



## V European Congress of Mammalogy

### First Circular

#### **Invitation**

The 5<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Mammalogy will be held in 2007, at Grosseto (Tuscany), Italy. The principal host of the congress is the Polo Universitario Grossetano - University of Siena, in co-operation with the *Societas Europaea Mammalogica*. The organisers look forward to welcoming you in Italy and hope that you will enjoy your stay in Grosseto, the chief town of the “*Maremma Toscana*”, a beautiful littoral region, where the past century “malaria” preserved coastal sites of great naturalistic value.

#### **Background**

The European Congresses of Mammalogy aims to bring together mammalian biologists from European and also non-European countries. The relaxed and friendly atmosphere of these congresses provides an excellent opportunity to hear the latest developments in various fields of mammalogy, to share research experience and expertise, and to develop new and closer contacts with colleagues from different countries. Following the successful congresses in Lisbon (1991), Southampton (1995), Jyväskylä (1999) and Brno (2003) it is now the turn of a Mediterranean country to host this exciting event and to invite mammalogists to the 5<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Mammalogy (ECM5).

#### **Scientific Programme**

The Congress will focus on various aspects of research carried out on European mammals. However, eminent contributions from other zoogeographical regions will also be welcomed. The Congress will include plenary and parallel sessions, symposia, workshops and poster sessions. Suggestions for topics of sessions and symposia are encouraged. The Congress will also provide an appropriate opportunity for meetings of IUCN/SSC specialist groups. The final programme will be the responsibility of the International Scientific Committee.

#### **Language**

The official language of the congress will be English.

#### **Location and Dates**

Tentatively, the Congress will take place from 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, in the city of Grosseto (Tuscany), in the Faculty of Economy of Siena University, settled in the old part of this town, in a XVIII century building completely restored.

#### **Registration Fee**

Efforts will be made to keep the costs down, and to offer reduced fee rates for students. Participants who will register earlier will enjoy a discount. Registration costs will be available in the second circular letter.

### **Preliminary Registration**

E-mail version of this circular letter, including the pre-registration form, will be distributed through mailing lists and the web. Electronic registration is preferred. You can also copy the pre-registration form or ask for additional forms to [pre-registration@euromammalcongress.org](mailto:pre-registration@euromammalcongress.org). Current information about the congress organisation and accompanying social events will be available on the website [www.euromammalcongress.org](http://www.euromammalcongress.org).

### **Deadlines**

Suggestions for topics of symposia and workshops: As soon as possible (no later than May 31, 2006) to [topics@euromammalcongress.org](mailto:topics@euromammalcongress.org).

Pre-registration: May 31, 2006

Second Circular: September 30, 2006

Final Registration and Abstract Submission: February 15, 2007

Oral Presentation/Poster Acceptance: June 30, 2007

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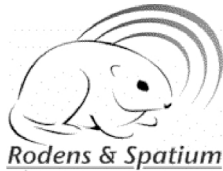
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## 10<sup>th</sup> Rodents & Spatium

The International Conference on Rodent Biology



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The International Conference on Rodent Biology will be held in Italy, at the University of Parma, from Monday 24 to Friday 28 July 2006. Parma town is located near the Apennines where there are some very important wildlife and wilderness areas. Parma and its University will be, therefore, an ideal site for the Conference.

The 10<sup>th</sup> R&S will encompass four full conference days supported and sponsored by the Italian Teriological Association and The Center of Alpine Ecology of Monte Bondone (Trento). The conference program will offer oral and poster presentations grouped in thematic symposia covering the following topics:

THE HISTORIC ROLE OF RODENT RESEARCHES  
MORPHOLOGY & PHYSIOLOGY  
PHYLOGEOGRAPHY & BIOGEOGRAPHY & METAPOPULATION  
RODENTS AND THEIR BEHAVIOURAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL ADAPTATIONS  
RODENT GENETICS  
POPULATION DYNAMICS  
PREY PREDATOR RELATIONSHIPS  
APPLIED ECOLOGY  
ECOTOXICOLOGY & PARASITOLOGY  
RODENTS AS BIOINDICATORS  
RODENT CONSERVATION  
RODENTS AS PEST  
RODENTS AS ALIEN SPECIES

### Furthermore

A symposium on *Apodemus* spp. will be organized by P.G. Mendoca. Other collaborations in preparing symposia are waiting. It would be interesting to organize a workshop on *Chionomys nivalis* and *Arvicola terrestris*. In an attempt to disseminate this information multiple list-serves have been utilized. Abstracts of the R&S Conference will be published by *Hystrix The Italian Journal of Mammalogy*.

### Deadlines

Payment - June 10, 2006  
Submission of abstracts - June 10, 2006  
Hotel registration - June 11, 2006

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**The History of the Conference Rodens & Spatium**

A series of conferences R&S was started in France (Lyon) in 1987. First conference was not big and it was mainly about rodent ethology. The next two conferences took place also in France (1989 and 1991) and they were named in French "Le rongeur et l'espace". Increasing interest of conference topics causes that from 1993 this conference is organized all over the world in official name "Rodens et Spatium".

In conference usually participate about 100 scientists from all continents. This is a list of the places where the conferences took place: 1987 Lyon (France), 1989 Lyon (France), 1991 Lyon (France), 1993 Mikolajki (Poland), 1995 Rabbat (Morocco), 1998 Akko (Israel), 2000 Ceske Budejovice (Czech Republic), 2002 Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium), 2004 Lublin (Poland).