

I. European Conference on Wildlife Rescue

ZOO4NAT WILDLIFE RESCUE CONFERENCE

27-29 May 2019, Budapest, Hungary

We cordially invite professionals and interested non-professionals to our upcoming conference on wildlife rescue. Zoos and related institutions can support the field conservation work with their know-how on animal care, veterinary background and with providing professional facilities for the rescued/confiscated animals as well as with their education and communication activities. The international conference will focus on rescuing native species and emphasize the supporting role of the ex-situ conservation institutions, how zoos work for nature.

CONFERENCE DATES

27-29 May 2019 (Monday-Wednesday)

CONFERENCE VENUE

Budapest Zoo & Botanic Garden
1146 Budapest, Állatkerti krt. 6-12.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DAVE SCOTT (US)

Dave Scott DVM is the Staff Veterinarian at Carolina Raptor Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. CRC is dedicated to the conservation of birds of prey admits close to 1.000 birds each year. Dr. Scott is also the author of the book "Raptor Medicine, Surgery and Rehabilitation". His interests include orthopedic surgery and bioinformatics and he is the creator the RaptorMed medical records program (www.raptormed.com) that is used worldwide to care for wildlife.



CONFERENCE TOPICS

- ✓ native fauna rescue
- ✓ conservation aspects in rescuing
- ✓ reintroduction – repatriation - relocation
- ✓ veterinary care
- ✓ keeping aspects
- ✓ legislation issues
- ✓ perspectives of rescue centers
- ✓ education related to rescue work
- ✓ communication & marketing aspects
- ✓ best practice examples

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the conference is English. Hungarian interpretation will be provided throughout the scientific sessions.

REGISTRATION (free) – opens on 1 April 2019

Registrations should be sent to the Conference Office via the official online form (see link below).

Free registration includes:

- ✓ conference materials (badge, bag, program)
- ✓ access to conference scientific sessions
- ✓ welcome reception on Monday evening
- ✓ coffee & snacks on Monday and Tuesday
- ✓ full day field trip to Bükk NP on Wednesday
- ✓ English/Hungarian simultaneous interpretation

Registration does not include lunches but there are restaurants available at the venue.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS:

Bükk National Park Field Trip (incl. in registration)

Wednesday, 29 May 2019

Full day excursion to Bükk National Park (Hungarian: Bükki Nemzeti Park) in the Bükk Mountains of Northern Hungary, near Eger. It was founded in 1976 as the third national park in the country. It contains 431.3 km² (of which 37.74 km² is under increased protection). Mountainous and forested, Bükk is Hungary's largest national park with important geological features include various karst formations within its limestone mountains. Bükk National Park also contains ninety species of nesting birds, some considered endangered.

Bus transfer from/to Budapest, English speaking guides, lunch and beverages are provided.

Conference Dinner Cruise (optional)

Tuesday, 28 May 2019

Price: 17.000 HUF/person (minimum number of participants: 30 pax)

During this evening sightseeing tour on the River Danube, you will be welcomed with a drink and enjoy a light dinner served on the boat. During dinner a Hungarian jazz band plays the classics. The boat travels from Margaret Bridge, past the National Theatre and along the Palace of Arts, a truly unique way to enjoy the glittering historical and modern sites of illuminated Budapest.

Transportation is individual, English-speaking guide, dinner & drinks are included.

CLICK FOR REGISTRATION: <https://congressline.hu/registration?c=zoo4nat>

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Organizers call wildlife rescue related professionals from all fields (in-situ and ex-situ conservation, communication, education, veterinary science, etc.) to submit their papers for oral or poster presentations at ZOO4NAT Wildlife Rescue Conference (27-29 May 2019, Budapest, Hungary).

Submission details:

- Half A4 page (300 words) summary in English is mandatory (excl. presentation title, authors and affiliations)
- Summary format: MS doc or rtf file
- Please indicate all the authors and affiliates carefully, underline the presenting author.
- Poster format: A0 size portrait
- Oral presentations duration: 15 minutes + 5 minutes discussion/Q&A
- Submissions to be sent to Bea Golovanova at ZOO4NAT Conference Office in e-mail (glob@congressline.hu).

Important dates:

- **Submission deadline:** 14 April 2019
- Notification of presenters: 30 April 2019
- Registration deadline for presenters: 10 May 2019
- Final program release: 15 May 2019

ZOO4NAT PROJECT BACKGROUND

Hungarian and Slovakian project partners with complementary competences in animal rescuing joined forces to raise public awareness on the conservation of natural values with emphasis on rescuing endangered/protected animal species of the borderline regions. An essential requirement of success is to engage more visitors to touristic attractions and taking them into education programs related to this topic.

We build a rescue center and demonstration facilities in Budapest Zoo & Botanical Garden, where professionals medicate, keep and display more than one thousand individuals of protected bird, small mammal and reptile species in a year and these animals are in high interest by the visitors. Infrastructures are an educational trail, called "Bottomland forest", as well as breeding facilities for reptiles and aviaries for birds in Zoo Kosice.

Through joint marketing actions, we develop know-how on the role of innovative solutions in analyzing and attracting visitors with education purpose, and develop educational game through mobile application for youth, educational program for public through digital informational board and educational documentary films among other solutions.

We organize professional workshops, webinars, international conferences, and electronical compilation to build professional capacities both in rescue work, education and marketing. We deliver exchange of experience to form long-term, non-formal organizational network of organizations and institutions active in the field of protection of nature and environment.

Based on the new attractions, new capacities and findings of the project, direct marketing actions will be delivered to support quality tourism in borderline area of our two neighboring states, resulting in attracting more than ten thousand new visitors in partner zoos.

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