



Migrant Landbird  
Study Group

## **MLSG Satellite Symposium EOU2015: Connecting migrant research and conservation across the flyway**

08:15 Arrival, registration and payment

### **INTRODUCTION**

08:40 **Danae Sheehan** (Chair of MLSG) - the symposium outline and aims, and practical aspects of the MLSG.

### **SESSION 1 ECOLOGY**

09:00-09:15 **Anders Tottrup** – Overview of research into the ecology of migrants; then chair of session

09:15 – 10:30 10 x 5 minute talks + 1 minute change-over

1. **Martins Briedis** – Migration and wintering ecology of Tawny Pipits
2. **Tom Finch** – Migration ecology and connectivity in European Rollers
3. **Arndt Wellbrock** – Migration connectivity and routes in Common Swifts
4. **Olivier Biber** - Adaptation of bird migration to modified environmental conditions
5. **Jesko Partecke** - Understanding mechanisms of flexibility in migratory strategies of blackbirds
6. **Hassiba Berrai** – Common Starlings wintering in Algeria
7. **Lykke Pedersen** – Responses to variation in habitat conditions through the annual cycle
8. **Rebecca Thomas** - Disease issues
9. **Wouter Vansteelant** – Wind conditions and the migration of honey buzzards
10. **Kalender Arikan** – Migration through the Hatay – Belen pass area of Turkey

10:30-11:15 Coffee

### **SESSION 2 CONSERVATION**

11:15-11:30 **Juliet Vickery** – Overview of research into the conservation of migrants; then chair of session

11:30 – 12:45 10 x 5 minute talks + 1 minute change-over

1. **Nathalie Gilbert** – Climate change and breeding success in white storks
2. **Dimitri Giunchi** – Conservation of stone curlews throughout the migratory cycle
3. **Anny Anselin** – Marsh harrier conservation in fragmented, intensive agricultural habitats
4. **Catriona Morrison** – Europe wide variation in population demography to identify drivers of population change
5. **Juan Arizaga** – The importance of stop-over ecology in front of geographic barriers
6. **Tara Proud** – Hunting as a conservation issue for migrants
7. **Tony Morris** – Development of Agricultural Environment Schemes for foraging Turtle Doves
8. **Johannes Kamp** – Critical decline of the yellow-breasted bunting
9. **Phil Saunders** – Climate and land use change effects on European Rollers

10. **Basak Senturk** – Wind farms and soaring migrant conflicts in Turkey

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch

### SESSION 3 METHODS

14:00-14:15 **Mikkel Willemoes** (*to be confirmed*) – overview of research methods for the study of migrants; then chair of session

14:15 – 15:30 11 x 5 minute talks + 1 minute change-over

1. **Jen Stockdale** – Updating dietary data: use of genetic markers
2. **Cosme López Calderón** – Stable isotopes to identify wintering areas in house martins
3. **Brian Cresswell** – Geolocators to track nightjars in Africa
4. **Chris Hewson** – Tag effects and best tagging practices
5. **Eldar Rakhimberdiev** – Analysis of geocator data
6. **Gizem Yilmaz** – Standardising and collating European migratory raptor watch data
7. **Hansoo Lee** – GPS and phone based telemetry systems on Cinereous Vultures
8. **Leila Walker** – Testing the efficacy of different Agricultural Environment Schemes
9. **Rien van Wijk** – Studying weather related migration phenology using geolocators
10. **Baptiste Schmid** – Using radar data to study migration
11. **Alexander Pakhomov** – Orientation experiments

15:30 We will establish FOUR break out groups with the task of establishing priorities for research and conservation; each group will be led by the 3 session chair-people and one specifically to focus on turtle doves (requested by several people). The discussions will identify knowledge gaps, barriers and areas for possible future collaborations across the flyways. The turtle dove discussion group will also cover the breadth of topics discussed in the three sessions, but will focus on this single species and will provide a good highlight of which issues are species specific.

15:40 – 16:30 Coffee and break out discussion groups

16:30 – 17:00 **Will Cresswell** (executive committee of the MLSG) chair, with the help of the four chair-people from the discussion groups - Final discussion and synthesis where we will attempt to bring out key priority areas and opportunities to further landbird migrant research and conservation over the next two years.

17:00 - 17:30 Danae Sheehan – Conference close including reference to the MLSG within the EOU conference and a discussion of the future activities of the MLSG.