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## »INTERNATIONAL ERM NETWORK«

### Founding declaration on international ecoremediation network

Founding declaration on International ERM network was accepted at the International conference »ECOREMEDIATION IN THE WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES AND CENTRAL EUROPE FOR BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE«, which took place in Celje on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2007.

**Participants of International ecoremediation network representatives of institutions, organisations and companies from 14 Western Balkan and Central Europe countries have agreed on:**

- Ecological state of environment in Western Balkan and Central Europe countries does not assure a lasting development, economical management on natural sources and people's health.

- Ecoremediations are a perspective ecosystem technology for environment protection and restoration, that can enable a lasting natural sources management, contribute to preservation of biotical diversity and a lasting development in Western Balkan and Central Europe countries.

- Increased danger of floods, fire, drought, decreased water quality and reduction of water usage quantities indicate that so far existing technologies and human relation to environment does not correspond to an efficient environment protection, because the environment quality and its stability are decreasing.

- Ecoremediation methods have a potential for decreasing, preventing and abolishing natural catastrophes (floods, drought, landslides,...), pollution sources (agriculture, transport) and points and non-points pollution sources (communal and industry sewage).

- The biggest advantage of ecoremediations is their multi-purport, as we can retain water, increase biotic diversity and self-cleaning capability and with that, increase environmental value of a certain region, enable life of different plant and animal species, maintain balance system, increase region value (e.g. for fishing, hunting, tourism, education, relaxation) and to contribute to a greater economical value of the region, where ERM are implemented.

- Restoration of devaluated ecosystems using ecoremediations means beside more stabile natural systems also better state of natural elements in resident environment, which improves people's life. Using ERM we maintain and increase environmental balance that brings so many benefits to life.

- Knowings on ecosystem technologies are immense, but unconnected.



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## Content linking to International ERM network

International ERM network members connect on following areas:

### 1. RESEARCH SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH WORK IN THE FIELD OF ECOSYSTEM TECHNOLOGIES and implementation in practise

Due to interdisciplinarity of ERM, the International ERM network members support research in different fields (natural and social science, technics) and to elaborate common developmental research programmes for ecoremediations (programmes for environment protection and restoration using ERM).

### 2. EDUCATION AND PROMOTION OF ERM

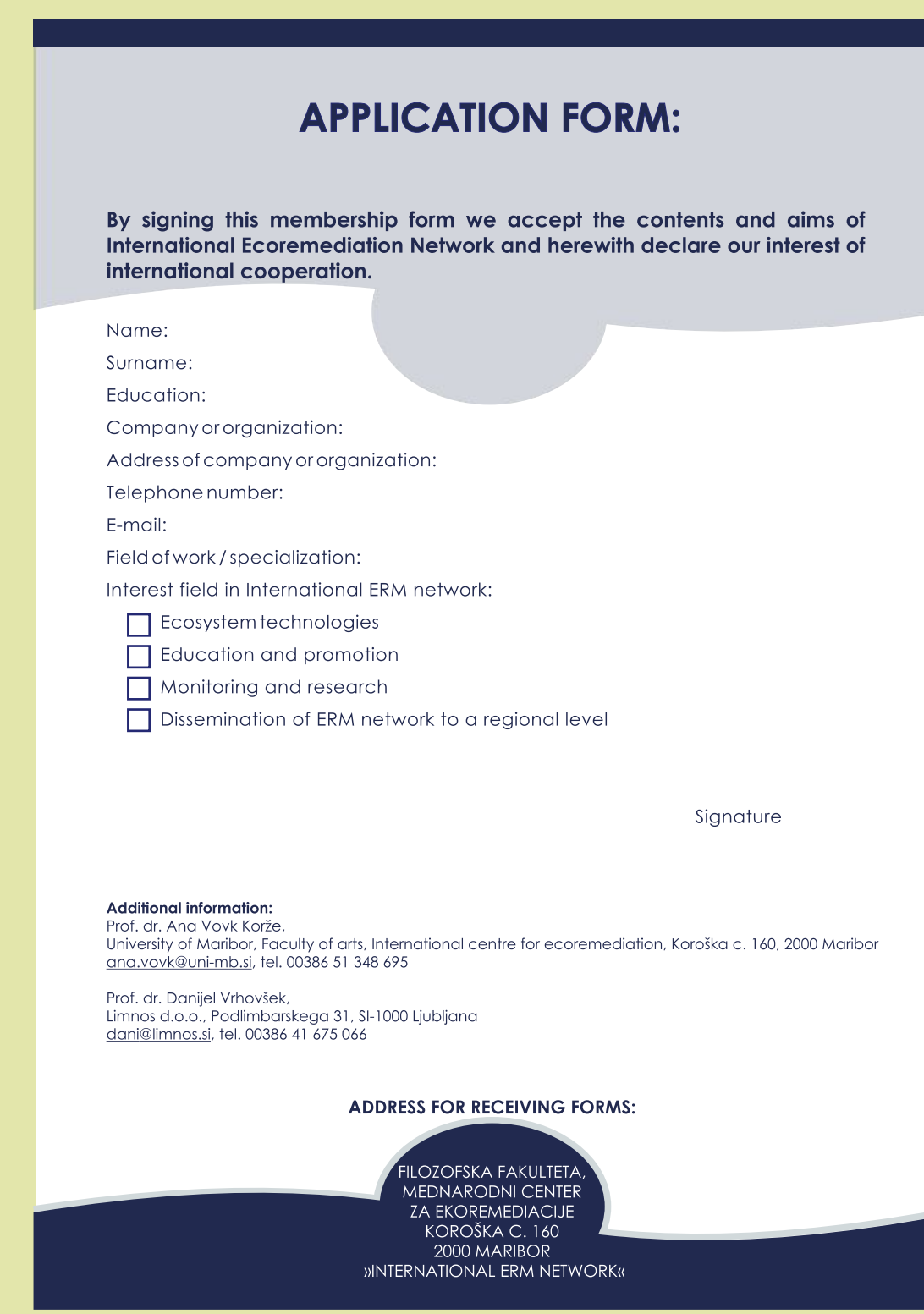
With researches and results of application work the members of International ERM network support pedagogical study programmes and actively cooperate at carrying them out for different aim groups (from compulsory education to lifelong learning).

### 3. MONITORINGS AND RESEARCH

For successfully won businesses (projects, activities and finalisation work) the International ERM network members connect to interdisciplinary research groups.

### 4. DISSEMINATION OF ERM NETWORK TO A REGIONAL LEVEL

Members of International ERM network cooperate at regional activities, organize regional ERM networks, actively cwork at present activities on a local level and exchange information about their results of work.



## ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL ERM NETWORK

Coordination centre for International ERM network is in Slovenia  
(**Consortium University of Maribor, Faculty of Arts International centre for ecoremediation**).

