

22 June 2022 15th IOC Tentative program

REMEMBER: posters will be on screen /online/downloadable

SUNDAY 18 SEPT

15:00 – 19.00 Registration and welcome cocktail

MONDAY 19 SEPT

9:00 *Opening ceremony* (local authorities, OSG chairs, France Ministry of environment, Fondation PAII Fondation Monaco, PN Mercantour, PR Alpi Marittime, etc)
Parco Marittimo: Valentina Ruco

9:30-10:00 *Opening speech: Nicole Duplaix & Anna Loy: Empowering Communities*

Otters and communities (Chair: *To be announced*)

10:30-11:10 Jamie Copsey: *Conservation planning and communities: The keys to success*

10:30-11:00 Myriam Aarras (Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco) - *The Human-Wildlife Initiative projects*

11:00-11:30 Sanjan Tapa - (Nepal) *On otters and communities*

11:30-12:00 Megan Isadore (USA)- *10 years of community otter outreach*

12:00-12:30 *To be announced*

12:30-13:00 *Angela Yang - HOW TO develop continental programs involving communities with otter research in Africa and Asia*

13:00-14:30 LUNCH

Threats, conflicts and mitigations (Chair: Nicole Duplaix, Will Duckworth)

14:30-14:50 Alexandra Zimmermann: *To be announced*

14:50-15:10 Tom Serfass – *Re-introductions and otter trapping in the USA, a review*

15:10-15:30 Nathalie De Lacoste (SFEPM) Stéphane Raymond *Conflict mitigation with French fish farmers*

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-16:20 Andreas Kranz – *Impact of otter culling on fish communities (Austria example)*

16:20-16:40 *To be announced* - Singapore - "A city of otters"

TUESDAY 20 SEPT

Otters across borders: transnational strategies (Chair Melissa Savage, Katrina Fernandez)

9:00-9:20 **Melissa Savage.** *The Himalayan Otter Network - Action plans being a key towards community engagement*

9:20-9:40 Katrina Fernandez. *The Firelight project -Indian subcontinent*

9:40-10:00 Caterina Ferrari: *Promoting the return of otters in the Alps*

10:00-10:20 Caroline Leuchtenberg: *Giant otter reintroduction in Argentina, from ex-situ to in-situ.*

10:20- 11:00 Coffee break

Red and Green Lists assessment (Chair: Syed Hussain , Anna Loy)

11:00 – 11:20 Syed Hussain *The Red List of otters: new assessment tools*

11:20-11:40 Anna Loy *The Green List of otters*

11:40-12:30 Breakout rooms **with continental and species coordinators**

12:30-14:00 LUNCH

Otter trade (Chair: Nicole Duplaix)

14:00-14:30 Nicole Duplaix and Paul Todd. *Does CITES stop the illegal otter trade?*

14:30-15:00 Yumi - *otter cafes - illegal trade in Japan and Asia*

15:30-16:30 /Breakout rooms: *Workshop on illegal otter trade: monitoring and enforcement*

16:30-17:30 Reconvene for conclusions

After dinner every night

Movie time!

WEDNESDAY 21 SEPT

Action Plans and Strategies (Chair: *To be announced*)

9:00-09:20 Nicole/Gonzalo: *Expanding action plans from national to international strategies*

9:20-9:40 Veronique Barthelemy/ Christian Arthur: *The new French Eurasian otter action plan 2019-2028.*

9:40-10:00 Anna Loy and Nicole Duplaix. *OSG conservation targets fro the next quadriennium and the SIS database*

10:00- 10:30 Coffee break

10:30-11:30/ Breakout rooms: *Workshop on national action plans/SSC targets /mitigation success/local conflict resolution*

11:30-12:30 Reconvene for discussions and conclusions

12:30-14:30 LUNCH

14:30 -17:00 Half day tour of the Roja Valley and Mercantour National Park (guided tour)

20:00 Social dinner and silent auction

THURSDAY 22 SEPT

Captive breeding and zoos (Chairs: Karin Schwartz and Aude Desmoulins)

9:00-9:30 *To be announced*

9:30-9:40 Aude Desmoulins - *EAZA: new TAG Action Plan/Regional Collection Plan for otters*

9:40-10:00 Tim Schikora - *Giant otters: Genetic planning on three continents*

10:00- 10:30 Coffee break

10:30-10:40 Jason Palmer: *Studbooks - example of the ASCO studbook. Problems of large otter zoo populations*

10:40-11:00 Angela Yang - the *role zoos can play in otter conservation*

11:00-11:20 Shawn Larson - *Sea otters*

11:20-11:40 Pablo Hernandez: *Otters in Central America*

11:40-12:00 *To be announced: The four otter species of South America*

12:00 -12:30 Trevor McIntyre and Chabi Djagoun: *Otter conservation planning in Africa*

12:30-14:30 LUNCH

Advanced techniques for otter monitoring (Chair Anna Loy)

14:00-14:20 Pushpinder S. Jamwal - *eDNA otter monitoring in the Himalayas*

14:20-14:40 Nicole Duplaix - *Identifying otter spraint, and otter species in camera trap photos*

15:00- 15:30 Coffee break

15:30-15:50 Benaya Leles: *10-year research on giant otters in Cantão, Brazil*

15:50-17:00 *Dog scent training* - Chiara Zorzetto (Margherita proposes her) and her dog! We could have a fun "hide the spraint" session with the dog in the camping

FRIDAY 23 SEPT

9:00-12:00 Session leaders discuss Congress highlights. Where do we go from here? Facilitating community partnerships through conservation planning.

12:00-12:30 Final recommendations and closing ceremony (Nicole Duplaix and Anna Loy)

12:30-14:30 LUNCH

Afternoon Leave for post congress tour to Gran Paradiso NP