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Tour du Valat is honoured to host the eighth international spoonbill workshop!

This workshop was initially planned to take place in Djerba, in Tunisia, but it has been decided to change the venue in June 2015 because of terrorist attacks. Sadly, similar attacks hit Paris just 10 days before the beginning of the workshop. In these difficult times, I am particularly proud to welcome all the participants in the Camargue, a peaceful place for Human and a very attractive place for migrating waterbirds. Birds ignore borders and should be protected beyond frontiers. Gathering 37 researchers and managers from 20 nationalities, working together for the conservation of the emblematic Eurasian spoonbill, is a wonderful message towards the reconciliation between Humans and Nature!

Jean Jalbert

*General Director of Tour du Valat,
Research institute for the conservation of Mediterranean wetlands*



Programme

Talks are scheduled to last a maximum of 20 minutes, except for keynote speakers which are scheduled to last 45 minutes. In addition, 10 minutes will be allowed for questions. Chair persons for the various sessions will be announced later. Any alterations to the programme will be announced during the meeting.

Workshop Programme

MONDAY 23

19:00 h. *Arrival and registration at Atrium Hotel*

20:00 h. *Dinner*

TUESDAY 24

8:00 h. *Bus departure from Atrium hotel to TDV*

9:00 h. *Inauguration & Presentation of the VIII Spoonbill Workshop. Welcome by Jean Jalbert, general director of Tour du Valat*

SESSION 1. Migratory Connectivity

9:30 h. **Current status and migration of Spoonbills in Russian Federation and nearest countries.**

Dr. Sergey P. Kharitonov. Russian Academy of Sciences

10:30 h. *Coffee break*

11:00 h. **Dispersal of the Hungarian population of the Eurasian Spoonbill in the Carpathian Basin**

Csaba Pigniczki

11:30 h. **Seasonal and historical changes in the Eurasian Spoonbill numbers along the Adriatic flyway**

Jelena Kralj

12:00 h. *Lunch*

14:00 h. **Status and condition of Eurasian Spoonbill in Montenegro**

Marija Stanišić

- 14:30 h. **Post-fledging dispersal and migration of first-year Spoonbills in the Po Delta**
Stefano Volponi
- 15:00 h. **Presentation of demographic parameters of a new colony in southern France**
Jocelyn Champagnon
- 15:30 h. *Coffee break*
- 16:00 h. **Does the Spoonbill uses preferentially the protected areas for stopping over during migration? Comparison between colour ringing and satellite data for the French population**
Loïc Marion
- 16:30 h. **The intercontinental Spoonbill migration: an enigma solved**
Francisco Hortas
- 17:00 h. *Free time at TDV*
- 18:00 h. *Return to Arles*
- 20:00 h. *Dinner at Hotel Atrium*

WEDNESDAY 25

- 8:00 h. *Bus departure from Atrium hotel to TDV*

SESSION 2. Spoonbills in Africa

- 9:00 h. **Changes in the Sahel and consequences for waterbird populations**
Dr. Leo Zwarts. A & W Consultants, The Netherlands
- 10:00 h. *Coffee break*
- 10:30 h. **Review of current state of knowledge on Eurasian Spoonbill in Tunisia**
Hichem Azafzaf
- 11:00 h. **Factors affecting the abundance of the Eurasian Spoonbill wintering in the gulf of Gabès in southern Tunisia**
Foued Hamza
- 11:30 h. **Status and distribution of spoonbills in Libya**
Khaled Etayeb
- 12:00 h. *Lunch*

- 14:00 h. **Breeding Eurasian Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia archeri*) on Egyptian Islands in the Red Sea Governorate, 2012–14**
Mohamed Habib
- 14:30 h. **Status of the Eurasian spoonbill in Algeria**
Riad Nedjah
- 15:00 h. **Insights from the Algerian Ringing Program (ARP) on the origin and movement of waterbirds**
Boudjema Samraoui
- 15:30 h. *Coffee break*
- 16:00 h. **Review of current state of knowledge on Eurasian Spoonbill in Morocco: wintering, migration and breeding**
Rhimou El Hamoumi
- 16:30 h. **Mauritanian spoonbills (*Platalea leucorodia balsaci*) against the severe tides and jackals in Banc d'Arguin**
Mohamed Camara
- 17:00 h. **Wetland management in West Africa: lessons from Senegal Delta and implications for waterbird conservation**
Idrissa Ndiaye
- 17:30 h. *Free time at TDV*
- 18:00 h. *Return to Arles*
- 20:00 h. *Dinner at Hotel Atrium*

