

CHAMOIS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Majella National Park, Italy
Lama dei Peligni, June, 17th- 20th, 2014



Second circular

The Life Coornata Project partnership is pleased to announce the



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that will be held from 17th to 20th June in Lama dei Peligni (CH), