



Migrant Landbird Study Group

a network of researchers studying
migratory landbird species



MLSG Symposium August 24th-25th, EOU2019 Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Following up on the successful MLSG symposia at EOU₂₀₁₅ in Badajoz, PAOC₂₀₁₆ in Dakar & EOU₂₀₁₇ in Turku, we are ready for another dose of inspiring community-building preceding EOU₂₀₁₉ in Cluj-Napoca on August 24th-25th. The aim of the MLSG is to promote collaborative research to help advance flyway-scale understanding of and conservation actions for migrant landbirds, especially along the African-Eurasian Flyways. We believe knowledge-sharing is essential to achieve this. Thus, during our symposium we will actively engage all attendants to partake in a dynamic program of presentations, workshops and group discussions.

Program (more details will follow)

Saturday – August 24th

- 08:15 – 08:45 Arrival
- 08:45 – 09:00 Word of welcome by MLSG
- 09:00 – 10:20 Keynote lectures session 1
- 10:20 – 11:00 Coffee
- 11:00 – 12:40 Keynote lectures session 2
- 12:40 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 18:00 Parallel sessions
 - Workshop 1 Geolocators – maximising data recovery and new ways to analyse and illustrate your data to get the most from it
 - Workshop 2 Remote Sensing – data availability, ground truthing and new ways to combine it efficiently with your bird data
 - Workshop 3 Non-breeding ecology of migrants – what we know and what we want to know. With special attention on how to address this in terms of practical future field studies in Africa.
 - Species Working Group meetings (as per participant request – an opportunity for any species working groups (e.g. last conference it was whinchats and turtle doves) to convene a meeting. If you plan to convene a Species Working Group meeting on Saturday, please contact the organizing committee at info@migrantlandbirds.org so we can reserve a space for you.
- 18:00 – 20:00 Drinks (venue to be announced)

Sunday – August 25th

- 09:00 – 10:15 Speed talks 1 (open to all participants, in case we cannot meet demand we will prioritize young researchers and researchers from low-income countries)
- 10:15 – 11:00 Coffee
- 11:00 – 12:30 Speed talks 2
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

- 14:00 – 15:15 Plenary lecture (3 speakers, one for each main flyway): differences across global flyways, and discussion
- 15:15 – 15:45 Coffee
- 15:45 – 16:45 Group discussions – identifying priorities in landbird research
- 16:45 – 17:15 Group discussions reporting back to group
- 17:15 – 17:45 MLSG meeting: state of affairs, future prospects and new ExCo members; close

Costs and Registration

	Fee
Members, students and participants from low-income countries	35 EUR
Other non-members	50 EUR

Price includes participation in the symposium and coffee breaks. There are several restaurants (4-10 EUR/lunch) close to the venue. If you are not an MLSG member yet, you can apply for membership at www.migrantlandbirds.org and profit from the membership rates. Registration, talk submission (we hope that all participants, especially new researchers, will do a speed talk to achieve the networking aims of the MLSG). We are expecting everyone will do a short introduction to their question, species studied and who they are. If you are not happy with giving a talk please indicate on registration. If we have space we will timetable everyone for a speed talk; if not we will prioritise early career researchers and those that have submitted a title. Payment for the symposium will be possible from **March 15th 2019** onwards through the EOU registration website:

<https://conference.eouunion.org/2019/registration/>

Travel grant

Participants that live and work in a low-income country may be eligible to apply for one of five MLSG travel grants of 200EUR and free attendance to the MLSG symposium. If you are interested in obtaining a travel grant, please send a short description of your work and motivation to attend the symposium to info@migrantlandbirds.org by March 15 2019.

Accommodation

During registration for the EOU conference you will be able to book accommodation for the MLSG symposium as well. Most important thing is to get to Cluj-Napoca for Friday night August 23rd so you will be there for the weekend pre-conference symposium.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Cluj-Napoca this summer!

Kind regards,
The MLSG ExCo

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