



# VERONICA

## Annual report of the Czech Union for Nature Conservation in year 2006

Dear readers of our annual report!

Year 2006 was extraordinary because the "Veronica" magazine has been published for twenty years and because we have been building our new Veronica Centre in Hostětín. Relevant feasts – magazine anniversary and opening of the passive house – took place in Autumn when most fruit fit for eating, storing or different processing is gathered. The skin - the magazine and the house, contains precious substances and is an ecological cover of the good and useful inside – our programmes. So wish us to be good fruit growers!

Yvonna Gaillyová  
Head of the Ecological Institute Veronica  
Josef Vavruška prize-winner in 2005

### The Veronica Magazine

In 2006 was issued the anniversary **XX. volume of the Veronica Magazine**. As every year, one third of the magazine was devoted to pressing topics of nature and landscape protection. Last year we focused on the following:

issue 1: reclamation of land ravaged by mining

issue 2: invasive species of plants and animals in the Czech republic

issue 3: sport and landscape

issue 4: compound issue focused on the region of Kloboucko, urban sprawl, cyanobacteria, the region of olive tree

issue 5: urban nature

issue 6: successful projects of nature and landscape protection

The magazine consists of regular sections: *Natural parks, Galleries, Reviews, Country of my heart, Eco-counselling Centre*, etc. As usual, the individual issues were completed with the works of Czech poets, prose writers and graphic artists.

In 2006 again we managed to attract some tens of new subscribers and thus, Veronica remains the most widely read environmental magazine in the Czech republic. We were also delighted to see the interest of new contributors to the magazine – 16 authors from the total of 146 were published for the first time.

The editors of the magazine organized regular **exhibitions** in the Nature Conservation Centre. In 2006 there were the following works exhibited:

Josef Tichý – *People and landscapes* (photographs)

Jan Slovák – *Angel prints* (drawings and watercolours)

Otto Hauck – *Carpathians* (photographs)

Within the frame of the Earth Day we prepared an **opening of photographs by Petr Baran and Zdeňek Bernát and paintings on glass by Kristýna Klimešová** in Pouzdřany.

At the end of the year we arranged a **celebration of 20 years of the Veronica magazine** in the social centre of City hall of Brno-centre. The social event was attended by lots of our friends and supporters, and some of them had a performance within a rich cultural programme.

Within its environmentally edifying campaign Veronica and its amateur theatre club AIDS prepared two theatre performances. One of them is called **Natura in the village or a Sensitive dramatization of minutes of the meeting of local board of representatives of the village of Habrůvka, hundred years after the departure of Mršítk brothers**. This drama was explaining in a non-violent and playful form the basic principles of making the system Natura 2000 in the Czech republic and the troubles of discussing the system in a South Moravian village. The second drama is called **Pearls before swine or Official minutes of unofficial Government proceedings**. This drama was enacted on the occasion of awarding the prize of Ropák of the year and was compiled from anti-environmental utterances gathered for many years by Children of the Earth. Both of the dramas constitute an original and unique form of environmental education and edification.

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## ***Nature and landscape protection***

### **Natura 2000**

The shadow list of Natura 2000, which was elaborated in cooperation with more than 50 volunteers, is an illustration of a concerted teamwork of nature conservationists in the Czech republic. This list serves as a basic document for opponency and completion of the official state list. The list was published on a CD for the South Moravian region, which is available in the Nature Conservation House. Comments on the official state list were put forward on the **biogeographical seminar in Darovany** in April 2006. Mojmír Vlašín participated in this seminar as representative of non-governmental organizations associated in the Coalition for Natura and was promoting the enlargement and completion of important European localities.

During the Green week in Brussels from May 30 to June 3 there was a conference evaluating the importance of the system Natura 2000 for the protection of biodiversities. Mojmír Vlašín, who participated in the meeting, reported on the non-governmental share in building this system in the Czech republic.

