



BOTSTIBER INSTITUTE
FOR WILDLIFE FERTILITY CONTROL

Newsletter
Fall 2023

Save the Date for 2024



The BIWFC will host a workshop, entitled **1st Workshop on Wildlife Fertility Control: What Now? What Next? Where To?** at the University of York, UK, on June 17 and 18, 2024. Registration will open January 8, 2024. This two-day event will explore the practical applications of wildlife fertility control in Europe. Day one will be dedicated to talks about the role of wildlife fertility control for different species and contexts: examples include fertility control for native and non-native species in urban and rural areas, rewilding, and fertility control and diseases. Day two will focus on group discussions on implementations, challenges and opportunities of wildlife fertility control. Stay tuned for more updates and registration details.

[Read more.](#)

Scientific Exchange in Luxembourg!



On January 17, 2024, in Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, the Botstiber Institute for Wildlife Fertility Control (BIWFC) in collaboration with the Luxembourg Ministry of Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development will host a one-day expert meeting. This meeting has limited space available and is by invitation. It will be conducted exclusively in English.

The one-day event aims to create awareness about fertility control as a means to address environmental concerns associated with birds and mammals in Luxembourg and neighboring regions. It will also delve into the challenges and opportunities presented by this approach to wildlife management. The morning session will feature presentations by wildlife fertility control and wildlife management experts, while the afternoon will revolve around interactive discussions between attendees and specialists on the application of fertility control to mitigate the impacts of overabundant animals.

Please contact Eboni Strickland for further information and questions:
estrickland@botstiber.org.

BIWFC Staff at TWS Annual Conference.



The BIWFC attended The Wildlife Society Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, November 5-9. BIWFC was a bronze level sponsor and hosted an exhibit table. Stephanie Boyles Griffin's presentation at the conference was "Remote-delivery, Efficacy and Impacts of the Immunocontraceptive ZonaStat-H in Wild Burros on Public Lands in Northwestern Arizona."

New Fact Sheet Available

BIWFC announces a new fact sheet on EP-1 for rodent population control.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

News from Europe



Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Autumn -or Fall if you are in the US-!

The end of summer has been busier than expected but sprinkled with bursts of good news concerning opportunities, lectures and new events that joined the ever-growing pipeline of commitments for the BIWFC, Europe.

In August I travelled to Italy with Stephanie Boyles Griffin, (BIWFC Advisory Committee chair), to attend the XIII European Vertebrate Pest Management Conference, held at the University of Florence and led by Marco Zaccaroni, Emiliano Mori and Jens Jacob (BIWFC Advisory Committee member).

The conference, running along parallel sessions for 4 days, was a resounding success and its numbers speak for themselves: 6 plenary speakers, a record number of 75 oral presentations and 29 posters that attracted circa 200 participants from 30 countries. The main themes were Ecology, physiology and behavior; Invasive vertebrates; Human-animal social conflicts; New tools and methods; Fertility control; Crops and urban systems; Rodenticide resistance; and Zoonotic pathogens and parasites.

My talk entitled “Too many? 8 reasons for Europe to invest in wildlife fertility control”, was well received, at least judging from the high number of questions that filled up the remaining 25 minutes of the hour allocated to the plenary presentation. All six speakers of the following session that I co-chaired with Jens Jacob did a fantastic job in covering the many topics emerging on fertility control. These ranged from contraceptives for rodents discussed by Jens Jacob and Steven Belmain, a bait system for non-native grey squirrels by Sarah Beatham, oral contraceptives for urban pigeons by Marco Pellizzari, research on fertility control for free roaming cats by Idit Gunther, and the importance of stakeholder communication to implement fertility control for non-native species by Kay Haw. The panel discussion between attendees and speakers was also lively and well attended: time flew quicker than expected, with many conversations going on well after the hour dedicated to this topic.

[Read More](#)

For more BIWFC Europe news check the [Europe](#) section of our website.

BIWFC at the Animal Grantmakers Conference.



