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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.

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PROGRAM*

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

08:30 – 09:30 Registration of participants

09:30 – 09:50 Welcome and opening remarks

Luca Santini, president of Foreste Casentinesi National Park and Federparchi

Nicolò Caleri, mayor of Pratovecchio Stia municipality

Marco Ferretti, Regione Toscana

Marco Mencucci, Reparto Carabinieri Parco Foreste Casentinesi

Paola Ciampelli, Reparto Carabinieri per la Biodiversità di Pratovecchio

BIOLOGY AND GENERAL ECOLOGY

Keynote speaker

Piero Genovesi – ISPRA

Understanding biological invasions: impacts, trends, regulations and management responses, with a focus on the northern raccoon

09:50 – 10:20

Free communications

Chairman: Valentina La Morgia - ISPRA

10:20 – 11:00

Mori E. et al. Northern raccoon in central Italy: a story of escapes and expansions

Mazza G. et al. Annual activity rhythms of the northern raccoon in central Italy assessed through camera-trapping

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

Free communications

11:30 – 12:30

Gautrelet M. et al. Analysis of invasive northern raccoon diet composition in France using metabarcoding

Baranowska W. et al. Differences in numbers of raccoon *Procyon lotor* in two adjacent NATURA 2000 sites in central Poland

Bartoszewicz M. et al. Ecology of raccoon from western Poland during early invasion stages

12.30 – 14:00 Lunch break

GENETICS AND GENOMICS

Free communications

Chairman: Emiliano Mori – CNR Iret

14:00 – 14:40

Portanier E. et al. Landscape genomics of hexagonal France raccoons and applications to their management

Lorenzini R. et al. The origin of raccoons in central Italy revealed by DNA markers in the aftermath of a forensic case

DATA MANAGEMENT IN EUROMAMMALS

14:40 – 16:00

Francesca Cagnacci - Fondazione Edmund Mach

Paola Semenzato - D.R.E.AM. Italia

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

WORKING GROUPS MEETING – PAGERS

16:30 – 18:00

20:00 – 23:00 Colloquium dinner

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

IMPACT AND MANAGEMENT

Free communications

Chairman: Giuseppe Mazza - CREA

9:00 – 11:00

Carnevali L. et al. The raccoon in Italy: present, future and the national management plan

Bianchi G. et al. Monitoring and capture of raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) in Casentino valley, Tuscany, Italy

Morbidelli M. et al. The North American raccoon threatens the native freshwater crayfish in Foreste Casentinesi National Park (Central Italy)

Ciepliński M. et al. Too little, too late, too slow. Reducing the population number of the invasive raccoon in Poland

Kettwig, M. et al. Fine-scale space utilization of raccoons near breeding and spawning grounds of rare species

Franziska et al. Remote monitoring of live traps: Improving animal welfare by reducing the animals time in the trap

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

PARASITOLOGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Keynote speaker

Paolo Tizzani – WOHA

Role of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) in Global Wildlife Disease Surveillance

11:30 – 11:50

Free communications

Chairman: Carlo Citterio - SIEF

11:50 – 12:30

Franz A. et al. Spread of the raccoon roundworm *Baylisascaris procyonis* into naive raccoon populations

Lombardo A. et al. Integrated surveillance of *Baylisascaris procyonis* infection in the Arezzo Province (Tuscany, Italy)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

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14:00 – 16:00

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

BRAINSTORMING AND CONCLUSIONS

Chairman: Sebastien Devillard – LBBE

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Valentina La Morgia (ISPRA)

Emiliano Mori (CNR- IRET)

Giuseppe Mazza (CREA-DC)

16:30 – 18:00

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 – 16:00 Field trip in the “Foreste Casentinesi National Park”. Camaldoli, Poppi (AR).

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/s7hBSDR9WApnJgcZ8>

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=tu>



- 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/2023/12/ORARIO-LINEA-AREZZO-PSTIA-VALIDO-DAL-10-DICEMBRE.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.bblguardia.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 **March 10th** by filling out the form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvIMHcz76DIr02xs--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".

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONGRESS

The proceedings of the meeting will be published on the website

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