### **Amphibians and traffic**

Veronica has been cooperating for a long time with the Czech Agency for Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection at monitoring places of collision with amphibians on the roads. The database is divided by regions and contains the following data: region, municipality, zone description, protective measures, endangered species, numbers of specimen run down and type of passage. The methodology of amphibians protection is available in the Eco-counselling centre Veronica.

### **Aesculapian snake**

In 2006 we focused on the studying of aesculapian snake in the region of Podyjí. Important localities of the Podyjí National Park are stone walls of Šobes vineyard. Maintenance and repair of these localities was performed in cooperation with the Podyjí National Park Administration. We have carefully removed vegetation from some dry walls and, by consent of the vineyard owner, tried to rebuild collapsed walls using local stones and placed an information board in the site. The results of our studying and monitoring have been published within the zoological days in February 2006 in Brno. The event was shielded by Blanka Mikátová, Martin Škorpík and Mojmír Vlašín.

### **Protection of bats**

Veronica has been engaged in the protection of bats for a long time by hanging special nesting boxes and by securing winter bases. Veronica has the patronage over four winter bases of bats: Stříbrnice, Valerie, Machosluj and Maršov water gallery. All the galleries have been monitored regularly in terms of presence of bats and their numbers reported to the national census organized by the Czech Association for Bat Protection. Some of the winter bases have been secured with bars in order to prevent access of unauthorized persons.

In 2006 we have checked a trial set of twenty boxes for bats in the valley of Rakovecký brook on northern border of the city of Brno.

### **Christmas trees – trees for life**

The sale of firs in pots and their planting into the woods has been a part of activities of nature conservationists in Brno since 1999. At present the project has been promoted by Veronica, Lipka – educational facility for environmental education, Rezekvítek and YMCA Brno. In 2006 were sold **830 seedling plants**.

### **Conference Rural landscape 2006**

took place for the fourth time, this time from May 12 to May 14 2006. At Friday 80 participants presented their conference papers on the topic: life in the country, the face of country landscape in the eyes of different expert specializations. Saturday landscape workshop took place in the village of Javorník – about 30 interested persons worked on and presented their solutions to questionable places of the village (open space near municipal office, reconstruction of Jan Hus monument, streets running towards railway station, playground area). The conference was ended by a Sunday trip to protected territories in the local area of the village Žitková. The conference was made international thanks to the presence of 9 participants from Slovakia.

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## **Environment-friendly consumption**

During the year we prepared the publication **Don't buy it! Environment friendly shopping** focused on the most frequent topics which an environment conscious consumer meets and deals with every day – food, Fair Trade products, baby nappies, wastes, ladies sanitary goods, flowers, textile products. The publication provides specific shopping hints of how to orient oneself in the market. Internet form of the publication [www.veronica.cz/spotrebitelstvi](http://www.veronica.cz/spotrebitelstvi) has been enlarged by other topics like washing detergents, coating compositions, household ecology principles, etc.

## **Waste campaign in the village of Podolí**

We realized an information and advertising campaign from January to August in the village of Podolí u Brna concerning the handling of wastes in context of preparations for opening an ecological scrapyard. We tried to reach a change of behaviour of inhabitants – by focusing on the prevention of wastes and correct handling of wastes. Among others, we also performed a qualitative sociological interviewing of how the inhabitants perceive the issue, we arranged an educational programme at school and in the kindergarten, we published three sets of information materials, organized two trips to Lower Austria and prepared an exhibition on the occasion of inauguration of ecological scrapyard.

## **Green paperwork – sustainable public administration**

During the year we were preparing (in cooperation with Eco-counselling network) educational materials and trainings for the employees of offices of public administration, self government and other institutions in order to introduce environment friendly behaviour of authorities and institutions paid from public budgets. In the area of environment friendly tidying up at universities we prepared a questionnaire mapping the state of cleaning at the individual workplaces. Following the questionnaires there will be trainings and preparations of changes of tidying practices. Within the cooperation at the project KOMPAS (Competent counselling and conscious consumers), solved by the Eco-counselling network, we started to be engaged in environment friendly purchase and operation of personal computers and other technology in offices and institutions.

