

F A C T S H E E T
2nd European Congress of Conservation Biology
1-5 September 2009, Prague, Czech Republic
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CONFERENCE THEME „**Conservation biology and beyond: from science to practice**“ reflects the fact that delivering effective conservation requires a range of actors. Conservation still suffers from these different actors being poorly coordinated and there is work to do to ensure a concerted effort. Conservation science needs to cover a broader range of disciplines than just biology to be relevant to practice and needs feedback from application on successes, problems faced and research needs. In addition, conservation biologists often remain poor at communicating the importance of their science to policy and practice; mechanisms for better communication exist but need to be agreed upon and invested in.

WHEN:

Tuesday, September 1 – Saturday, September 5, 2009

WHERE:

Campus of Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic

WHO:

The European Section of the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB - ES)

The Czech University of Life Science Prague, the Faculty of Environmental Science (CULS, FES)

The Society for Conservation Biology is an international professional organization dedicated to advancing the science and practice of conserving the Earth's biological diversity. The Society's membership comprises a wide range of people interested in the conservation and study of biological diversity: resource managers, educators, government and private conservation workers, and students. SCB is global community with more than 12.000 members world-wide – with representatives from over 140 countries. The Society is organized internationally by seven Regional Sections, and these Sections initiate activities relevant to conservation needs on their continents or in their oceans. The Society provides many benefits to its community including free online access to publications for members in developing countries, global and regional conferences, and a very popular online job board.

The Czech University of Life Science was founded and recognized as one of the traditional European centers of excellence in agricultural and forestry education, the Czech University of Life Science Prague (CULS) has grown substantially over the years. The number of enrolled students, freshmen and undergraduates, has more than tripled in less than 15 years. Nowadays study at the University cca 20.000 students.

The Faculty of Environmental Sciences was established on 1 July 2007. The Faculty consists of 6 departments. Research activities concentrates on the protected areas management, endangered species protection, ecosystem management agro-envi programmes, solving the conflicts between economical and nature protection subjects, natural protection, water disaster and landscape ecology. In present time attend the Faculty 2.000 students.

WHY:

- To expose the diversity of approaches to nature conservation in Europe
- To foster exchange between conservation professionals
- To explore challenges of using science to underpin policy decisions
- To showcase up-to-date research and practice in nature conservation
- To raise the profile of nature conservation

PATRONAGE

Stavros Dinas – Member of European Committee

Ladislav Miko, Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic

Luigi Boitani – President of SGB Global

IMPORTANT ECCB NUMBERS:

Second conservation biology meeting covering all Europe

80 countries represented

914 accepted abstracts

About 1.150 participants expected

PLENARY SPEAKERS:**Prof. William Sutherland (Great Britain)**

University of Cambridge, Department of Zoology

Prof. Joan Martinez-Alier (Spain)

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Department of Economics and Economic History

Dr. Petr Pyšek (Czech Republic)

Institute of Botany, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Charles University Prague, Faculty of Science

SYMPOSIA:**Biodiversity monitoring at european scale**

Organisers: Piotr Nowicki & Klaus Henle

Invited speakers: Klaus Henle (Germany), Romain Julliard (France), Chris van Swaay (The Netherlands), Tiiu Kull (Estonia), Szabolcs Lengyel (Hungary), Sandra Bell (UK), Dirk Schmeller (France), Piotr Nowicki (Poland), Pierre-Yves Henry (France), Bianca Bauch (Germany), Bernd Gruber (Germany), Petr Voříšek (Czech Republic)

Climate change, a challenge for conservation

Organisers: Mar Cabeza & Heini Kujala

Invited speakers: Miguel B. Araújo (Spain), Thomas Hickler (Sweden), Heini Kujala (Finland), Wendy Foden (UK), Richard Gregory (UK), Diogo Alagador (Spain), Mar Cabeza (Finland), Claire Vos (The Netherlands), Sebastian Van der Veken (Belgium), Ann Clarke (UK), Pam Berry (UK), Guy Midgley (South Africa), Wilfried Thuiller (France)

