

12TH 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), the Laboratory of Applied Bioacoustics LAB (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain) and the UMS Pelagis, Centre de Recherche sur les Mammifères Marins (University of La Rochelle, France). The session will be held at the Veterinary College on the Sart Tilman campus (Liège, Belgium) on July 10, 11 and 12, 2018 and 20 marine mammals will be extensively necropsied and sampled, based on a standard procedure (European marine mammal necropsy procedure based on the proceeding 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. and adapted in previous European Cetacean Society necropsy workshops). A special attention will be the extraction and fixation (injection) of the cetacean inner ear. A morning session will be devoted to dissection, sampling and tissues banking procedures, another one will be reserved for acoustics and inner ear extraction and fixation; afternoons will be dedicated to necropsies, mostly seals and 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. If possible, a porpoise will be CT-scanned.

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,
- (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 (but possible explanations in French)

Fees:

Registration fees are 180 euro, 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 in advance directly on the University bank account (an invoice will be send after your confirmation of participation). 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 3 days (possibilities of sandwich, salad bar, buffet).

A dinner will be organized on July 10 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, 30 min. walk from the veterinary college, 5 min. by car.

Location :

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See maps and access description on

https://www.campus.uliege.be/cms/c_9038334/en/access-and-maps.

Please contact T. Jauniaux for further details (t.jauniaux@uliege.be).

Programme :

July 10	July 11	July 12
9h30: registration and coffee break	9h00: gross pathology 1	9h00: gross pathology 2 or porpoise CT scan
10h00: necropsy demonstration	11h00: coffee break	11h00: coffee break
12h30: lunch	11h20: inner ear morphology, extraction and fixation	11h20-12h30: necropsy
14h00-18h00: necropsy	12h30: lunch	12h30: lunch
19h30: Belgian dinner	14h00: necropsy and head dissection	14h00: end of necropsy

Registration :

Deadline for registration is June 11, 2018 by email to Anne WLASOWSKI

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