

BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN WORKSHOP - AN OVERVIEW OF STUDIES, ALTERNATIVES AND CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN A CAPTIVE FACILITY CLOSES

14th SEPTEMBER

09:00-10:00 - REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

10:00-10:45 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

	Frederic Ximeno - Barcelona City Hall	
	Manel Gazo - SUBMON	
	Josep María Alonso - Zoo Barcelona	

10:45-11:45 - KEYNOTE SPEAKER

	Erich Hoyt - WDC, Whale and Dolphin Conservation	<p>Whales and Dolphins Driving Marine Conservation and Science: The Big Picture</p> <p><i>Erich Hoyt is Research Fellow with Whale and Dolphin Conservation (WDC). Hoyt is currently co-chair of the IUCN Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force and an invited member of the IUCN Cetacean Specialist Group. Among his awards for writing and conservation work are the Vannevar Bush Fellowship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Outstanding Book of the Year Award from the American Society of Journalists & Authors for Creatures of the Deep. In 2013 the European Cetacean Society awarded him the Mandy McMath Conservation Award for his body of work.</i></p>
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12:15-13:30 - SESSION 1- LONG-TERM STUDIES AND PROGRAMS MONITORING WILD AND COASTAL POPULATIONS.

This session will present long-term studies on coastal bottlenose dolphins: social organization, ethology, use of habitat and pathologies/epizooties.	Aviad Scheinin – IMMRAC, University of Haifa	<i>Coastal dolphins long term ecological research in Israel - against all odds</i>
	Joan Gonzalvo ^(VC) - Ionian Dolphin Project - Tethys Research Institute	<i>Bottlenose dolphins in The Gulf of Ambracia, western Greece: A Highly Dense and yet Threatened Population</i>
	Mariano Domingo Álvarez - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	<i>Causes of stranding and death of Bottlenose dolphin (Tursiops truncatus) in the Catalanian Coast</i>

14:45-16:00 - SESSION 2- STUDIES CONDUCTED IN ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS ON BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS.

This session will present case studies of social groups of bottlenose dolphins in captivity: social organization, ethology, facilities and veterinarian aspects and welfare assessments indexes.	Manel López Bejar - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	<i>Physiological indicators of chronic stress and wellbeing in captive dolphins</i>
	Isabella Clegg - Université Paris 13	<i>How can we measure dolphin welfare? Developing practical assessments and valid indicators</i>
	David Perpiñan - Naturavets Consultancy	<i>50 years of cetaceans in captivity: history, conservation, education, research and future trends</i>

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09:30-11:00 SESSION 3- THE ALTERNATIVES TO CAPTIVITY FOR ANIMALS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD IN CAPTIVITY FOR EXTENDED PERIODS

This session will present some case studies relating to acclimation and the release of dolphins from captivity. Practical examples: successes and problems.	Lori Marino ^(VC) - Kimmela Center for Animal Advocacy- 14th September - 16:15-17:00.	<i>The Whale Sanctuary Project</i>
	Anastasia Miliou - Archipelagos Institute of Marine Conservation- 14th September - 16:15-17:00.	<i>The under-construction Aegean Marine Life Sanctuary in Greece: a solution for formerly captive dolphins!</i>
	Naomi Rose - Animal Welfare Institute	<i>Sanctuaries and Releases: Ingredients for Success</i>
	Sandro Mazzariol - Università degli Studi di Padova	<i>Dolphins and aquaria in Italy: laws and regulations, problems and perspectives</i>
	Rob Lott - WDC, Whale and Dolphin Conservation	<i>The Long Road to Freedom</i>

11:30-13:30 CLOSING SESSION

14:45-17:30 - CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS WHEN A FACILITY HOLDING CAPTIVE DOLPHINS CLOSES [Closed session]

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