Communicating scientific uncertainty across the science-policy interface

Organisers: Andrew Pullin & Gavin Stewart

Invited speakers: John Fitzgerald (USA), Gavin Stewart (UK), Kerrie Mengersen (Australia), Frédéric Gosselin (France), Takuya Iwamura (Australia)

Concepts, methods and software for conservation prioritization

Organisers: Atte Moilanen & Anni Arponen

Invited speakers: Atte Moilanen (Finland), Bob Presesy (Australia), Brendan Wintle (Australia), Steven Philips (USA), Anni Arponen (Finland), Mar Cabeza (Spain), Barb Anderson (UK), Aldina Franco (USA), Maria Trivi o (Spain), Wilfried Thriller (France), Carlos Carroll (USA)

Conservation genetics of ex situ and reintroduction projects

Organisers: Axel Hochkirch & Kathrin A. Witzemberger

Invited speakers: Richard Frankham (Australia), Kostas Theodorou (Greece), Denis Couvet (France), Steve Smith (Austria), Arati Iyengar (UK), Oscar Ramirez (Spain)

Disturbance of wildlife through recreation: from research to implementation

Organisers: Raphaël Arlettaz & Susi Eiermann-Jenni & Veronika Braunisch

Invited speakers: Raphaël Arlettaz (Switzerland), Daniel T. Blumenstein (USA), Veronika Braunisch (Germany), Susi Eiermann-Jenni (Switzerland), Heribert Hober (Germany), David Lusseau (UK), Patrick Patthey (Switzerland), Rob Williams (Canada), John Charteris Wingfield (USA), Helen Regan (USA), Pirkko Siikamäki (Finland)

Economics for biodiversity conservation

Organisers: Martin Dieterich

Invited speakers: Bram Büscher (The Netherlands), Brian Czech (USA), Martin Dieterich (Germany), Andreas Exner (Austria), Dan O'Neill (USA), Joachim Spangenberg (Germany), Jan van der Straaten (The Netherlands)

Ex situ plant conservation

Organisers: Michael Burkart & Cornelia Löhne

Invited speakers: Markus Fischer (Switzerland), Daniela Bunde (Germany), Maria Putzger (Germany), Okka Tschöpe (Germany)

Exotic species in nature reserves

Organisers: W. L. M. Tamis, Rob Leewis

Invited speakers: Antje Ehrenburgh (The Netherlands), Margot Vanhellefont (Belgium), Wil Tamis (The Netherlands), Maike Isermann (Germany), Jara Andru (Spain), Frank Klingenstein (Germany), Zdenek Ďuriš (Czech Republic), Nadezhda Berezina (Russia), Wolfgang Rabitsch (Austria), Sally Edmonson (UK)

From sit and watch to anticipate and manage – building an adaptive climate change-proof conservation strategy

Organisers: Pierre L. Ibisch & Stefan Kreft & Peter Hobson

Invited speakers: Matti Hovi (Finland), P.R. Hobson & P. Mickleburgh (UK), Katrin Vohland & Wolfgang Cramer (Germany), Steffen Reichle (Bolivia), Karsten Reise (Germany), Stefan Kreft & Pierre L. Ibisch (Germany), Monika Bertzky (Germany), Ybele Hoogeveen (Denmark)

Nature conservation on farmland: linking ecology with social sciences

Organisers: G. R. de Snoo & H. Staats & C. J. M. Musters

Invited speakers: James Bullock (UK), Rob Burton & Gerarld Schwarz (New Zealand), Anne Marike Lokhorst & Henk Staats & Jerry van Dijk & Geert de Snoo (The Netherlands), Kees Musters & Jinze Noordijk & Geert de Snoo (The Netherlands)

Paths to Integration: Exploring the interface between social science and conservation biology

