



## Press release

### Photo and nature protagonist of Slow Spring 2010 in Emilia-Romagna Po Delta Park

To surprise a cloud of white and pink feathers in the blue sky, leave himself enchant from a reflex in the brackish mirrors of the valleys or gather the detail of the petal of a flower: amazing shows of the nature that it is possible to gather through the objectives of the cameras and that bring the lovers of this discipline in the most suggestive naturalistic places, as the Emilia-Romagna Po Delta Park, that will be the scenery of **Slow Spring 2010**. 9 weekends of initiatives dedicated to birdwatching, to all forms of *slow* tourism, as boat, bicycle, horse, where photo always plays a leading role.

Many, in fact, are the activity dedicated to lovers of the objective from the **Special Cervia, the city-nature**, the great launch event that develops in the splendid maritime town from 1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April: in the historical Magazzini del Sale two shows of photography will be set: one edited by Delta in Focus photographers, the "historical" group that follows the demonstration since its first edition, titled "**Nature from the world**", 80 images that will bring visitors to the discovery of wonders of more or less distant countries. The other show will be "**De natura**" edited by the **Italian Center of Fine Art Photography**: 128 images that tell the national wonders of a part of the Tuscan territory with a thick representation of the best images of naturalistic photo picked in the world from Italian photographers. A section is in fact dedicated to winning images of the **Italian Championship of Naturalistic Photo 2009 – FIAF**.

In the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April, also, all the tricks of an expert naturalist photographer, with theoretical and on field workshops: from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. workshop in classroom at Magazzini del Sale with Luciano Piazza and Roberto Zaffi photographers and on field at the naturalistic oasis of Ortazzo with Sergio Stignani and Milko Marchetti. From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for people who want to discover all secrets of Cervia Saltwork there will be the naturalistic walk with Guerrino Gori, that will repeat it also the following day; in the afternoon, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in classroom again with Stignani and Marchetti, while Piazza and Zaffi will bring the "students" in a lesson in the Saltwork of Cervia. On 11<sup>th</sup> April in the morning there will be class with Robert Sauli and Maurizio Bonora that in the afternoon will put into practice the theoretical notions to the Saltwork of Cervia, while the photographer Silvano Foschini will accompany the participants to an excursion in the oasis of Ortazzo in the morning as well as in the afternoon. In the evening the nature will be protagonist again with the digital sounded video-projections, a show really to not lose: on 10<sup>th</sup> April from 9 p.m. edited by Piazza, Zaffi, Stignani and Marchetti, while on 11<sup>th</sup> edited by Bonora, Sauli, Foschini and Gori.

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“Clou” event of Slow spring will be the **International Po Delta Birdwatching and Nature Tourism Fair** that will return with a renewed and as always quality expository village. The Fair will be held from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May in Comacchio (Fe) and also in this fifth edition it will be characterized by the best brands of optics and photo, tools and equipments of support to practice birdwatching and naturalistic photo, specialized publishing, clothes, trip destinations, T.O. didactic and environmental education, camper and caravan, Italian and foreign parks and reserves, corporate bodies, consortiums, associations, Municipalities, Provinces, Regions.

During the demonstration wide space will have the activities dedicated to photo, with theoretical and on field workshops, shows, projections and photographic competitions: the **photographic contest Delta in Focus**, with a renewed expository pavilion and a vast program dedicated to the world of image, whose **categories** this year will be two: **Birdlife of Po Delta Park** and **Birdlife of the World**; each photographer can present maximum five images for each category. Prizes will consist in photographic equipments for a total value corresponding to 2.500 euro; the first classified will award a prize of the value of 1.000 euro. The photos in competition will be evaluated by a prestigious Jury composed by experts of the sector. The contest **Digiscoping in Delta**, promoted by **EBN Italia** association, where dilettantes, amatory or professionals Italian photographers can participate using the technique of the digiscoping (photo with digital reflex or compact camera connected to the telescope), whose awarding will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00 p.m., at Bellini Palace in Comacchio.

For people that want to test with this particular photographic technique, there will also be the possibility to take part in the theoretical and practical course that will be developed on 30<sup>th</sup> April in Comacchio, edited by EBN Italia.

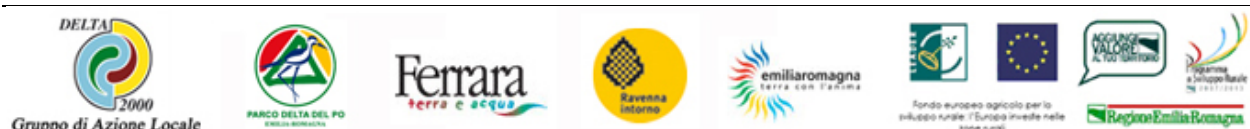
With regard to the “lessons” of photo, on 30<sup>th</sup> April from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. photographic excursion with Silvano Foschini in the oasis of Punte Alberete, that the following morning will bring visitors to Boscoforte; contemporarily also the theoretical workshop edited by Luciano Piazza and Roberto Zaffi will be held. The 1<sup>st</sup> May the program will be extremely rich: in the mornings as well as in the afternoon there will be theoretical and practical workshops: in the morning in classroom with Sauli and Bonora, in the afternoon with Stignani and Marchetti; the notions acquired in the mornings will be put into practice in Argenta with Stignani and Marchetti, in the afternoon in Boscoforte with Sauli and Bonora. Also Guerrino Gori will accompany in walk, repeating the next day from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., people wanting to discover innumerable emotions that spring visiting Punte Alberete. On 2<sup>nd</sup> May the “lesson” will be developed by boat from Stazione Foce: in the morning with Luciano Piazza and Roberto Zaffi the most beautiful images will be captured from the boat that will conduct the photographers along the inside channels of the valleys mirror on a circular circuit that, on the way back, foresees the navigation in opened valley.

The world of the image is enriched in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Po Delta Birdwatching and Nature Tourism Fair with the **Naturalistic Documentary Festival** realized jointly with the known naturalist Francesco Petretti. A contest opened to professional productions and amateur productions that will be selected by a prestigious Jury composed by personalities of television world, science and communication and awarded in Comacchio on the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

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Not only a contest but also real lessons for all neophytes and passionate, that can approach cinema and television production: this is the **First Italian Laboratory of the Naturalistic Documentary**, that is developed from 29<sup>th</sup> April to the 1<sup>st</sup> May in Comacchio. A course of deepening and specialization with professionals of the sector dedicated to young and adult people, with the finality of work at the ideation and production of documentaries and short movies in film, magnetic and digital, with subjects of scientific, environmental and naturalistic character.

The evening of 30<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May the splendid scenery of Trepponti in Comacchio will enrich thanks to **Serate Natura (Nature Evenings)**, exciting digital video-projections edited by Delta in Focus photographers, that always fascinate spectators with their most beautiful releases.

To enrich the prestigious Fair demonstration also **shows**: to Bellini Palace the show of participating images to the **National Contest of Naturalistic Photo 2010 promoted by Asferico magazine of AFNI** and visible until 30<sup>th</sup> May, will be set, and at the expository pavilions the show "**Azione in natura**" ("**Action in nature**"), by Delta in Focus photographers; **African Emotions**, the show of African themed naturalistic photo edited by **Namib Wildlife art in Comacchio** and, at Manifattura dei Marinati, **Glanzlichter 2009**, show of the point international contest of naturalistic photo, in exposure from 15<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> May, that recalls numerous professionals and dilettantes, and deserves by now a position of relief among world events of naturalistic photo.

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