



THE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES OF URBAN RIVERS

International scientific conference

Chateau Křtiny (CZE)

April 19th – 22th 2016

I. CIRCULAR

THIS CONFERENCE IS HELD UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF
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AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, MENDEL UNIVERSITY IN BRNO
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The conference is one of the outputs of the project:

*„Increasing awareness and propagation of functions of forests in landscape and in-nature
riverbeds in urban environment as a component of ecosystem drainage basin service“*



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GENERAL INFORMATION

—— The main topic ——

- Close to nature and revitalised water flows in urbanised and suburban environment.
- Ecosystem services and recreation significance of river space in the cities

—— The aim of the conference ——

The aim of the conference is to create a platform (meeting place) of a wide spectre of scientists and professionals solving the issue of perception, functions, use, integration and evaluation of the significance of rivers in the cities and suburban country.

—— Topics of the conference ——

- Solution of river space in cities in terms of urbanism and town planning
- Economic significance and ecosystem services of rivers in the cities
- Ecological functions of rivers in the cities
- Perception of significance of rivers from the point of view of general public
- Flood-protection protection of cities and their recreation potential
- Stylised vs close to nature and revitalised river flows
- River as a part of suburban areas
- The significance of rivers in urbanised environment in terms of (sustainable) regional development
- Recreation potential, effects and utilisation of rivers in urbanised environment

—— Organisation structure ——

- Social evening with vernissage of the exhibition Rivers in the cities
- Plenary session
- Sections to corresponding topics
- Session of academic board of the conference
- Field excursion

— Suggested programme —

Tuesday April 19 th	Thursday April 21 th
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check – in from 14:00• Vernissage• <i>Opening dinner</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theoretical part III.• <i>Lunch</i>• Terrain Excursion I. (practical part)• <i>Dinner</i>
Wednesday April 20 th	Friday April 22 th
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration from 9:00• Theoretical part I.• <i>Lunch</i>• Theoretical part II.• <i>Social Dinner</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terrain Excursion II.• Closing of conference

— Accompanying events —

There will be a **VERNISSAGE OF THE EXHIBITION RIVERS IN THE CITIES** which will take place, together with the conference, in premises of Křtiny castle and which aims to present the value and beauty of forests to general public. The exhibition is also the outcome of the RaFA project and will have a touring character. Something small from earlier can be found in the project photo gallery www.rafa2015.zonerama.com.

The other events will be outdoor excursions which will show practical parts of the conference topics.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

The international scientific conference is taking place in the Chateau Křtiny near city of Brno in the Czech Republic.

No booking fees for invited participations (includes food and accommodation)

- Participation in the conference is for invited professionals for free.
- Accommodation is provided in chateau Křtiny in comfort double bed rooms for invited professionals for free.
- Catering is provided by chateau Křtiny in its own restaurant.
- Transportation needs to be ordered individually by each contestant.

Conference contributions will be published either in the conference proceedings or in the magazine European Countryside <http://www.european-countryside.eu/>, eventually Journal of Landscape Management <http://www.utok.cz/node/129>.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

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— Important dates —

I. Circular with suggested programme	January 20th 2015
Abstracts and Registration form must be sent to	March 28 th 2016
Notice on accepted abstracts	March 30 st 2016
II. Circular with programme	April 7th 2016
Articles full versions to proceedings must be sent to	April 11 th 2016
Submission of full text for the Journal of Landscape Management	April 30 th 2016
Submission of full text for the European Countryside	April 30 th 2016

INFORMATION ABOUT PROJECT RAFA

Web page of project: <http://rafa.frms.mendelu.cz/cz>

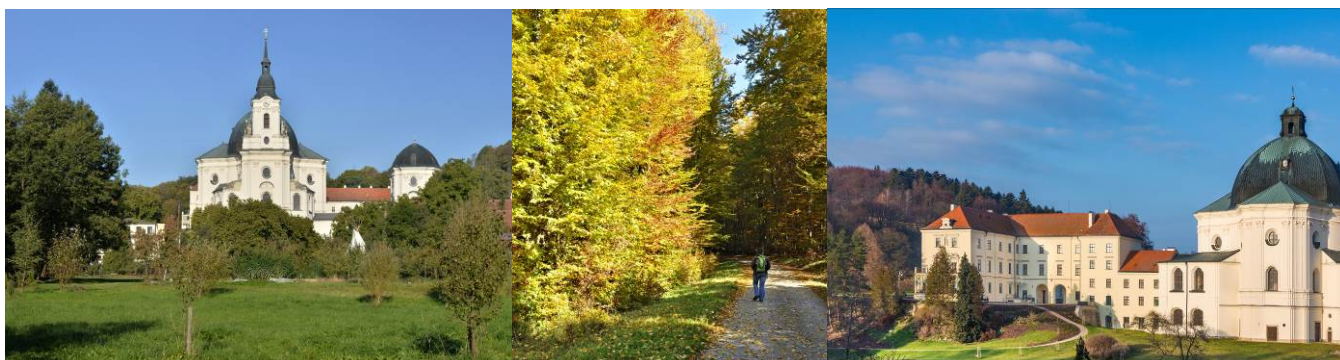


BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT LOCATION OF CHATEAU KŘTINY

Vallis Baptismi – Valley of Baptism – Christening (Křtiny). This ancient name proves the importance of the traditional places where in the town Křtiny in the middle of splendid and varied nature since 1750 is a baroque temple complex, castle and park designed by Jan Blažej Santini – Aichl. On 10.200 ha of forest owned by the Mendel University in Brno, located on the northern border of city of Brno in the neighborhood of Jedovnice, Křtiny, Adamov, Bílovice nad Svitavou and Vranov u Brna, partly belonging to the Moravian Karst, manages since 1923 Training Forest Enterprise Masaryk Forest Křtiny, as well as Křtiny castle with park. Although church and castle are not located on the highest point in the landscape, they dominate Křtiny valley.

History of Chateau Křtiny

The building was established by with the reconstruction of the baroque residence, which the Zábřdovice monks built by the present day church in 1658. The entire complex is connected with the Czech architect of Italian origin Jan Blažej Santini - Aichl. The monastery experienced its greatest fame in the second half of the 18th century. Since 1920, it has been the headquarters of the Mendel University in Brno organizational part – Training Forest Enterprise Masaryk Forest Křtiny. It underwent extensive reconstruction from 1994 and total reconstruction of the interior in 2008.



Location

Adress:

Zámek Křtiny
Křtiny 1
679 05 Křtiny

GPS:

49°17'49,323"N
16°44'31,606"E

Link google maps: <http://1url.cz/P7LF>