Organisers: Sandra Bell

Invited speakers: Ben Campbell (UK), Fabrizio Frascaroli (Iceland), Kurt Jax (Germany), Ketil Skogen (Norway), Rosemarie Siebert (Germany), Andrew Whitehouse (UK)

Practicing adaptive management across Europe

Organisers: Ilke Tilders & Gernant Magnin

Invited speakers: Gernant Magnin (The Netherlands), Ilke Tilders (The Netherlands), Corrado Teofili (Italy), Nick Salafsky (USA), Pierre Ibisch (Germany), Per Nilsson (Sweden), Matti Maatta (Finland), Lisa Ernoul (France), Stella Vareltzidou (Greece), Kjell Danell (Sweden), Ilke Tilders (The Netherlands)

Promoting grassland insect conservation and diversity

Organisers: Nick Littlewood & Alan Stewart

Invited speakers: Mike Morris (UK), Alan Stewart (UK), Thomas Sattler (Switzerland), Peter Batáry (Germany), Keith Alexander (UK), Dave Goulson (UK), Nicky Redpath (UK), Jenni Stockan (UK), Stephen Venn (Finland), Norbert Maczey (UK), Juha Pöyry (Finland), Lorna Cole (UK), Nick Littlewood (UK), Sally Hubband (UK), John Dover (UK)

Scavengers in a modern world: from top-predators' subsidies to carrion dumps

Organisers: Nuria Selva & José Antonio Donázar

Invited speakers: Nuria Selva (Poland), Miha Krofel (Slovenia), Chris Wilmers (USA), John Linnell (Norway), Christopher O'Brien (Canada), Sánchez-Zapata José Antonio (Spain), Ainara Cortes-Avizanda (Spain), Clara Casanovas (Spain)

Set-aside: conservation value in a changing agricultural landscape

Organisers: András Báldi & Anikó Kovács & Tony Morris

Invited speakers: Teja Tschardt (Germany), András Báldi (Hungary), Nigel Boatman (UK), Irina Herzon (Finland), Anikó Kovács (Hungary), Mikko Kuussaari (Finland), Rainer Luick (Germany), Tony Morris (UK)

The natural range of variability as a guide for sustainable forest management in boreal forests

Organisers: Bengt Gunnar Jonsson

Invited speakers: Lee Frelich (USA), Shawn Fraver (USA), Nathan L. Stephenson (USA), Marc-André Villard (Canada), Yves Bergeron (Canada), Per Angelstam (Sweden), J rund Rolstad (Norway), Jari Kouki (Finland), Timo Kuuluvainen (Finland), Bengt-Gunnar Jonsson (Sweden)

SPECIAL SESSION

18 Natura 2000: a successful tool?

Organisers: Policy Committee SCB-ES

WORKSHOP

Joint European Censuses for Conservation

Organisers: Henk de Vries, Ruud Foppen

Invasive species: key priorities for science, policy and practice

Organisers: Helen Bayliss, Nicola Randall

Scavengers in a modern world: from top-predators' subsidies to carrion dumps

Organisers: Nuria Selva, José Antonio Donázar

Using the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria to assess the extinction risk of species

Organisers: Caroline Pollock

The Zonation conservation prioritization framework and software – Q&A session

Organisers: Atte Moilanen

FIELD TRIPS

Beauties of South Bohemian's Nature

Two Distinct Faces of Northern Bohemia

A Pure Beauty of South Moravian Landscape

The Kokořínsko PLA + the Wine Centre of Czech University of Agriculture (CULS)

The Ralsko Former Military Area

The Czech Karst PLA

The Křivoklátsko PLA

The Bohemian Paradise PLA

EXHIBITORS:

Cambridge university press

Elsevier

Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management and European Federations of Associations of Environmental Professionals

Lotek wireless

Oxford university press

Taylor & Francis

University of Cumbria

Vetronic Aerospace

Willey Blackwell

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