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FOR WILDLIFE FERTILITY CONTROL

Newsletter
Winter 2024

Registration for York Workshop Now OPEN!

Registration is open for BIWFC's [1st Workshop on Wildlife Fertility Control: What Now?](#)



[What Next? Where To?](#) This workshop is scheduled to take place at the University of York, UK, on June 17 and 18, 2024. This two-day event is set to delve into the practical applications of wildlife fertility control in Europe. Day one will feature talks on the role of wildlife fertility control for different species and contexts, including fertility control for native and non-native species in urban and rural areas, rewilding, and fertility control and diseases. On day two, we'll pivot to group discussions covering implementations, challenges, and opportunities of wildlife fertility control. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our Program Assistant, Eboni Strickland, at estrickland@botstiber.org.

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New Publication Announcement!

BIWFC would like to announce the publication of selected presentations from the BIWFC 9th International Conference on Wildlife Fertility Control that was held in Colorado Springs (USA) in 2022. The issue, [Fertility Control for Wildlife in the 21st Century](#), in the journal *Wildlife Research* is now available.

[Read more](#)

Trilateral Wildlife Health Webinar Series

Join us on **February 16, 2024, at 12 pm (ET)** for the Trilateral Wildlife Health Webinar hosted by The American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians (AAWV), the WDA Wildlife Veterinary Section (WVS) and The Wildlife Society Wildlife Disease Working Group. The title of the webinar is ["Wildlife Fertility Control for One Health: case studies to manage overabundant animals"](#) Presenters will be **Dr. Cheryl Asa, Dr. Giovanna Massei, Stephanie Boyles Griffin**. This webinar will highlight the One Health concept in the context of human-wildlife conflicts and present case studies on fertility control applications and integrated population management. These studies illustrate the key role of the One Health approach in mitigating human-wildlife conflicts and in promoting coexistence.

Upcoming BIWFC Webinar



WEBINAR February 27, 2024
10 AM, EST / 3 PM, UTC

**TOO MANY?
EIGHT REASONS TO INVEST IN
WILDLIFE FERTILITY CONTROL**

This webinar will present case studies where fertility control has been implemented as an alternative or complementary to culling. Dr. Massei will discuss opportunities and challenges associated with the use of fertility control to manage wildlife and free-roaming livestock.

Presented by
Dr. Giovanna Massei
Director, BIWFC Europe
University of York

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BIWFC will host a webinar on **February 27th at 10 am EST**, featuring Dr. Giovanna Massei. The title of the webinar is **"Too Many? Eight Reasons to Invest in Wildlife Fertility Control"**. She will present case studies where fertility control has been implemented as an alternative or complementary approach to culling. Additionally, Dr. Massei will discuss opportunities and challenges that are associated with the use of fertility control in order to manage wildlife and free-roaming

livestock. The session will conclude with a comprehensive list of reasons to invest in this area.

[Register here](#)

A Report on Luxembourg!

On January 17, 2024 BIWFC Europe and the Luxembourg Ministry of Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development organized the meeting "FEW: Scientific Exchange on Fertility Control, Environment and Wildlife.

The meeting included eight talk and group discussions mostly focused on wildlife in Luxembourg and neighboring countries. Talks focused on human-wildlife conflicts and mitigation, legislation, animal welfare and public attitudes to human wildlife conflicts, environmental impact of wildlife and human dimension of wild boar management in Belgium. The second set of talks described contraceptive vaccines, fertility control for rodents, collaboration, communications and fertility control for an invasive non-native mammal, and criteria, challenges and opportunities for wildlife fertility control. The native wild boar and the non-native raccoon dominated the discussions as participants debated how fertility control could be applied to these species and to other wildlife such as pigeons, feral goats and brown rats. The feedback for the meeting was very positive, with attendees valuing in particular the sharing of knowledge with experts.

