

# Watch your Danube



## THE SCIENTIFIC TEAM

### What is the Joint Danube Survey?

The Joint Danube Survey 2, also known as 'JDS2', is the world's biggest river research expedition in 2007. Its main goal is to produce highly comparable and reliable information on water quality and pollution for the entire Danube River and many of its tributaries. The Secretariat of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) coordinates the implementation of JDS2.

Launched on August 14, 2007 from Regensburg, Germany, the three boats of the JDS2 will travel 2,375 km downstream the Danube River, through 10 countries, to the Danube Delta in Romania and Ukraine until late September.

The full-time International Team travelling the entire length of the Danube includes 18 scientists from Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia and Romania. The Core Team consists of a Team Leader, Bela Csanyi, a large group of biologists including biologists, chemists, microbiologists and experts in hydromorphology. The other members of the Core Team were nominated by top scientists within their countries to represent them on the expedition. The Fish Team includes experts from the Upper Danube as well as Lower Danube. It is led by Christian Wiesner from the Vienna-based Institute for Hydrobiology and Aquatic Ecosystem Management. Niels Jepsen from the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission also contributed significantly to the Fish Team's preparations.

In case there would be an emergency need to replace a member of the Core Team or the Fish Team, Reserve Team experts have also been nominated. In parallel with the activities of the Core Team, National Teams of scientists will also help with sampling and testing on board the ships on river stretches in their countries.

The following table presents the members of the Core Team, the Fish Team and Reserve Teams (*in italics*), including their titles/professions, names and the institutions that they represent:

<b>Titles/Professions</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>
<b>Core Team Leader</b>	<b>Mr. Bela Csanyi</b>	<b>VITUKI – Environmental Protection and Water Management Research Institute, Hungary</b>
Biologists – macrozoobenthos experts	Mr. Wolfram Graf Mr. Patrick Leitner <i>Mr. Thomas Ofenböck</i>	University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Austria  Institute for Biological Research, Serbia
	Mr. Momir Paunovic <i>Mr. Matus Haviar</i>	<i>Water Research Institute, Slovakia</i>
	Sedimentsampling expert: Airlift and Multicorer	Mr. Richard Niederreiter

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Biologist phytobenthos expert	Ms. Jarmila Makovinska	Water Research Institute, Slovakia
Biologists phytoplankton expert	Mr. Martin Dokulil Ms. Christina Kaiblinger	Academy of Sciences, Austria
	<i>Ms. Laurentia Ungureanu</i>	<i>Academy of Sciences, Moldova</i>
Biologists macrophytes expert	Ms. Brigitte Schmidt <i>Ms. Eva Lanz</i>	University of Vienna, Austria
Biologist general hydrobiology	Mr. Gabriel Chiriac	ICIM National Research and Development Institute for Environmental Protection, Romania
Experts in hydromorphology	Mr. Wolfgang Kraier	Bavarian Environment Agency, Germany
	Mr. Ulrich Schwarz	Consultant Engineer for Geography FLUVIUS, Austria
Chemists	Ms. Carmen Hamchevici	ICIM National Research and Development Institute for Environmental Protection, Romania
	Ms. Mary Craciun	Apele Romane, SGA Mehedinti, Romania
	Ms. Hana Hudcova	T.G. Masaryk Water Research Institute, Czech Republic
Microbiologists	Mr. Branko Velimirov Mr. Alexander Kirschner <i>Mr. Nemanja Milošević</i>	Medical University Vienna, Austria
	<i>Ms. Violeta Astratinei</i>	<i>ICIM National Research and Development Institute for Environmental Protection, Romania</i>
	<b>Mr. Christian Wiesner</b>	<b>University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Austria</b>
Fish experts	Mr. Grigore Davideanu	Natural History Museum of the University "A.I.Cuza" in Iasi, Romania
	Mr. Nikolaus Schotzko	Federal Agency for Water Management, Austria
	Mr. Gabor Guti	Academy of Science, Hungary
	<i>Mr. Jaroslav Cerny</i>	<i>Academy of Science, Slovakia</i>

#### JDS2 Stops:

Regensburg, 14 August  
 Vienna, 20 August  
 Bratislava, 22 August  
 Budapest, 28 August  
 Osijek, 2 September  
 Belgrade, 6 September  
 Turnu Severin, 12 September  
 Ruse, 19 September  
 Vilково, 25 September  
 Tulcea, 27 September

Get involved! Online ([www.icpdr.org/JDS](http://www.icpdr.org/JDS)) you can view the JDS2 and some of its results, stories and pictures. Or just come to the river and see it live!

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