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- Έδρα Unesco Διατήρηση και Οικοτουρισμός σε
- Παρόχθια και Δελταϊκά Οικοσυστήματα
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Press release

1st workshop of the Con-E-Ect Unesco Chair

The UNESCO Chair in Greece “Conservation and Ecotourism of Riparian and Deltaic Ecosystems” (Con-E-Ect), which was recently established in the Department of Forestry of the Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Institute of Technology, held its first public event last Saturday 17/9 at the premises of the Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Institute of Technology.

The -first of its kind in the Balkans- Con-E-Ect UNESCO Chair aims to join forces with national, regional and international stakeholders to elaborate an International Common Strategy Framework for conservation and ecotourism for riparian and deltaic ecosystems.

The first workshop of the Con-E-Ect UNESCO Chair, coordinated by the Chair Holder Prof. Dimitris Emmanouloudis, was held with the participation of dozens of scientists and representatives of institutions, associations and groups from the Eastern Macedonia (mostly from the prefectures of Kavala, Drama and Serres, and representatives of UNESCO Serres Group, as well as regional and local councilors in our region, aiming to present the Chair’s objectives and to address an open call for collaboration in order to achieve these goals.

The Chair Holder, Prof. Dimitris Emmanouloudis, the Executive Secretary Dr Maria Roussi and the Technical Advisor to the Chair, George Pashalidis, presented in detail the objectives and priorities of the Con-E-Ect UNESCO Chair. The forthcoming research and the results will not only appeal to the region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace (which will operate essentially as a “laboratory” for the Chair), but aspire to literally reach an international level.

The first workshop the Con-E-Ect UNESCO Chair was organized in groups of representatives of institutions and scientists / researchers who participated in the event and discussed the perspectives of the Chair and the activities to be developed over the next years to achieve its

objectives. The conclusions were presented by the coordinator of each working group and at the end all the attendees synthesized the Declaration of Principles of the Chair, stating among others that :

"We believe that the existing environmental protection statu quo may trigger the activation lever of local people in order to increase employment in the fields of research, environment, culture and ecotourism and on the long-term improve the health and living standards generally.

We approve the objectives of the Con-E-Ect UNESCO Chair and declare our intention to work together to achieve its objectives, contributing to the creation of the Common Strategy International Framework for conservation and ecotourism of riparian and deltaic ecosystems.

We hope and believe that this strategic plan will be a guide for other regions of the world with similar characteristics. "