

## PROGRAMME

“The Wolf in the alpine cultural landscape -  
chances and challenges”

International Conference and Exhibition in the Sölktäler Nature Park

16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2017  
Sölk - Sölktäler Nature Park (Styria/AUSTRIA)



**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May**

<b>from 19:00</b>	Arrival and Welcome at the Castle of Großsölk
<b>20:00</b>	Exhibition "The comeback of the wolf" ("Der Wolf kehrt zurück") Official opening and aperitif at the Castle of Großsölk

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May**

<b>9:00</b>	Registration
<b>9:30</b>	Welcome and Introduction to topic and agenda <i>Volkhard Maier / Werner Schwab (Director Sölktäler Nature Park)</i> <i>Guido Plassmann (Director ALPARC)</i>

9:50	<b>Historical descriptions of the wolf in the Niedere Tauern region</b> <i>Josef Hasitschka (Historian   Austria)</i>
10:10	<b>The wolf in the Austrian cultural landscape - first steps on population development and management</b> <i>Georg Rauer (Transnational Coordination Office for the brown bear, lynx, and wolf - KOST; Wolf representative   Austria)</i>
10:30	<b>Status, impacts and feeling towards wolf in Italy</b> <i>Paolo Molinari (University of Torino, WILCONS - Lynx Project Italy; KORA Switzerland   Italy)</i>
10:50	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:10	<b>Wolves in Slovenia - ecology, current status and conflict prevention</b> <i>Miha Krofel (University of Ljubljana, Wildlife Ecology Research Group   Slovenia)</i>
11:30	<b>Wolf and livestock on alpine pastures in Switzerland - conflicts and best practices</b> <i>Daniel Mettler (Team leader Livestock Protection CH   Switzerland)</i>
11:50	<b>Livestock protection in the Austrian Alps - benefits, consequences and demands</b> <i>Georg Höllbacher (Chairman Austrian National Association for Sheep and Goat; Austrian National Information Centre for Livestock Protection   Austria)</i>
12:10	<b>Panel discussion of the morning session</b>
12:40	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:10	<b>The wolf situation and conflict prevention in Romania</b> <i>Mircea Verghelet (Director Piatra Craiului National Park; President Carpathians Network of Protected Areas   Romania)</i>
14:30	<b>The wolf in Slovakia - status, management and obstacles</b> <i>Michaela Skuban (State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic   Slovakia)</i>
14:50	<b>Do wolves compete with hunters? - Results from prey and population analysis in NE Germany</b> <i>Ulrich Wotschikowsky (Wildlife biologist, Wolf consultant   Germany)</i>
15:10	<b>Coffee break</b>
15:30	<b>The discussion process on the wolf in the Sölk-täler Nature Park - results and stakeholder's positions</b> <i>Stefan Falkensteiner (Sölk-täler Nature Park   Austria)</i>

15:50	<b>Will the Wolf survive to mankind? - New opportunities for human-nature coexistence in the Alps</b> <i>Filippo Favilli (Italian Delegation Alpine Convention; EURAC Research   Italy)</i>
16:10	<b>30 years since the return of the Wolf in France: Protected areas assessment and experience</b> <i>Emmanuel Michau (Fédération des Réserves Naturelles de France / ASTERS, France)</i>
16:30	Panel discussion of the afternoon session
17:00	End of the day session
	Break
19:00	Panel discussion: Summary of the day (open for the local public)
20:30	Dinner

## Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May

09:00	<b>Welcome and Introduction to the Workshops</b> <i>Sölktäler Nature Park, ALPARC</i>
09:20	<b>Workshop 1 - Wolf and traditional farming</b> incl. Coffee break
09:20	<b>Workshop 2 - Wolf and alpine tourism</b> incl. Coffee break
11:00	Presentation of Workshop outputs and final discussion
11:30	Departure for the excursion
12:00	Lunch break around Sölkpass
13:30	<b>Excursion Sölkpass</b> <i>Sölktäler Nature Park</i>
16:00	Departure of participants

## USEFUL INFORMATION

**Excursion:** The excursion will be organised connected to the topic of the Workshop depending nevertheless on meteorological conditions. We will ask you already on the Registration form if you are interested in the excursion, to plan this field trip in the best way. The field trip will take place in a mountain environment! Please make sure to be well equipped.

**Languages:** Simultaneous translation in German, English, Italian and French if sufficient participants of these languages. Workshops and Excursion on 18.05. in English without translation.

**Costs:** Travel and accommodation are in charge of the participants.

ALPARC members and members of the Sölktaier Nature Park: no Participation fee.

Others: Participation fee of **EUR 50,-** to pay cash at arrival.

All: Food and drinks are not included, to pay cash on site.

### IMPORTANT: TO BRING WITH YOU

- **Equipment** for the excursion: mountain boots, warm and rain clothes (binoculars, camera).
- **Papers:** Do not forget your valid identity card or passport, if you cross borders.

**Registration:** See Registration form

**Information:** [naturpark@soelktaeler.at](mailto:naturpark@soelktaeler.at) or [info@alparc.org](mailto:info@alparc.org)

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