



**BOTSTIBER INSTITUTE**  
FOR WILDLIFE FERTILITY CONTROL

Newsletter  
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## 9th International Conference on Wildlife Fertility Control

### *Colorado Governor to Speak at Conference*

We are excited to announce that The Honorable Jared Polis, Governor of Colorado, will speak at the 9th International Conference on Wildlife Fertility Control on Monday morning, May 23. Governor Polis is an entrepreneur, education leader, public servant, and Colorado native. Read more [here](#).



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### *Registration Closed*

Thank you to everyone who registered for the [9th International Conference on Wildlife Fertility Control](#). We will not be accepting walk-in registrations. We look forward to seeing attendees in Colorado on May 23.

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### *BIWFC is proud to announce our conference supporters*

Our upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Wildlife Fertility Control has the support of an impressive international array of sponsors and exhibitors. Our most recent sponsors include the Bureau of Land Management (Diamond) and The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Silver). Here is our complete listing of sponsors and exhibitors whom we thank for their generosity and commitment to our mission:

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## Call for Papers

In 2023, *Wildlife Research* plans to publish a Special Issue on Wildlife Fertility Control, see details [here](#). We invite you to submit your best paper and publish alongside your colleagues in the field.

We are interested in receiving papers that engage with the following topics:

- Human dimensions
- Recent research in contraceptive development
- Advancement in practical applications
- Modelling the effect of fertility control on populations
- Socio-economic aspects of fertility control applications
- Ethics, health, & welfare
- Advancement in delivery methods
- Regulatory, legal, & political challenges

For additional information, please contact Giovanna Massei ([gmassei@botstiber.org](mailto:gmassei@botstiber.org)) or Stephanie Boyles Griffin ([sboyles@humanesociety.org](mailto:sboyles@humanesociety.org)).

## BIWFC Europe

Resources related to Europe and fertility control can now be found [here](#). This webpage includes short videos on:

- Fertility control in wild pigs with Dr. Miriam Martinez, Head of the Wild Animals Department of the Foundation for Advice and Action in the Defense of Animals (FAADA)
- Fertility control in wild pigeons with Dr. Marco Pellizzari, Veterinary Consultant for the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
- The Carneddau Ponies with Dr. Christina Stanley, Senior Lecturer at the University of Chester, UK

# Wildlife Fertility Control Repository

The [BIWFC Repository](#) aims to be the resource for all research related to wildlife fertility control. Click [here](#) to view the collection of over 100 papers. Recent additions include:

- Use of fertility control (Nicarbazin) in Barcelona: An effective yet respectful method towards animal welfare for the management of conflictive feral pigeon colonies ([2022](#)) *Animals*
- Effect of adult male sterilization on the behavior and social associations of a feral polygynous ungulate: The horse ([2022](#)) *Applied Animal Behavior Science*

If you authored or co-authored a peer-reviewed article related to wildlife fertility control and would like your work to be included, please forward the PDF articles to [biwfc@botstiber.org](mailto:biwfc@botstiber.org). We will archive your work after reviewing the publishers' policy and guidelines.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Advancing Animal Welfare Science, June 28-29

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare's annual conference [Advancing Animal Welfare Science](#) will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland June 28-29, 2022. Giovanna Massei, BIWFC Europe Director, will present on "*Fertility control to mitigate human-wildlife conflicts and promote coexistence.*"

### The 7th International Conference on Rodent Biology and Management, July 5-8

Giovanna Massei, BIWFC Europe Director, will be a keynote speaker at the [7th International Conference on Rodent Biology and Management](#) in Arusha, Tanzania. This quadrennial conference series promotes international collaboration in scientific research on rodent biology and management.

### 13th International Symposium on Wild Boar and Other Suids, September 6-9

The BIWFC plans to attend the [13th International Symposium on Wild Boar and Other Suids](#) in Seva, Barcelona, where our BIWFC Europe Director, Giovanna Massei, is a keynote speaker. This conference will discuss wild boar biology and eco-ethology as well as management practice, population control strategies and damage mitigation methods.

### Nordic Congress of Wildlife Research, Uppsala, Sweden, September 19-23

The [Nordic Congress of Wildlife Research](#) aims to bring together professionals to discuss challenging issues in wildlife ecology and management. They encourage a broad perspective, welcoming those in wildlife sciences, social sciences, and human dimensions of wildlife, as well as international contributions.

### Pathways Europe: Human Dimensions of Wildlife Conference,

October 9-12

The BIWFC plans to attend the [Pathways Europe: Human Dimensions of Wildlife Conference](#) held in Wageningen, The Netherlands. With the theme of "Sharing Landscapes," this conference aims to answer the question of how we can share landscapes in ways that are beneficial for both humans and wildlife in times of species extinction, climate change and social injustice?

## IN THE NEWS

### Hogs Gone Wild

North Carolina Public Radio discussed wild pigs in an Episode titled "[Hogs Gone Wild.](#)" Topics included how wild pigs impacted the environment and human-wild hog interactions. The episode discussed a new contraceptive called Hog Stop, which lowers male pig's sperm count. The full episode and transcript can be found [here](#).

### Education Over Poison

*The Provincetown Independent* discussed the importance of education over poisoning rats. This includes minimizing wildlife feeding, which provides food for the rats, and the secondary poisoning of nontarget animals when poisoning rats as a management technique. The full article, found [here](#), also mentions the use of the fertility control as an alternative method.

### Fertility Control for Kangaroos

Beginning this year, Australian Capital Territory will incorporate GonaCon into their kangaroo management program. *The National Tribune* [reported](#) that a community survey showed 80% supporting the use of fertility control in kangaroos.

Click [here](#) to view more articles

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