

Annual report 2024 - Migrant Landbird Study Group

The MLSG – Migratory Landbird Study Group – is a network to connect people working on migrant landbirds, to facilitate basic research and conservation. Collaboration and communication make a difference – particularly when the solution to understanding and conserving migrants must involve all researchers along the flyways working together.

The organization is funded through donations or conference and event activities, where a registration fee may be charged, or occasionally MLSG branded merchandise such as t-shirts are sold. Money raised is used to maintain and develop the website and its facility to promote networking, to organize conferences, networking events and webinars, and to provide travel grants for early career researchers to international ornithological conferences.

The Migrant Landbird Study Group core activities are:

1. Maintaining a website that works as a networking portal by which researchers studying migrant landbirds can network, get in contact and collaborate with other researchers and discover information that will help them to achieve their research objectives;
2. Organize online and offline events such as conferences, networking events, webinars and workshops on the topic of bird migration and conservation, to promote exchange of information on migrant landbirds and their biology;
3. Provide travel grants for participation to international conferences to early career researchers, to promote scientific capacity building throughout the flyway.

In 2023, the MLSG was successful in obtaining European funding with the COST Action EUFLYNET. The Action started on November 1st, 2023 and will be funded for four years with an amount of approximately 900,000 € (please note that this amount is not awarded to MLSG directly, thus is not included in the budget). This funding will allow increasing the number of activities (meetings, training schools), extending the network (the Action already has more than 300 members), and providing short-term scientific mission and conference grants to its participants. Details about EUFLYNET can be seen on www.eu-flynet.eu. During 2024, the activities of the MLSG have been embedded in the EUFLYNET activities. These included three Core Group meetings, a general meeting and training school in Jastarnia (Poland) in February, a training school on field methods in Agigea (Romania) in September, and a participation in the WINGSPAN meeting in Brussels (Belgium) in October.



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MLSG activities in 2024 were mostly embedded within the EUFLYNET COST Action and were financially supported by COST.

Balance current account 1 January 2024	£ 2916.67
Revenue 2024	£
Huib Kluiver Foundation (HKF) Netherlands Ornithological Union donation	5517.65
<i>Total Revenue 2024</i>	5517.65
Expenses 2023	£
Samuel Boakye Yiadom, bursary to MLSG/COST conference and training school in Poland Feb 2024	303.00
Garganey Consulting website maintenance	180.00
<i>Total Expenditure 2024</i>	483.00
Balance current account 31 December 2024	£ 7951.32