CONSERVATION MEDICINE  
AND WILDLIFE HEALTH  
INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR  

Thursday 16th and Friday 17th June, 2022  

Teramo, Campus Aurelio Saliceti  
Polo Didattico Silvio Spaventa – Aula magna Benedetto Croce  
Via Renato Balzarini 1 – Località Colleporco.  

Seminar Programme  

Thursday 16th  
8:30 Registration, coffee, networking.  
9:00 Official opening of the Seminar by Teramo University and Maiella National Park.  

9.30 Keynote Session I.  
Advanced in wildlife health and conservation medicine.  

Keynote lecture. A. Alonso Aguirre (Chair and Professor of the Department of Environmental Science and Policy, College of Science, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, USA)  
Conservation Medics and Planetary Doctors: Transdisciplinary Teams Addressing Zoonotic Disease Emergence, Global Environmental Change, and Biodiversity Loss.  

Contributed talks  
11.30 Assessing the effectiveness of combined vaccination and immunocontraception strategies in reducing Canine Distemper Virus prevalence in free-roaming and African Wild Dogs.  
Freya Saulsbury Martin - University of Leeds, United Kingdom.  
11.50 Coffee break / Poster session.  
12.20 Importance of passive surveillance and existence of expert network for a correct ecological and epidemiological approach in wildlife: the example of Golden Jackal (Canis aureus) in Piacenza Province.  
Chiara Anna Garbarino - Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell’Emilia-Romagna, Italy.
12.40. *Listeria monocytogenes* passive surveillance and strain characterization in wolves. Maria Elisabetta De Angelis – Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell’Abruzzo e del Molise, Italy.

13.00. Synthesis and discussion.

13.15. Lunch break.

14.45 **Keynote Session 2.**

Advanced in wildlife health and conservation medicine.

- **Keynote lecture.** Jorge Ramon Lopez Olvera (Professor of the Department of Animal Medicine and Surgery, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Bellaterra – Barcelona, Spain)

  Wildlife live trapping for research and conservation. The opportunity to advance in Conservation Medicine, the responsibility of animal welfare.

**Contributed talks**


17.10. Serological investigation about *Treponema paraluisleporidum* ecovar Iepus in Northern Italy. Tiziana Trogu – Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell’Emilia-Romagna, Italy.

17.30. Veterinary forensic medicine in the fight against poaching: the case of the Northern bald ibis (*Geronticus eremita*) in Italy. Francesca Maccagnan – Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale del Lazio e della Toscana, Italy.

17.50. Unusual serotypes of *Salmonella enterica* subsp. enterica isolated in terrestrial tortoises in the Emilia Romagna Region, Italy. Tiziana Trogu – Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell’Emilia-Romagna, Italy.

18.10. Vasectomy in captive deer (*Cervus elaphus*) as management tool of non-releasable wildlife. Annalisa Rizzo – University of Bari, Italy.

18.30. Synthesis and discussion. – Poster session.

19.00. End of the day 1.
Friday 17th

9.00 Keynote Session 2.
Infectious and parasitic diseases. perspectives in ecosystem health, environmental change and human-wildlife interface.

Keynote lecture. James D. Forester (Associate Professor Institute on the Environment - Dept. Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology University of Minnesota, USA)
Fragments of spread: interactions between landscape structure and animal behavior shape wildlife disease dynamics.

Contributed talks

10.30. Contribution to the study of wildlife’s place in western societies: overview of the situation and ethical analysis.
Manon Moullec – VetAgro Sup Campus Veterinaire, France

10.50. Wildlife poisoning in Abruzzo region (Italy) during 2011-2020 period.
Pietro Badagliacca – Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell’Abruzzo e del Molise, Italy.

11.10. Coffee break / Poster session.

Anastasia Komnenou – University of Ioannina, Greece.

12.00. Influenza virus in wild ducks and a wild-livestock ecosystem characterization.
Liliana Gaytán Cruz – University of Mexico.

12.20. First detection of Avian Metapneumovirus subtype c in a Eurasian Wigeon (Mareca penelope) wintering in Northeast Italy.
Giulia Graziosi – University of Bologna, Italy.

12.40. Epidemiological survey of tick-borne zoonotic pathogens in Ixodes ticks from migratory birds flying through Eastern Alps, Italy.
Laura Grassi – University of Padua, Italy.

13.00. Antibodies against Tick-borne Encephalitis Virus in wild ungulates from North-Eastern Italy: preliminary study.
Maria Luisa Menandra University of Padua, Italy.

13.20. Lunch break.

Alessandro Bianchi – Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell’Emilia-Romagna, Italy.

15.10. Effects of climate change on the distribution of a conservation interest species in two possible future scenarios: the case of Meadow viper (Vipera ursini) in Central Apennines.
Lorenzo Liberatore – Italy.
Alessandra Cornacchia – Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell’Abruzzo e del Molise, Italy.

15.50. Exposure to Mycobacterium avium subsp. paratuberculosis in alpine pastures: evaluation of cattle and red deer contribution through environmental faecal samples.
Chiara Anna Gambarino – Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell’Emilia-Romagna, Italy.

16.10. Emerging resistance profiles in bacterial strains from wild and domestic ruminants in Central Italy.
Camilla Smoglica – University of Teramo, Italy.

16.30. Discussion and seminar roundup.

17.00. Closing ceremony.

Please refer to the conference website at: [www.conservationmedicineseminar.it](http://www.conservationmedicineseminar.it) for further information on the seminar, venue and post-seminar tour in Maiella National Park.

You may also contact the organizers at info@conservationmedicineseminar.it in case of further questions.

**KEY DATES**

29th May, 2022: Deadline for seminar registration

THE REGISTRATION IS FREE (0 EUR registration fee).

We look forward to welcoming you in Teramo and in Maiella National Park!

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