6th Symposium of the Belgian Wildlife Disease Society

Climate Change & Wildlife Health

Friday 16 October 2015
QUEEN ASTRID MILITARY HOSPITAL, Brussels
The BWDS aims to promote research and to exchange knowledge on wildlife diseases in Belgium. We bring together veterinarians, biologists, ecologists, bio-engineers and anyone actively working in this field. Every two years a Symposium is organised around a main theme. The 6th symposium provides a series of examples and case studies to illustrate the impact of climate change on wildlife health.

Programme

Moderators: Tim Adriaens (INBO) & V. Vandenberge (CODA/CERVA)

08:30 - 09:30 Registration and coffee

09:30 - 09:40 Welcome (P. Heyman, president BWDS)

09:40 - 10:05 Global climate change: facts and myths (D. Verschuren, BE)

10:05 - 10:30 Emerging parasites in the North (A. Oksanen, FI)

10:30 - 10:45 The Asian tiger mosquito yearly reappearing in Belgium: time to act against before climate change facilitates its permanent establishment! (I. Deblauwe, BE)

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 11:40 Harmful algal blooms in lakes and ponds (W. Vyverman, BE)

11:40 - 12:05 Impact on mosquito vectors of diseases (D. Bicout, FR)

12:05 - 12:20 Wild raccoon dogs in the Netherlands: public health problem or not? (M. Maas, NL)

12:20 - 13:30 Lunch/Poster session (on site)

13:30 - 13:45 TBEV seroprevalence and test accuracy in Flemish wild boar (S. Roelandt, BE)

13:45 - 14:10 Belgium under global warming (R. Hamdi, BE)

14:10 - 14:35 (Sub)tropical consequences of climate change (M. Niedrig, DE)

14:35 - 14:50 Two divergent hantaviruses are simultaneously circulating in the European mole in Belgium (L. Laenen, BE)

14:50 - 15:20 Coffee Break

15:20 - 15:45 Harmful algal blooms in coastal waters (K. Sabbe, BE)

15:45 - 16:10 Impact on diseases in arctic wildlife (J. Godfroid, NO)

16.10 - 16.25 Increase in tick population abundance: host related factors and relation to climate change (V. Obsomer, BE)

16:25 Closing remarks, Poster awards & Coffee

Registration: € 60, including lunch (students € 30)
Deadline registration: 30th of September