

INVITATION

The 12th Danish Marine Mammal Symposium

April 24-25th 2015
Natural History Museum - Aarhus
Wilhelm Meyers Allé 210
Universitetsparken
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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 getting inspiration and contacts for further projects. In short, for anyone interested in marine mammals, this is the very place to gather!

The aim of the symposium is to present all the research presently being carried out primarily in Denmark and discuss the theoretical and practical aspects of its use and impact on studying, monitoring, and managing marine mammals. We seek for high quality presentations and to provide an entertaining social program. The symposium will be held in English for a broader reach out and to embrace the increasing number of international students and researchers in Denmark.

We are very fortunate to present as keynote speakers Professor Peter Teglberg Madsen from Aarhus University (Denmark) and Professor Peter L. Tyack from of St. Andrews University (Scotland) and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (US). Peter T. Madsen will be co-hosting this year's symposium and will give us a review over current knowledge of Beaked whales, a rather illusive group of very deep diving whales. Peter Tyack's primary field of research is social behaviour and acoustic communication in cetaceans.

We look forward to seeing you in Aarhus in April 2015!

Best regards from the board of the Danish Marine mammal Society



When

The symposium starts on Friday April 24th at 10.00 and ends on Saturday April 25th at 16.00.

Where

Natural History Museum Aarhus, Wilhelm Meyers Allé 210, Universitetsparken, 8000 Aarhus.

Registration and fee

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 Danish Marine Mammal Society, abstract book, lunch, coffee, tea, cake and fruit.

Registration category	Before March 15 th 2015	After March 15 th 2015
Symposium	400 DKK	500 DKK
Symposium and dinner/party Friday evening	600 DKK	700 DKK
Symposium (Students)	150 DKK	250 DKK
Symposium and diner/party Friday evening (Students)	350 DKK	450 DKK

Unfortunately, we cannot refund the fee on cancellations made after April 1st 2015.

Abstract submission and deadline

Abstracts can be submitted for both talks and poster presentations. To ensure a diverse program, abstracts may not only describe completed scientific studies, but also preliminary results and interesting observations of more anecdotal character. Your abstract should be labelled with the preferred kind of presentation. When you choose your preferred presentation type, please bear the recommendations in mind and consider if your study will be best suited for a talk or a poster.

- a) **Full talk:** 15 min talks + 5 min for questions. Is recommended for completed studies.
- b) **Short talk:** 5 min + 2 min for questions. Is recommended for projects with preliminary results, small projects and observations of a more anecdotal character.
- c) **Poster:** Posters will be presented at the poster session. Is recommended for projects with preliminary results, small projects, observations of a more anecdotal character and complete studies.

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

- The abstract should be written as one continuous paragraph without indentation of the first line. The abstract must fit on a single A4-page with a maximum of 300 words allowed. Margins should be set at 3 cm on left and right sides of the page, and 2.5 cm at top and bottom. Font should be "Arial" size 12 for text, size 16 for title, and size 10 for figure text and affiliations.
- Title should be provided and needs to reflect the study; the abstract should contain a clear description of aims and main conclusions. Names and affiliations of all authors should be included, following this example: "Caroline Hansen⁽¹⁾ and Søren Laursen^(1,2). (1) Caroline's

- and Søren's first affiliation, (2) Søren's second affiliation. Please provide the email of the corresponding author between the affiliations and the abstract itself.
- The common and scientific name of species and/or taxa should be presented. Figures, pictures and tables may be shown below the text; make sure that they are readable.

Poster guidelines will be sent to poster presenters.

The abstract should be submitted in word format and the filename should be "name_type of presentation" e.g. "CarolineHansen_Short".

Submit your abstract as word-file to symposiumabstract@gmail.com

Abstract submission deadline on January 31st 2015

Evaluation guidelines will be posted on Facebook and our webpage at the latest November 30th. Answer will be given on February 20th, 2015.

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