



Serres, 24th May 2009

The UNESCO Serres Branch, in co-operation with the Photography Group Polytechnic, held a very successful photography exhibition with the topic: “Biodiversity at the Kerkini Lake – The Strymon River”, on 22nd, 23rd and 24th May 2009, at the Elpida Resort and Spa in Koilada, Agion Anargyron, Serres, Greece.

With this exhibition, UNESCO of Serres and the Photography Group “Polytechnon” participated actively in the International Day for Biological Diversity which was celebrated throughout the world on 22nd May.

The subject of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2009 was “Invasive Alien Species” (IAS), one of the greatest threats to biodiversity and the ecological and economical prosperity of society and the planet. For this reason, the International Day for Biological Diversity 2009 intended to inform people of the dangers, to raise awareness and to incite action to confront the problem of invasive alien species.

With this global media campaign in mind, a photo exhibition was presented to people visiting the Kerkini Lake which has a direct impact on the inhabitants of the surrounding area as well as the social and economical development of the wider region of Serres.

Also, on Saturday, 23rd May, the Mayor of Serres, Mr Ioannis Vlachos, hosted an award ceremony of the Pan-Hellenic Photography Competition which was organised by the UNESCO Serres Branch on the topic “Biodiversity at the Kerkini Lake – The Strymon River”. The first prize of the competition was won by Michalis Konstandinidis. The second was won by Iliana Yiannousi, and the third was won by Panayiotis Yakis.

Photographs of the event, as well as photographs from the exhibition, can be found on the website: <http://www.flickr.com/photos.serresunesco>

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Biological Diversity