

3- A snowshoeing guided excursion
  08:30 – ca. 12:00; meetingpoint: at 08:30 in front of the VOLKSHAUS in ADMONT |