* Pictured: Larry Green (BIWFC External Affairs Officer and Animal Grantmakers Board President, and Roxanne Nazir (Head of Grants and Programmes, Battersea Dogs and Cats Home)

Monique Principi (Managing Director) and Larry Green attended the Animal Grantmakers annual conference which was held in Philadelphia from October 22-25. Animal Grantmakers is philanthropy's leading affinity group for animal funders. The convening attracted over 75 attendees and speakers from the U.S. and the U.K. who participated in plenaries, panels, "Lightning Talks," interactive workshops and field trips. The theme of the conference was "All Together Now: A Declaration of Interdependence," focusing on the human-animal connection (companion animals and the animal shelter system), diversity, equity, and inclusion in animal philanthropy; animals and climate change, the impact of the built environment on animals, animal rights law, the importance of One Health, the role of funders with respect to factory farming advocacy, Philadelphia's pioneering role in veganism, trends in philanthropy, and the future of animal philanthropy.

The conference offered a platform for BIWFC to establish and cultivate a variety of collaborations critical to advancing its mission. [Please click here](#) to learn more about the 2023 Conference and Animal Grantmakers. Larry Green is currently serving as Animal Grantmakers' Board President.

Videos



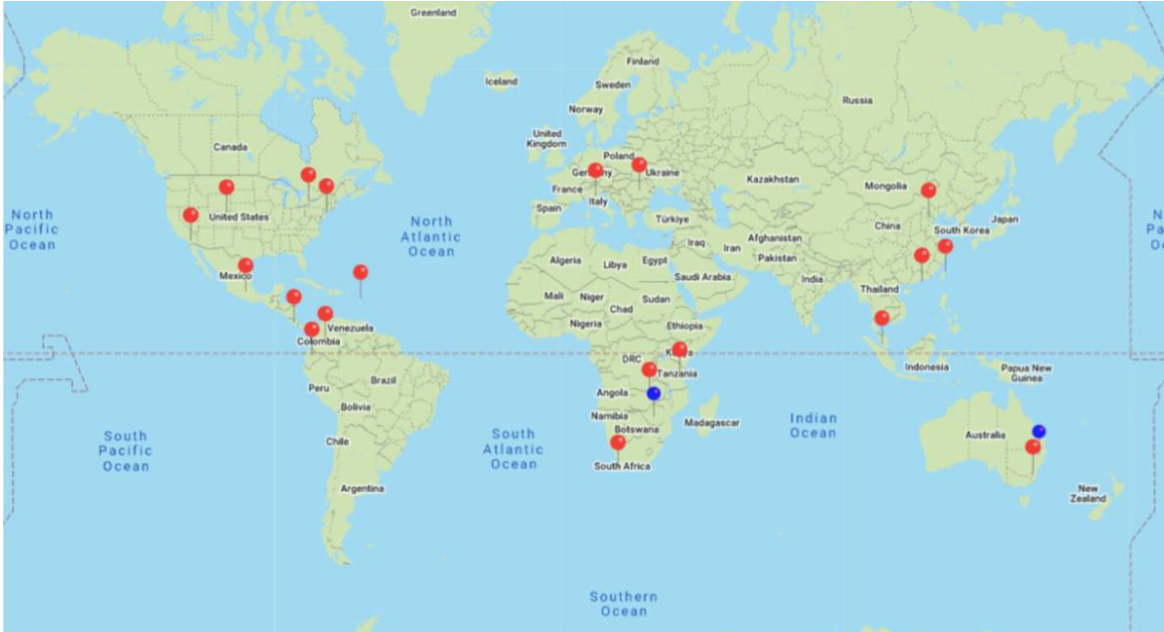
The Botstiber Institute for Wildlife Fertility Control is thrilled to share our award-winning educational film, "An Overview of Wildlife Fertility Control." This 15-minute film offers a concise and informative introduction into the world of wildlife fertility control, featuring expert interviews and footage of various wildlife species. It's a valuable resource for connecting wildlife managers, researchers, and advocates while highlighting projects in the United States.

