



# The Mammal Society Spring Conference

## Final Call for Papers

This is the final call for papers or posters for the 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 **20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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:** Talks will be around 20mins with 5mins for questions. 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.** If there are sufficient numbers of entries, we will run competitions for best student talk [full talk] and best student poster; there is no competition for rapid fire entries. Students are encouraged to enter the competitions and would be expected to be the lead author on their presentation. *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](mailto:tms2018springconference@gmail.com) by midnight on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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*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.***