



50th Annual Symposium
European Association for Aquatic Mammals
7th – 10th of March, 2023

CALL FOR
PAPERS, VIDEOS & ROUND TABLES

" Marine Mammals in need, let people know we are part of the solution."

"Marine mammals are facing massive threats worldwide, such as noise and chemical pollution, bycatch, prey depletion, and global warming, at an unprecedented and ever-increasing scale.

Though actions have been taken by governments and NGOs to help dolphins, pinnipeds, or sirenians in the wild, the threats have only increased and there is a crucial need for relevant scientific information to improve conservation effectiveness.

Zoological institutions hosting marine mammals have a long history in scientific research, the rescue of aquatic animals, and in educating millions of people. Their expertise has been challenged by a few but very vocal organizations but remains a scientific reality.

The upcoming conference wants to show that we share the greater goal, the preservation of nature and all its fascinating marine mammals, and make all relevant stakeholders understand that they can count on ex-situ expertise and rigorous scientific based work to participate actively in marine mammals' conservation and guarantee their welfare in zoos and in the wild."

The European Association for Aquatic Mammals invites authors to submit abstracts and proposals for the upcoming 50th Annual Symposium, which is due to take place **in physical presence** at the Oceanogràfic in Valencia, Spain,

on 7th to 10th of March 2023.



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The EAAM calls for abstracts of oral, poster and short talk presentations, as well as “video presentation” and “round table” like last year!

All topics related to marine mammal science and husbandry (including conservation, education, veterinary medicine, operant conditioning, etcetera) are acceptable.

For the 50th Annual Symposium, the EAAM will especially encourage presentations dedicated to the special subject

“The role of marine mammal facilities in research and conservation”

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

Abstract Submission Deadline: **18th of December 2022**

Registration Deadline for the first/presenting author: **12th of January 2023.**



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS of POSTERS, ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND SHORT PRESENTATIONS

Please read the following recommendations carefully before submitting any abstract.

The abstract must include:

- Title
- Author(s); if more than one, please mark presenter with an asterisk (*)
- Affiliation of (each) author
- Summary of presentation
- The abstract should be complete and informative (objectives, methods, results, conclusions)
- The text should have a maximum length of 200 words (font Arial, size 11)
- Line drawings, figures, graphs, charts, et cetera, should not be included
- Authors wishing to present more than one abstract must submit separate submission forms
- Abstracts submitted by students should be reviewed beforehand by their supervisor(s).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS:

Students are particularly encouraged to submit presentations. These presentations are eligible for the *Prizes* for best student presentation (Oral and Poster) and for the EAAM student *Grants* for Symposium participation – which includes symposium fee and a contribution to housing costs during the Symposium. Students will only be considered for both the *Prize* and the *Grant* if their abstract submission is accompanied by a support letter from their University or Professor. PhD students can equally be candidates for EAAM Student Grants and Prizes, but only if the abstract is accompanied by a declaration that a PhD grant is the only subsistence source or only marine mammal related activity.



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SPECIAL REMARKS:

- The Scientific Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any submission and may ask authors to adjust their presentation content and/or their format (for ex.: from oral to poster presentation or vice versa).
- Only electronic abstract submission is accepted.
- Oral presentations: The allowed presentation time will be 15 minutes, plus 5 minutes for discussion.
Posters: Poster size is A0 vertical (115.0 cm high x 83.0 cm wide).
Short Talks: Presentation time will be 5 minutes. The presenter will be notified when one minute of time is left.
- Presenting authors must be registered for the symposium no later than **12th of January 2023**.
- One submission form per abstract is required.
- Save the abstract with the surname of the first author (ex.: "Hartmann.doc", or in the case of several abstracts: "Hartmann01.doc") and send it by email to both EAAM@planet.ms and president_elect@eaam.org.
- Keep the .doc format of the submission form.