[Click here](#)

Wildlife Fertility Control Interactive Map

Our interactive global map allows users to view the geographic areas where wildlife fertility control projects are currently being implemented and offer details on target species, the focus of the project, and contact information. Additionally, users can engage with the map by zooming in, panning, and clicking on project markers in order to access more information. Check back often as new projects continue to be added and become available.

Click [here](#) or on the map to view more.



Welcoming Molly Frost to the Team

Molly Frost has started a PhD at the University of York on the biodiversity and ecosystem service (BES) impacts of grey squirrels in current and future treescapes. The project supervision team includes York academics Piran White and Jane Hill, alongside Giovanna Massei. Expansion of woodland cover in the UK will lead to the spread of non-native grey squirrels which have detrimental impacts on native red squirrels and wider biodiversity. Molly's project will estimate the benefits to BES which could be achieved by traditional and novel forms of grey squirrel management, including fertility control. As an integral part of her PhD, Molly will spend time working with the UK Squirrel Accord and with the European BIWFC.



As a resource for research in this field, the BIWFC repository includes a collection of over 100 papers. Our team has been actively working to expand our collection of resources and research in the field of fertility control. Please see some recently added entries:

- [**U.S Public U.S Public Opinion of Reproductive Control Options for Free-roaming Horses on Western Public Lands of Reproductive Control Options for Free-roaming Horses on Western Public Lands**](#)
- [**New Research and Wild Horse and Burro Management**](#)

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 [**estrickland@botstiber.org**](mailto:estrickland@botstiber.org). We will archive your work after reviewing the publishers' policy and guidelines.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events

- **December 5-7, 2023, Australasian Wildlife Management Conference, Melbourne**
- **March 11-14, 2024, Vertebrate Pest Conference, Monterey, CA**

In the News

- [**HELICOPTER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT: CALIFORNIA'S CATALINA ISLAND INITIATES PLAN TO CONTROL DEER POPULATION**](#)
Vigour Times - October 2, 2023
- [**CAPERCAILLIE SCOTLAND: ORKNEY STOAT CONTROL SUCCESS PROMPTS CALLS TO CONTROL PINE MARTENS TO HELP REVERSE CAPERCAILLIE DECLINE**](#)
The Scotsman – October 2, 2023

Click [here](#) to view more articles.

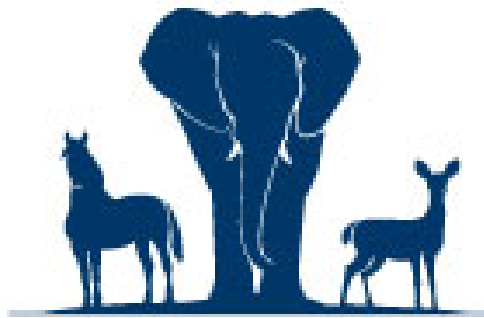
Staff

Monique Principi - Managing Director
Giovanna Massei - Director, BIWFC Europe
Rosalie Lombardo - Communications Officer
Lawrence Green - External Affairs Officer
Eboni Strickland - Program Assistant
Carolyn Rauch - Manager, Meetings and Events
Daniel Fullam - Multimedia Production Specialist

Stay Connected with BIWFC!

BIWFC is dedicated to keeping you informed of all major developments in wildlife fertility control. We understand the importance of staying connected, and we invite you to join our social media community. You will become an important part of our community that is taking part in our efforts to inform.

In addition to our social media channels, we offer a variety of other ways to stay connected with us. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube to stay up-to-date on the latest news and events.



BOTSTIBER INSTITUTE FOR WILDLIFE FERTILITY CONTROL

For more information, please visit our [website](#)

Botstiber Foundation | 200 East State Street, Media, PA 19063

[Unsubscribe biwfc@botstiber.org](mailto:unsubscribe@biwfc@botstiber.org)

[Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by biwfc@botstiber.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!