



30th Meeting of the International Hamster Workgroup

29 September – 1 October 2023

Vienna, Austria

Program

	Friday, 29 Sept 2023	Saturday, 30 Sept 2023	Sunday, 1 Oct 2023
08:00 - 08:30		Registration	
08:30 - 09:00			
09:00 - 09:30		Opening Session 1	Session 5
09:30 - 10:00			
10:00 - 10:30			
10:30 - 11:00		Coffee break	Coffee break
11:00 - 11:30		Session 2	Session 6
11:30 - 12:00			
12:00 - 12:30			
12:30 - 13:00		Lunch break	Closing Farewell
13:00 - 13:30			
13:30 - 14:00		Session 3	
14:00 - 14:30	Registration Welcome		
14:30 - 15:00			
15:00 - 15:30			Coffee break
15:30 - 16:00		Poster session	
16:00 - 16:30	Excursion	Session 4	
16:30 - 17:00			
17:00 - 17:30			
17:30 - 18:00			
18:00 - 18:30			
18:30 - 19:00			
19:00 - 24:00		Conference dinner	



Friday 29 September 2023

- 14:00 – 16:00 Registration and Welcome at the venue
16:00 – 19:00 Excursion to the Vienna central cemetery (Wiener Zentralfriedhof)

Saturday 30 September 2023

- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 – 10:30** **SESSION 1** (chair: Eva Millesi)
9:00 – 9:30 Carina SIUTZ & Eva MILLESI: Opening
9:30 – 9:50 Edin LUGIĆ: Current status of the common hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) in Croatia
9:50 – 10:10 Kerstin MAMMEN & Ubbo MAMMEN: Dramatic decline of the Common Hamster in Saxony-Anhalt
10:10 – 10:30 General discussion Session 1
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 – 12:30** **SESSION 2** (chair: Ulrich Weinhold)
11:00 – 11:20 Monika PETKOVIĆ: Development of national monitoring program of Common hamster (Rodentia: Cricetidae; *Cricetus cricetus*) in Croatia
11:20 – 11:40 Hayat MIMOU: Mid-term assessment of the 2019-2028 French National Action Plan for the common hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) and the biodiversity of the Alsace plain
11:40 – 12:00 Simon HEIN & Julia-Marie BATTERMANN: Project Feldhamsterland - A glance back at Germany's largest conservation project on the common hamster
12:00 – 12:20 General discussion Session 2
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break
- 13:30 – 14:50** **SESSION 3** (chair: Sarah Descamps)
13:30 – 13:50 Marie-Cécile VIRION: Example of one action from the French National Action Plan for the common hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) and the biodiversity of the Alsace plain: Create and manage a food industry with hamster favourable crops
13:50 – 14:10 Valentina BAUMTROG: The common hamster and its protective measures - the nutritional state of the common hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) depending on sown wildflower fields and other protective measures in Hesse
14:10 – 14:30 Timothée GÉRARD: Testing the effect of crop associations on the hibernation and reproductive success of the European hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) – Promising results for the protection of the species
14:30 – 14:50 General discussion Session 3

14:50 – 15:20 Coffee break

15:20 – 16:00 POSTER SESSION

16:00 – 17:20 SESSION 4 (chair: Caroline Habold)

16:00 – 16:20 Magdalena HĘDRZAK & Joanna ZIOMEK: The behaviour of the European hamster *Cricetus cricetus* after releasing from the breeding facility to the natural environment

16:20 – 16:40 Urszula EICHERT & Joanna ZIOMEK: An attempt of designation factors and a set of behavioural features, which may have an impact on the survival of European hamsters from the breeding colony, released into the environment

16:40 – 17:00 Tom ANGELO: From visible cutaneous pathologies to a lesional photographic guide of the common hamster in Alsace

17:00 – 17:20 General discussion Session 4

19:00 – 24:00 Conference dinner at Salm Bräu

Sunday 1 October 2023

9:00 – 10:20 SESSION 5 (chair: Edgar van der Grift)

9:00 – 9:20 Tobias E. REINERS: From the wild to captivity - from genetics to genomics - Challenges in the genetic management of the Common hamster

9:20 – 9:40 Julia HEINZE: Breeding with wild caught hamsters – first three years of “assisted migration” in Langgöns and Pohlheim

9:40 – 10:00 Fabrice CAPBER: Lympho-epithelial thymoma in a common hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*)

10:00 – 10:20 General discussion Session 5

10:20 – 10:50 Coffee break

10:50 – 12:10 SESSION 6 (chair: Tobias E. Reiners)

10:50 – 11:10 Marieke BEIER: How do you know they are in estrus? – Preliminary results on the use of vaginal swabs in female common hamsters (*Cricetus cricetus*)

11:10 – 11:30 Thomas LIEBENSTEIN: A holistic approach for a charismatic field dweller – Zoo Leipzig’s novel role in the cooperative conservation project for the common hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) in Saxony (Germany)

11:30 – 11:50 Stefanie MONECKE: Advanced breeding and the restocking program of European hamsters in North Rhine-Westphalia

11:50 – 12:10 General discussion Session 6

12:10 – 13:30 Closing/Farewell with drinks and snacks