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Invitation

July 31, 2014

Dear Colleague:

It is with great pleasure that we formally announce that the 5th International Wildlife Management Congress (IWMC2015) will be held on July 26-30, 2015, in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. The Congress will be held in partnership with the Mammal Society of Japan (MSJ) and The Wildlife Society (TWS). This is the first time this prestigious Congress will be held in Asia.

The theme of the IWMC2015 is International Models of Wildlife Biology and Management: Beyond Cultural Differences. The plenary sessions include:

Urban and Suburban Wildlife Management

Education for the Future

Invasive Species Management

Long-term Research and Monitoring

Hunting as Sustainable Wildlife Management



Most modern wildlife management has developed in North America and Europe from a science-based perspective, but wildlife in Asia have been managed as natural resources based on traditional knowledge. However, similar problems in wildlife conservation and management are being faced globally by different countries and different cultures. So, we expect that IWMC2015 will contribute to the construction of forward-looking wildlife management systems through enhancing networking opportunities for colleagues with diverse interests in the biology, conservation, and management of wildlife from all over the world.

The host city of IWMC2015, Sapporo, is the capital city of Hokkaido, which is a nature-rich district of Japan, and provides modern conveniences in harmony with nature. Very delicious cuisine (washoku) and Sapporo beer are waiting for attendees. We believe that IWMC2015 will be informative and exciting for everyone!

Please plan to join this special opportunity and enjoy yourself in this wonderful place and country. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely yours,



Rick Baydack Congress Co-Chair

(2014-15 President of the Wildlife Society)



Koichi Kaji

Congress Co-Chair



(2012- President of the Mammal Society of Japan)



ABOUT 5th INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT CONGRESS

Main Theme: International Models of Wildlife Management: Beyond Cultural Differences

We all have cultural differences; however, we all share similar problems of wildlife. The 5th International Wildlife Management Congress (IWMC) is an amazing opportunity for sharing global knowledge and experiences. Let's share and discuss our wildlife science and try to establish international models in Sapporo, Japan.

Date: July 26 - July 30, 2015

Venue: Sapporo Convention Center (see more details on p.5)

Higashi-Sapporo 6-1, Sapporo 003-0006 Website: http://www.sora-scc.jp/eng/index.html (English)

Official Language: English

Delegates: About 1,000 participants from over 50 countries and regions are expected!

Program at a Glance

Sunday, July 26

Registration

Opening Ceremony

Public Plenary (free to the public): **Urban and Suburban Wildlife Management**

- Common Trends and Issues of International Society -

Keynote Speakers: Rory Putman (University of Glasgow, UK)

Daniel Decker (Cornell University, USA)

Mayumi Yokoyama (University of Hyogo, Japan)

Yoshikazu Sato (Rakuno Gakuen University, Japan)

Welcome Reception (free to the registered participants)





Monday, July 27

Plenary Lecture: Education for the Future

Plenary speakers: W. Daniel Edge (Oregon State University, USA)

Oral sessions Symposia

Tuesday, July 28

Plenary Lecture: Invasive Species Management

Plenary speakers: Steve Hess

(USGS - Pacific Island Ecosystems Research Center, USA)

Poster Session Oral sessions Symposia



Wednesday, July 29

Plenary Lectures: Long-term Research and Monitoring

Plenary speakers: Dale McCullough

(Professor Emeritus, University of California, USA) Anthony R.E. Sinclair (University of British Columbia, Canada)

Poster Sessions
Oral sessions
Symposia
Banquet/Beer Party

Banquet/Beer Party (optional)



Thursday, July 30

Plenary Lectures: Hunting as Sustainable Wildlife Management

Plenary speakers: Leonid Baskin (Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia)

Darren Miller (Weyerhaeuser Company, USA)

Oral sessions Symposia

Symposia
Closing Ceremony

Friday, July 31 Post-Congress Tours (optional)

- More plenary speakers will be posted on the website -





All active participants (i.e., those contributing oral presentations and posters and/or attending any sessions), accompanying persions, and vendors must register online (http://www.iwmc2015.org).