Since October 2006 you will find no washing powders in the shops containing more than 0,5 % wt. phosphor – chemical substance which considerably contributes to algal bloom. Phosphor in reservoirs remains in sediments and it will take a long time to get it out but there will be no more phosphor coming from washing. There are however other possibilities of **environment friendly washing and protecting water in everyday life**. We informed the public about this issue by publishing and distributing two types of leaflets, studies on the impact of the regulation on the suburban zone and an experimental analysis of the possibility of reduction of phosphor in waste water after the regulation came into effect.

In order to promote the **products of ecological agriculture** we participated in April celebrations of the Earth day focused just on bioproducts. In cooperation with The Rainbow Movement we prepared a contest called Taste BIO. In September – month of bioproducts – we organized four trips for Brno inhabitants to ecological farms in Deblín and Nelepeč.

Every first Monday in a month there were **lectures within the cycle Natural gardens** guaranteed by Helena Vlašínová in the Nature Conservation House.

The third September Sunday – September 24, 2006 – took place the fifth **Apple festival** aiming at supporting local and regional producers of fruit and fruit products and producers of traditional kinds of handmade products. Part of the festival is a fair of regional products, illustration and sale of apple desserts, cultural performance, walks around the village of Hostětín and beautiful country.

*Thanks for support: die umweltberatung, European Social Fund and State Budget of the Czech republic, South Moravian Region, Ministry of Environment, village of Podolí, REC CR (Regional Environmental Centre of CR), STEP*

## **Environment-friendly building, effective use of energy and protection of climate**

Following several years of project and financial preparations we built a new building of Veronica Centre in Hostětín in 2006. It is the first public building in the Czech republic built in a passive standard – with minimum consumption of energy. There were used modern as well as traditional materials and whole series of special technologies for passive buildings, particularly ventilation with heat recuperation. The Centre uses renewable sources of energy – heat from municipal biomass heating plant and from solar system; the Centre is equipped with high-economy appliances and rain water is used for utility purposes. The building serves as an example of sustainable building for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The architect of the building is Georg W. Reinberg from Vienna, the project was elaborated by Architect's Office Zlámal and Stolek from Brno and the construction was performed by Skanska CZ, a. s., Division Technology. The building of the Centre was **inaugurated on October 24, 2006**.

The educational centre provides necessary background for informational, educational and counselling activities in the field of sustainable regional development. The Centre offers 50 places for training and instruction in a hall or about 100 places for municipal and community meetings, 25 places in 2-4-bed rooms with bathroom, a study room for employees and trainees and a work room and a base for practice courses. The building has been constructed very close to the Hostětín cider house.

During 2006 we organized seminars on the topic of environment-friendly building and excursions to the construction under way. They were attended by more than 200 people, mostly expert public:

**May 10, 2006** – Passive and solar architecture and its use in blocks of flats and social service buildings

**June 27 and 29, 2006** – Components of passive buildings – windows, isolation, recuperation

**July 20, 2006** – Natural materials in passive buildings – straw and soil

**July 24.-27, 2006** – practical workshop focused on straw isolation

**November 11, 2006** we and our friends and fans celebrated the Day of passive houses. The weekend meeting consisted of excursions, educational activities, thanks to donors and fellow workers, theatre and music performances.

In the newly constructed building we organized several Open days presentations for different target groups. The low energy house was attended by over 300 people in the first two months of operation.

Along with the construction and equipment of the Veronica Centre Hostětín intensive preparations of educational modules for the next term took place.