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News from Europe



From Europe Director Giovanna Massei

Last November I joined, as keynote speaker, a 2-day meeting entitled Wild boar population control: comparing possible solutions, organised by the Association of Veterinarians in Matera (Italy). This initiative brought together an impressive range of stakeholders, including the WHO (World Health

Organisation), the OIE (World Animal Health Organisation), and representatives of farmers, animal welfare and hunters' associations, regional and national policy leaders, researchers and academics.

The event was held in the picturesque city of Matera, famously chosen as a set for movies such as Mel Gibson's *Passion of Christ* and the latest James Bond's *No Time to Die*. No Hollywood actors to meet in town, but a full two days of talks and discussions that ended with a proposal for a pilot project named *Ophrys*. This project will explore methods (including fertility control) to contain the number of wild boar in the Murgia Materana Park. More on this project in future newsletters.

I was recently nominated by the Italian Anti-Vivisection League (LAV) for the AnimaLAV prize in the category "Researchers and Innovators". The results will be announced in March, but the nomination is a wonderful recognition of the BIWFC work with wildlife!

Preparations for the York workshop are now underway, with the whole BIWFC team and the workshop's Organising Committee of ten international experts busy planning this event. Registration is now open, and we would love to see as many organisations and interests represented at this one-of-a-kind meeting. Looking forwards to welcoming you in York!

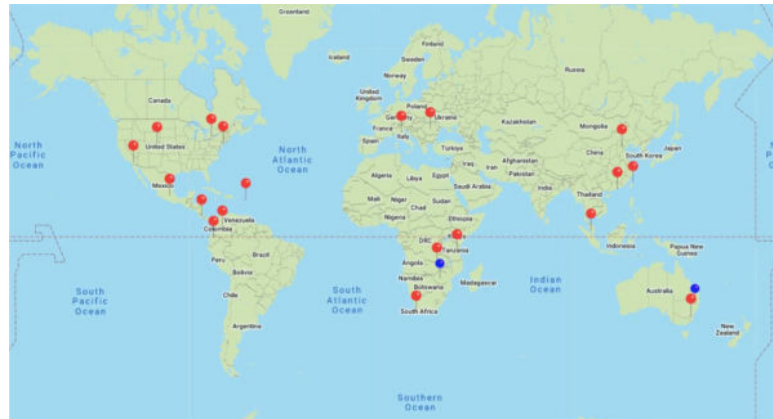
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Wildlife Fertility Control Interactive Map

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, 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.

Upcoming Events

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- **March 8-10, 2024, Alberta Chapter of The Wildlife Society & The Canadian Section of the Wildlife Society Joint Conference**
- **March 11-14, 2024, Vertebrate Pest Conference, Monterey, CA**
Giovanna Massei will present "Eight Reasons for Investing in Research on Wildlife Fertility Control".
- **April 2024, FREES SUMMIT, Elko, Nevada**
- **July 29, 2024 – August 1, 2024 - Australasian Vertebrate Pest**

- **Conference in 2024, Sydney**
- September 21-27, 2024, EAZA Zoo and Wildlife Health Conference, Toronto, Canada
- **October 13-16, 2024, Pathways Europe Cordoba, Spain**

Fact Sheets

For downloadable fact sheets about fertility control products, please see [HERE](#)

Repository

The BIWFC repository had grown to be a collection of over 100 papers. Please see what has been added recently:

- [**Evaluation of 8 years of fertility control \(nicarbazin\) to manage urban pigeon populations.**](#)

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.

In the News

- [**Contraceptives for grey squirrels will save Britain's trees and help get us to net zero, says Scots peer.**](#)
- [**Controlling the population of animals in conflict**](#)

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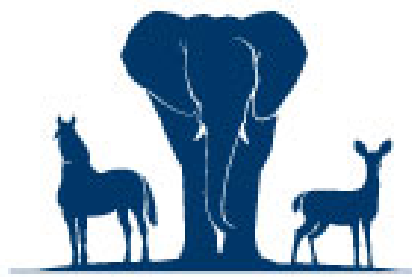
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