Online registration is available from July 23, 2014.

REGISTRATION FEES

	Early-bird	Regular	On-site
	(July 23, 2014 - April 10, 2015)	(April 11, 2015 - May 15, 2015)	(May 16, 2015 - July 31, 2015)
General from developed countries and regions ¹	¥40,000-	¥45,000-	¥50,000-
Students from developed countries and regions ¹	¥25,000-	¥30,000-	¥35,000-
General from developing countries and regions ²	¥28,000-	¥34,000-	¥40,000-
Students from developing countries and regions ²	¥15,000-	¥20,000-	¥25,000-
Accompanying person	¥10,000-	¥10,000-	¥10,000-
Beer Party (July 29) optional	¥5,000-	¥5,000-	¥5,000-

¹ 'developed countries and regions' include OECD members, China, Russia and Taiwan

Payment

Payment by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners only) is accepted online via secure server. See the registration site for the details of bank transfer payment.

Cancellation policy

Cancellation requests made by May 15, 2015: 100% of the total will be refunded.

Cancellation requests received on or after May 16, 2015: No refund.

* A handling fee (for both credit card and bank transfer) will be deducted from the refund.



Participant fee includes:

- · Access to all scientific sessions, symposia, and meetings
- Registration documents and materials
- Welcome reception (July 26 2015, at the Congress Venue)

Accompanying person fee includes:

- Japanese culture experience programs (kimono wearing, tea ceremony, flower arrangement, calligraphy, etc.) in the Congress Venue (The details will be available on the website in early December 2014.)
- · Welcome reception (July 26 2015, at the Congress Venue)

NOTE: Anyone without a nametag (registered participant or accompanying person) will not be allowed to the Congress Venue.

Optional events

Beer Party (Banquet), 18:30-, July 29, 2015, ¥5,000-



A banquet will be held at Sapporo Beer Garden. The Genghis Khan Hall in its old glory is a red brick building with ivy climbing up the sides. Built in 1890, it served as a government office building when the government was sending pioneers to Hokkaido. This profound historical building has an atmosphere that will give you a unique feeling every time you set foot inside.

You need to register yourself in advance. The fee (¥5,000-) includes:

- · Genghis Khan-style fresh barbecued lamb with vegetables
- All-you-can-drink (Sapporo beer and soft drink)
- a bus ride from the Congress Venue to Sapporo Beer Garden and from the Beer Garden to Sapporo and Odori Stations

Post-congress Tours (Excursion)

Post-congress Tours are planned for participants to deepen the understanding of wildlife management in Hokkaido or 'time-out' in Japan. The list of tours and the details will be <u>available on the congress website in early December 2014</u>.

Accommodation

There is a plenty of accommodation available in Sapporo, from thrifty to relaxing, and the IWMC2015 Participants are free to choose one of their taste. The Organizing Committee recommend staying around the Odori Area for an easy access to the Congress Venue, Sapporo Convention Center (see the map on p.5). Some other areas along the Tozai Subway Line will also be convenient. See the congress website for a list of hotels in such recommended areas.

² 'developing countries and regions' include those do not fall in the 'developed' category



Call for Abstracts (Oral and Poster Presentations)

- · Online abstract submission will open November 17, 2014, through the OASIS database a link can be found at www.iwmc2015.org
- · Abstract submission deadline is midnight New York time January 20, 2015. Abstracts will not be accepted after this date.
- Notification of acceptance will commence on February 9, 2015.
- No accepted abstract will be included in the program unless registration and payment has been received. All accepted presenters must be
 registered and fully paid by April 10, 2015.
- Abstracts should not have been presented at other meetings or congresses. However, new aspects of the previously published or presented materials may be considered.
- The Congress invites submissions that include both completed research as well as research that is in progress. During the submission
 process use the check box to note that your submission is 'Research in Progress', e.g. research that is in the preliminary/proposal stage.
 Abstracts submitted as Research in Progress will be considered for oral presentation but more likely, if accepted, will be poster presentations.
- · Abstracts submitted for oral presentations, if not selected for oral presentations, may be offered poster presentation.
- Authors who wish to submit more than one abstract should fill out a separate submission form for each abstract.
- · All abstracts will be reviewed and the final selection made by the Scientific Program Committee ("SPC").
- All abstracts must be written in English.
- It is the author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract. Any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific fact will be reproduced as submitted by the author.
- All accepted abstracts will appear on in an online program.
- The text should not exceed 250 Words. No graphics will be permitted.