All the activities in the field of effective use of energy are shielded with programmes of climate protection. Thanks to the activities connected with the construction of the passive house we fulfilled the project Sustainable energy in the White Carpathians. A wider context of climate protection constituted the exhibition Fine Climate, one of the outputs of the project Main cross-border region of the association for climate protection 2005-2006 Lower Austria – Czech republic (regions of Slavonicko, Hrušovansko) in which we participated as a partner. We presented the exhibition in Summer 2006 and prepared for its use next year.

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## ***Involvement of the public in administrative procedures***

Veronica continues implementing – together with Austrian partners and Brno department of Ministry of Environment of Czech republic – commitments following from strategic documents related to improvement of involvement of the public in administrative procedures at cross-border projects, particularly in procedures of environmental impacts assessment.

Veronica co-ordinates ecological non-profit organizations and civil initiatives with the aim of becoming involved in decision-making about transport projects in the South Moravian region – fast highways R43, R52, R55, extension of motorway D1, southern tangential roads of Brno, bypass road of Břeclav. We had several **expert studies** elaborated – an alternative concept of transport for the South Moravian region, a transport model of Brno for years 2015 and 2020 for different options of realization of highway pro R43. The studies are available to civil association and initiatives for which we have started a **training cycle 4STEPS**.

Increase of interest of the public in the process of preparation of a new Brno city plan was achieved thanks to the following activities:

- **Environment around me** – a competition for secondary-school students with the aim of assessing some locality in the city in relation to environment and ground plan. Students were suggesting changes of solutions of existing problems and the best 15 students left for an educational trip around ecological projects in South Moravia and Lower Austria.
- In the first half of the year about 250 Brno inhabitants took part in our **panel discussions** on the topics of river, individual transport, greenery, brownfields and allotted gardens.
- The way you yell into Brno, the way it echoes out– **photograph exhibition** concerning discussed environmental issues in the city has been touring exhibition locations in Brno since Autumn 2006.
- **Questionnaires** concerning **Brownfields, Water** and **Transport** allowed the Brno inhabitants to learn more about the importance and nature conservation in the city and to send their opinions of current problems of the city via Veronica to the Brno City Council.
- The winner of the enquiry Brno tree won an oak tree in Nový Lískovec – about one thousand Brno inhabitants participated in the voting, enquiry announcement, celebration and planting of a new oak.

- **Sociological survey** among Brno inhabitants focused on their involvement in public matters and a survey tracing the attitudes of Brno inhabitants towards.

We are monitoring administrative procedures concerning **cutting down tree species** in all offices of Brno city districts and inform the citizens on web site *www.veronica.cz*. During the year took place a dendrology training for employees of environmental departments of the Brno City Council. We organized an expert excursion into the Lužánky park for our volunteers as well as the public. University students participated in commissions for greenery renewal all the year.

In connection with cutting down trees in Brno we helped several civil groups and initiatives in the following cases:

- reconstruction of a park in Slovanské square in city district Královo Pole
- construction of a traffic playground in city district Židenice
- construction of a utility road and a bridge to city district Jundrov over the river of Svatka
- parking houses in Brno - centre
- construction of a transmitter in Hobrtenky
- cutting down of inshore vegetation in city district Maloměřice, etc.

ZO ČSOP (Local Chapter of Czech Union of Nature Conservation) Veronica | Ecological Institute Veronica is one of 14 partners of an international project of six European countries. The aim of the project is the improvement and development skills in the area of collaborative planning, known as **community, participation or action planning**. Environmental planning actually requires a careful consideration of different knowledge, values and interests of all sorts of participants in the process. The methods of collaborative planning aim to encompass all the interactions and include them into resulting proposals as efficiently as possible.

