

LIFE WOLFALPS EU

FINAL EVENT

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

17-18 MAY 2024



FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024. ITAS FORUM, TRENTO, ITALY

CONFERENCE AGENDA

14:00 – 14:30

Greetings and conference opening

14:30 – 14:45

Coexistence in a LIFE perspective

Anita Fassio (CINEA)

14:45 - 15:00

EU policy for wolf conservation and coexistence

Andrea Vettori (Head of Unit ENV D.3 Nature Conservation – European Commission, DG Environment)

15:00 – 15:30

Local stakeholder EU platforms on large carnivores: lessons learned

Valeria Salvatori (IEA – Institute of Applied Ecology, Italy)

15:30 – 15:45

The LIFE WolfAlps EU project: past present and future

Francesca Marucco (DBIOS, University of Torino, Italy)

15:45 – 16:30

Transboundary Monitoring of the Wolf Alpine Population over 21 years and 7 countries

Francesca Marucco (DBIOS, University of Torino, Italy), Nolwenn Drouet-Hoguet and Christophe Duchamp (OFB-French Biodiversity Agency, France), Hubert Potočnik (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia), Elisa Avanzinelli (Maritime Alps Protected Areas, Italy), Theresa Walter and Felix Knauer (University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, Austria), Ilka Reinhardt (LUPUS Institute, Germany), Fridolin Zimmermann (KORA, Switzerland)

> COFFEE BREAK <

16:50 – 17:30

From emergency to collaboration – steps towards a better damage prevention system

Rok Černe (SFS-Slovenia Forest Service), Arianna Menzano (Maritime Alps Protected Areas, Italy), Ricardo Simon (OFB-French Biodiversity Agency, France), Alice Buhagiar (AREC HBLFA Raumberg-Gumpenstein, Austria)

17:30 – 18:10

Evaluating the Relationship between Humans, Wolves and Prey: A Coordinated Study across 3 Countries

Ricardo Simon (OFB-French Biodiversity Agency, France), Nives Pagon (SFS-Slovenia Forest Service, Slovenia), Valentina Ruco (DBIOS, University of Torino, Italy) and Luca Corlatti (Stelvio National Park, ERSAF, Italy)

SPECIAL EVENING EVENT. MUSE – SCIENCE MUSEUM, TRENTO

20:45 – 23:00

Yellowstone Wolves: Science, management and Coexistence in the World's First National Park

Douglas Smith (Senior wildlife biologist, Yellowstone National Park, USA) and Luigi Boitani (La Sapienza, University of Rome and LCIE - Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe)

SATURDAY 18 MAY 2024. ITAS FORUM, TRENTO

CONFERENCE AGENDA

9:00 – 9:30

Wolf conservation and management in Italy: addressing current realities and navigating new challenges for coexistence with humans

Piero Genovesi and Paola Aragno (ISPRA – Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research, Italy)

9:30 – 9:40

Activities related to large carnivores within Alpine Convention – WISO working group

Rok Černe (SFS-Slovenia Forest Service, Slovenia)

10:00 – 10:20

Wolf-dog hybridization in the Italian Alpine Regions: new challenges, lessons learned in LWA-EU and issues

Serena Perrone (University of Torino, Italy), Giovanni Maceli (Liguria Region, Italy), Iolanda Russo (Piedmontese Apennines Protected Areas, Italy), Luca Giunti (Cottian Alps Protected Areas, Italy)

> COFFEE BREAK <

10:50 – 11:20

Illegal Poisoning: activities and tools to fight against this environmental crime with an international approach

Giancarlo Papitto (Arma dei Carabinieri – Command for Biodiversity and Parks Protection, Italy) Theresa Walter (University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, Austria)

11:20 – 11:50

A human shield protects golden jackals from wolves in their expansion across Europe

Nathan Ranc (French National Institute for Agriculture, Food, and Environment INRAE, France) and Miha Krofel (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)

11:50 – 12:30

Preventing the extinction of the Dinaric lynx population and creation of a stepping stone population in the Alps

Anja Molinari (KORA-Switzerland) Rok Černe (SFS-Slovenia Forest Service, Slovenia)

12:30 – 13:00

Wild steps: turning large carnivores into resources for ecotourism

Irene Borgna (Maritime Alps Protected, Italy), Elisabetta Rossi (Lombardia Region, Italy) Irena Kavčič (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)

> LUNCH BREAK <

14:00 – 14:50

The challenge of coexistence, an international look at policy and capacity

Alexandra Zimmermann (HWCC IUCN SPECIALIST GROUP and Oxford University, UK)

14:50 – 15:30

Experience compared: The Life Boreal Wolf project in Finland

Madeleine Nyman (Natural Resources Institute Finland Luke, Finland), Mari Lily (Finnish Wildlife Agency, Finland) and Lina Ala-Kurikka (Natural Resources Institute Finland Luke, Finland)

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16:00 – 16:20

Exploring the imperative for stakeholder engagement in wolf management and conservation

Aleksandra Majič Skrbinšek (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)

16:20 – 17:10

Communicating Coexistence: from Outreach to Public Involvement

Laura Scillitani (MUSE – Science museum of Trento, Italy), Marta De Biaggi (Maritime Alps Protected Areas, Italy), Maja Sever (SFS-Slovenia Forest Service, Slovenia), Giulia Bombieri (MUSE -Science museum of Trento, Italy), Anna Crimella (Eliante onlus and Lombardia Region, Italy), Anna Sustersic (ERSAF, Italy)

17:10 – 17:50

Promoting Coexistence Through Education and the Young Ranger program

Marta De Biaggi (Maritime Alps Protected Areas, Italy), Irene Borgna (Maritime Alps Protected Areas, Italy), Laura Scillitani (MUSE -Science museum of Trento, Italy), Vesna Mihelič Oražem (SFS-Slovenia Forest Service, Slovenia), Rachel Berzin (Mercantour National Park, France), Manca Velkavrh (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia), Sabina Colturi and Elisa Iacona (Stelvio National Park, ERSAF, Italy)

17:50 – 18:30

Conference wrap-up: conclusions and discussion



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