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Organize the

2nd EUROPEAN RACCOON COLLOQUIUM

18-20 April 2024

Teatro degli Antei
Pratovecchio Stia (AR) - Italy

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The Organizing Committee is pleased to invite you to the II European Raccoon Meeting, which will be held on 18-20 April 2024 in Pratovecchio Stia - Italy.

EURORACCOON is an open, collaborative project aiming to bring together researchers and managers working on raccoons at the European scale, covering all aspects of the raccoon ecology (general ecology, parasitology and infectious diseases, genetics and genomics, spatial ecology, management tools, and strategies). The overall goal of EURORACCOON is to develop evidenced-based management of this highly invasive alien species.

The raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) is a highly invasive alien species colonizing most of the Western Europe. Highly adaptable and plastic, the raccoon has expanded in all habitats, including urban ones. The raccoon is putatively involved in threats toward biodiversity, especially due to interspecific interference competition and predation, but is also involved in likely zoonotic diseases. It is listed as an invasive alien species of European concern following the EU Regulation 1143/2014. Careful attention must be paid toward its expansion, its effects on biodiversity and humans. Acquiring specific knowledge on all the aspects of its ecology is mandatory to allow ecologists and managers going toward a more comprehensive view on its effects and risks to build evidenced-based management measures across the distribution area of the raccoon in Europe.

THE MEETING IS SPONSORED BY



PROGRAM*

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

08:30 – 09:30 Registration of participants

9:30 -09:45 Welcome and opening remarks

BIOLOGY AND GENERAL ECOLOGY

Keynote speaker

Free communications

09:45 – 11:15

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

IMPACT AND MANAGEMENT

Keynote speaker

Free communications

11:30 – 13:00

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

GENETICS AND GENOMICS

Keynote speaker

Free communications

14:30 – 16:00

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break and poster session

WORKING GROUPS MEETING

16:30 – 18:30

20:00 – 23:00 Colloquium dinner

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

PARASITOLOGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Keynote speaker

Free communications

09:30 – 11:15

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

DATA MANAGEMENT IN EUROMAMMALS

Keynote speaker

Data curator

Free communications

11:30 – 13:00

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

WORKING GROUPS MEETING

14:30 – 16:30

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break and poster session

BRAINSTORMING AND CONCLUSIONS

17:00 – 18:00

* The order and timing of the sessions may vary depending on the number of contributions

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Field trip in the “Foreste Casentinesi National Park”

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Talks will be given in the Teatro degli Antei in Pratovecchio Stia (AR), Italy
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/UbNDom4vSG11vnVF7>



- Coffee breaks and poster session will be held in Sala del Podestà room, next to theater.

- Lunches will be held in Restaurant "I 4 Cantoni" which is located 5 minutes by foot from the theater.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@43.7864254,11.719827,30m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu>



- Social dinner will be held in a beautiful event room next to the “Museo dell’Arte della Lana” (Stia) with a catering service.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@43.8021393,11.7080432,141m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu>



Full information for the venue are given on the colloquium website (<https://euromammals.org/euroraccoon/>) but are remembered below:

How to get to Pratovecchio Stia:



BY AIRPLANE

Nearest airports are: Pisa, Florence, Bologna and Rome



BY BUS

from Florence: Linea diretta Etruria Mobilità per il Casentino

<https://www.sitabus.it/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Florence-Bibbiena-SI90-feriale-.pdf>



BY TRAIN

from Arezzo: Linea T.F.T. Arezzo-Stia > [TIMETABLE:](#)

<https://www.trasportoferroviariotoscano.it/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/ORARIO-DEI-TRENI-LINEA-AREZZO-PTIA-VALIDO-DAL-15-SETTEMBRE.pdf>

One month before the event, the logistical information of the participants will be collected to try to coordinate collective travel

Accommodations:



It is recommended to book as soon as possible to ensure accommodation availability.

Here below there are some suggestions, but many other apartments are available on:

<https://www.booking.com/> and <https://www.airbnb.it/>

By Foot

(For the places located in Stia, the distance from the theater is 1,5-2 km)

