



EUROSCAPES project international promotion – “Green areas without borders”, May 26-27, 2011

On May 26-27 2011, in Barbarka, took place an international conference about the role of forests and green areas in local community life. The fact that the meeting was organized in Toruń was a great appreciation for city's ecological activities.

Year 2011 was celebrated as the International Year of Forests. That is why, it became the main topic of the third conference organized by a foundation - Green Lungs of Poland. Previous editions took place in other Polish cities, fully committed to forests issues - Brodnica (2009) and Ostroda (2010). The main purpose of the conference was an exchange of opinions and experiences concerning forests management, main achievements in this area, as well as, co-operation establishment in the field of environment protection.

The *leitmotiv* of the conference was “The role of forests and green areas in ecological education and local communities recreation”. Guests – mostly ecologists and foresters from Holland, Germany, Ukraine and numerous Polish cities - associate foundation members - arrived to Toruń. They were welcomed by the President of Toruń – Mr Michał Zaleski, who has given a speech about touristic and natural qualities of Toruń, and who has indicated Barbarka as an example of forest area, which thanks to well-weighed and systematic investments – changed into a beautiful and popular citizens' recreational area.

On the second day of this event, all guests took part in conference “Present life of Noah's Ark” in Toruń Zoobotanical Garden. They had also an opportunity to participate in a huge annual attraction in Toruń – “European Breakfast on the Grass”.

The conference was also accompanied by an exhibition of projects presenting ideas for managing Chopin Square in Toruń. Demonstrated projects were elaborated by EUROSCAPES partners during international landscape management workshops in July 2010, in Toruń.

Event photos: https://picasaweb.google.com/113136483213524895987/GreenAreasWithoutBordersMay26_272011?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCNq33oq-t5qt6wE&feat=directlink