*Thanks for support: Ministry of Environment of CR, EU funds – programme Transition Facility via NROS (Foundation for Civil Society Development), EU funds – programme Leonardo da Vinci, Partnership Foundation*

## **Educational activities, training, seminars**

Within the project Network of environmental centres of education, training and edification in the South Moravian region Veronica is co-ordinating a systematic **education of eco-counsellors** of existing and newly established eco-counselling centres in the whole South Moravian region. From the total of 15 trainings seven trainings took place in 2006 – always in the premises of one of the partners of the project. For 16 eco-counselling centres in the South Moravian region there were trainings concerning the issues of instruments, methods and products of eco-counselling (EVC Pálava), environmental law (Rezekvítek), project writing (Hrušovany nad Jevišovkou), environmental-friendly building (Bělá u Jevíčka), client communication (VIS Bílé Karpaty), nature and landscape protection (South Moravian regional and eco-counselling centre Hodonín).

Essential parts of establishing of eco-counselling networks are also fellowships (practices). Our eco-centre has trained in this way not only the network of eco-counselling centres in the South Moravian region but also new eco-counselling centres from the whole of Czech republic. Four students of Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry and Masaryk University have gained experience in Veronica within their practice.

The eco-counselling centre Veronica contributed to updating of the internet version of File of questions and answers of eco-counselling centres of STEP network and elaborated methodical sheets for future eco-counsellors.

In February 2006 started a two-year project called Green light for Zlín region – environmental education as a way to sustainable development. The project bonds activities of several non-profit organizations, leisure-time centres, towns and regional authorities and supports their cooperation. The project is intended for lay and expert public, the aim is to develop a functional system of education in the area of care of landscape and life in it. In 2006 the following activities took place:

- **Summer school of nature and landscape conservation** took place on July 10 - 23, two weeks with 46 participants. On the agenda there were lectures on nature and landscape conservation, natural and cultural heritage of the White Carpathians, practical help to nature and landscape (mowing and raking of meadows, maintenance of biocorridor, etc.).
- In Autumn months the first series of seminars took place for those interested in practical ecological events in Zlín region, particularly for present or future teachers and workers of partner organizations of the project:
  - September 26** – Nature and landscape conservation in Zlín region – place: ZO ČSOP (Local Chapter of Czech Union of Nature Conservation) Kosenka Valašské Klobouky
  - October 30** – Water and its role in landscape – place: o.s. Green Living Zlín-Jižní Chlum, sample house covered with soil
  - November 11** – Orchard renewal, planting of regional kinds of fruit – place: orchards in Hostětín
  - December 7** – Sustainable sources of energy – place: heating plant in the village of Roštín, burning straw
- **Database of projects of sustainable regional development** which shall serve for environmental education, training and edification in Zlín region. Representative places covering different issues of long-

term sustainable regional development will be selected from the database. The output of the database is an electronic map of the Zlín region with marked projects and detailed information about the projects.

In 2006 ecological projects in Hostětín and events of Veronica Centre Hostětín were attended by **over 2 000 people**. Increased interest was particularly due to the construction of the educational centre, however, most people appreciated particularly the possibility to see the complex of projects: root waste treatment plant, solar collectors, municipal heating plant burning wood chips, cider house and fruit drying kiln, economical lighting, construction of low-energy educational centre.

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## **Eco-counselling**

The eco-counselling centre Veronica has been functioning for 9 years in the Nature Conservation House as public service focused on providing objective and current information about the environment, nature and landscape. The team of counsellors answered **3005 questions** in total, most of which concerning wastes, legislation and information sources on environment.

In October 2006 we published an updated **Practical guide of a Brno citizen**, which you will find in digital form on our website [www.veronica.cz](http://www.veronica.cz). The clients of the eco-counselling centre may use a **library with 4000 titles and almost 400 videocassettes and DVD**. We offer publications, FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) products, bird boxes, herb teas from the White Carpathians and many other products in our eco-counselling centre as well as via our **e-shop**.

The eco-counselling centre, which has become part of the offer of the educational Veronica Centre Hostětín since 2006, answered **72 questions** of clients. The clients most often asked for details of ecological projects which may be seen in Hostětín: root waste treatment plant, solar collectors, municipal heating plant burning wood chips, cider house and fruit drying kiln, economical lighting, construction of the passive building of educational centre.