B&B Casa Landino	Piazza Jacopo Landino, 31, 52015 Pratovecchio AR	3803285509	http://www.parks.it/bab/casa.landino/
Il caminetto B&B	Piazza Paolo Uccello, 39, 52015 Pratovecchio AR	3386822378	
Villa Pratovecchio	Via di Pancaldi, 27, 52015 Pratovecchio AR		https://www.posarellivillas.com/italy/tuscany/stia/95493?utm_source=click&utm_medium=gmb
Il Nido nel Borgo di Pratovecchio	Via Garibaldi, Pratovecchio AR		https://www.bluepillow.it/search?pid=589df9b67c00cb10c8da9b8b&dest=bpvr&cat=House&accomodationids=62175b30a7239796806f916b
Albergo Falterona	Piazza Bernardo Tanucci 85, 52017 Stia, Italia	05751890138	https://www.albergofalterona.com/
Boutique Hotel Via Roma 33 -Tuscany Experience	Via Roma 33, Pratovecchio Stia, 52015 Stia, Italia	0575454156	http://www.viaroma33.com/
L'Ospitale dei Brillì	Via Adamo Ricci, 1, 52017 Stia AR	0575583108	https://www.lospitaledeibrilli.it/
La Guardia B&B	Piazza Bernardo Tanucci, 59, 52017 Stia AR	3470180074	http://www.bblaguardia.it/
Nobilia Dimore - Suite & Spa	Via Adamo Ricci, 15, 52015 Stia AR	3348206236	http://www.nobiliadimore.it/

By Local Train/Car

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	WEB SITE
Hotel Ristorante La Torricella	Località, Via Torricella, 14, 52014 Poppi AR	0575527045	http://www.latorricella.com/
Parc Hotel	Via Roma, 214, 52014 Poppi AR	0575529994	http://www.parchotel.it/
Albergo San Lorenzo	Piazza Jacopo Bordoni, 2, 52014 Poppi AR	0575520176	http://www.sanlorenzopoppi.com/

Train stations

Stia

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Stia/@43.795268,11.7118706,17z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x132b9ffdbc522be9:0xba4951a11b55a4c7!8m2!3d43.7952642!4d11.7144455!16s%2Fg%2F1tf09srf?entry=ttu>

Poppi

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Poppi/@43.7303451,11.7653742,475m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m6!3m5!1s0x132b9ec392e97529:0xa71849052c5a4328!8m2!3d43.7303413!4d11.7679491!16s%2Fg%2F1tj4q1qzentry=ttu>

Pratovecchio

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Pratovecchio/@43.7879122,11.7230263,119m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m6!3m5!1s0x132b9fe5c446a97d:0xd8d85463eb251a6b!8m2!3d43.7878551!4d11.7229533!16s%2Fg%2F1tcv3kg5?entry=ttu>

Pratovecchio train station is 350 m from the theater.

TIMING AND COSTS

HOW TO REGISTER

The meeting will host a **maximum of 100 people**. It is possible to register by **February 29th** by filling out the form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvlMHcz76DIr02xs--bHwf4Lv--nKz6DbAMTGQdXH7sCR5jQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

At the end of the form it is necessary to attach the payment receipt.

Payment

The Organizing Committee will cover most of the costs of organizing the meeting. Participants are required to make a contribution of 50 € to reimburse food costs.

Payment must be made by bank transfer to:

G.E.A.- GESTIONE, EDUCAZIONE, AMBIENTE SOCIETA' COOPERATIVA

Bank: Banca di Anghiari e Stia Credito Cooperativo S.C.

IBAN code: IT70L0834505458000000003977

BIC SWIFT: ICRAITRR9L0

With the following reason for payment: "Name and Surname – II EURORACCOON MEETING".

Submission of contributions (abstracts)

Participants are invited to send one or more original scientific contributions in the form of abstracts to the address: geascoop@gmail.com by 31 January 2024, specifying:

- Type of contribution: poster or oral communication
- Session you intend to contribute to
 - GENERAL ECOLOGY
 - MANAGEMENT
 - GENETICS AND GENOMICS
 - PARASITOLOGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE

ABSTRACT PREPARATION

Before starting the submission process, prepare the text of the abstract, in ENGLISH, as a document in DOC, DOCX or RTF format, set up as follows:

- an A4 façade with the following margins:
 - top 2.5 cm
 - Bottom 2 cm
 - left 2 cm
 - right 2 cm
- title in Times New Roman font, centered 12 caps body;
- authors (surname followed by first initial) in Times New Roman font, body 11 capital centered;
- addresses and affiliations in Times New Roman font, body 10, centered single-spaced;
- Times New Roman font text, body 10, justified, single-spaced; It must not include bibliographic citations, tables and figures. The text should be divided into three sections **Introduction, Material and Methods, Results and Discussion**, and each section will be preceded by its title, in Times New Roman font, body 10 and bold, which must occupy an entire line.

The text, complete with title, authors, and affiliations, must not exceed one side.

Abstracts that do not comply with the editorial rules will not be accepted.

In the event of an excess in the number of contributions proposed as oral communication compared to the time available, the Organizing and Scientific Committee reserves the right to select the proposals on the basis of the abstracts received and to allow the presentation in the form of posters of the excess contributions not admitted as communications.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONGRESS

The proceedings of the meeting will be published on the website

<https://euromammals.org/euroraccoon/>