

7th International Conference on the Genus *Marmota*

Marmot in a changing world: research and action

The 7th International Conference on the Genus *Marmota* will be held in Liptovský Mikuláš, Slovakia, from August 30 to September 2, 2011.

Official language will be English. No translation will be provided.

The excursion to the National Park Low Tatras will be held within the Conference program. A optional excursion to the Tatra National Park will be on September 3, 2011.

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Reference site for the conference: <http://www.tuzvo.sk/marmota/> (better with Internet explorer)

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Registration Fees (in Euros)

Early birds, payment before May 31, 2011:	200 Euro (students 120 Euro *)
Payment after May 31, 2011:	250 Euro (students 120 Euro**)
Accompanying persons	150 Euro

* Students need to provide evidence of their status when they register for the conference. A current student identification card showing their student status or a certified letter from the student's Head of School confirming their student status will be required.

** To receive the early registration discount, the registration form and payment must be post/date-marked and faxed, airmailed, or emailed on or before May 31, 2011.

Registration fee includes, in contrast to the originally planned fee, the food during the entire meetings (lunches and dinners in the buffet form) and a conference dinner. For the excursion trip the participants will get the lunch packet.

Registration fee includes the transport during the excursion (bus and cable car), printed materials, and a copy of proceedings.

Registration fee should be paid to the account

Bank:	Všeobecná úverová banka a.s., Bratislava
Account holder:	Arbora Publishers, Zvolen
Account No.:	864645412/0200
IBAN:	SK12 0200 0000 0008 6464 5412
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Aim of payment:	Marmota + YOUR NAME

It is also possible to make payment using the credit card (Visa or Master).

Accommodation (including breakfast buffet)

Hotel Jánošík, Liptovský Mikuláš (we have got the reduced price)

Single room	40 Euro
Double room (2 persons)	34 Euro/person
Double room (single occupation)	51 Euro
Appartman (classic) (2 persons)	38 Euro/person
Appartman (Family) (4 persons)	31 Euro/person

Conference Awards

Marmot Conference Awards are intended to enable researchers from foreign countries, especially East Europe and Asia, to attend and present their research at the **7th International Conference on the Genus *Marmota***, through meeting the fee and contributing to the costs of travel and subsistence, and according to the local funding opportunities.

Applicants should tick the award box on the application form if they wish to be considered for a Marmot Conference Award.

They should also indicate: the amount of funding that they are seeking, their status: student/unwaged/waged and their nationality and current address, including email.

Requests will be evaluated by the scientific committee.

Call for proposals

Conference Themes:

- Phylogeny&Taxonomy
- Marmot behavior
- Marmot physiology
- Population dynamic and vitality of population
- Marmot ecology
- Marmot biodiversity, conservation management & education
- Marmot in captivity
- Marmot taxonomy
- Paleoecology
- Marmots and Health
- Marmots in folklore and popular traditions

Proposal submissions

Participants are invited to submit a 250 word abstract.

1. **Oral presentations.** For oral presentations 20 minutes will be allocated (15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions and discussion).
2. **Posters.** Posters will be allocated one or two time slots (depending on the numbers).
3. Workshop Marmot in a changing world: Presentations are allowed at most 25 minutes, (although variations will be considered), including demonstrations of didactic materials, like films, PDF presentations, experience reports, as well as theoretical contribution etc. The aim is to build a common knowledge, and possibly exchange of didactic material.

Abstract Submission

A Registration Form form must accompany each abstract submission and include the full contact details of the first author (i.e. full name, affiliation, postal address for correspondence, email address, phone number, fax number). Authors should also indicate on the submission form a general theme under which the paper might be included. This can be taken from the list of conference themes above, or a new theme may be proposed. Please return complete filled Registration Form as an attachment by May 31, 2011 to: krajmer@vsld.tuzvo.sk. Receiving a **preliminary** registration form earlier would be very much appreciated. In this case you could be personally notified by email about the progress in organisation of the conference. Authors will be notified of acceptance of their paper by June 20, 2011.

How to reach Liptovský Mikuláš:

Air connections:

Airport connections to Vienna or to Bratislava (limited number of flights). From the Vienna airport take a bus shuttle to Bratislava bus station and from Bratislava bus station, take a bus to Liptovský Mikuláš (drive about 6 hours and costs about 10 Euro) or take a train from the Bratislava main railway station to Liptovský Mikuláš (drive about 3 hours 18 min and costs about 14 Euro for ICE train or for normal express train 4 hours and costs about 9 Euro).

Direct train connection is also from Prague (about 8 hours).

Another option is also to fly to Krakow (Poland) or Budapest (Hungary) and to rent a car. Distance from Krakow is about 160 km and if you will drive a car during the day you may see picturesque High tatra Mountains also from the northern side and visit Zakopane. Distance from Budapest is about 260 km. Bus or train connection from Krakow or Budapest would be, however, more complicated and it is thus not advised.

Information on Tatra National Park and the High Tatras mountains:

<http://www.tanap.org/english/>

<http://www.vysoketatry.com/>

Information on National Park Low Tatras and the Low Tatras mountains:

<http://www.napant.sk/>

<http://www.nizketatry.com/>

Information on the city of Liptovsky Mikuláš

<http://www.mikulas.sk/en/visitor.php>

Information on Hotel Jánošík, Liptovský Mikuláš

<http://www.hoteljanosik.sk/index.php?link=hotel&lang=en>

Travel (train and bus) time table, how to get to Liptovský Mikuláš

<http://cp.atlas.sk/vlakbus/spojenie/>