

# FIPS-Mouche Conservation Symposia

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10 years of history

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# FIPS-Mouche

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- ❑ 1989 - FIPS-Mouche established at the CIPS Congress in San Marino
- ❑ 1991 - FIPS-Mouche relieved from heritage management
- ❑ 1993 - Conservation Symposia incorporated into FIPS-Mouche Championships

# The Principles of the Programme

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- To raise awareness of vital importance of conservation of trout and its habitat among competitors and general public  
“WATER THAT IS GOOD FOR TROUT IS ALSO GOOD FOR HUMAN BEEINGS”
- To share information about local achievements in conservation, applicable internationally

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- ❑ To create atmosphere of acceptance for fly fishing championships
- ❑ To support local organisations and local projects with the prestige of the global organisation
- ❑ To protect and to develop the prestige and future of our sport



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- 1993      Canada      “Clean Water – Wild Trout”
- Beginning of the programme
- Presented by Province of British Columbia and Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks - Fisheries Branch

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A half day event with the programme built around:

- ❑ The Importance of Cold, Clean Water Resources
- ❑ Risks of pollution and of the exploitation of natural resources
- ❑ Habitat Management
- ❑ Wild Trout, Atlantic Salmon and Steelhead Resources

# Kamloops, Canada, 1993

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- One of the conditions of Hosting a WFFC and Conservation Symposium was a significant contribution to the Heritage Fund for Conservation
- 50% of the Fund was to be used by a Kamloops Conservation Committee;
- 50% of the Fund was to be used by Fly Fishing Canada for Conservation projects across Canada.

# Kamloops, Canada, 1993

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- Part of the Kamloops portion was used for a scholarship for conservation studies. The fund has increased by 50%, in spite of awarding scholarships annually for the past 10 years.
- The rest was used by Kamloops as seed money to build an access & casting pier for the handicapped on Lac La Juene



# Kamloops, Canada, 1993

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- FFC has used the funding as seed money to attract partners into several major projects including Creel Census, Exceptional Waters, Fly Fishing Schools for Youth , etc.
- FFC have also sponsored many fly fishing clubs for adults & high schools, on condition that they have a conservation project within a year.

# Kamloops, Canada, 1993

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- All the recipients are told that the source of the funds was the 13th FIPS-Mouche World Fly Fishing Championship & Conservation Symposium held in Kamloops, BC in 1993. It not only promotes acceptance of the Championships, but brings in additional conservation donations.

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- 1994      Norway      The Effect of Acid Rain on the Scandinavian Countries
- International influence of air pollution and “export” of acid rains
- Monitoring of water acidification
- Means of reducing the negative influence of acid rain

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- 1995      Ireland      The Disappearing Sea Trout of Ireland - Report of the Sea Trout Task Force (1994)  
Sea Trout Monitoring & Advisory Group (1995)
- A very strong scientific content and scientific evidence
- International panel of scientists discussing investigated problems



# Galway, Ireland, 1995

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Resolution of the Symposium Attendees sent to the Prime Minister of Ireland pointing out

- the importance of sport fishing and sea trout resources to the tourist industry,
- the risks of pollution and damage caused by salmon farms

requesting the Government to apply “rigid controls, inspections and penalties for any infraction by fish farms which may cause damage to the sea trout and pollution of the water”

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- 1996      Czech Republic      Fisheries and  
Conservation in the Czech & Surrounding  
Waters

# Cesky Krumlov, Czech Rep. 1996

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The subjects were:

- ❑ Endangered fish species in Czech Rep.
- ❑ Conflict between fisheries and power generation/dams
- ❑ Influence of predation on fish stocks (otters and fish-eating birds)
- ❑ Genetic conservation of Salmonids in Czech Rep.

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- 1997 U.S.A. Conservation & Management of Wild & Native Trout Fisheries Restoration of the Fine Spotted Cutthroat Trout to the Snake River
- USDA-US Forest Services
- USDA - National Park Service - Yellowstone
- Wyoming Department of Game and Fish
- Trout Unlimited
- Colorado State University
- Brigham Young University, Utah



# Jackson Hole, USA, 1997

- Genetic identification of native trout species
- Projects for natural reproduction
- Importance of habitat management
- Private/public partnership for native trout management
- Angling regulations for successful management of natural resources

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- 1998      Poland
- Influence of Reservoirs on the Biotic Environment of the Dunajec River
- Restocking the Huchen to the Dunajec River

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- 1999      Australia
- Hydro Electric Generation in the Snowy Mountains
- Water diversion from the Snowy River
- Protection of native fish species

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- 2000      England
- Fishing and Conservation “Past, Present & Future”
- Presentation of conservation and youth programmes developed by S&TA
- Exchange of international experience



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- 2001 Sweden
- Restoration of river channels destroyed by wood industry (logging)
- Monitoring of salmon migrations (radio tagging and “adoption” of individual salmon by sponsors)

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- 2002 France River's Watch (Vigie Rivière) program of biological water quality assessment  
Human influence on rivers of Vosges  
Anglers' approach to contemporary ecological challenges  
„1000 children on the bank of a river“
- Moral Charter for International Sport Fishing

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## SUMMARY

- ❑ 10 years of history and of achievements
- ❑ A forum to present our care of natural resources
- ❑ Bringing the message across nations, social groups and generations
- ❑ Protecting the future of our sport