MANDATORY:

- To be accepted, an abstract submitted requires that the Registration Fee for the presenting author must be paid by the date indicated above.
- Students are required to submit proof of their student status.
Grant-awarded students will be reimbursed.



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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

Poster or Oral or Short Talk Presentation:

Is the first author a **Student (Yes/No)**:

Audiovisual means required other than PowerPoint (specify or "NONE"):

Corresponding author, with email address and telephone number:

Author: **Telephone:** **Email:**

PLEASE NOTE: All correspondence related to your abstract will be sent to the email address you provide!
It is your responsibility to check this particular email account, in case you have several accounts

Title (Not in Capitals, font Arial 11, bold):

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Authors:

Surname, followed by first letter of the name, ending with affiliation number, for ex.: Hartmann, M. (1).
Please mark the presenting author with a *

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Affiliation of authors (full address):

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Abstract (200 words, aligned left, font Arial 11):

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSALS of VIDEOS and ROUND TABLES

VIDEO

The video format may be especially suitable for certain kind of presentations which benefit from a more visual presentation than the traditional PowerPoint format.

The content of the video is sole responsibility of the authors. The subjects of the video may include all topics related to marine mammal science and husbandry including conservation, education, veterinary medicine, operant conditioning, etcetera. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any submission and may ask authors to adjust their presentation content and/or their format.

Promotional videos will not be accepted. The authors are responsible for respecting EU copyright legislation.

The new video format will be limited to a standard of 10 minutes length, plus 5 minutes for questions (the lead author of the video shall be available at the end of the video to answer any questions of the public).

Video format must be MPEG or WMV. The authors are responsible for providing a suitable version of their video in one of these two formats running under Windows 10.

Procedure:

1. Submit an abstract for the video by using the abstract form below. Deadline for submission is the **12th of January 2023**.
2. After acceptance of the abstract (in February 2023), please submit the video for evaluation by **16th of February 2023** to the email addresses EAAM2022@planet.ms and President_Elect@eaam.org using data transfer services.



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VIDEO ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

Corresponding author, with email address and telephone number:

Author: **Telephone:** **Email:**

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Is the first author a **Student (Yes/No):**

Title of the VIDEO (Not in Capitals, font Arial 11, bold):

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Authors:

Surname, followed by first letter of the name, ending with affiliation number, for ex.: Hartmann, M. (1).
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Affiliation of authors (full address):

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ROUND TABLE

Like last year, the opportunity of round tables is provided, giving the initiative and choice of subjects to the membership and the participants of the symposium.

The subjects or round tables are limited to topics related to marine mammal science and husbandry including conservation, education, veterinary medicine, operant conditioning, etcetera.

The Scientific Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any proposal and may ask proposers to adjust their content and/or their format.

Procedure:

1. All round tables will have a maximum duration of 90 minutes
2. The deadline for the proposal of a round table is the **12th of January 2023**.
3. The main, i.e., corresponding proposer of the round table will be in charge to coordinate and organize the content of the round table in close cooperation with the Scientific Committee. It is strongly suggested to affiliate different partners with a special interest and experience in the subject and assure their participation at the round table. Discussing different aspects, several points of view and a comprehensive presentation of the subject are a plus.
4. The EAAM will approve the proposed round tables according to the space and time availability. All proposers are requested to be flexible in terms of the final format: The Scientific Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any submission and may ask authors to adjust their presentation content and/or their format.
5. Please use the attached form to propose a round table



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ROUND TABLE PROPOSAL

Corresponding PROPOSER, with email address and telephone number:

Name: **Telephone:** **Email:**

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Is the first proposer a **Student (Yes/No)**:

Title of the ROUND TABLE (Not in Capitals, font Arial 11, bold):

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ROUND TABLE ORGANIZERS:

Surname, followed by first letter of the name, ending with affiliation number, for ex.: Hartmann, M. (1).
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Affiliation of PROPOSERS (full address):

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DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED

Abstract (200 words, aligned left, font Arial 11):

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