### **Our specialized counselling centres:**

**Energy counselling** is focused on issues like: energy saving, isolation of family houses, environment-friendly building, possibilities of financial support for introducing renewable resources of energy in households.

Since Autumn 2006 we have been cooperating with a newly established **Network of centres of passive house** which covers our counselling in the area of energy saving and construction of passive houses. In our Hostětín centre we act as a counselling centre of this network in Zlín region.

**Consumer counselling** – the counsellors provide basic consumer counselling focused on links between cleaning and washing detergents and the state of surface water; or between everyday shopping and the amount of waste produced in households.

**Care of disadvantaged animals** – Veronica is member of a network of stations for handicapped animals. In cooperation with the ZOO Brno, the Faculty of Natural Science at Masaryk University in Brno and the Bird Centre Veronica takes care of animals in need. In 2006 we took care of 22 animals, particularly bats and hedgehogs.

**Spring counselling** monitors and informs about the quality of water in the springs in Brno and neighbourhood. This activity is secured by the Regional Association of ČSOP (Czech Union for Nature Conservation) in Brno.

**Fair Trade counselling** – Since November 2004 there is a Fair Trade counselling and a shop in the premises of the Eco-counselling centre. Its activity is secured by Fair Trade Association and regional education.

The project Network of environmental centres of education, training and edification in the South Moravian region has supported some well-established educational events for the public like a Spring trip to Pouzdřany steppe and a Bat night.

We have newly promoted our activities at Summer festivals of music - EuroTrialog in Mikulov, Boskovice 2006 and 3+1 Letovice – and on Brno tramways. We have launched a map portal with environmental thematic layers. We have established a base of volunteers who help us during our events.

For those interested in expert information about environment-friendly building we organized two two-day seminars – Passive houses in Morava and Austria and Principles of construction of a low-energy house.

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## **Partnership and cooperation**

### **STEP**

Veronica is member of Eco-counselling Network (STEP) in the activity of which Veronica has been participating since its foundation in 1997, participating in STEP authorities and taking interest in the general strategy. In 2006 we attended many STEP projects – particularly in the area of education of eco-counsellors and environment-friendly operation of public institutions.

[www.ekoporadna.cz](http://www.ekoporadna.cz)

## TBK

The Association White Carpathians Traditions, the formation of which Veronica initiated in 1994, is in charge of the preservation of natural and cultural heritage, particularly by supporting local production..

[www.tradicebk.cz](http://www.tradicebk.cz)

## UNION FOR THE MORAVA RIVER

Veronica is member of the Union for the Morava river.

[www.uprm.cz](http://www.uprm.cz))

For the South Moravian region Veronica ensured the fourth year of **competition of diploma theses of university students** focused on nature and landscape conservation and environment protection, in which participated 30 students. The best works rewarded by the South Moravian region was Geobiocentological mapping of environs of Klobouky u Brna by Bc. Veronica Huková and a Study of fish crossing for Bulhary dam on the Dyje river by Ing. Jiří Petra.

Veronika staff also participated in the evaluation of works in regional round of the Secondary-school expert activity.

In 2006 ZO ČSOP (Local Chapter of Czech Union of Nature Conservation) Veronica became member of the **Local action group Bojkovsko** and took active part in the preparation of its strategic concept. In cooperation with local partners Veronica successfully applied for a grant for classrooms equipment serving for education of local inhabitants. In Winter 2006 in Veronica Centre Hostětín started English language course for the inhabitants of Hostětín and environs.

In the Zlín region several meetings of Permanent Departmental Conference of EVVO (Environmental Education and Public Participation) took place, which culminated at the beginning of 2007 in establishing of a new civil association Líška which will shield ecological education, training and edification in the region.

