

## Conference Announcement

# Migrant Birds as Indicators of Climate Change

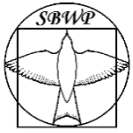
**13–16 December 2018, Gdansk, Poland**

Across the globe migrant birds are confronted by and adapt to climate change and effects of human development during various stages of their life cycles. Afro-Palearctic migrants can serve as indicators of the effects of climate change across Europe and in Africa. While migrant birds know no borders, their continued existence depends on international collaboration of scientists and conservationists. Therefore, we gather in Gdansk as bird researchers from Europe and Africa, to share knowledge, discuss our concerns and explore potential solutions. We aim to generate a better understanding of issues relating to the conservation of migrant birds, as well as to set up collaborative projects on migrant landbird research.

Information about the conference and the preliminary programme are presented below. We encourage participants to offer presentations for the proposed sessions, and to produce posters (in either English or Polish). We welcome suggestions, especially for offers of additional workshops or topics for discussion. Suggestions for workshops and discussion themes can be sent to: [birds.climat.conf@gmail.com](mailto:birds.climat.conf@gmail.com).

More information and registration details will follow soon. Please, place these dates in your diary!

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## **Building an Early Warning System for Biodiversity in the Face of Climate Change: Migrant Birds as Indicators of Climate Change**

**A joint conference of the "Birds as Early Warning Systems" project (a Poland-South Africa collaboration), the Migrant Landbird Study Group, and the Polish Network of Bird Ringing Stations (KSSOP)**

Dates: 13–16 December 2018,

Place: Gdansk, Poland

Venue: Hotel "Orle", Sobieszewo, <http://www.orle.com.pl/>

### **Costs:**

Accommodation + meals, Thursday afternoon–Sunday morning: 390 PLN (ca 94EURO)

Accommodation + meals, Friday afternoon –Sunday morning: 250 PLN (ca 60 EURO)

Conference fee: 50 PLN (ca 12 EURO)

(the amount paid in EURO will depend on the exchange rate to PLN at the time of payment).

### **Registration form:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/u/2/d/1RNjij1Sm8C\\_z\\_FOm7tAE56HVXyhUiwJev4o1NzyrDa0/edit?usp=drive\\_web](https://docs.google.com/forms/u/2/d/1RNjij1Sm8C_z_FOm7tAE56HVXyhUiwJev4o1NzyrDa0/edit?usp=drive_web)

**Conference e-mail:** birds.climat.conf@gmail.com

### **Deadlines**

Early registration:

- 15 June 2018 – registration, abstract submission, and offers of workshops and topic sessions
- 30 July 2018 – confirmation of acceptance of presentations from early registrations from organisers

Final registration and payment:

- ~~30 September~~ **14 October 2018** – registration, abstract submission,
- 15 October 2018 – confirmation of acceptance of presentations from organisers
- 31 October 2018 – payment deadline

**Organisers:**

Bird Migration Research Station, Faculty of Biology, University of Gdansk, Poland [en.sbwp.ug.edu.pl](http://en.sbwp.ug.edu.pl)

Operation Baltic Foundation, Gdańsk, Poland [fundacja-ab.org.pl](http://fundacja-ab.org.pl)

Animal Demography Unit, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cape Town, South Africa  
[www.adu.uct.ac.za](http://www.adu.uct.ac.za)

Migrant Landbird Study Group, Bennekom, the Netherlands [www.migrantlandbirds.org](http://www.migrantlandbirds.org)

Krajowa Sieć Obrączkowania Ptaków (KSSOP)

**Preliminary programme**

During the conference there will be a poster exhibition in the conference halls. Posters are welcome in either English or Polish

**Thursday 13 Dec 2018:**

afternoon: arrival of participants (check-in from 3 p.m.)

registration

dinner

social gathering

**Friday 14 Dec 2018**

breakfast

registration

morning: MLSG workshops (in English)

1. Visualizing GPS tracking data in R, by Wouter Vansteelant
2. Visualizing geolocator data in R, by Lykke Pedersen
3. Networking across flyways, by Rien van Wijk

lunch

afternoon: MLSG presentations (in English)

– speed talks from participants

– slide shows (e.g. presentations from fieldwork and expeditions)

dinner at the venue

social gathering

## **Saturday 15 Dec 2018:**

breakfast

morning:

**Migrant Birds as Indicators of Climate Change – co-chairs: Magda Remisiewicz & Les Underhill**  
(in English)

lunch

afternoon: parallel sessions:

**African Bird Atlas – chair: Les Underhill** (in English) – As background to this session, please read:  
<https://theconversation.com/why-a-proper-record-of-birds-in-africa-is-so-important-for-europe-85111>

Annual meeting of the Polish Network of Bird Ringing Stations (KSSOP) – chair: Jarosław Nowakowski  
(in Polish)

dinner

social gathering – pub/disco at the conference venue

## **Sun 16 Dec 2018:**

breakfast

morning:

official closing of the main part of conference (in English)

check-out by 11 a.m.

departure of delegates not participating in later activities

meetings of working groups:

- internal meeting of the organisers of the Polish network KSSOP (in Polish)
- MLSG topic group meetings (in English)

lunch (optional, not included in the conference package)

afternoon (optional):

birdwatching trip to the nearby Baltic coast (wintering waterbirds and passerines) (in English)

opportunity for individual sightseeing in Gdansk (40 min by city bus to Gdansk Old City)

additional meetings in topic groups

departure of delegates

dinner (optional, not included in the conference package)

You can extend your stay at the hotel, please arrange this individually with the hotel reception.