

**All volunteers and members of the board of ANF
wish you**

A Happy and Prosperous 2008

Dear friends and donors of ANF,

Bruinehaar, NL, December 2007

In 2007, ANF has been in full swing again in order to achieve its goals. We are delighted to present herewith our annual newsletter detailing our activities. Of course we would have liked to do more, regretfully we lacked sufficient means to fund some new projects. We sincerely hope to make up for this in 2008. **Nature preservation needs us!**

BANDHAVGARH/INDIA

In January, our new board member Hans Rademakers and Ysbrand Brouwers visited the Environmental Education Centre project in Bandhavgarh, India, in order to make a promotion film, which will support our fundraising for this special project. After the completion of a fence around the project location – in order to prevent the entry of grazing cows – the construction of the first premises was started.



Hans Rademakers showing his results to the Indian youth

LOWLAND HEATH (HEATHER) PROJECT

Together with the other partners of the Lowland Heath project (The National Forestry Commission), Ysbrand made a preparatory trip to the Orkney Isles, to Dorset and the Thames basin (South of London). As with many projects, it takes a lot of time in advance, to raise the necessary funds to execute the project. We sincerely hope to realize ample funding during 2008.

SUCCESSFUL EXCURSION TO THE EXTREMADURA

In April, an excursion was organized to the Extremadura/Spain by ANFPT (**A**rtists for **N**ature **P**roject **T**ravels). Under the guidance of dr. Manuela Seifert, we visited some beautiful sites and made several walking tours through the magnificent scenery of this nature reserve. If you have an interest to join such an excursion, do not hesitate to contact ANF / Ysbrand.



Excursion in the Extremadura, Spain

DUTCH MILL- PROJECT

In May, the exhibition of the Dutch mill-project (2006) was held in the town council office of Loenen, which attracted many visitors. Likewise, we were happy to welcome many visitors for the exhibition at Singraven / Denekamp, which was held during the last months of 2007, in close cooperation with the 'Edwina van Heek Foundation' and 'Het Utrechts Landschap'.



Danube Delta by Greg Poole

START OF THE DONAU DELTA PROJECT

In close cooperation with World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and Crossbill Guides Foundation (www.crossbillguides.org), a start was made with securing the preservation of the largest delta in Europe, the Danube Delta in Romania and the Ukraine. This delta still hosts some unique species of birds. The Crossbill publication on this Delta, the ANF artwork and the subsequent exhibitions will contribute to attract a wide interest of the public and to guide tourists/bird watchers through this unique part of Europe, without harming nature. Hans Rademakers made a beautiful film of this area, which is available on DVD at the ANF secretariat!

GREAT FEN EXHIBITION

In Cambridge, the artwork of the Great Fen project was presented, which attracted wide publicity and public attention. It was a great honor for Ysbrand to be a member of the jury in the BBC 'Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition'.



Bearded Tits by John Busby

ANF REACHES A WIDER PUBLIC ATTENTION

With the assistance of Suzanne Wolff, ANF supporter of the very first instance, we re-edited ANF's goals and means. Her in-put is much appreciated! During the summer, at her home she hosted several private views of the ANF special exhibition. Representatives of several corporates and NGO's were thereby informed about our focus and the status of our new projects in development, with the aim to establish a long-term relationship. This resulted in the sale of artwork and wide financial support for ANF. Triodos bank (www.triodos.co.uk) bought various artworks for their new offices in Zeist. We intend to frequently arrange exhibitions of ANF's artwork at corporates and private homes, in order to attract a dedicated interest of the public for ANF's activities.

ALGARVE EXHIBITION

With the help of former ANF chairman, Hans Geuze, Ysbrand arranged for an exhibition of the originals made for the book 'Living Paintings' in the Country Club/Quinta do Lago /Algarve. The book was published in 2002 and these works had not been exhibited before.

HULA/ISRAEL

The Society for the Protection of Nature, an Israelian foundation, invited ANF to participate with seven artists at their birdfair in the Hula Valley/Northern Israel in January 2008. Detailed information will follow on our website.

URGENT REQUEST:

Without your annual contribution, we are not able to realize our goals and to carry out ANF projects such as the Danube Delta Project and our Education Project in India. Therefore we urge you to continue to support us financially. Our bank account details are mentioned hereunder!

On behalf of all volunteers & members of the board, we'd like to say: THANK YOU!

THEY COUNT ON YOU

CONTINUED FOCUS ON ARTISTS

In order to maintain a close eye on the work of many nature artists, we visited several major art exhibitions during 2007. The annual SWLA (Society of Wildlife Artists) exhibition in London is such an example, during which we were honored to grant the "ANF Young Artists Award" to **Vicky White**.

The work of our dedicated ANF artists forms our principal capital and is the unlimited resource, with which we can realize our goals.

With much regret we have to inform you that our beloved friend and bird-artist **Hendrik Johannes Slijper** passed away in 2007.

WEBSITE

Recently we started revising our website; we aim to realize this major update by spring 2008. Our new website address will be: www.artistsfornature.com. We very much look forward receiving your response on the new contents.

OUR GRATITUDE IS GREAT

We very much thank our generous donors, who supported us again with their donations. In particular we wish to thank our US representative and ANF artist Andrea Rich. We are grateful for receiving any amount to fund our activities!

Yours sincerely,

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