



The Mammal Society Spring Conference

Call for Papers

Some of the posters and abstracts submitted for the cancelled 2020 conference will be given at the 2021 conference. Therefore, this is an additional call for new abstracts and posters. If you had already had an abstract or poster accepted for the 2020 conference, and you have already indicated you would like to present the same at the 2021 conference, then there is no need for you to resubmit.

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 **16-18 April 2021** at Robinson College, Cambridge.

To present a paper or poster, send the following details to scientific programme co-ordinator Rose Toney to springconference@themammalsociety.org with the subject "**Abstract for Spring Conference 2021**" by midnight on **8 November 2020**:

Offers of posters: Please see below.

Title: The title of the poster and names of authors should be clear and large enough to be clearly visible (email and telephone number for authors and affiliations should be included)

Text: Should be kept to a minimum with a font size that is easy enough to read (suggested size: 24 or larger if possible).

Graphics: Graphs and figures should form the majority of the poster. They should be clear and concise and include a short explanatory legend.

Layout: The poster should be in portrait orientation and no larger than A0.

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



- the telephone number of the lead author (or whoever is going to present the 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. An abstract is still required as a MS Word document. The submission should consist of the same formatted points as above and a contact phone number provided.

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 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 springconference@themammalsociety.org by midnight on the 8 November 2020 at the latest. Abstracts for offers of papers should be attached as a MS Word document. We aim to be in touch with regard to submissions and announce the draft programme in the New Year 2021.

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. Student tickets are available at a considerable discount.***