



draft program

6th EuroSpeleo Protection Symposium

**"Assessing, monitoring and protecting cave biotopes and geotopes through Natura 2000 or similar programs in Europe"**

**26 – 30 October 2021**

at the

International Academy for Nature Conservation  
Isle of Vilm, Germany

organized jointly by

the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and  
the European Cave Protection Commission (ECPC) of the  
European Speleological Federation (FSE)

## Tuesday, 26th October

*Ferry departure from Lauterbach Mole to Vilm*

*13.15, 14.15, 15.20, 16.10, 17.10, 18.10, (20.10)*

18.30

*Dinner*

20:00

Opening of the 6th EuroSpeleo Protection Symposium, Welcome and Introduction to the venue and logistic announcements

Ute Feit, BfN

Jean Claude Thies,  
ECPC

## Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October

07.30

*Breakfast*

### **Theme Cave Animal Protection**

9.00

Short introduction EU Natura 2000 and evaluation of the Questionnaire

Jean Claude Thies,  
ECPC

9.30

Impacts of human activities in subterranean biodiversity

Ana Sofia Reboleira,  
University of Lisbon

10.00

*Coffee break*

10.15

Natura 2000 evaluation of data on national level

Ayel Ssymank,  
BfN

10.45

*Natura 2000 habitat type 8310  
NGO involvement*

*Alexander Just  
European Commission  
requested*

11:15

*Natura 2000 evaluation of data on  
European level*

*n.n.  
European Environment  
Agency, requested*

11.45	Cooperation between institutions, Fauna NGO and Speleologists for Karst Biodiversity conservation guided by the Sustainable Development Goals	Jörg Dreybrodt, CH European Speleological Federation; Swiss Society of Speleology
12.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.30	guided walking tour Vilm Island	n.n. BfN
<b>Theme: Cave Animal Protection – Country reports part 1</b>		
15.00	DNA-based identification of cave invertebrates	Alexander Weigand, LU National Museum of Natural History Luxembourg
15.30	Methods of reporting on the Article 17 of the habitats Directive for caves not open to public	Dud Lana, HR Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.15	Developing monitoring methodology for caves and cave invertebrates in Croatia	Dražina Tvrtko, HR Kuharić Nikolina, HR Croatian Biospeleological Society
16.45	Identifying and monitoring special interest features in English cave Sites of Special Scientific Interest	John Gunn, GB University of Birmingham
17.15	The Italian contribution to the Nature 2000 monitoring of caves: state of the art and need of novel approaches	Stoch Fabio, IT Italian Speleological Society
18.00	<i>Dinner</i>	

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20:00

Panorama of the Dark Side

Peter Hofmann, DE

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## Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> October

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07.30

*Breakfast*

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### Theme Cave Animal Protection – Country reports part 2

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9.00

Monitoring troglobionts in Hungary.  
Field experience and possible conclusions

Balázs Gergely, HU  
Eötvös Loránd University,  
Hungarian Speleological Society

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9.30

Cave protection in Hungary

Csaba Egri, HU  
Ministry of Agriculture, National  
Park and Landscape Protection  
Departement

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10.00

Natura 2000 with focus on Habitat  
8310 in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Lada Lukic Bilela, BA  
University of Sarajevo,  
Biospeleological Society  
Saso Finzgar, SI  
Speleological Association of  
Slovenia

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10.30

*Coffee break*

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10.45

Biodiversity and conservation of  
the cave dwelling animals of  
Georgia (Caucasus): current state  
of knowledge and perspectives

Barjadze Shalva, GE  
Ilia State University

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11.15

Conservation priorities for bat  
caves in Bulgaria, based on a  
novel assessment index

Deleva Stanimira, BG  
Bulgarian Federation of Spe-  
leology

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11.45	The 2010-2020 review of bat conservation in Romanian caves: joint achievements and future challenges	Szilard Bücs, RO Centre for Bat Research and Conservation
12.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.00	Sandstone Caves of Lativa	Ozols Dainis, LV Nature Protection Agency
<b>Theme Workshop CaveLife App</b>		
14.30	Monitoring of Caves according 92/43/EEC Habitats directive in Baden-Württemberg, Germany	Hannes Köble, DE German Speleological Federation
15.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.15	Introduction to CaveLife App	Stefan Zaenker, DE Christian Zaenker, DE German Speleological Federation
18.00	<i>Dinner</i>	
20:00	underground views of the world	Csaba Egri, HU

## Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> October

07.30	<i>Breakfast</i>	
08.20	<i>Ferry to Lauterbach Mole</i>	

### **Methods in Practice on a Fieldtrip to the main Island Rügen**

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8.45                      Bus tour

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Workshop in small groups:  
CaveLife App in practice

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17.10                      *Ferry to Vilm Island*

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18.00                      *Dinner & Farewell Party*

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## Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October

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07.30                      *Breakfast*

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### Theme

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9.00                      Wrap up and discussion                      Jean Claude Thies  
ECPC

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10.00                      *Coffee break*

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10.15                      Cooperation models and discus-                      Jean Claude Thies  
sion                      ECPC

Closing of the 6<sup>th</sup> EuroSpeleo Pro-  
tection Symposium

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12.30                      *Lunch break*

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*Ferry departure from Vilm to Lauterbach Mole*

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15.35*

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