

Colloquium programme

Registration and Welcome Reception — Tuesday 24 September

Venue: Regele Ferdinand Amphitheatre, USAMV

16:00-17:00 Registration at Regele Ferdinand Amphitheatre, USAMV

17:00-19:00 Welcome Reception and Poster Session

Day 1 — Wednesday 25 September Venue: Regele Ferdinand Amphitheatre, USAMV

8:00-9:00 Registration

9:00 **Welcome**

SESSION I: European mink Session chair: Lauren Harrington

9:10 **Keynote Lecture 1**
Dr. Mihai Marinov
 Danube Delta National Institute for Research and Development Romania
 The conservation status and conservation measures of the European Mink in the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve, Romania

9:55 **Asun Gómez**
 Assessing population reinforcement success in the critically endangered European mink in Spain

10:15 **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 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:05 **Remi Bodinier**
 New analytical approaches to studying the spatial ecology of the critically endangered European mink in France and implications for its conservation (Student talk)

11:25 **Romain Beaubert and Sylvain Fagart**
 Underpasses on road infrastructures: a major action to reduce road collisions for the European mink, a critically endangered species

11:45 **Andrea Marin Sierra**
 Behavioural clues from captive European mink: can their behaviour show us their welfare state? (Student talk)

SESSION 1 Lightning Talks

12:05 **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

12:10 **Yoann Bressan**
 Knowledge for conservation: where to translocate European mink in France?

12:15 **Patrick Wright**
 A journey towards restoring the European mink to the Romanian Carpathians

12:20 **Kristel Nemvalts**
 Factors affecting female oestrus in European mink *ex situ* – implications for management

12:25 **Lightning Talk Questions**

12:35-13:30 **LUNCH**

SESSION 2: Conservation and Ecology Session chair: Morten Elmeros

13:30 **Keynote Lecture 2**
Prof. Andrei Mihalca
 University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (USAMV)
 Parasites of mustelids in Europe: what we know and what we don't

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SESSION 2: Conservation and Ecology Lightning Talks 1		
14:15	Luis Miguel Rosalino	Influence of habitat edges on spatial and spatio-temporal occurrence patterns of mesocarnivores in a Eucalyptus plantation dominated landscape
14:20	Fred Slater	Otters and a new road
14:25	Aleksey Oleynikov	Spring seasonal activity peak in martens: possible causes of the phenomenon
14:30	Lightning Talk Questions	
SESSION 2: Conservation and Ecology Lightning Talks 2		
14:40	Marcela Alvarenga	Museomics reveals the genetic architecture, evolution and adaptive potential of winter coat colour polymorphism in long-tailed weasels <i>Neogale frenata</i>
14:45	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
14:50	Lightning Talk Questions	
15:00	COFFEE BREAK	
15:30	Keira Washtell	Territorial changes of a group-living carnivore in the wake of culling pressures
15:50	Rebecca Shaw	Unravelling historic demographic decline of the British European polecat population (Student talk)
16:10	Beatriz C. Afonso	Are you avoiding me? Effects of wild ungulates on mesocarnivores' activity patterns (Student talk)
16:30	Anna Wereszczuk	The last century of the Anthropocene has influenced body mass changes in mustelids in Europe and North America
16:50	Christelle Bellanger and Estelle Isere-Laoue	French strategy to control American mink populations, adaptations and results on mountain rivers
17:10	End and Closing Remarks	
Day 2 — Thursday 26 September		
Field Trip to Turda Gorge and Conference Dinner with raffle		

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Day 3 — Friday 27 September

Venue: Blue Amphitheatre

SESSION 3: Research and Monitoring Methods Session chair: Steve Carter

9:00	Welcome	
9:10	Keynote Lecture 3 Prof. Andrzej Zalewski Mammal Research Institute, Polish Academy of Sciences	The American mink invasion in Europe: unwanted insights into the ecology of mustelids
9:55	Marco Granata	Comparing two camera-trap based methods for small mustelid monitoring in the Italian Alps (Student talk)
10:15	Andrin Dürst	Promotion of stoats <i>Mustela erminea</i> through regional biodiversity conservation projects and small structures in the agricultural landscape (Student talk)
10:35	COFFEE BREAK	
11:05	Samirah Blaauw	Live to fight an otter day: non-invasive conservation genetics of the European otter (Student talk)
11:25	Bastien Thomas and Anthony Le Guen	Using genetic methods to estimate density and genetic diversity in otter populations of the river Orne in Normandy (France)
11:45	Sirma A. Zidarova	A global problem: how can we monitor phantom species of mustelids? (Student talk)

SESSION 3: Lightning Talks 1

12:05	Santiago Palazón	The Western polecat recovery project in Catalonia, NE Spain
12:10	Badri Baral	A review of trends in and status of mustelid research in Nepal, Himalayas
12:15	Raluca-Ioana Nedelea	A rare case report of teeth decays in the European badger <i>Meles meles</i> (Student talk)
12:20	Lightning Talk Questions	
12:30	LUNCH	

SESSION 3: Research and Monitoring Methods Session chair: Sam Bremner-Harrison

13:30	Salvador Salvador Allue	The research and monitoring programme of the stoat and least weasel in Catalonia (Student talk)
13:50	Gonçalo Matias	Unveiling the FSC forest certification potential in safeguarding mammal populations (Student talk)

SESSION 3: Lightning Talks 2

14:10	Stephanie Johnstone	Creating a National Pine Marten Monitoring Programme in Britain
14:15	Nathan Chabaud	Using camera traps to survey mesocarnivores in deciduous forest over several seasons (Student talk)
14:20	Lightning Talk Questions	
14:30	COFFEE BREAK	
15:00	Andras Gubanyi	Complex research on polecat species in Hungary
15:20	Denise Karp	Mustelid detection dogs: a non-invasive tool to effectively monitor the presence of mustelids
15:40	Student presentation awards and closing remarks	