

Felid Biology and Conservation

17th – 20th September 2007 - Oxford

A short series of notes on the up coming Felid Biology Conference

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REGISTRATION

Registration will be available on:

14:00 – 18:00, Monday 17th September at Lady Margaret Hall

18:00 – 19:00, Monday 17th September at Oxford University Museum of Natural History (OUMNH) during the Welcome Reception

We would like to encourage all delegates to register for the conference at LMH to alleviate any bottlenecks at the OUMNH on Monday evening or Tuesday morning.

08:30 – 09:00, Tuesday 18th September at OUMNH

*If you are unable to register on Monday please arrive **PROMPTLY** at 8.30am on Tuesday morning so we can register you and make sure you are seated before the opening address at 9am.*

Delegates not able to register during these times (e.g. those arriving later or on subsequent days) can register at the conference desk in either OUMNH or the Physics venue.

WELCOME RECEPTION

18:00 – 20:00, Monday 17th September Welcome Reception at OUMNH

Drinks and canapés will be provided. This is an opportunity for people to meet friends and colleagues attending the conference. We are also delighted that Thomas Kaplan, founder and chairman of the Panthera Foundation, and George Schaller, will address this reception so please be there on time!

If you would like to attend the welcome event and have not told us already, then please contact the conference organisers. It is important that we know these numbers for catering purposes.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS / POSTERS

All powerpoint and poster presentations should be submitted at registration. Posters will be put up by conference personnel during Tuesday morning (for Session A) or after lunch on Wednesday (for Session B). Posters will be taken down by conference organisers after the sessions and can be collected from the Conference Office (in Physics).

Guidelines for presenters have already been sent out. If you did not receive these please contact the organisers and we will re-send them.

Oral presenters should take careful note of the duration of their talks (including question times) and plan their talks accordingly. The conference will be strict with regards to time-keeping. Please note that the venues are large lecture theatres (up to 300 seats) and visual aids should be clearly visible to all delegates. In particular, please use large clear fonts and take care with regard to the usage of colours that may affect colour-blind delegates.

GALA DINNER

19:15 – 23:00, Thursday 20 September at Keble College

To conclude the conference a drinks reception and five-course dinner will be served at the grand Dining Hall in the magnificent Keble College. The drinks reception will be outside in the college quadrangle, weather permitting. We suggest semi-formal dress (e.g. jacket and tie for gentlemen) for the evening. The closing address for the conference will be made by Prof. David Macdonald. We hope all those wishing to attend to will have a very enjoyable, and relaxing, evening in the superb surroundings.

The closing date for buying tickets to the Gala Dinner is Monday 3rd September.

MEALS

Delegates are responsible for their own meals during the conference, with the exception of:

- those delegates staying at Lady Margaret Hall where breakfast is included with the accommodation;
- the gala dinner
- canapés at the Welcome Reception.

All other meals can be easily source within a short five-minute walk of the conference venue. Details of suitable sandwich shops will be provided in the delegate's bag.

ACCOMMODATION – LADY MARGARET HALL

Check-in

Delegates booked into accommodation at Lady Margaret Hall can check-in from 14:00 on Monday 17th September. If earlier entrance is required then please let us know.

Check-out

Delegates are expected to vacate their bedrooms by 09:00 on the morning of their departure. Luggage may be taken to a designated Luggage Store Room. Luggage will be locked in the storeroom until the delegate's departure. Room keys must be returned to the Porters' Lodge by 10:00. Keys not returned to the College by 10:00 will incur another day's room rental.

How to get there

By car:

From whichever direction you are coming, it is best to reach LMH from the northern end of the Oxford Ring Road; the city centre is difficult to navigate unless you already know exactly where you are going. More detailed directions can be found here

(<http://clients.networks.co.uk/ladymargarethall/location/location.html>)

By train or bus:

There are two bus companies providing frequent services between Central London and Oxford's Gloucester Green bus station:

Oxford Bus Company – 01865 785400 or www.oxfordbus.co.uk

Oxford Tube – 01865 772250 or www.stagecoachbus.com/oxfordshire

The Oxford Bus company also runs regular services from London's Heathrow and Gatwick Airports; ring 01865 785400 or consult the Airports page at www.theairline.info

For train services to Oxford ring 08457 48 49 50, or consult the Railtrack site at www.networkrail.co.uk

From the rail or bus stations it takes about 15 to 20 minutes on foot through the centre of town and across (or around) the lovely University Parks to get to LMH. The map shows the route. The exit from the Parks is the Lady Margaret Gate. If you prefer not to walk, there are taxi ranks at both stations and, unlike some journeys across the centre of Oxford, this one is (usually) quick and straightforward.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Most international flights to the UK arrive at London Heathrow or Gatwick Airports. A coach service to Oxford is operated by the Oxford Express +44 (0)1865 785400.

From Heathrow: Leaves from Central Bus Station (for Terminals 1,2 & 3), 70 minutes to Oxford Gloucester Green Bus Station. Every 30 minutes daytime (04:30hs/ 21:00hs); every 2 hours overnight. 90 minutes from Terminal 4. Cost: £14 per person, period (3 month) return; £ 11 one way.

From Gatwick: Leaves from South 7 North Terminals, 2 hours to Oxford Gloucester Green Bus Station. Every hour daytime (04:00hs/20:00hs); every 2 hours overnight. Cost: £21 per person, period (3 month) return; £ 18 one way.

PARKING

Oxford General

Oxford has limited parking within the city limits and the best option if you are arriving by car is use the Park & Ride service. See the Oxford City parking information website for more information. <http://www.oxfordcity.co.uk/info/parking.html>

Lady Margaret Hall

There is limited parking available at LMH on application and a fee of £20.00 per car for the duration of the conference. The college can not take responsibility for the security of vehicles. If you want to park your vehicle at LMH then we require car registrations by the 6th September. All drivers need to report to the Porters' Lodge on arrival so that they can be advised on where to park.

The roads around LMH (Fyfield Road, Crick Road, Norham Gardens) are either “pay and display” or residents permit parking from Monday to Friday 08:00 to 18:30 and Saturday 08:00 to 13:00. Outside of these hours the bays are free for use by anyone But please check the parking signs carefully. These are some of the closest parking spots to the city centre and they are patrolled regularly by parking wardens who collect their Christmas bonuses from these streets.

INTERNET ACCESS

The Mendelssohn room in the Physics department has been allocated for people wishing to work on their laptops. The room has power points all around the walls– please remember to bring adaptors to British 3-pin (square) plugs. Please note the electrical supply is 240V and use transformers if necessary.

The Physics building has allowed us to register users for access to their WiFi network which will allow wireless access to the internet for delegates with wireless enabled laptops. All delegates wishing to access the WiFi from within the Physics building will need to register their intention by 3rd September 2007 so that we can set up usernames and passwords. Unfortunately system registration requirements mean we cannot extend this deadline and we cannot offer to set people up during the conference.

MAPS FOR LMH AND CONFERENCE VENUES

Maps for Lady Margaret Hall and the conference venues are available on the conference website <http://users.ox.ac.uk/~zoofelid/travel.html>. If you have any problems with these maps or you would like us to send you one then please email the conference organisers.