



25th Mustelid Colloquium



4 -7 October 2007

Třeboň, Czech Republic

1st circular

**Czech Otter Foundation Fund
Agency for Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection
of the Czech Republic**

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With the auspices of the Mayor of the Town of Třeboň

We would like to invite you to attend the 25th Mustelid Colloquium. The meeting will be held at Třeboň in South Bohemia (Czech Republic) from October 4th - 7th 2007 and it is co-organised by the Czech Otter Foundation Fund and the Agency for Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection of the Czech Republic.

The conference is open to everyone with an interest in Mustelids and this year for the first time also for those interested in the Raccoon Dog. Scientists, students, conservationists, both, professionals or volunteers, are welcomed. Plenary and poster sessions will cover various aspects of ecology, behaviour, biogeography, genetics, physiology, population and habitat management and conservation biology related to the above mammals. Additionally there will be a series of workshops and/or round tables on various topics which will be specified later.

For more information see our web site: <http://www.mustelid2007.org>



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Conference programme

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The programme of the conference will include oral presentations, workshops, round tables, poster presentations and excursion.

Conference language: English

The conference language will be mainly English, oral presentation in German (with slides in English) will be allowed exceptionally and we would like to ask you to inform the organisers about the latter in advance.

Registration fee

Please send the registration form by e-mail or post. Your registration will be confirmed by e-mail and you will receive the registration number required for the payment of the fee.

Registration fee:

- until April 30 th 2007	120 EUR
- after April 30 th 2007	160 EUR
- students	80 EUR

Deadline for registration is August 15th 2007

Includes

Conference materials - abstracts, programme, list of participants, CD with presentations. Coffee breaks, lunches, dinner - Welcome toasts - Banquet and farewell party - Excursion

Accommodation

Please note that the accommodation has to be arranged and paid separately. As we provide special rates please point out that you will participate on the 25th Mustelid Colloquium. For reservation, payment details and more information please contact:

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The Organising Committee will guarantee the reservation of accommodation until September 7th 2007

Call for contributions

All interested participants must register their contribution and specify whether it will be an oral presentation or poster display by 30th April. The acceptance of contribution will be conveyed to the authors by e-mail only.

Oral presentation

Oral presentation will be 15-20 minutes including discussion. The standard presentation equipment will be available, if you have special requirements please contact the organisers. In case a large number of oral presentation proposals will be received the Organising Committee may propose to change an oral presentation to a poster one.

Posters

The size of the poster boards are not fixed so far. We will provide more details by 30th April 2007.



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Třeboň and its surroundings

The extraordinary natural significance of the region was recognised by its listing in the UNESCO Biosphere Reserves in 1977. Consequently, in 1979, the whole region (700 km²) was declared a Protected Landscape Area. The Trebon fishponds have been registered as part of the Important Bird Areas of Europe since 1990, and both the ponds and 1,000 ha of peat-bogs are listed as 'Wetlands of International Importance' under the Ramsar Convention.

The Town of Třeboň dates back to the 12th century and hosts numerous historical monuments, including a chateau and a town square with renaissance and baroque buildings, many built under the governance of the Rosenberg and Schwarzenberg mobility families. Along with two health spas, beautiful countryside with cultivated forests, and many baroque agricultural villages, the town and its surroundings have long been a target for visitors.

Carp pond fishing has a long historical tradition in the area and, after more than 700 years of management, an comprehensive network of ponds, channels, brooks, marshes, peat bogs and wetland meadows has developed into a unique wetland ecosystem. Management methods have changed only little in 700 years. The 460 local man-made fishponds, including the largest in Central Europe (480 ha), cover more than 10,000 ha and have created a semi-natural ecosystem extremely rich in habitats and flora and fauna, much of it rare or unique in central Europe. Threatened species include the Eurasian Otter, Moose, White-tailed Eagle, Bittern, and innumerable wetland plant and invertebrate species. The wetlands themselves are of international importance for migrating water birds.

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