



# Societas Europaea Herpetologica

Conservation Committee

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## **Herpetofauna monitoring course- 24-25 September, 2011**

The SEH Conservation Committee (SEH-CC) is pleased to announce a two days course on herpetofauna monitoring to be held at the National Museum of Natural History Luxembourg prior the 16<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Herpetology (<http://www.symposium.lu/herpetology/>). The course is aimed at European herpetologists, conservation professionals, and people working in environmental policy who design and run monitoring programs. The aim of the course is to highlight key issues when designing and running monitoring programs. This includes the conceptual and political background for monitoring programs, an overview of field methods and an introduction to methods for data analysis. Furthermore, one part of the course (topic #3 below) will specifically focus on the Article 7 of the Habitat Directive. One of the goals of this course is to set a framework for developing and improving herpetofauna monitoring programs in Europe. The target audience of the course is beginner as well as experienced herpetologists. Additionally, on-going projects will be presented.

### **Program of the course and relative information:**

#### **Topics of the course:**

- 1) General principles of monitoring: why? what? how?
- 2) Monitoring and biosecurity
- 3) European Habitat Directive: monitoring and reporting
- 4) Survey methods for amphibians (field methods)
- 5) Survey methods for reptiles (field methods)
- 6) Analysis of monitoring data: abundance at one site
- 7) Analysis of monitoring data: abundance at multiple sites

- 8) Analysis of monitoring data: distribution (presence/absence)
- 9) Presentation of a few on-going monitoring projects in different countries
- 10) General discussion on the topics of the course

**Speakers:**

- Benedikt Schmidt (topics 1, 7, and 8)
- Trent Garner (topic 2)
- Tony Gent (topic 3)
- Jean-Pierre Vacher (topics 4 and 5)
- Cesar Ayres (topics 5 and 9)
- Sebastiano Salvidio (topic 6)
- Raymond Creemers (topic 9)
- Katja Poboljsaj (topic 9)

**Registration:**

Course fee is 80 euros for SEH members and 170 euros for non-SEH members. The fee includes registration to the course and course material. The registration fee does not include accommodation and meals.

The course will be taught in English.

The course will be limited to a maximum of 30 people. Selection of attendees will be made on the basis of country of origin (preference will be given to people coming from different European countries), CV, and the reasons given for wishing to attend the course.

Registration details will be sent to the people selected to attend the course. The registration fee will be payable after your acceptance on the course is confirmed. Once registered the registration fee cannot be reimbursed. Final date for application to attend the course is **31 May 2011**.

To apply for registration on the course, please send a full CV, including details of your country of origin and the country in which you are working (if different), and a letter that outlines your reasons for wishing to attend the course.

**The course will not take place if there will be less than 25 attendants.**

You will be notified by June, 15 2011 if you have been selected to attend the course.

For further information, please write to **herpcourse@yahoo.com**

**The SEH-CC**

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