



## 6th EuroSpeleo Protection Symposium

# **"Assessing, monitoring and protecting cave biotopes and geotopes through Natura 2000 or similar programs in Europe"**

**26 – 30 October 2021**

**Hybrid conference (on-site and online)**

at the

International Academy for Nature Conservation  
Isle of Vilm, Germany

organized jointly by

the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and  
the European Cave Protection Commission (ECPC) of the  
European Speleological Federation (FSE)

## Tuesday, 26th October

- 18.30 *Dinner*
- 20.00 Opening of the 6th EuroSpeleo Protection Symposium,  
Welcome and Introduction to the venue and logistic an-  
nouncements  
Ute Feit, BfN  
Jean Claude Thies, ECPC

## Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October

- 07.30 *Breakfast*
- 08.30 (!) Welcome to the Online-participants (!)  
(*Short round of introductions*)

### **Theme: Cave Animal Protection**

- 09.00 Short introduction EU Natura 2000 and evaluation of the  
Questionnaire  
Jean Claude Thies, ECPC
- 09.30 Natura 2000 evaluation of data on national level  
Axel Ssymank, BfN (online)
- 10.00 *Coffee break*
- 10.30 Cooperation between institutions, Fauna NGO and Speleolo-  
gists for Karst Biodiversity conservation guided by the Sus-  
tainable Development Goals  
Jörg Dreybrodt, CH  
European Speleological Federation; Swiss Society of Speleology
- 11.00 Natura 2000 evaluation of data on European level  
Marcus Erhard (online)  
European Environment Agency, requested
- 11.30 The conservation value of underground caves, not used for  
tourism, in the EU as natural and cultural heritage (Working title/  
proposal)  
Jutta Paulus, MEP (online)  
European Parliament, requested

## **Theme: Cave Animal Protection – Country reports part 1**

- 12.00 DNA-based identification of cave invertebrates  
Alexander Weigand, LU National Museum of Natural History Luxembourg
- 12.30 Lunch break*
- 13.30 Guided hiking tour on Vilm Island (biosphere reserve)  
Asja Bernd, BfN
- 15.30 Coffee/tea and cake*
- 16.00 Developing monitoring methodology for caves and cave invertebrates in Croatia  
Dražina Tvrtko, HR (online)  
Kuharić Nikolina, HR  
Croatian Biospeleological Society
- 16.30 Methods of reporting on the Article 17 of the habitats Directive for caves not open to public  
Dud Lana, HR  
Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
- 17.00 Identifying and monitoring special interest features in English cave Sites of Special Scientific Interest  
John Gunn, GB (online)  
University of Birmingham
- 17.30 Sandstone Caves in Latvia  
Ozols Dainis, LV  
Nature Protection Agency
- 18.00 Dinner*
- 20.00 Informal get-together*

## Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> October

07.30 *Breakfast*

08.45 Welcome back to the Online-participants (!)

### **Theme: Cave Animal Protection – Country reports part 2**

09.00 Monitoring troglobionts in Hungary - Field experience and possible conclusions

Balázs Gergely, HU

Eötvös Loránd University, Hungarian Speleological Society

09.30 Cave protection in Hungary

Csaba Egri, HU

Ministry of Agriculture, National Park and Landscape Protection Department

10.00 Natura 2000 with focus on Habitat 8310 in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Lada Lukic Bilela, BA

University of Sarajevo, Biospeleological Society

Saso Finzgar, SI

Speleological Association of Slovenia

10.30 *Coffee break*

11.00 Biodiversity and conservation of the cave dwelling animals of Georgia (Caucasus): current state of knowledge and perspectives

Barjadze Shalva, GE, (online)

Ilia State University

11.30 Conservation priorities for bat caves in Bulgaria, based on a novel assessment index

Deleva Stanimira, BG

Bulgarian Federation of Speleology

12.00 The 2010-2020 review of bat conservation in Romanian caves: joint achievements and future challenges

Szilard Bücs, RO

Centre for Bat Research and Conservation

12.30 *Lunch break*

14.30 The Italian contribution to the Nature 2000 monitoring of caves: state of the art and need of novel approaches  
Stoch Fabio, IT, (online)  
Italian Speleological Society

### **Theme: Workshop CaveLife App**

15.00 Monitoring of Caves according 92/43/EEC Habitats directive in Baden-Württemberg, Germany  
Hannes Köble, DE  
German Speleological Federation

*15.30 Coffee break*

16.00 Actual situation of caves in Switzerland  
Christian Lüthi, CH  
Swiss Speleological Society- Secretary of national cave conservation commission

16.30 Introduction to CaveLife App  
Stefan Zaenker, DE  
Christian Zaenker, DE  
German Speleological Federation

*18.00 Dinner*

20.00 Underground views of the world  
Csaba Egri, HU

## **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> October**

*07.30 Breakfast*

*08.25/ 08.55 Ferries to Lauterbach Mole*

### **Methods in Practice on a Fieldtrip to the main Island Rügen**

09.30 Bus tour  
Workshop in small groups: CaveLife App in practice  
*Ferries back to Vilm Island*

*18.00 Dinner*

20.00 Informal Get-together

## Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October

07.30 *Breakfast*

08.45 Welcome back to the Online-participants (!)

### Conclusions and closing discussions

09.00 Wrap up and discussion  
Jean Claude Thies, ECPC

10.00 *Coffee break*

10.15 Cooperation models and discussion  
Closing of the 6<sup>th</sup> EuroSpeleo Protection Symposium  
Jean Claude Thies, ECPC

11.30 *Lunch break*

*Ferry departure from Vilm to Lauterbach Mole: 12.30 and 13.00*

