

# CHAMOIS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

**Majella National Park, Italy**  
**Lama dei Peligni, June, 17<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**



*Fourth circular*





Dear friends and colleagues,

the **Life coornata Project** partnership



is pleased

to invite you to the **chamois International congress**, to be held in  
Lama dei Peligni, Majella National Park, central Italy, on June 17th -

20th, 2014. Experts coming from the geographical range of the  
Rupicapra species will meet to share the knowledge and discuss

conservation issues regarding **all the**

the northern (*Rupicapra rupicapra*) and

southern (*Rupicapra pyrenaica*) chamois.

The participation to the congress

will be a wonderful occasion to enjoy one of the most beautiful and

striking scenarios of the Apennines, the **Majella National Park**, where

chamois (*Rupicapra pyrenaica ornata*) live together with bears, wolves,

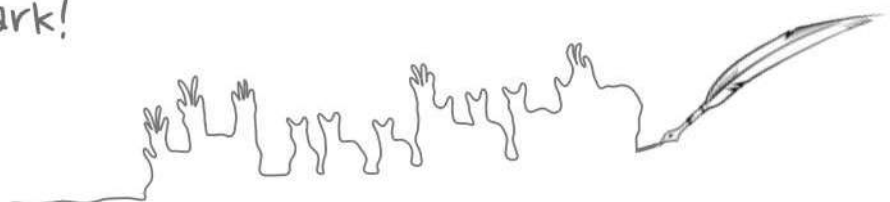
plenty of birds and other animals. The chamois International congress

is almost starting but **registration is still opened!**

We are confident that you will not miss the occasion to participate

to such an important event and we are looking forward to welcoming

you in the Majella National Park!





**08:00-09:00 Registration**

**09:00-09:30 Welcome and institutional greetings**

## **Life Coornata Project results presentation:**

- **09:30 - 09:45 Introduction to the Life Coornata Project**  
*Franco Mari, Project Manager*
- **09:45 - 10:00 Environmental Ministry (MATTM) and Superior Institute for the Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)**
- **10:00 - 10:30 The Apennine chamois in the Majella National Park, from a reintroduced population to a source population: results of monitoring activity and first experiences of wild chamois captures for reintroduction**  
*Antonio Antonucci, Majella National Park*
- **10:30 - 11:00 The Apennine chamois in the Gran Sasso e Monti della Laga National Park, from a reintroduced population to a source population: results of monitoring activity and first experiences of wild chamois captures for reintroductions**  
*Laura Scillitani, Gran Sasso e Monti della Laga National Park*
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break**
- **11:30 - 12:00 The Apennine chamois reintroduction in the Sibillini National Park: population monitoring and status at six years from the reintroduction beginning**  
*Alessandro Rossetti, Monti Sibillini National Park*
- **12:00 - 12:30 The constitution of the first Apennine chamois nucleus in the Sirente Velino Natural Park, from the preliminary actions to the monitoring of released individuals**  
*Paola Morini, Sirente Velino Natural Park*



**12:30 - 13:00 Potential threats to the historical autochthonous Apennine chamois population in the Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise National Park: analysis, valuation and management implications**

*Alessandro Asprea, Abruzzo, Lazio e Molise National Park*

**13:00-13:30 Health surveillance and implementation of special prophylaxis programs for domestic ungulates in the Parks interested by the presence of the Apennine chamois**

*Umberto Di Nicola, Life coornata veterinary staff*

**13:30 - 15:00 Lunch break**

**15:30 - 15:30 Parasitological survey of the Apennine chamois populations of the Majella, Gran Sasso e Monti della Laga and Abruzzo, Lazio e Molise National Parks**

*Luca Rossi, University of Torino, Italy*

**15:30 - 16:00 Haemato-biochemical parameters and stress markers in the Apennine chamois (*Rupicapra pyrenaica ornata*)**

*Roberto Viganò, University of Milano, Italy*

**16:00 - 16:30 Analysis of Abruzzo chamois (*Rupicapra pyrenaica ornata*) mortality within the Life Coornata Project**

*Jorje Ramón López Olvera, SEFaS, Wildlife Health Service, Spain*

**16:30 - 17:00 Communication, results dissemination and developing of educational programs to favour the biodiversity conservation: the case of the Life Coornata Project**

*Stefano Raimondi, Legambiente O.N.L.U.S.*

**17:00 - 17:30 Coffee break**

**17:30 - 18:30 Life Coornata Documentary Projection**

**All the oral presentations will be in Italian but Italian-English simultaneous translation will be guaranteed**

**08:00-09:00 Registration**

## **The genus *Rupicapra*: an overview**

**keynote speaker Sandro Lovari**

- **09:00 - 09:40 The evolutionary biology of chamois: old views, new insights and grey areas**  
*Sandro Lovari, Italy*
- **09:40 - 10:10 Biogeography of chamois. What different molecular markers can tell us**  
*Trinidad Pérez, Spain*

## **Session I: Status and ecology of chamois subspecies**

**Chairman and keynote speaker: Juan Herrero**

- **10:10 - 10:50 Monitoring and management of Pyrenean chamois in Aragon**  
*R. p. pyrenaica*  
*Juan Herrero, Spain*
- **10:50 - 11:20 *Rupicapra pyrenaica parva*: history and story**  
*Carlos Nores, Spain*
- **11:20 - 11:50 Coffee break**
- **11:50 - 12:20 Some teachings drawn from the spatial monitoring of marked chamois (*Rupicapra pyrenaica pyrenaica*) in the protected population of the Pyrenees National Park**  
*Jean-Paul Crampe, France*
- **12:20 - 12:50 Etho-Ecology of the Alpine chamois: current knowledge and future perspectives**  
*R. r. rupicapra*  
*Luca Corlatti, Italy*





**12:50 - 13:20 Life is a risky business: status and conservation perspectives of the last ancient population of endemic Apennine chamois *Rupicapra pyrenaica ornata***

*Roberta Latini, Italy*

**13:20 - 15:00 Lunch break**

**15:00 - 15:30 Conservation management of Balkan chamois (*Rupicapra rupicapra balcanica*) in Greece**

*Haritakis Papaioannou, Greece*

**15:30 - 16:00 Balkan chamois (*Rupicapra rupicapra balcanica*) in Bulgaria - mapping and defining the conservation status of the subspecies**

*Kostadin Valchev, Bulgaria*

**16:00 - 16:30 Tatra chamois at its top - story of 145 years of protection  
*R. r. tatrica***

*Tomasz Zwijacz Kozica, Poland*

**16:30 - 17:00 Status and management of Anatolian chamois (*Rupicapra rupicapra asiatica*): implications for conservation**

*Huseyin Ambarli, Turkey*

**17:00 - 17:30 Ecology and conservation of the chamois in Georgia, the Caucasus**

*R. r. caucasica*

*Zurab Gurielidze, Georgia*

**17:30 - 18:00 Coffee break**

**18:00 - 18:30 Final discussion and conclusions**

**18:30 - 19:30 Poster session**



**08:00-09:00 Registration**

## **Session II: The role of reintroductions in chamois conservation**

***Chairman and keynote speaker Pritpal Soorae***

- **09:00 - 09:40 Guidelines for reintroductions and other conservation translocations and their role in ungulate and mountain ecosystems**  
***Pritpal Soorae, United Arab Emirates***
  
- **09:40 - 10:10 Reintroduction of Balkan chamois (*Rupicapra rupicapra balcanica*) in Vitosha Nature Park, Bulgaria**  
***Simeon Arangelov Arangelov, Bulgaria***
  
- **10:10 - 10:40 Introduction of Tatra chamois to the Nízke Tatry Mountains**  
***R. r. tatrica***  
***Peter Backor, Slovakia***
  
- **10:40 - 11:10 The reintroduction of the Apennine chamois (*Rupicapra pyrenaica ornata*): the story of a successful conservation action**  
***Life Coornata staff, Italy***
  
- 11:10 - 11:40 Coffee break**
  
- **11:40 - 12:10 A 25 years long story of Cartusianan chamois: what about the output of the restoration plan?**  
***R. r. cartusiana***  
***Jacques Michallet, France***
  
- **12:10 - 12:40 Chamois reintroduction in the Oriental Mountain of Cantabria, north of Spain: a ten-year experience of a non-profit private organization**  
***R. p. parva***  
***Fundación Naturaleza y Hombre, Spain***



## Session III: Threats and conservation

Chairman and keynote speaker **Marco Festa-Bianchet**

- **12:40 - 13:20 Evolutionarily sustainable management of chamois and other mountain ungulates**  
*Marco Festa-Bianchet, Canada*
- 13:20 - 15:00 Lunch break**
- **15:00 - 15:30 The chamois in Romania and in the Piatra Craiului National Park - evolutions and changing after hunting ban in National Parks**  
*R. r. carpatica*  
*Mircea Verghelet, Romania*
- **15:30 - 16:00 Diseases of *Rupicapra* spp. at the interface with livestock and other ungulates**  
*Luca Rossi, Italy*
- **16: 00 - 16:30 Alpine chamois population dynamics: the role of infectious diseases**  
*R. r. rupicapra*  
*Bruno Bassano, Italy*
- **16:30 - 17:00 Diseases affecting Pyrenean chamois (*Rupicapra pyrenaica pyrenaica*) populations**  
*SEFaS, Wildlife Health Service, Spain*
- 17:00 - 17:30 Coffee break**





**17:30 - 18:00 Seasonal habitat displacement of chamois by red deer in the Swiss National Park?**

*R. r. rupicapra*

*Pia Anderwald, Switzerland*

**18:00 - 18:30 Genetic variability at adaptive and neutral markers in the endangered Tatric chamois subspecies**

*R. r. tatrica*

*Serena Cavallero, Italy*

**18:30 - 18:45 Introduction of the Rupicapra International Group**

*Luca Corlatti, Italy*

**During the days 18th - 19th - English will be the official language of the Congress but English-Italian simultaneous translation will be guaranteed**



**Lunch breaks and coffee breaks will be offered by the organization to all the Congress participants regularly registered**





## How to participate

**PARTICIPATION IS FREE** but advance registration is required

To participate with your own **POSTER** send the abstract file (max 2500 characters, included spaces) to the e-mail address

[chamois.congress@gmail.com](mailto:chamois.congress@gmail.com)

## How to register

The registration is still opened and you can quickly and easily do it going to the Congress website



[www.chamoiscongress.wix.com/website](http://www.chamoiscongress.wix.com/website)

where you can find the "Registration" page

## Deadlines

- The registration will be possible until June, 8th, 2014
- The poster submission will be possible until June, 8th, 2014

**Logistic information on accommodation and restaurants are available in the Congress website**

**Info:** [www.chamoiscongress.wix.com/website](http://www.chamoiscongress.wix.com/website)  
[chamois.congress@gmail.com](mailto:chamois.congress@gmail.com)

Participation is limited to a maximum of 150 persons







## Congress venue

The chamois International congress will be held in **Lama dei Peligni**, Majella National Park, Abruzzo, a village that played and still plays an essential role in the conservation of the Apennine chamois, where the first chamois have been released for the constitution of the Majella Massif population and where there is one of the most important captive breeding areas.



To know how to reach Lama dei Peligni and to plan your stay, visit the **Chamois**

**International Congress website**



where you will find all the information about the congress venue and accomodation.



**We are looking forward to welcoming you  
in Lama dei Peligni!**





## Social events

Social dinner in the Restaurant "Casa dell'Orso"

June, 18th, h. 20:30



Sign up filling the specific form in the Congress website!

"Mountain light: Images from the Chamois kingdom"

June, 16th – 22nd: Photographic exhibition "Ornata the most beautiful chamois in the world"

June, 19th, h. 20:00: photography slideshow and nature films projections

Discover all the details about the social events visiting the Congress website [www.chamoiscongress.wix.com/website](http://www.chamoiscongress.wix.com/website)



# Field trips, June 20th

"Fara San Martino, Gorges and the Rock Abbey of S. Martin in Valley"



"Naturalistic-Archeological Museum 'M. Locati' - Botanical Garden 'M. Tenore' - Apennine chamois captive breeding area"

"Taranta Peligna, the Wool and the Cavallone Caves" and "Cavallone Caves"







# Field trips, June 20th



"The Stone Huts of  
Majella, places of history  
and efforts"

"Art, Handicraft and  
Nature: Pescocostanzo and  
Bosco di S. Antonio"  
" The Palena village at the  
foothill of Monte Porrara:  
range of the Apennine  
Brown Bear"



All the field trips will be organized by local cooperatives  
and associations

Discover all the details and how to participate visiting the  
Congress website [www.chamoiscongress.wix.com/website](http://www.chamoiscongress.wix.com/website)



The Chamois International Congress has received  
the official endorsement of:



Caprinae Specialist Group



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