

35th European Mustelid Colloquium

Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 24th – 27th September 2024

Draft Programme



Tuesday 24th September

16:00 - 17:00 Registration (Regele Ferdinand Amphitheatre, USAMV)

17:00 - 19:00 Welcome reception and poster session (Regele Ferdinand Amphitheatre, USAMV)

Wednesday 25th September – Day One of Oral Presentations

(Regele Ferdinand Amphitheatre, USAMV)

08:00-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:10 Welcome, housekeeping and opening remarks

09:10-09:55 Keynote Lecture 1: Mihai Marinov - The conservation status and conservation measures of the European Mink in Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve, Romania.

SESSION 1: Theme 1 **European Mink**

- 1) 09:55-10:15 Asun Gómez – Assessing population reinforcement success in the critically endangered European mink in Spain.
- 2) 10:15-10:35 Madis Põdra – Low reproduction success of the critically endangered European mink in the wild in Spain – one more challenge for the species conservation.

10:35-11:05 COFFEE BREAK

- 3) 11:05 - 11:25 Remi Bodinier - New analytical approaches to studying the spatial ecology of the critically endangered European mink in France and implications for its conservation.
- 4) 11:25 – 11:45 Romain Beaubert & Sylvain Fagart– Underpasses on road infrastructures: a major action to reduce road collisions for the European mink, a critically endangered species.
- 5) 11:45 – 12:05 Andrea Marin Sierra – Behavioural clues from captive European mink: can their behaviour show us their welfare state?

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Rapid Fire Talks:

- 6) 12:05 – 12:10 Kairi Kiik – The effect of early social and physical life factors in the stereotypic behaviour of captive male European mink *Mustela lutreola* – implications for reproductive success.
- 7) 12:10-12:15 Yoann Bressan – Knowledge for conservation: where to translocate European mink in France?
- 8) 12:15-12:20 Alexandra Duma – A journey towards restoring the European mink to the Romanian Carpathians.
- 9) 12:20 – 12:25 Kristel Nemvalts - Factors affecting female oestrus in European mink ex situ – implications for management
- 12:25 - 12:35 Questions for rapid fire talks

12:35-13:30 LUNCH

SESSION 2

13:30 – 14:15 Keynote Lecture 2: Andrei Mihalca

Theme 2: **Conservation and Ecology**

Rapid Fire Talks 1:

- 10) 14:15 – 14:20 Luís Miguel Rosalino - Influence of habitat edges on spatial and spatio-temporal occurrence patterns of mesocarnivores in a Eucalyptus plantation dominated landscape.
- 11) 14:20 – 14:25 Fred Slater – Otters and a new road.
- 12) 14:25 – 14:30 Aleksey Oleynikov – Spring seasonal activity peak in martens: possible causes of the phenomenon.
- 14:30 – 14:40 Questions for rapid fire talks

Rapid Fire Talks 2:

- 13) 14:40 – 14:45 Marcela Alvarenga - Museomics reveals the genetic architecture, evolution and adaptive potential of winter coat colour polymorphism in long-tailed weasels *Neogale frenata*.
- 14) 14:45 – 14:50 Kate McAney - Establishing a positive attitude to the recovery of the pine marten in Ireland, an arboreal carnivore in the least wooded country in Europe.
- 15) 14:50 – 14:55 Keira Washtell - Territorial Changes of a Group-living Carnivore in the wake of culling pressures.
- 14:55 – 15:05 Questions for rapid fire talks

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15:05 – 15:35 COFFEE BREAK

- 16) 15:35 – 15:55 TBC Malin Aronsson – Wolverine reproductive chronology in relation to individual characteristics and resource availability.
- 17) 15:55 – 16:15 TBC Rebecca Shaw – Unravelling historic demographic decline of the British European polecat population.
- 18) 16:15 – 16:35 Beatriz C. Afonso - Are you avoiding me? Effects of wild ungulates on mesocarnivores' activity patterns.
- 19) 16:35 – 16:55 Anna Wereszczuk - The last century of the Anthropocene has influenced body mass changes in mustelids in Europe and North America.
- 20) 16:55 – 17:15 Christelle Bellanger – French strategy to control American mink populations, adaptations and results on mountain rivers.

17:15 END Closing remarks day 1

Thursday 26th September Field Trip to Turda Gorge and Conference Dinner with raffle

Friday 27th September – Day Two of Oral Presentations

(Regele Ferdinand Amphitheatre, USAMV)

09:00 – 09:05 Welcome

09:05 – 09:50 Keynote Lecture 3: Andrzej Zalewski – The American mink invasion in Europe: unwanted insights into the ecology of Mustelids.

SESSION 1: Theme 3 **Research and Monitoring Methods**

- 1) 09:50 – 10:10 Marco Granata - Comparing two camera-trap based methods for small mustelid monitoring in the Italian Alps.
- 2) 10:10 – 10:30 Andrin Dürst - Promotion of stoats (*Mustela erminea*) through regional biodiversity conservation projects and small structures in the agricultural landscape.

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

- 3) 11:00 – 11:20 TBC Samirah Blaauw - Live to Fight AnOtter Day: Non-Invasive Conservation Genetics of the European Otter.
- 4) 11:20 – 11:40 Bastien Thomas & Anthony Le Guen - Using genetic methods to estimate density and genetic diversity in otter populations of the river Orne in Normandy (France).

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- 5) 11:40 – 12:00 Sirma A. Zidarova – A global problem: How can we monitor phantom species of mustelids?
- 6) 12:00 – 12:20 TBC Tamas Cserkészl - Complex research on polecat species in Hungary

12:20 – 13:30 LUNCH

SESSION 2: Rapid Fire Talks 1

- 7) 13:30 – 13:35 TBC Santiago Palazon – The Western polecat recovery project in Catalonia, NE Spain.
 - 8) 13:35 – 13:40 Badri Baral - A review of trends in and status of Mustelids research in Nepal, Himalayas’.
 - 9) 13:40 – 13:45 Raluca-Ioana Nedelea - A rare case report of teeth decays in the Eurasian badger *Meles meles*.
- 13:45 – 13:55 Questions for rapid fire talks

Rapid Fire Talks 2

- 10) 13:55 – 14:00 Nathan Chabaud - Using camera traps to survey mesocarnivores in deciduous forest over several seasons.
 - 11) 14:00 – 14:05 Stephanie Johnstone – Creating a National Pine Marten Monitoring Programme in Britain.
 - 12) 14:05 – 14:10 TBC Jens Persson – Bayesian forecasting of harvest effects for adaptive management of wolverines in Sweden.
- 14:10 – 14:20 Questions for rapid fire talks

14:20 – 14:50 COFFEE BREAK

- 13) 14:50 – 15:10 Gonçalo Matias – Unveiling the FSC forest certification potential in safeguarding mammal populations.
- 14) 15:10 – 15:30 Denise Karp - Mustelid detection dogs: a non-invasive tool to effectively monitor the presence of mustelids.
- 15) 15:30 – 15:50 Salvador Salvador Allue - The research and monitoring program of the stoat and least weasel in Catalonia.

15:50 Student presentation awards and closing remarks

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