

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

It is my pleasure to write to you on behalf of your readers and subscribers to summarize this year's European Association for Aquatic Mammals' 43rd Annual Symposium. The meeting held at Kolmården Wildlife Park, Sweden, from 23 to 26 March, was a very pleasant and important scientific meeting.

Kolmården Zoo's hotel has a unique location with a magnificent view of its natural area. It hosted 90 participants from 20 different countries.

The oral presentations and posters covered a variety of subjects such as acoustics, veterinary medicine, education, animal behavior, and training.

Our Association is growing, and we are very proud of its international membership with Europeans and overseas colleagues.

We encourage everyone actively working with marine mammals or with an interest in marine mammals to join our next conference in Benidorm, Spain, in March 2016.

Sincerely,
Arlete Sogorb, DVM
President, EAAM

The 43rd Annual EAAM Symposium 2015 – Scientific Program

Invited Speakers

- Mats Amundin – “Tidbits from a dolphin freak's long career”
- Andrew Greenwood – “Forty years of marine mammal medicine in Europe”
- Antonietta Costa – “Emotional learning in zoos and aquariums”

Oral Communications

- C. Dold – “Comparisons of longevity statistics between in-situ and ex-situ killer whale (*Orcinus orca*) populations”
- M. Garcia Hartmann – “The European bottlenose dolphin studbook: 2004-2013 results”
- M. Böye – “Nocturnal vocal activity in captive bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*): Could dolphins have pre-sleep choruses?”
- M. Van der Klij – “Daily rhythms in activity and rest behaviour in captive bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*)”
- K. Dudzinski – “Pectoral fin contact between bottlenose dolphins – A tool for social bonding among non-kin”
- P. Bunskoek – “Diagnostics and treatment with oral posaconazole and nebulized amphotericin B in 2 cases of *Aspergillus fumigatus* tracheobronchitis in the Atlantic bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) under human care”
- T. Möller – “*Mycobacterium marinum* in the Dolphinarium of Kolmården – 20 years of co-existence”

- C. van Elk – “*Mycobacterium marinum* infection, importance and management of dolphins”
- GJ. Sanchez-Contreras – “Novel gammaherpesvirus in seals”
- D. Garcia Parraga – “Collaborative clinical approach to an almost completely obstructive intraluminal fungal tracheal mass in a bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*)”
- A. Matsuda – “The harbour porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*) is the most generalist feeder among small odontocetes around Hokkaido, Japan”
- M. Amundin – “Heard but not seen: Sea-scale acoustic survey shows that the Baltic Sea harbour porpoise is not extinct”
- K. Baumgartner – “Birth protocol for *Tursiops truncatus* at Nuremberg Zoo: Creation and application”
- B. Schulz – “Do we need artificial insemination?”
- G. Lacave – “Development of a reference atlas of killer whale (*Orcinus orca*) ultrasonography”
- P. Saviano – “Additional ultrasonographic findings at the fourth trimester of pregnancy in bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) under human care”
- M. Silva – “The first steps in establishing a dolphin milk bank”
- M. Böye – “Behavioural evidence of magnetoreception in dolphin: Detection of experimental magnetic fields”
- J. Anderson – *Understanding dolphins* (Film presentation in Dolphinarium)
- M. Amundin – “Acoustic enrichment for dolphins”

- C. Torno – “Pathologic findings in the respiratory and cardiovascular systems of stranded dolphins in West Philippine Sea”
- A. Fahlman – “Multidisciplinary collaborations as a means for animal conservation: Respiratory physiology in cetaceans”
- M. Garcia Hartmann – “Serial Erythrocyte sedimentation rate testing in healthy bottlenose dolphins for validating the method”
- K. Dudzinski – “Pectoral fin contact between individuals – Bottlenose dolphins and belugas are not the same”
- C. Dold – “Development of a zoological animal health records system based on an existing commercial electronic medical record platform”
- M. Böye – “Marine mammal presentations in the 21st century: A challenge”
- D. Garcia Parraga – “The ForMMulary app: The first therapeutic marine mammal formulary for smart phones”
- P. Munoz Caballero – “The Premack’s principle: A powerful training tool”
- I. Clegg – “The science behind animal welfare”
- R. Rodgers – “Dolphins in human care – A survey of attitudes held by the British public”

Posters

- L. Fiorucci – “Different techniques of blood sampling in seals (*Phoca vitulina*, *Halichoerus grypus*) by voluntary behaviour: The experience of Zoomarine Italia”
- L. Fiorucci – “Lactation curve in a bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) female”
- L. Fiorucci – “Relationship as the main reinforcement to train a bottlenose dolphin calf to do blood sample by behaviour”
- L. Fiorucci – “Treatment of a wound in a bottlenose dolphin calf (*Tursiops truncatus*) using a new wound-healing stimulant”
- Y. Kobayashi – “CT imaging analysis of the hind limb movement in the spotted seal (*Phoca largha*)”
- J. López Marulanda – “A project to understand the roles of whistles in captive and wild bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*)”
- M. R. Stach – “Ocular problems in pinnipeds – A survey of European facilities”
- R. Ziliene – “Introduction of familiar and novel objects for *Tursiops truncatus ponticus* under human care”
- L. van Zonneveld – “Evaluating the importance of acoustic enrichment in bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) in human care”