Veronica participates in the activity of the following executive bodies of non-profit sector and advisory bodies of public administration:

Committee for Cooperation with Regions of the Governmental Council for Non-governmental Non-profit Organizations

Management Committee of the Interdepartmental Working Group for the Environmental Education and Public Participation Dpt. (EVVO) for the Ministry of the Environment

Executive Board of the Eco-counselling Network

Ethic Committee of Ecological Non-governmental Non-profit Organizations

Presidium of Central Executive Board of ČSOP (Czech Union of Nature Conservation)

Working Group for Ecological Forestry (FSC – Forest Stewardship Council)

Management Committee of Network of Environmental Centres of Education, Training and Edification in the South Moravian region

Permanent Departmental Conference of Environmental Education and Public Participation in the Zlín region

Supervisory Board of the Regional Energy Agency of the Zlín region

Scientific Board of the Biospheric preserve Dolní Morava o.p.s.

Advisory Board for Environmental Education of the Brno City Council

Regional Conference of Non-governmental Non-profit Organization of the South Moravian region

Management Committee of Operational Programme Infrastructure

# Financial Report

## Income and expense statement

Conversion to EURO at the exchange rate of the Czech National Bank (ČNB) on 31. 12. 2006, 1 EURO = 27,495 CZK

	Amount in thousands CZK	Amount in thousands EURO
<b>Expenses</b>		
Material costs	1 766	64,2
Other services	2 955	107,5
Printing	688	25,0
Wages and salaries including health and social insurance	3 664	133,3
Real estate tax	77	2,8
Other expenses	9 950	361,9
Depreciations	63	2,3
Depreciated cost of sold long-term intangible and tangible property	1 703	61,9
Membership fees provided	19	0,7
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>20 885</b>	<b>759,6</b>
<b>ECONOMIC RESULT PRETAX</b>	<b>-122</b>	<b>-4,4</b>
<b>TURNOVER</b>	<b>20 763</b>	<b>755,2</b>

<b>REVENUES</b>		
<b>Contributions from foundations, donations from legal entities and individuals</b>		
Partnership Foundation, Brno	135	372,4
Programme Matra, via Partnership Foundation	105	3,8
Foundation for the Development of Civil Society *	2 150	78,2
WWF Austria (administrated by Daphne, SR)	53	1,9
Veronica Foundation, Brno	307	11,2
Šorm Daniel, a.s. *	382	13,9
Regional Environmental Centre	181	6,6
BAWAG	140	5,1
Zlín region	100	3,6
Forests of the Czech republic, s.p.	90	3,3
VIA Foundation	50	1,8
Toyota Environmental Activities Grant Program *	2 791	101,5
Českomoravský cement, a.s.	954	34,7
Community programme Leonardo da Vinci *	163	5,9
Other voluntary contributions and donations	58	2,1
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>7 659</b>	<b>278,6</b>
<b>Subsidies</b>		
Subsidies from the Czech republic State Budget	998	36,3
<b>Total subsidies</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>36,3</b>
<b>Membership fees</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0,7</b>
<b>Services</b>		
Revenue from sales of the Veronica Magazine and other printed material and goods	572	20,8
European Social Fund and State Budget of CR within the Operational Programme Human Resources Development - Network EVVO in the South Moravian region *	3 256	118,4
European Social Fund and State Budget of CR within the Operational Programme Human Resources – Zlín region *	3 509	127,6
European Social Fund and State Budget of CR within the Operational Programme Human Resources - Passive House Centre *	599	21,8

ENKI, o.p.s. from programme Interreg IIIA	159	5,8
Services for SEEV Pavučina (Association for Environmental Education Centres)	19	0,7
Services for Eco-Counselling network CR	132	4,8
Services for the South Moravian region	46	1,7
Other services	1 522	55,4
<b>Total services</b>	<b>9 814</b>	<b>356,9</b>
Revenues from sales of long-term property	2 157	78,5
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<b>Capitalization of material and goods</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>-0,9</b>
<b>Total revenues from current liquid assets</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1,5</b>
Transfer of unexpended donations from year 2006 onto projects continuing in year 2007 and other revenues	102	3,7
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>20 763</b>	<b>755,2</b>
<b>TURNOVER</b>	<b>20 763</b>	<b>755,2</b>

