

# 1st European beaver symposium, Bratislava, Slovakia, 1 - 15 September 1997

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In a number of countries, the beaver populations appear to be secured, some countries are presently reintroducing beavers, while elsewhere beavers keep on spreading naturally. We feel the time is right for a beaver symposium. The issues of the meeting:

Development of populations, distribution, problems and prospects of beaver populations.

Protection, hunting, damage prevention, population management.

Ecological relations of beavers, ways of adap-

tation to cultivated lands.

Free topics, essays and experiences.

The place of the meeting, Bratislava, was chosen for its central location in Europe, and also because Slovakia is a country with perhaps the youngest natural beaver distribution. During the symposium, many excursions are planned including evening observations. Excursions are also planned to the Danube river. We propose that after the meeting establishment, the second symposium could be held in the northern Slovakia where the problems of reintroduced beavers from Poland may be studied.

English will be the official language of symposium. For further information ask: Dr. Karol Pachinger, Jozefská st. 19, SK-81106 Bratislava, Slovak Republic.

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