

8TH MARINE MAMMAL NECROPSY WORKSHOP:

SPECIAL ISSUE ON NECROPSY AND SAMPLINGS

A marine mammal necropsy workshop is organized by the Department of Veterinary Pathology (University of Liege, Belgium), UMS Pelagis (University of La Rochelle, France) and the Laboratory of Applied Bioacoustics LAB (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain). The session will be held at the Veterinary College on the Sart Tilman campus (Liège, Belgium) on June 30 and July 1, 2014. During the workshop, 20 marine mammals, mostly harbor porpoises and harbor seals will be extensively necropsied and sampled, based on a standard procedure (Proceedings of the first European Cetacean Society workshop on cetacean pathology: dissection techniques and tissue sampling. ECS Newsletter #17 special issue: 1991, 39 p. by Kuiken T. and Garcia Hartmann M.) adapted in previous European Cetacean Society necropsy workshops. An updated protocol will be available at the beginning of the 2-day workshop. A special attention will be the extraction and fixation (injection) of the inner ear. A morning session will be devoted to main lesions, and dissection and sampling procedures (Jauniaux T.), another one will be reserved for acoustics and inner ear extraction and fixation (André M.); afternoons will be dedicated to necropsies, mostly harbor porpoises. The number of attendees is limited to 20, in order to pair off participants under the supervision of a veterinary pathologist and specialists of the inner ear dissection.

Participation :

The workshop is open to scientists (post-graduate students and specialists) in biology, toxicology, veterinary medicine involved in marine mammal research, with a maximum of 20 participants. Necropsy and sampling equipment will be available and rubber boots, latex gloves and adequate laboratory coats will be provided.

Aims :

The aim of the workshop is to improve the participants' proficiency in:

- (1) dissection and sampling procedures on marine mammals mostly cetaceans,
- (2) anatomy and gross pathology of marine mammals;

(3) skull morphology, extraction and fixation of the cetacean inner ear.

Participants are encouraged to collect samples for their own investigations following the Belgian Marine Mammals Biobank agreement (see on www.marinemammals.be).

Language :

English

Fees :

Registration fees are 100 euros, including necropsy equipment and protective clothes, documentation (updated necropsy protocol, emphasizing on the inner ear dissection and fixation) and coffee breaks. Payment will be done directly the first day. Attests (payment and participation) will be sent on request.

Participants can have lunch at the faculty restaurant (2 minutes walking from the department) for the two days (possibilities of sandwich, salad bar, buffet).

A dinner will be organized on June 30 with possibility of vegetarian meals. Please confirm your participation at the dinner and specify your preference for vegetarian or not-vegetarian meals.

Hotel accommodations should be organized by participants at their own charge. There is the Georges Simenon youth hostel (<http://www.laj.be/presentation,304?lang=en>) as well as other cheap hotels in the Liege city center. Sart Tilman campus is easily accessible from the town and the main train station (Guillemin's station) with bus 48. Near the campus (Boncelles town), there is an Ibis hotel (<http://www.ibishotel.com/gb/hotel-3533-ibis-liege-seraing/index.shtml>), 30 min. walking from the veterinary college. See also: <http://liege.europeancetaceansociety.eu/conference/travel-and-accommodation>.

Location :

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See maps and access description on <http://www2.ulg.ac.be/acces/plans/autoroutes.html> (unfortunately only French version available). Please contact T. Jauniaux for further details

(necropsyworkshop@ulg.ac.be). Further, a list of participants will be joined for people willing to travel together. Could you send your travel details (train, car, airplane) and expected schedule to necropsyworkshop@ulg.ac.be.

Programme:

Monday June 30	Tuesday July 1
9h30: registration and coffee break	9h00: gross pathology
10h00: lecture and necropsy demonstration	11h00: coffee break
12h30: lunch	11h20: inner ear morphology, extraction and fixation protocol
14h00-18h00: necropsy	12h00: lunch
19h30: Belgian dinner	13h30: necropsy and head dissection
	17h00: closing discussion

Registration :

Deadline for registration is June 10, 2014 by email to necropsyworkshop@ulg.ac.be with name, institution name and address. Authorization of the supervisor is necessary for students, as well as filled in and signed agreement for tissues bank if needed.

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