

PROGRAMME

Wednesday April 24th 2013

Registration and Welcome Reception

Venue: The Harpoon Room, the Trident Hotel, Kinsale, Co. Cork

18.30 Registration and presentation upload

20.00 Buffet dinner and Irish music

Thursday April 25th 2013

Workshop Day 1

Venue: The Harpoon Room, the Trident Hotel, Kinsale, Co. Cork

8.15 Registration and presentation upload

Session 1: Spraint/Dietary Analysis

Chair: Lukáš Poledník

- 9.00** Lukáš Poledník. Otter dietary studies – the past, recent developments and future perspective (20 mins)
- 9.25** Neil Reid *et al.* Review and quantitative meta-analysis of diet suggests the Eurasian otter (*Lutra lutra*) is likely to be a poor bioindicator (20 mins)
- 9.50** Rosemary Moorhouse-Gann *et al.* The diet of the Eurasian otter as determined by the examination of stomach contents (10 mins)
- 10.05** Andrew Harrington *et al.* A citizen science approach to otter dietary studies in Ireland and Wales (10 mins)

Funding Opportunities for Research and Networking

10.20 Catherine O'Reilly and Siobhan Harkin, Waterford Institute of Technology (10 mins)
To be continued over tea and coffee

10.30 *Tea & Coffee – poster viewing*

Session 2: Population Estimates

Chair: Marjana Hönigsfeld Adamič

11.00 David O'Neill *et al.* Non-invasive genetic monitoring of otter (*Lutra lutra*) populations (20 mins)

11.25 Neil Reid *et al.* Detecting detectability; identifying and correcting bias in Eurasian otter (*Lutra lutra*) incidence derived from the 'Standard Otter Survey' method (20 mins)

11.50 Marcia Sittenthaler *et al.* Do fishery management strategies affect otter (*Lutra lutra*)? – using faecal DNA for otter census (10 mins)

12.05 Gill Weyman *et al.* A non-invasive genetic survey of otters (*Lutra lutra*) in an urban environment: A pilot study with citizen scientists (20 mins)

12.30 *Lunch in the restaurant*

Session 2: Population Estimates continued

Chair: Catherine O'Reilly

14.00 Tali Magory Cohen *et al.* An ecological and genetic study of Eurasian otters in Israel (20 mins)

14.25 Ceri Morris *et al.* Non-invasive DNA survey of otters on the Llein peninsula, North Wales (20 mins)

Session 3: Tracking otters and otter habitat

Chair: Addy de Jongh

- 14.55 Addy de Jongh *et al.* Tracking coastal otters with GPS in Roaringwater Bay, Ireland (20 mins)
- 15.20 Gérard Schmidt *et al.* Monitoring of the Eurasian otter's (*Lutra lutra*) tracks and passages under bridges in the north of Luxembourg and south-east of Belgium (20 mins)

15.45 *Tea & Coffee – poster viewing*

Session 3: Tracking otters and otter habitat continued

- 16.15** Jiska van Dijk. Eurasian otter (*Lutra lutra*) utilization of two hydropeaked river systems using remote wildlife cameras (20 mins)
- 16.40** Ruairí Ó Conchúir and Glen Wightman. Catchment scale habitat enhancement work for otter (*Lutra lutra*) in a catchment degraded by both recent and historical drainage work (20 mins)
- 17.05** Margarida Santos-Reis *et al.* Otter response to crayfish invasion and consequences for the mink invasion process (20 mins)
- 17.30** Fran Igoe *et al.* An integrated approach to the conservation of the Eurasian otter (*Lutra lutra*) in a southern Irish catchment through stakeholder engagement, habitat restoration and a sprinkling of research (20 mins)

17.55 Close

20.00 *Workshop dinner in the restaurant, the Trident Hotel*

Friday April 26th 2013 - Workshop Day 2

Venue: The Trident Hotel, Kinsale, Co. Cork

Session 4: Environmental Contaminants and Parasites

Chair: Anna Roos

- 9.00** Anna Roos and Ulla Eriksson. Contaminants, from mother to cub (20 mins)
- 9.25** Nuno Pedroso *et al.* Evidence of antimicrobial resistance and virulence in Eurasian otter faecal bacteria in Portugal: Conservation implications (10 mins)
- 9.40** *Presenting author* Willow Smallbone *et al.* Seroprevalence of *Toxoplasms gondii* in the Eurasian otter (*Lutra lutra*) in England and Wales (10 mins)

09.55 *Tea & Coffee - poster viewing*

Session 5: Conservation threats and conflicts

Chair: George Gorgadze

- 10.35** George Gorgadze. Hydropower stations – main threat for the otter population in Georgia (20 mins)
- 11.00** Rachel Kuhn and H el ene Jacques. Coexistence of otters and fish-farming in France (20 mins)
- 11.25** Hans-Heinrich Kr uger and Mark Ehlers. Otters and fyke-nets – an investigation of the problem and the development of escape windows (20 mins)
- 11.50** George Bouro . Assessing Small Hydropower Plants impact on otter. Case Study: Buz u River (10 mins)
- 12.05** Lauren A. Harrington and Andrew L. Harrington. Investigating the potential of acoustic deterrents to reduce otter predation at stillwater fisheries (10 mins)
- 12.20** Paul Chanin. “Otters eat  2m fishery”: A cautionary tale (20 mins)

12.45 *Lunch at the Trident Hotel*

Session 6: Recolonisation, Recovery, and Re-introduction

Chair: Paul Chanin

14.15 Andreas Kranz and Lukáš Poledník. Otters recolonising the Austrian Alps (20 mins)

14.40 Roni Shachal *et al.* Extinction and re-colonization processes in the otter (*Lutra lutra*) metapopulation in Israel (20 mins)

15.05 Anna Loy *et al.* Spatial and temporal dynamics of an isolated otter population in Italy: Range expansion does not necessarily mean population increase (20 mins)

15.30 *Tea & Coffee*

Session 7: Country reports

Chair: Andreas Kranz

16.00 Various speakers will present country reports

17.30 Discussion and close of workshop

20.00 *Optional dinner at the Fishy Fishy Café*

Saturday April 27th 2013

Optional field trip to Sherkin Island – Bus leaves at 8.30 am

Departing Sherkin Island Monday April 29th