The text of the abstract should briefly state the following points (but headings are not required):

- · Objectives: Indicate the purpose of the study or the hypothesis that was tested.
- *Methodology*: Include the setting for the study, the subjects, the diagnosis or intervention, and the type of statistical analysis. If references are needed, they should be provided in the text.
- · Results: Present as clearly as possible the outcome of the study and after significance if appropriate
- Conclusions: Briefly discuss the data and emphasize the significance of the results.



Headings do NOT need to be included in the abstract.

Evaluation process

Criteria for evaluating the quality of abstracts include originality of ideas and methods, concise presentation of methods and results, clarity of application and implementation and quality of writing.

To begin: Choose a topic to present on:

Abstract topics/subthemes

The theme of the Congress: International Models of Wildlife Biology and Management: Beyond Cultural Differences

The topics/subthemes are the general heading under which abstracts will be submitted and reviewed. These are as follows:

- Ecology, Conservation and Management of Terrestrial Mammals
- 2. Ecology, Conservation and Management of Aquatic Mammals
- 3. Ecology, Conservation and Management of Birds
- Ecology, Conservation and Management of Reptiles and Amphibians
- 5. Human Dimension
- 6. Conservation Policy, Ethics, Education
- 7. Wildlife Behavior, Ethology

- 8. Population Dynamics
- 9. Biometrics and New Techniques
- Ecosystem Management, Community, Landscape, Habitat Restoration
- 11. Wildlife Disease and Toxicology
- 12. Game and Hunting
- Captive Wildlife, Endangered Species Recovery, Ex Situ Management
- 14. Others

Choose your presentation type preference below.

Presentations

Individual presentations allow for a brief overview of the major points / highlights of a particular project or program. Oral presentations are limited to 15-minutes (12 minutes for presentation and 3 minutes for discussion). Oral presentations must be informational and must report on work completed.

Submission of presentation files

Presenters of the accepted oral presentations are asked to upload their presentation files by **July 16**, **2015**. A full instruction with the designated URL will be included in the notification of acceptance to each individual.

Poster

Material for a display presentation is mounted on a poster board (approx. 210 cm high x 90 cm wide), which is staffed by the author (this is mandatory) for a designated period of time. This format provides a unique opportunity for personal 'one-on-one' interaction and idea exchange. Abstracts are to be informational and report on work completed. Abstracts based on preliminary results may be considered depending on space availability.

Call for Symposia

A few symposia have already been proposed (see the list below), and additional proposals are invited. Any topics including wildlife management, ecology, conservation, taxonomy and related research fields of biology for wildlife (mammals, birds, fishes, reptiles, amphibians and others) are welcome. Some preferable topics include 'Invasive Species Management' and 'Deer and Forestry Management'.

- · A symposium is comprised of a series of presentations that address aspects of a single topic.
- One unit of symposia is allocated to a 150-minute time slot. Each session will consist of 4 talks, with each talk in 30 minutes. Each session starts with an introduction and ends with a discussion/conclusion session in the 150-minute slot.
- · Two units will be allocated to a symposium listing more than 4 presenters.
- · Attendance is open to all conference registrants on a walk-in basis.

Responsibilities of Symposium Organizers and Presenters in Symposia

- Organizers are responsible for coordinating with the Program Committee, planning their sessions, selecting instructors/presenters, moderating
 their sessions, and meeting all deadlines. A final session agenda and a complete presenter list will be due by January 23, 2015.
- Presenters in symposia must submit abstracts by February 19, 2015. (Those abstracts should NOT be submitted via the call for papers; the
 Presenters will receive separate instructions regarding how to submit their abstracts after January 20, 2015.)
- · Presenters in symposia must submit PowerPoint files by July 16, 2015.

