

International Po Delta Birdwatching Fair
April, 27th-29th 2012
Comacchio (Fe), Emilia-Romagna Po Delta Park

From the 27th to the 29th of April the **International Po Delta Birdwatching Fair** in Comacchio (Ferrara, Italy), in the Po Delta Park in the Emilia-Romagna Region: an event that birdwatchers and nature photographers should not miss.

The event, which in past years registered an average of 30,000 visitors and 200 exhibitors, takes place in an area that represents a preferred destination for slow tourism and birdwatching and it's part of a full calendar of events, Slow Spring 2012, scheduled from March 24 to June 3 across the Po Delta Park in Emilia-Romagna.

The exhibition halls will be dedicated to optics, photography and equipment for birdwatching and nature photography, Biodiversity, with Parks and the with the presence of parks and major associations and environmentalists for years following the event sponsor; specialized press, sportswear, educational and environmental training, Tour Operators and natural destinations. Slow Tourism will play an important role: during the fair we will introduce the SLOW TOURISM Strategic Project, funded under the Italian-Slovenian Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013, the European Regional Development Fund and several other national funds. The 30 project partners from the Italian regions Veneto, Emilia-Romagna and Friuli and the Slovenian regions Goriška and Gorenjska will participate to the fair, in order to show their offer in the fields of cycling tourism, river tourism, bird watching, nature tourism and sports tourism.

This year's guest of honour will be the **Fotofestival 2012**, organised in collaboration with AFNI – Associazione Fotografi Naturalisti Italiani, that will be attended by the winners of the international photography competition **Asferico 2012**.

Delta in focus photographers will organise several events: lectures on photography, photographic excursions by foot or boat in the park's most interesting sites, photo-exhibition and the *Delta in focus Photographic Competition* awarding ceremony (sponsored by the Italian magazine Rivista della Natura). The competition is divided into 4 categories: Birds of the Delta, Birds of the World, Natural landscapes and Slow Tourism.

In collaboration with Skua Nature there will be several **digiscoping** excursions, where participants will take pictures with a binocular on their reflex or digital cameras.

There will be many events dedicated to birdwatching: events organised by **Lipu** an **EBN Italia**, a meeting with **Lars Svensson**, the internationally renowned birdwatcher, and many events for **families**: hiking, boating and biking in the most beautiful sites of the Po Delta Park, educational workshops, tastings, scientific conferences, sports gatherings and much more.

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