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Dear otter-colleagues!

Time is running fast and in a while there will be last of July, deadline for your registration for



The European Otter Workshop which will take place

## from 5<sup>th</sup> till 10<sup>th</sup> October 2008 in Moravske Toplice, Slovenia.

The whole team of LUTRA, Institute for Conservation of Natural Heritage, and me personally would like to thank all those colleagues who have been courageous enough to register already and to send abstracts, hopefully that way encouraging also others to follow them in these few remaining days. Of course, we will not refuse anybody who will join us later, but in order to arrange the final agenda we need at least active participants to register on time.

At the same time, we would like to remind all of you who have already registered also to pay the conference fee on time. "Early otter" registration has almost expired...

You will find all relevant information about the programme and registration form on the website: <a href="http://www.eow08.si/">http://www.eow08.si/</a>. Don't forget to check website regularly to be informed of updates. If you have any questions or special requests, please feel free to write to <a href="mailto:info@lutra.si">info@lutra.si</a>, to <a href="mailto:Petra@lutra.si">Petra@lutra.si</a> or to me, <a href="mailto:marjana@lutra.si">marjana@lutra.si</a>.

I would especially like to turn the attention of all participants to the efforts of our colleagues from Denmark, Bjarne Søgaard and Aksel Bo Madsen, who are preparing an overview of the conservation status of the otter in EU based on the article 17 reporting of the Habitats Directive; the contribution will be followed by a workshop, where the conservation status of the otter in each country will be presented. Our kindest request is addressed to all national representatives in the group IUCN/SSC/OSG who should give a report of their countries in the workshop. New joined members, mostly welcome among "old otter people"!

Dear colleagues, we are looking forward to welcome you in Slovenia!

All the best,

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