Proposal Submission and Requirements

All proposals must be submitted through the online submission site hosted by OASIS, beginning **November 3, 2014** and remaining open until **January 9, 2015**. The link to the submission site will be available on the website: http://www.iwmc2015.org

The submission process will prompt you for the following information:

- 1 Session title
- 2. Organizer(s) names and complete contact information, the submitting organizer will be the contact person.
- 3. Sponsor(s) institution/group sponsoring the session, if appropriate; for example, a TWS working group or the Forestry Agency.
- 4. Statement of purpose
- 5. An abstract describing the session, this will be used to advertise your session (300 word limit).
- 6. Detailed description of the session including a list of proposed presentation titles and the presenters.

Proposal Evaluation and Notice of Decision

Proposals will be evaluated on timeliness of the subject, importance to the profession and/or contribution to science, and the overall quality of the written proposal. Symposium organizers will be notified whether their proposals have been accepted or deferred around **January 16**, **2015** and the abstracts will be required by **February 19**, **2015**.

List of Proposed Symposia

Wildlife Conservation and Management of Shiretoko National Park, 2015

- Sharing experience and knowledge with Yellowstone, Sikhote-Alin and Shiretoko-

Deer and Forestry Management

Invasive Species Management

Disease Ecology

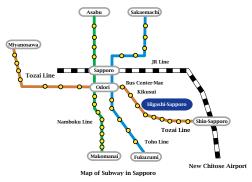
Wetland and Wildlife Conservation

Conservation of Large Mammals in the Russian Far East

Sapporo Convention Center (SCC), Access to SCC



IWMC 2015 is held utilizing the entire complex of Sapporo Convention Center (SCC) with conference halls and meeting rooms of various sizes. SCC is conveniently situated close to downtown Sapporo. It takes 6 minutes from Odori Station to Higashi Sapporo Station on the Tozai Line of Sapporo Subway. From Higashi Sapporo Station, it is 8 minutes on foot. See the website for the details and a full access description: http://www.sora-scc.jp/eng/index.html



Additional Congress Details

Lunch

Lunch is *NOT* included in the registration fee. IWMC 2015 Participants are free to choose their own lunch from the restaurant in SCC as well as a variety of shops (restaurants, takeaways and supermarkets) in the nearby shopping complex 'lias Sapporo'.

Childcare

SCC Childcare service is available on a daily basis in SCC. You need to register your child in advance. The details of the childcare service and the registration will be <u>available on the congress website in early December 2014</u>.

Exhibition

On-site exhibition includes academic books, specialists' equipment, promotion of organizational activities, etc. If you are interested in holding an exhibition in the Congress Venue, please contact the organizing committee at *iwmc@rakuno.ac.jp*

The photos in this announcement are provided by courtesy of H. Tsukada (deer), Y. Umemura (bear), M. Kobayashi (seals), M. Asada (monkey), A. Ishioroshi (crane), Y. Shinohara (squirrel), Mammal Ecology Laboratory, University of the Ryukyus (wild cat), S. Tsuchiya (eagle), Sapporo Beer Garden and Sapporo Convention Center.

^{*} Any enquiry regarding symposium planning or proposal should be addressed to Tsuyoshi Yoshida (Secretary-General) at iwmc@rakuno.ac.jp

Important dates to remember

January 9, 2015

Deadline for Submission of Sympoium Proposals

January 20, 2015

Deadline for Abstract Submission of Oral and Poster Presentations

February 19, 2015

Deadline for Abstract Submission of Presentations in Symposia

April 10, 2015

Deadline for Early-bird Registration

May 15, 2015

Deadline for Regular Registration

July 16, 2015

Deadline for Submission of Presentation Files

July 26, 2015

Welcome reception

July 26 - July 30, 2015

IWMC2015

Sapporo, Japan

Useful websites

IWMC2015 http://www.iwmc2015.org

Sapporo Convention Center http://www.sora-scc.jp/eng/index.html
Welcome to Sapporo http://www.welcome.city.sapporo.jp/?lang=en
Visit Japan http://www.visitjapan.jp/en/

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