

1st PhD Student Symposium at the Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research, Berlin

Programme

Wednesday, 10/09/08

16:00 -17:00 **Registration** at the Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research, Alfred-Kowalke-Str. 17, D-10315 Berlin

19:00 - **"Warm Up"** at the restaurant/bar Lykia, Sonntagstraße 1, 10245 Berlin

Thursday, 11/09/08

Time	Speaker	Topic
08:30 - 08:45	Opening Ceremony, Prof. Heribert Hofer, Director of the IZW	
08:45 - 09:15	Prof. Michael W. Bruford, School of Biosciences, Cardiff University	Problems and prospects for inferring population dynamics and designing conservation plans with small populations of large mammals: a geneticist's perspective
09:15 - 09:30	Andreas Wilting	On Cats' Tracks: Why more research is needed to protect Asian rainforest carnivores
09:30 - 09:45	Aines del Carmen Castro Prieto	MHC diversity in the Namibian cheetah population
09:45 - 10:00	Götz Fröschke	Climatic and Geographical Influences on Gastrointestinal Parasite Burden and Immune Gene Variability (MHC) of the Four-Striped Mouse, <i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i> .
10:00 - 10:15	Yvonne Meyer-Lucht	Variety matters: Immune gene diversity and parasite load in two mouse opossums from forest fragments of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest
10:15 - 10:30	Poster Speed Presentations, Poster 1-6	
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 11:15	Katja Goller	Monitoring of pathogens in free ranging carnivores in the Serengeti ecosystem, Tanzania.
11:15 - 11:30	Jane Fanke	Causes of Morbidity and Mortality in Eurasian Cranes (<i>Grus grus</i>) from Germany
11:30 - 11:45	Julia Kelemen	Etiological aspects of balaoposthitis in free-ranging European Bison (<i>Bison bonasus</i>)
11:45 - 12:00	Erika Lyons	Blood biochemistry of the black sea turtle, <i>Chelonia mydas agassizii</i> , in Baja California Sur, México.
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 14:00	Prof. Herbert H. T. Prins, Resource Ecology, Wageningen University	The necessity of protecting wetlands at 5000 m altitude
14:00 - 14:15	Regina Fache	Egg measurements as indicators of the quality of a habitat – long-term studies of great tits (<i>Parus major</i>) in the low mountain region of Vogelsberg, Rhön and Spessart
14:15 - 14:30	Sylvia Albrecht	Sex ratio adjustment of energy restricted female roe deer – an experimental approach
14:30 - 14:45	Sandra Polowinski	Nutritional ecology of the blue-eyed black lemur (<i>Eulemur macaco flavifrons</i>): Integrating in situ and ex situ research to assist the conservation of a critically endangered species
14:45 - 15:00	Angela Schwarm	More efficient mastication allows increasing intake without compromising digestibility or necessitating a larger gut: comparative feeding trials in banteng (<i>Bos javanicus</i>) and pygmy hippopotamus (<i>Hexaprotodon liberiensis</i>)
15:00 - 15:15	Poster Speed Presentations, Poster 7-13	
15:15 - 15:50	Coffee Break	
15:50 - 16:05	Mirjam Nadjafzadeh	Diet of white-tailed sea eagles (<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>) in Northern Germany
16:05 - 16:20	Tomasz Borowik	The influence of habitat productivity on red deer fecundity and ability of deer to compensate losses caused by predation and hunting
16:20 - 16:35	Justine Sulawa	Recovery dynamics and viability of the white-tailed eagle (<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>) in Germany
16:35 - 16:50	Holger Spaedtke & Sonja Gerritsen	Use of activity data to determine labor of brown bears (<i>Ursus arctos</i>)
16:50 - 17:05	Tanja Ruch	Endogenous control of the timing of hibernation of the edible dormouse (<i>Glis glis</i>)
17:15 - 18:00	Posters	
18:00 -	Barbecue	

Friday, 12/09/08

Time	Speaker	Topic
09:00 - 09:30	Prof. Jörg U. Ganzhorn, Department Animal Ecology and Conservation, Hamburg University	Small datasets and broad conclusions: Reflections on the utility of extrapolations of population dynamics from small sample sizes using the 25 most endangered primate species as examples
09:30 - 09:45	Johannes Penner	Threatened Amphibians in West Africa – spatial analyses with different data sets
09:45 - 10:00	Marcin Churski	Forest regeneration and the limiting roles of light and large herbivores in Białowieża Primeval Forest – project introduction
10:00 - 10:15	Kolja Kreutz	Timber Plantations as favourite habitat for Giant Anteaters?
10:15 - 10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45 - 11:15	Roland Wirth, President of the Zoological Society of the Conservation of Species and Populations (ZGAP)	Science, dedication, diplomacy, or all of that - a reflection on almost three decades of working to save endangered species
11:15 - 11:30	Tomasz Podgorski	Where do lynx hunt and rest? – microhabitat use by the Eurasian lynx and its implications for species conservation.
11:30 - 11:45	Friederike Scholz	Home range and habitat use by white-tailed sea eagles (<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>) in northern Germany
11:45 - 12:00	Julia Eggermann	Are wolves able to coexist with humans?
12:00 - 12:15	Kirsten Jung	Species richness and diversity of aerial insectivorous bats along a gradient of anthropogenic influence
12:15 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 15:30	Discussion	
15:30 -	Closing Ceremony	