



The Mammal Society Spring Conference

First Call for Papers

This is the first call for papers or posters for the Mammal Society Spring Conference 2018. We are keen to hear from as wide a range of speakers as possible; academic research projects, interesting results from consultancy work and amateur surveys conducted by local groups and members. Please share your experiences and findings.

The conference will take place on the **20th – 22nd April 2018** at Queen's Building, University of Exeter.

To present a paper or poster, send the following details to scientific programme coordinator Kate Williamson to tms2018springconference@gmail.com with the subject "**Abstract for spring conference**" by midnight on the **3rd December 2017**:

Offers of posters: Provide the title of the poster, the authors' names and addresses and a lead author e-mail and telephone number. Abstracts are not required.

Offers of papers: An abstract is required as a MS Word document. The submission should consist of the following formatted as 12-point font, Times New Roman style, single line spacing and full justification

- the title of the paper,
- the authors' names (author giving the paper should be underlined),
- affiliations and addresses,
- the e-mail address of the author giving paper
- an abstract of *no more than 150 words*
- an example layout is provided below

Offers of 'Rapid Fire' papers: Rapid fire slots are 4-5 minutes long and the oral presentations consist of no more than 5 slides. A shorter abstract is required as a MS Word document. The submission should consist of the same formatted points as above.

Competitions. Students are encouraged to enter the competition for best student paper and best student poster. They would be expected to be the lead author. *Please indicate when you apply if you would like to be considered for the competition.*

Bursaries: There are a limited amount of travel bursaries worth £75.00 available to students who wish to present a paper/poster at spring conference. They would be expected to be the lead author and presenter. *Please indicate when you apply if you would like to be considered for a bursary.*

Deadline: Send an email stating your wish to offer a paper or a poster to tms2018springconference@gmail.com by midnight on the 3rd December 2017 at the latest. Abstracts for offers of papers should be attached as a MS Word document.

Any questions/queries can be sent to the same address. We will endeavour to answer as soon as possible.

Example template of an abstract submission for a paper at the Mammal Society Spring Conference

Optimal foraging strategies at the Mammal Society Conference

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This is the text for my abstract talk and does not exceed 150 words in total length.

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****Please remember that all speakers and poster presenters will also need to book onto conference in the normal way. Discount student ticket prices are available this year.***