THURSDAY 26

- 8:00 h. *Bus departure from Atrium hotel to TDV*

SESSION 3. Population regulation

- 9:00 h. **Limits to the growth of the West-European Spoonbill population: what do we (not) know?**
Dr. Tamar Lok, Centre d'Ecologie Fonctionnelle et Evolutive, France
- 10:00 h. *Coffee break*

- 10:30 h. **Population recovery of Eurasian Spoonbill in Andalusia: conservation measures**
Claudine de le Court
- 11:00 h. **Population monitoring of Eurasian Spoonbill in the Guadalquivir Marshes**
Rubén Rodríguez
- 11:30 h. **Population development and long-term trend of breeding Spoonbill in Croatia**
Alma Mikuska
- 12:00 h. **Recent size and causes of decline of fishpond-oriented population of Eurasian Spoonbill in Serbia**
Istvan Ham
- 12:30 h. *Lunch. Sharing Spoonbill-ers gifts*
- 14:00 h. *Birdwatching at TDV*
- 18:00 h. *Return to Arles*
- 20:00 h. *Dinner at Hotel Atrium*

FRIDAY 27

- 8:00 h. *Bus departure from Atrium hotel to TDV*

SESSION 4. Miscellaneous

- 9:00 h. **Monitoring spoonbill colonies using drone**
Tibor Mikuska
- 9:30 h. **Factors influencing the use of Moroccan wetlands by wintering Eurasian Spoonbills: an assessment of the site-occupancy and abundance**
Saad Hanane
- 10:00 h. *Coffee break*
- 10:30 h. **Spatial and temporal patterns in foraging behaviour of GPS-tracked spoonbills during the breeding season on Schiermonnikoog, The Netherlands**
Camilla Dreef

11:00 h. **Is the Central European population of Eurasian Spoonbill in danger? – some notes about the recent decline in Hungary**
Csaba Pigniczki

11:30 h. **MedWet: The Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative**
Maïlis Renaudin

12:00 h. *Lunch*

SPECIAL SESSION. AEWA Eurasian Spoonbill Action Plan

13:30 h. **Spoonbill market. Breeding population and trends at each country 2015**

14:00 h. **Working groups: *Platalea leucorodia* populations**

15:30 h. *Coffee break*

16:00 h. **Presentation of results and roundtable**

17:00 h. **Conclusions and Closing Ceremony**

18:00 h. *Return to Arles*

20:00 h. *Dinner at Hotel Atrium*

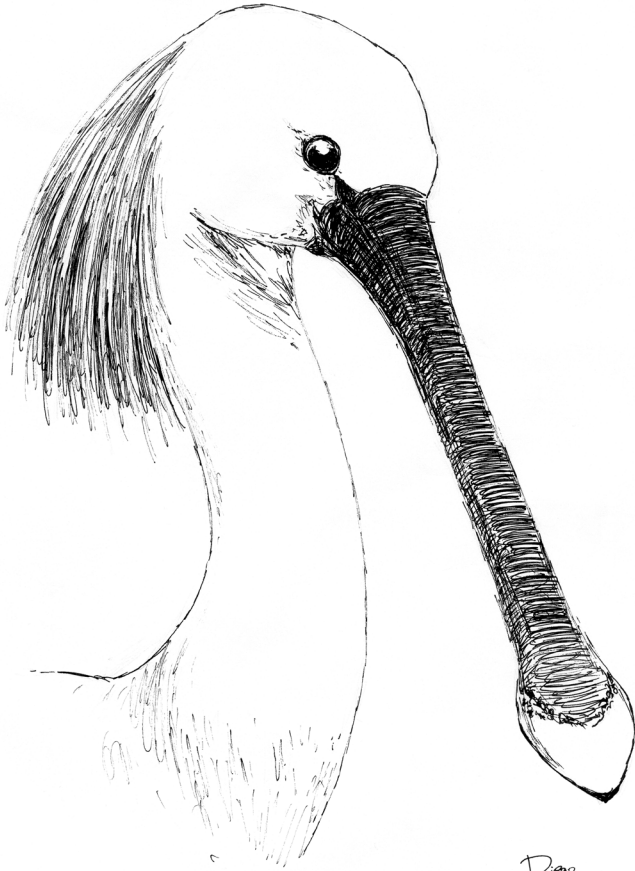
SATURDAY 28

8:00 h. *Whole day excursion*

20:00 h. *Closing dinner*

SUNDAY 29

Departure of the participants



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