

Updated information on IBY celebrations in Hungary

International Day for Biological Diversity

The Ministry of Environment and Water has joined the International GEO Magazine's global initiative of organising a national *Biodiversity Action Day* on the 22nd of May in order to draw attention to the importance of conserving biodiversity. Accordingly, students of the local school together with scientists and taxonomists from the Danube-Ipoly National Park and the Hungarian Natural History Museum analysed the flora and fauna of the protected Szenas Hills holding a European Diploma. During the 24 hours Action Day the students could observe at four different sites how scientists work in nature..

More information about the IBD on our website:

<http://biodiv.kvvm.hu/PhotoArchive/2010-majus-22-biologiai-sokfeleseg-vilagnapja>



Opening of the International Day for Biological Diversity at the primary school of Nagykovácsi



Students of the local school listen the explanations of a botanist

In order to continue previous years' tradition, the Ministry of Environment and Water announced a new competition titled **“So it was – so it should be!”**, to draw attention to importance of biodiversity in cities. College and university students are invited to choose an area inside a town or a city which they would like to make greener and more natural; and design how they want to see!

The selected site can be a square, a block, a street, a quarter of the town or even a deserted factory. The applicants have to present the current situation on a poster and also what they would like to change. The deadline of the competition is the 30th of September 2010 after which the an exhibition of the best plans will be organised.



More information:

<http://biodiv.kvvm.hu/biologiai-sokfelesseg-vilageve-2010/palyazat-2010>