

Student Conference on Conservation Science SCCS Europe, 2018

SCCS Europe – Connecting Eastern and Western Europe
in conservation biology



The Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS) series started in Cambridge where the 19th conference will be held in 2018. Sister conferences continued in Brisbane, Beijing, New York and Bangalore, and in 2015 a new SCCS conference series started in Tihany, Hungary! This year, we are delighted to invite you to the 4th SCCS Europe in Hungary, organised by the MTA Centre for Ecological Research.

What do we know about conservation science in different regions of Europe, e.g. about Russia or Portugal? Do we see the potential in different disciplines like ecological economy, sociology? Or what kind of traditional knowledge does still exist in extensive parts of Europe, e.g. in Romania? How can we gain with this knowledge and integrate in conservation science?

SCCS is the largest international conference in conservation science, where students and early career scientists are welcomed and have the chance to present their research, learn from each other and meet with experts of the field who can offer them guidance in their future careers. SCCS Europe aims to integrate young conservationist mainly from Europe to connect disciplines and regions.

Conference venue and date

The conference will be held at the MTA Centre for Ecological Research (MTA ÖK) Balaton Limnological Institute, (at the Lake Balaton), 04 - 08 September 2018.



Address:

Klebelsberg Kuno u. 3. City: 8237 Tihany

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Keynote speakers

We proudly introduce our first three prominent keynote speakers, with a wide expertise in conservation science, practice and policy from Western, Central and Eastern Europe

- **Andrew Pullin** is Professor of Evidence-Based Conservation and Director of the Centre for Evidence-Based Conservation at Bangor University
- **Lynn Dicks** is a Research Fellow at the University of East Anglia
- **Barbara Mihók** is a research fellow at the University of Szeged, Hungary
- **Zselyke Molnos** is an ecopsychologist, leader of the Ecopsychology Institute, Hungary
- others under organisation

and present the diversity of workshops:

- **Péter Batáry** - Introduction to meta-analysis in conservation biology
- **Lynn Dicks** - Designing policy for conservation
- **Andrew Pullin** - Critical appraisal methods for assessing reliability of evidence
- **Barbara Mihók and Zselyke Molnos** - Where am I going and why? – Nature-assisted coaching session for empowering early-career decisions in the conservation profession

Please, check the website ([SCCS Hungary](#)) for more information on the keynote speakers, workshops and on the program, which develops continuously.

The conference program

The program (04 September) starts with an optional free visit to the Budapest Zoo. For all who wish to attend this event a shuttle bus will be provided to the conference venue to Tihany in the afternoon. An icebreaking social event starts the meeting formally. The next three days the programme starts with a plenary lecture from a leading conservation scientist, and is followed by student talks. Students also can present their work at the poster sessions.

For the preliminary program please visit the conference [website](#).

Networking

SCCS Europe, Tihany, is a great opportunity, where students and early career scientists are welcome and have the chance to present their research, learn from each other and meet with experts of the field who can offer them guidance in their future carriers. The program and the number of participants (c. 40) provide an excellent opportunity to network with other students and the invited guests. Participants can devote a whole and a half day excursions to explore the historic, architectural, and natural treasures of Tihany and Lake Balaton where delegates can become acquainted with conservation and landscape values of the region.

Conference costs

The all-inclusive conference fee will be 270 Euro - including conference registration, accommodation and catering (three meals per day) during the conference, evening socials like wine tasting, and a half-day trip to the Tihany Peninsula, a World Heritage site of UNESCO.

Bursaries

Bursaries will be available for a limited number of participants from a developing or Central or Eastern European country. Please note that due to the topic of the conference, students from Central and Eastern Europe have priority when applying for a full bursary.

Applicants must have an accepted oral presentation and preferably be residents in Central and Eastern Europe. To apply please send a letter to sccs@okologia.mta.hu after registration. For a limited number of Hungarian students a special registration fee is offered - please contact sccs@okologia.mta.hu.

You can apply for a bursary on the application form to help with your conference costs. The bursary applies only for the conference fee and cannot be used for travel expenses.

How to apply?

Approximately 40 postgraduate students (and similar-stage researchers) are welcomed to Tihany. The conference is aimed at students (BSc, MSc, PhD) and early career conservation biologists, especially from Europe. Applicants of other disciplines like social, environmental, economic science with topics linked to conservation science are gladly welcomed to the conference.

Important dates

- 30th April: Registration and abstract submission opens.
- 30th May: Abstract submission deadline
- 15th June: Abstract selection notifications sent out
- 15th July: Deadline for invited presenters to confirm involvement
- 15th July: Registration deadline
- 31st July: Registration fee payment deadline

For more information visit the website: <http://sccs.okologia.mta.hu/> or contact: sccs@okologia.mta.hu