

Program Schedule

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29 NOVEMBER 2019, FRIDAY – DAY 1			
8:30	9:30	Registration	
Session 1: 0930 to 1030 : Inaugural Session			
9:30	9:35	Dr. Suruchi Pande, Vice Chair, Ela Foundation	Welcome
9:35	9:45	Prof. Nitin Karmalkar, Hon. Vice Chancellor, SPPU, Patron WOC	Welcome
9:45	9:55	James Duncan, Discover Owls, Canada	Overview of World Owl Conference 1st to 5th
9:55	10:05	Prof. Dr. Satish Pande, Ela Foundation, Organizing Secretary, India	About the WOC 2019, Pune-India
10:05	10:20	Nitin Kakodkar, IFS, PCCF, CWLW	Address by the Chief Guest
10:20	10:25	Prof. Kalpana Pai, SPPU, India	Vote of thanks
10:25	10:30		Owl Anthem, Kul Geet and National Anthem
10:30	11:00		Tea Break
Session 2: 1100 to 1300 : Owls in Culture			
	Chairman	Prof. Reuven Yosef	
11:00	11:30	Suruchi Pande, India	Owl in Indian culture
11:30	11:50	Ingrid Kohl, Austria & David Johnson, USA	Owls in myth and culture in Austria
11:50	12:20	Prof. Alexandre Roulin, Switzerland	Owls in Myth and Culture in Europe
12:20	12:50	James Duncan , Canada	An examination of small mammal prey and owl (Strigidae) predator population dynamics in Manitoba, Canada and adjacent Minnesota, USA, from 1986 to 2015.
12:50	13:00	Inauguration	Posters and Exhibition of owl photographs
13:10	14:00	Lunch Break	
Session 3: 1400 to 1530 : Owls in Asia (Conservation)			
	Chairman	Prof. Alexandre Roulin, Switzerland	
14:00	14:30	Prachi Mehta and Jayant Kulkarni, India	Airbnb in Owls of Central India: because Sustainable Living is the Key to Co-existence
14:30	14:50	Nivedita Pande, Dr. Omkar Sumant, Rajkumar Pawar Rahul Lonkar, Avishkar Bhujbal, Suruchi Pande, India	Current perceptions of owl in rural western Maharashtra, India
14:50	15:10	Col. Navaz Shariff , India	The agony of the so-called fortune bearers; the owl situation in Bangalore.
15:10	15:30	Pankaj Koparde, Prachi Mehta, Shomita Mukherjee, V. V. Robin, India	Quaternary Climatic Fluctuations and Resulting Climatically Suitable Areas for Eurasian Owlets
15:30	15:50		Tea Break
Session 4: 1545 to 1700 : Owls in Asia (Conservation)			

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	Chairman	Dr.Prachi Mehta, India	
me15:50	16:20	Sudhanawa Rajurkar, Rahul Lonkar, Omkar Sumant, Avishkar Bhujbal, Pandurang Madane, Satish Pande India	Owls and cemeteries: a haunting association
16:20	16:40	Santhanakrishnan Babu, Eluvathingal Antony Jayson & Muniandy Sivaram, Shanmugavel Sureshmarimuthu, India	Ecological determinants of Malabar Jungle Owlet <i>Glaucidium radiatum malabaricum</i> in the southern Western Ghats, India
16:40	17:00	Mahesh Bilaskar, Aparna Joshi and Satish Pande, India	Mortality of owls in Maharashtra, India
30 NOVEMBER 2019, SATURDAY – DAY 2			
Session 5: 0900 to 1030 : Owls in Global Scenario			
	Chairman	James Duncan, USA	
9:00	9:45	Prof. Alexandre Roulin, Switzerland	The barn owl diplomat
9:45	10:00	Owl prey identification manual	Book Release
10:00	10:30	Prof. Dr. Satish Pande, India	Declining Breeding Performance of Indian Eagle Owl (<i>Bubo bengalensis</i>) in western Maharashtra, India a 11 years study
10:30	11:00		Tea Break
Session 6: 1100 to 1300 : Owl Status, Conservation, Ecology and Biology			
	Chairman	Ingrid Kohl, Austria	
11:00	11:45	Jonathan Haw, South Africa	Owl Education and Conservation in South Africa – Successes of 20 Years
11:45	12:05	Karen L. Wiebe, Canada	Home ranges and philopatry of Snowy Owls wintering on the Canadian prairies
12:05	12:25	James Duncan, Canada	Long-eared Owl (<i>Asio otus</i>) nesting behaviour documented using a camera trap in 2015 in Balmoral, Manitoba, Canada.
12:25	12:45	Prachi Mehta, Jayant Kulkarni, and Akshay Anand, India	Diet, Nesting Ecology and Conservation Challenges of Endangered Forest Owlet <i>Athene blewitti</i> and sympatric Spotted Owlet <i>Athene brama</i> and Jungle Owlet <i>Glaucidium radiatum</i> in Central India
12:45	13:05	Andriy-Taras Bashta, Ukraine	Distribution changes and current status of owls in Ukraine
13:00	14:00		Lunch Break
Session 7: 1400 to 1530 : Owls in America			

