

Proceedings of the Second European Ground Squirrel Meeting



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The main goal of the EGS Meeting is to provide forum for the presentation of earlier and novel scientific results as well as conservation experiences concerning the European ground squirrel, and to give ground squirrel experts, biologists and field workers from different countries the opportunity of a friendly meeting and fruitful discussion.

The first EGS Meeting took place in Felsőtárkány, Hungary in 2006. The second EGS Meeting was held in Svatý Jan pod Skalou, Czech Republic, on 1–5 October 2008, hosting 44 participants from 11 countries. During the programme, 21 lectures and 14 posters concerned to monitoring and distribution, genetics, ecology, behaviour and conservation of ground squirrels were presented. Field excursions into two Protected Landscape Areas, i.e. Český kras and České středohoří were a part of the Meeting.

The following institutions and organisations were partners of the Meeting: Department of Zoology, Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague; Department of Zoology, Faculty of Science, University of South Bohemia, České Budějovice; Institute of Vertebrate Biology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Brno; Agency for Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection of the Czech Republic, Prague; Kavyl, the Centre of Ecological Research and Education in Svatý Jan pod Skalou; and the Prague ZOO.

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Mezinárodní konference “European ground squirrel meeting” je významným setkáním biologů a pracovníků ochrany přírody z celého světa, kteří se zabývají nejen studiem a ochranou sysla obecného, ale i dalších druhů ze skupiny tzv. zemních veverek.

První ročník konference se konal v roce 2006 v Maďarsku, druhý ročník se uskutečnil 1.–5. října 2008 v České republice, ve Svatém Janu pod Skalou. Zúčastnilo se ho celkem 44 účastníků z 11 zemí. V průběhu konference zaznělo 21 přednášek ve čtyřech sekcích (monitoring a rozšíření, genetika, ekologie a etologie, ochrana a management) a dalších 14 příspěvků bylo prezentováno formou posterů. Součástí programu byly také exkurze do CHKO Český kras a CHKO České středohoří.

Oficiálními partnery konference byly: Katedra zoologie Přírodovědecké fakulty Univerzity Karlovy v Praze, Biologická fakulta Jihočeské University v Českých Budějovicích, Ústav biologie obratlovců AV ČR v Brně, Agentura ochrany přírody a krajiny České republiky v Praze, Centrum ekologického výzkumu a výchovy Kavyl Svatý Jan pod Skalou a ZOO Praha.

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Spermophilus citellus (photo by J. MATĚJČÍ).

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