



CRAYNET – Conference:
European native crayfish in relation to
land-use and habitat deterioration with
a special focus on *Austropotamobius torrentium*



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Innsbruck, Austria

Second circular

"The effect of land-use and habitat deterioration on autochthonous and alien crayfish in general" is a specific topic of particular importance, since the European Water Framework Directive defined guidelines towards unified freshwater assessment methodologies and required member states to commit to the ecological, catchment-orientated management of freshwaters. The EU Thematic network **CRAYNET** focuses on the European crayfish as keystone species linking science, management and economics with sustainable environmental quality. The network consists of a core group of scientists from 11 European countries with the co-ordinator Catherine Souty-Grosset from the Université de Poitiers in France. The Innsbruck meeting will be the third thematic meeting, focusing on one of the three most endangered European crayfish species: *Austropotamobius torrentium* the stone crayfish. Nevertheless, in bringing together not only the core scientists but also other crayfish researchers and managers, general aspects of crayfish ecology and conservation will be discussed – helping to develop recommendations for optimal management strategies at a European scale.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND The aim of the Innsbruck meeting is to gather crayfish researchers and managers from the Alpine countries (Austria, Northern Italy, Germany, Switzerland) and to associate partners from circum-Alpine regions (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia, Yugoslavia, etc).

MAIN OBJECTIVES The main objectives of the meeting will be: a) to define the status of crayfish species including *Austropotamobius torrentium* in the individual countries, and b) to discuss necessary research activities and management strategies for crayfish protection (species conservation programmes).

ROUND TABLES..... Roundtable discussions will include a specific focus on a) "Crayfish conservation projects in Europe", b) "Conservation genetics", c) "EU-directives and crayfish", d) "Are crayfish good surrogates in species conservation?" and e) "Education of the public".

FORMAT The organizers emphasize the conference atmosphere by choosing a casual but exquisite hotel in the centre of Innsbruck and by allocating ample time for discussions and roundtables during the three days meeting. 2-3 invited keynote lectures (each 30-40 min) will be followed by short presentations (10 min plus at least 5 min discussion). We welcome oral presentations as well as posters. Details on abstract submission are available on the webpage <http://labo.univ-poitiers.fr/craynet/index.htm>.

LANGUAGE..... English will be the official language of the meeting.

REGISTRATION The **deadline for registration and abstract submission** was **June 20, 2004**, but still people are welcome to register and send their **abstract** to the addresses listed below.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE. Wednesday 8th:	Thursday 9th:	Saturday 11th:
13:30: <i>Opening and Welcome</i>	<i>Scientific Presentations</i>	<i>Round Tables,</i>
14:00 – 18:00: <i>Scientific Presentations</i>	<i>& Round Tables</i>	<i>Final Discussion &</i>
20:00: <i>Reception Dinner</i>	Friday 10th:	<i>Recommendations</i>
	<i>Excursion</i>	<i>and Farewell Lunch</i>

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Papers from the meeting and recommendations from the roundtable discussions will be published in a special edition of the *Bulletin Français de la Pêche et de la Pisciculture*. For more information about CRAYNET, the different meetings, Innsbruck registration form and programme, visit the website <http://labo.univ-poitiers.fr/craynet/index.htm>