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	Chairman	Prof. Dr. Satish Pande, India	
14:00	14:30	James Duncan, Canada	Multi-annual patterns of incomplete moult of flight feathers (retrices and remiges) from two captive great gray owls (<i>Strix nebulosa</i>) and two captive long-eared-owls (<i>Asio otus</i>) in Manitoba, Canada.
14:30	14:50	Yonghua Wu and David H. Johnson, USA	Evolution in Gene Sequences Responsible for Hearing, Sight, and Digestion in 99 species of Owls, Raptors, and Passerines
14:50	15:10	Steven R. Sheffield, USA	Serious declines in grassland owl species in the Great Plains of North America
15:10	15:30	Pramod Deshpande, Rahul Lonkar, Rajkumar Pawar, Atmaprakash Sahu, Satish Pande, India	Biometry based ageing of Mottled Wood Owl (<i>Strix ocellata</i>) nestlings and ecological correlation with differential resource allocation
15:30	15:50		Tea Break
Session 8: 1545 to 1700 : Owls in Europe			
	Chairman	Dr. A.V. Sharikov	
15:50	16:20	Savvas Iezekiel, Constantinos Themistocleous, Dimitrios E. Bakaloudis, Christos G. Vlachos, Eandas Iezekiel and Reuven Yosef, (Greece & Israel)	Cyprus Scops Owl (<i>Otus cyprius</i>) nest-box breeding program 2015-2018
16:20	16:40	Ingrid Kohl, Christoph Leditznig, Franz Aigner, Josef Pennerstorfer, Austria	Ural Owls <i>Strix uralensis</i> in the Dürrenstein Wilderness Area, Austria (IUCN Category I, UNESCO World Heritage Site)
16:40	17:00	Kovinka Tatyana S., Sharikov Alexander V, Russia	How owls impact the prey population structure: is their prey choice selective?
17:00	19:00	James Duncan, Prof. Reuven Yosef, A. Roulin & Prof. Satish Pande	Students Workshop
1 DECEMBER 2019, SUNDAY – DAY 3			
Session 9: 0900 to 1030 : Feeding behaviour, Populations & Climate			
	Chairman	Prof. Kalpana Pai	
9:00	9:45	Satish Pande	Owl Education & Conservation in India
9:45	10:05	Anoj Subedi and Pratyush Dhungana, Nepal	Nesting and roosting habitat characteristics of Asian Barred Owlet (<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>) in Raghuganga, Myagdi district, Nepal
10:05	10:25	A.V. Sharikov, S.V. Volkov, T.V. Sviridova, V.V. Buslakov, Russia	Impact of the trophic and weather-climatic factors on the numbers dynamic of vole-eating birds of prey in the breeding habitat
10:30	11:00		Tea Break