### Balance

<b>A S S E T S</b>	<b>Amount in CZK on 31.12.2005</b>	<b>Amount in CZK on 31.12.2006</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>15 013</b>	<b>52 123</b>

<b>L I A B I L I T I E S</b>	<b>Amount in CZK on 31.12.2005</b>	<b>Amount in CZK on 31.12.2006</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>15 151</b>	<b>52 246</b>
<b>Economic result in 2006</b>	<b>-138</b>	<b>-123</b>

The most significant deed of our organization in 2006 within financial terms was the construction of the Centre of model ecological projects for the country in Hostětín (Veronica Centre Hostětín). In compliance with accounting standards and the Accounting Act of the Czech republic the construction shows in the assets of our organization.

#### Construction funding:

Building costs from selection procedure:	15,6 mil. CZK	
<b>Resources</b> (thanks to SROP programme the resources include a part of engineering structures and Centre equipment)		
SROP (Shared regional operational programme)	13,2 mil. CZK	80 %
CR State Budget	1,65 mil. CZK	10 %
Own resources (donations, grants)	1,65 mil. CZK	10 %

#### Accommodation building

Building costs from selection procedure:	7,7 mil. CZK	
<b>Resources:</b>		
State Environmental Fund of Czech republic	5,4 mil. CZK	70 %
Own resources	2,3 mil. CZK	30 %

**Although our organization is not liable to audit by the law, our accounting have passed the audit and the whole balancing of books including supplements and auditor's statement is available in the seat of our organization and on the web.**

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*Our mission is to support a considerate relation to nature, landscape and its natural and cultural values.*

Veronica was founded in 1986 as a regionally focused magazine aiming at linking culture and nature conservation and spreading ecological edification in a cultivated manner.

After 1990 the activity of people around the magazine has become broader and the publishing work gradually became supplemental to a wide range of ecological programmes. The programmes are under the umbrella of ZO ČSOP Veronica (Local Chapter of the Czech Union of Nature Conservation Veronica), which has been registered since 1991. The Local Chapter is an independent legal identity. Its legal form is a civil association – non-governmental organization sharing its registration with the whole of the Czech Union of Nature Conservation. The present activity of the Local Chapter of the Czech Union of Nature Conservation Veronica comprises partly of the activity of professional staff acting under the Ecological Institute Veronica, partly of the activity for the members and with the members of the civil association. In Autumn 2006 we opened a new low-energy building of the educational centre Veronica Centre Hostětín.

In 2007 Veronica has **102 members**.

### **We offer:**

- Veronica Magazine 6 times per year
- eco-counselling for the widest public – consumer issues, economical household, saving and renewable sources of energy, environment-friendly building, nature and landscape conservation
- counselling for greening of offices and firms
- trips around pilot projects in Hostětín: root waste treatment plant, local biomass heating plant, cider house, fruit drying kiln, examples of environment-friendly building, solar panels, village lighting
- educational courses and visits in Veronica Centre Hostětín
- library with 4 000 volumes and 400 video cassettes DVD on environment topics
- sale of special literature, e-shop; sale of bird boxes of different types, bird feeding tables
- study sojourns and internships, possibility of volunteer work in our eco-counselling centre or at our projects
- membership in the Local Chapter of the Czech Union of Nature Conservation Veronica

### **We regularly organize:**

- meetings of friends of natural garden (every month)
- exhibitions of pictures, photographs and other objects of art
- European night for the bats
- discussions, talks, lectures, seminars, visits
- open days in the Veronica Centre Hostětín (every month)
- conference „Rural landscape“ (Hostětín)
- summer school of nature and landscape conservation (Hostětín)
- sale of Christmas firs and their Spring planting into the woods around Brno
- apple festival (Hostětín)
- environmentally educational theatre performances

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