



INVITATION



The 10th Danish Marine Mammal Symposium

Marine Mammals - from species to management units

April 19th – 20th 2013

Natural History Museum of Denmark

Øster Voldgade 5 – 7

Copenhagen

The Danish Marine Mammal Symposium is an annual event convened by Dansk Havpattedyrforening – the Danish Marine Mammal Society. Marine mammal research in Denmark exhibits growing activity and great diversity with groups working within disciplines such as behaviour, acoustics, communication, morphology, population biology, ecology, genetics, evolution, systematics and nomenclature. As such, the symposium comprises an ideal setting for learning more about marine mammal research, meeting researchers, educators, students and managers, and to get inspiration and contacts for e.g. thesis projects. In short, for anyone interested in marine mammals, this venue is the very place to gather!

The year 2013 marks the 10th Danish Marine Mammal Symposium and we have now decided to change to English as the main language in order to broaden the interest and give room for the increasing number of international students in Denmark. At the same time we hope to deliver once more a scientific venue with high quality presentations and of course to provide an exquisite social programme.

The theme of this year's symposium is "**Marine mammals – from species to management units**". Like all living creatures, marine mammals have traditionally been described and categorised primarily according to their morphology. However, within the past decades, the arrival of new and often better methods for studying and monitoring marine mammals has brought about a wealth of information about marine mammal biology and evolution, adding to and/or questioning traditional descriptions and categories. New species are described while others are lumped together, species are split into eco-types or subspecies, and new definitions are put forward for populations and management units. The aim of the symposium is to present these new tools and findings, and discuss the theoretical and practical aspects of their use and impact on studying, monitoring and managing marine mammals.

We look forward to see you in Copenhagen in April 2013!

Best regards from the board of the Danish Marine Mammal Society



When

The symposium starts on Friday April 19th at 10.00 and ends on Saturday April 20th at 16.00.

Where

Natural History Museum of Denmark, Geologisk Museum, Øster Voldgade 5 – 7, Copenhagen.

Registration and price

Registration is done by sending an email to info@havpattedyr.dk AND paying the symposium fee to Dansk Havpattedyrforening's account (Reg.: 8401; Konto: 1053125). Remember to write your name in the subject field.

The fee includes:

- 1-year membership of the society
- Abstract book
- Lunch Friday and Saturday
- Coffee, tea, cake and fruit

Registration category	Before March 15 th 2013	After March 15 th 2013
Symposium	400DKK	500DKK
Symposium and dinner/party Friday evening	600DKK	700DKK
Students (not PhD) presenting at the symposium	250 DKK (450 DKK incl. dinner)	-

Unfortunately, we cannot refund the fee on cancellations made after April 1st 2013.

Abstract submission

Abstracts can be submitted for both talks and poster presentations. To ensure a diverse and entertaining program, abstracts may not only describe completed scientific studies, but also preliminary results and interesting observations of more anecdotal character.

All accepted abstracts will be printed in the symposium program. Please follow these guidelines for preparing your abstract:

- It should be written in English and contain a description of aims and main conclusions.
- It should include names and affiliations of all authors.
- It must fit on a single A4-page.
- Margins should be set at 3 cm in left and right side of the page, and 2.5 cm in top and bottom.
- Font should be "Arial" size 12 for text, size 16 for title, and size 10 for figure text.

Please submit your abstract as a pdf or word-file to info@havpattedyr.dk no later than February 15th 2013. Answer will be given on March 1st 2013.

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