

2nd European Congress of Conservation Biology

"Conservation biology and beyond: from science to practice"

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CALL FOR SYMPOSIA AND WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

The Congress 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.

The Scientific Committee invites proposals for Symposia, Workshops and Training sessions as follows.

Symposia

There will be opportunities for 2-hour, 4-hour and 6-hour (all-day) symposia. Presentations will be in multiples of 15 minutes so that the timing of symposia is coordinated with the contributed paper sessions. Symposia will either be related to the meeting theme or address newly emerging topics or significant syntheses of relevance to Europe. All symposium organisers and speakers must be registered participants.

Proposals should be as brief as possible and include (1) **a one-page outline**, including the title, whether 2, 4 or 6 hours, goal or purpose, and explanation of why the topic is appropriate and significant to the Congress, (2) **a provisional list of speakers**,

presentations titles, and whether they have agreed to participate, and (3) **complete contact information for the organisers.**

Workshops

Workshops facilitate presentation and application of new concepts, perhaps allowing audience participation and/or round-table discussion for exploration of new or controversial issues. Proposals for workshops should be as brief as possible and include the following: (1) a one-page synopsis composed of a title, goal or purpose and justification, (2) organisational structure including format, duration, expected number of participants and preferred date and time, and (3) complete contact information for the organisers. Dates and times will be structured so that they have minimal conflict with paper sessions (evenings and lunchtimes are preferred). All workshop organisers must be registered for the meeting.

Training Sessions

Training sessions will provide opportunities for registered delegates to receive expert tuition on a key topic in conservation. Proposals for training sessions should be as brief as possible and include the following: (1) a one-page synopsis composed of a title, goal or purpose and justification, (2) organisational structure including format, duration, expected number of participants and preferred date and time, and (3) complete contact information for the organisers. Training sessions will be timetabled as pre-congress events and may last up to one full day. All training session organisers must be registered for the meeting.

The ECCB does not provide financial support for Symposia, Workshops or Training sessions but is willing to help with applications for funding where possible. In cases where financial assistance will be required, proposers should make it clear how they expect to obtain the necessary funding (e.g. training session fees).

Proposal submission

All symposium and workshop proposals should be submitted by 1st September 2008 to the Congress Secretariat by email at conference@eccb2009.org. Please put either 'symposium proposal' or 'workshop proposal' in the subject line of the email as appropriate.

Proposers will be notified of the Programme Committee's decision as soon as possible so that they can acquire any necessary funding. Selection of symposia and workshops for inclusion at this meeting will be announced by 1st December 2008.

For general information, expressions of interest or congress registration, please visit the homepage, or contact the Congress Secretariat at conference@eccb2009.org