



INVITATION



The 11th Danish Marine Mammal Symposium “Marine Mammals and Fisheries Interactions”

March 21st-22th 2014
University of Southern Denmark
Odense

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 research 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, the Symposium is the very place to gather!

At the Danish Marine Mammal Symposium last year it was 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. Once more, we hope to deliver a scientific venue with high quality presentations and of course to provide an exquisite social programme. The annual general meeting will also be held in English.

The theme of this year's symposium is “**Marine Mammals and Fisheries Interactions**”. Marine mammals have a long history of interactions with fisheries – actually commencing when man set out to exploit the seas. These interactions are often negative for both the fishery and the marine mammals; however, positive interactions such as cooperative fishing have also been reported. The past decade's increase in seal abundance in Denmark have resulted in renewed seal-fisheries conflicts and led to public debates. The Danish Marine Mammal Society feels it is important to follow up on these issues and invite scientists, stakeholders and managers to sound their concerns at the Symposium. In addition, we hope to address issues such as accidental by-catch, diet, culling, management, economics, and population carrying capacity of marine mammals in general, also including porpoises, dolphins and whales. The Symposium seeks to present the newest scientific findings and knowledge of these interactions and discuss the theoretical and practical aspects of studying, monitoring and managing marine mammals. Importantly, although the focus is on marine mammals and fisheries interactions, we always encourage presentations and discussions on other aspects of marine mammal science.

We look forward to seeing you in Odense in March 2014!

The board of the Danish Marine Mammal Society



When

The symposium starts Friday March 21th at 10:00 and ends Saturday March 22th at 16:00.

Where

University of Southern Denmark, Campusvej 55, 5230 Odense M, Denmark
Lecture room "Gennemsigten 1" at entrance J

Registration and price

Registration is done by sending an email to info@havpattedyr.dk AND paying the symposium fee to the Danish Marine Mammal Society'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
- Dinner and party Friday evening (if you pay the extra fee)

Registration category	Before March 1 st 2014	After March 1 st 2014
Symposium	400 DKK	500 DKK
Symposium and dinner/party Friday evening	600 DKK	700 DKK
Symposium (Students)	150 DKK	250 DKK
Symposium and dinner/party Friday evening (Students)	350 DKK	450 DKK

Unfortunately, we cannot refund the fee on cancellations made after March 10th 2014.

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
- The title needs to reflect the study.
- It should include names and affiliations of all authors.
- It must fit on a single A4-page in word or pdf format

Please submit abstracts to info@havpattedyr.dk no later than February 15th 2014. Answer will be given before March 1st 2014.

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