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Session 10: 1100 to 1300 : Owls In India			
	Chairman	Dr. Martin Salek, Czech Republic	
11:00	11:30	Jonathon Haw, South Africa and David Johnson, USA	Owls in Myth and Culture in South Africa
11:30	11:50	Rahul Lonkar, Rajkumar Pawar, Dr. omkar Sumant, Anant Gokhale and Satish Pande , India	Analysis of the behaviour of Mottled Wood Owl (<i>Strix ocellata</i>) during nesting period using camera trap in Western Maharashtra, India
11:50	12:10	Mani Chellappan, Ranjith, M. T. Mohanan, S. and Bajith, K. B. , India	Barn owl, <i>Tyto alba</i> , a major component in the integrated rodent pest management in field and plantation crops
12:10	12:30	Shanmugavel Sureshmarimuthu, Santhanakrishnan Babu and Honnavalli Nagaraj Kumara, India	Predicting the potential roost sites of two sympatric Otus owls of the Andaman Islands using ecological niche models
12:30	12:50	Kedar Ahire, India	Approches to Study Microbial flora of Owl
13:00	14:00		Lunch Break
Session 11: 1400 to 1530 : topic			
	Chairman	James Duncan, Canada	
14:00	14:30	Anant Gokhale, Abhiram Rajandekar and Rahul Lonkar and Satish Pande , India	Vocalizations of Mottled Wood Owl (<i>Strix ocellata</i>) in western Maharashtra, India
14:30	14:50	Pavel Linhart, Martin Šálek, Czech Republic	Acoustic methods for long-term monitoring of birds: individuality and stability in territorial calls of the Little Owl (<i>Athene noctua</i>)
14:50	15:10	Abhiram Rajandekar, Anant Gokhale, Rahul Lonkar, Rajkumar Pawar and Satish Pande, India	Comparison of vocalization between urban and rural populations of Spotted Owlet <i>Athene brama</i> in Western Maharashtra, India
15:10	15:30	Mahesh N. Sanzgiri , India	Effects of change in climate and habitat on Owls of Mumbai, India
15:30	15:45		Tea Break
Session 12: 1545 to 1700 : Topic			
	Chairman	Anant Gokhale, India	
15:45	16:15	Al Vrezec ¹ , Chris Wernham ² , Rui Lourenço ³ , Madis Leivits ⁴ , Jovan Andevski ⁵ , Ulf Johansson ⁶ , Emma Martínez-López ⁷ , Oliver Krone ⁸ , Ingrid Kohl ⁹ , Stiven Kocijančič ¹ , Silvia Espín ⁷ , Gabriela Peniche ¹⁰ , Guy Duke ¹¹ , Richard Shore ¹² , Antonio Juan García-Fernández ⁷ , Paola Movalli ¹³ , Rafael Mateo ¹⁴ , Nermina Sarajlić ¹⁵ , Emmanuel Baltag ¹⁶ , Yael Choresht ¹⁷ , Marcello D'Amico ¹⁸ , Damijan Denac ¹⁹ , Fulvio Genero ²⁰ , Aljaž Mulej ¹ , Rob Robinson ²¹ , Pablo Sánchez-Virosta ⁷ , Pertti Saurola ²² , Gunnar T. Hallgrímsson ²³ , Metodija Veleviski ²⁴ , Pilar Gómez-Ramírez ⁷	European Raptor Biomonitoring Facility (ERBF) for pan-European contaminant monitoring in raptors

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16:15	16:35	David H. Johnson, Annette Bredie, Peter Decorte, Armando G.L. Goedgedrag, Ainhoa Gogorza Gondra, Bilhah H. Hochman, Anton W. Isaak, Giancarlo E. Nunes, Remco Liem, Greg Peterson, Natasha J. Silva, Melissa Sweerts-de Veer, Sietske van der Wal, Stephany A. Wever, Carina T. Zimmerman, USA	Status and Conservation of the Shoco in Aruba
16:35	16:55	Prateek Chakraborty, Vijay Sathe, India	Owl pellets in archaeology: Applications in Faunal Analysis
19:00	22:00		Gala Dinner
2 DECEMBER 2019, MONDAY – DAY 4			
Session 13: 0900 to 1030 : Topic			
	Chairman	Jonathan Haw, Africa	
9:00	9:30	Ecotone, Poland	Sponsor Presentation
9:30	9:50	Peter Shurulinkov, Andrey Ralev, Girgina Daskalova, Simeon Arangelov, Petko Tzvetkov, Kostadin Valchev, Ivan Hristov, Bulgaria (Video Presentation)	Forest birds of Pirin in a threat: changes in distribution and population sizes (2001-2019) and locations endangered by ski resorts development in Bulgaria
9:50	11:00	David Johnson, USA	Owl in Myth and Culture Exploring Options for Conservation and Societal Change
11:00	11:30		Tea Break
11:30	12:30	James Duncan, A. V. Sharikov, Prof. Reuven Yosef and Prof. Satish Pande	Challenges in owl surveys: sharing experience (Panel Discussion)
12:30	13:00	Q & A	
13:00	14:00		Lunch Break
Session 14: 1100 to 1300 : Closing Ceremony			
	Chairman	Prof. Dr.Suruchi Pande	
14:00	14:20	Dr. Dinesh Tyagi, IFS	Validictory Speech
14:20	14:40	Prof. Reuven Yosef	Brief review of WOC 2019
14:40	15:00	Dr. James Duncen	Closing Remarks
15:00	15:10	Dr. Suruchi Pande	Vote of thanks
15:10	15:40		Tea Break