

**17TH ANNUAL MARINE MAMMAL NECROPSY WORKSHOP:
SPECIAL ISSUE ON POSTMORTEM, TELENECROPSY & INNER EAR INVESTIGATIONS**

The 17th annual marine mammal necropsy workshop is organized by the Department of Veterinary Pathology (University of Liege, Belgium), in collaboration with the Laboratory of Applied Bioacoustics LAB (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain), the UMS Pelagis, Centre de Recherche sur les Mammifères Marins (University of La Rochelle, France), Institute for Terrestrial and Aquatic Wildlife Research, University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover (Germany) and the department of Comparative Biomedicine and Food Science, (University of Padova, Italy).

The main goal of this workshop is to train experts biologists and veterinarians on the European Best Practice Document on cetaceans postmortem investigations and tissue sampling in order to gain information on possible threats for marine mammals conservation. For these reasons, the objectives of the workshop are:

- (1) Provide training in marine mammal necropsy procedures, data collection, and tissue sampling techniques.
- (2) Acquire insights into potential threats facing marine mammals.
- (3) Promote harmonization to enable regional analysis and interpretation of findings.
- (4) Explore the integration of new technologies and to develop and implement teleneuropscopy and online consultations with marine mammal health specialists.

The workshop is organized in two steps:

- May 13: on-line webinar on dissection and sampling procedures: compulsory to participate at the on-site necropsy workshop.
- July 9-11: on-site necropsy workshop.

The number of attendees is limited to 20, in order to pair off participants under the supervision of experts in marine mammals post-mortem. Necropsy and sampling equipment will be available and personal protective equipment (rubber boots, latex gloves, mask and adequate laboratory coats) will be provided.

Program (detail at the 2nd announcement)

Morning session: face-to-face and online lectures; Afternoon: necropsies

Place:

Dept of veterinary pathology, Sart-Tilman B43a, 4000 Liege, Belgium

Language:

English with possible translation in French

Registration :

Registration fees are 240 euro and deadline for registration is May 10, 2024 by email to Thierry Jauniaux t.jauniaux@uliege.be



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