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Research, preservation and pathology

The *Emys orbicularis* is the most prevalent Chelonian in the Palearctic region (Europe, North Africa) and occurs in most European countries. Unfortunately, their populations are declining since the beginning of the last century and they are not always monitored. Over the last twenty years, many centers and programs have been created for the study and preservation of this species. After those held in Germany in 1996, in France in 1999, in Slovakia in 2002 and in Spain in 2005, a fifth Symposium, would thus be desirable. The Fifth International Symposium will take place at Orbe-Chavornay, in Switzerland. This country is located in the heart of the species' distribution area and has focused its attention for several years, thanks to the activities of the Chavornay P.R.T. (Protection-Récupération-Tortues) Centre and other agency to ensure the survival of the European Pond Terrapin.

The Scientific Council of *Emys* Symposium is composed of the best *Emys* specialists in a wide range of scientific fields. They are from various nationalities throughout Europe (Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Switzerland, and Ukraine). The communications (oral presentations and posters) will cover mainly its conservation, since the species is threatened in most of its natural habitats. Others subjects will be treated: biology (from genetics to ethology), pathology (mostly unknown), current studies and plans. Invitation of researchers from emerging countries should ensure to bring together numerous field workers, students or experienced specialists interested in the species and scientific disciplines associated.

During the Symposium, which will take place in a delightful little city in the heart of Switzerland, close to Lausanne (allowing easy access to the participants), various events will be proposed, as well as workshops (or thematic sessions), a prize-giving (for the best conservation program). It will be possible to follow oral presentations in three languages (German, English and French) thanks to simultaneous translation (with headphones). We encourage everyone interested in this unique European terrapin conservation, and wishing to improve his knowledge, to present their research and work concerning the species at the symposium.

Communications should be submitted from January to the end of July 2010. They will be provided after to the Scientific Council for acceptance. Financial assistance is possible for any researcher or specialist who applies for it. Please contact us as soon as possible and send us an abstract of your communication (in three possible languages: German, English and French).

- Approximative capacity ; 120 to 250
- Beginning of communications : January 2010
- Final acceptance communications : End of July 2010
- Financial assistance for participants will be considered as available (ask us)
- Simultaneous translation (ear-phones): German, English, French.

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1-Location and details.

The 5th *Emys* Symposium will take place in the small town Orbe (note: *Emys orbicularis*), in the heart of Switzerland, not far from Lausanne, easy access by road and airplane. This small town has a lot of charm including medieval streets, small shops and nearby mountains and we will be using a large congress building which can accommodate 300 participants with adjacent rooms for meetings, posters and presentations. Midday meals will be taken on site, at the restaurant that is part of the complex and this will facilitate the holding of the event. Field trips to nearby sites for which coaches will be provided, will be of two orders:

- a visit to the P.R.T. Centre at Chavornay, a few kilometres away, to watch the activities of the Centre.
- Transport can be arranged for delegates arriving via Lausanne or Geneva airports.

Simultaneous interpreting in three languages (with headphones), which will be most convenient, will enable anyone presenting a paper, and the participants, to fully benefit from this major event and facilitate contacts between specialists.

Stands will be available for the use of associations invited, as well as for publishers, will be available in the vicinity of the Symposium (please contact us as soon as possible).

Two options are available for accommodations:

- Comfortable hotels beside the Symposium facilities (40 to 60 Euros/night)
- Hotels with dormitories at very low cost (5 to 10 Euros/night)

Meals will preferably be taken at noon and in the evenings in the same building at a very reasonable price (15 Euros). Other restaurants in Orbe offer more elaborate meals for small groups.

2-Events.

A room in the same building as that of Symposium will be devoted to posters. Consult us fast.

Stands will be available for the invited associations, the editors or producers of products linked to the themes of Symposium.

Many animations are envisaged:

- Tuesday 12th October / 9am: reception of participants / 10am: beginning of communications / The evening: slides and films on *Emys orbicularis*.
- Wednesday 13th / Thematic evening on the conservation of the turtles.
- Thursday 14th / Thematic evening "Emys in Switzerland", with specialists of this species in the country of reception.
- Friday 15th / Gala evening, given by the organizers, with a "Turtle's Party" and a "Gala Diner", the participation of a local orchestra (Swiss folklore) and the delivery of a "Conservation's Oscar (attribution of a price of 3000 euros and a symbolized object, for the best program of conservation of *Emys* in Europe)
- Saturday 16th / Visit of the P.R.T.'s Center of Chavornay.

3-Cost for participants.

-for adults : 200 euros

-for students : 80 euros.

These prices include :

- material for participation and access to the complete symposium
- attendance at the gala party
- "Symposium Acts" which will be sent out 6 months after the meeting
- Reduced prices for hotels and meals
- Access to "travel coupons" for some people and students.

4-Calendar.

-late 2009 / Creation of the Scientific Council and preparation for the Symposium

-early 2010 / International launch of the Symposium.

-January to late July, 2010 / Call for papers, and opinion of the Scientific Advisers as to high quality of the papers.

-July to September, 2010 / Setting up the secretariat at Chavornay for providing information and preparation of the event.

-Tuesday, 12 October, 9.00 a.m. welcoming the participants and handing over documents / 10.00 a.m., start of the lectures.

Symposium will end on Friday 15 October/ Saturday 16 October, visit to the P.R.T. Centre and field trips.

-February, 2011 / publication of "Proceedings of the Symposium", to be sent to all the participants.

CONCLUSION.

This important event, the fifth on *Emys orbicularis*, aims for continuing the work of scientists and associations involving in the improvement of the species knowledge, and above all in the conservation of this very threatened Chelonian throughout most of its natural habitats. By bringing together, in the heart of Europe, in Switzerland, an exceptional panel of specialists, students, researchers, local people who are concerned with this typically European water tortoise, we hope improving the knowledge on its biology, pathology, distribution and conservation in a lot of countries in Europe, thanks to the work of specialists and associations or state-sponsored bodies. It is with great pleasure that the organisers, and especially the Swiss centre in Chavornay, will welcome a great number of participants devoted to this species. This event is an excellent international initiative to preserve our delightful pond terrapin, a typically European member of the species which we need to defend and promote as emblematic species of the reptilian fauna of the Old World.



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Je souhaite seulement participer au Symposium / Ich möchte nur am Symposium teilnehmen / I would like to take part in the Symposium only.

J'envoie un paiement de réservation, de 50 euros, et je recevrai un document détaillé pour la participation et le choix d'un hôtel. / Für die Reservierung schicke ich ihnen eine Anzahlung in Höhe von 50 Euro. Ich erhalte ein detailliertes Dokument für die Teilnahme und die Auswahl eines Hotels. / I send a reservation payment of 50 euros, and I will receive a detailed document for participation and choice of hotel.

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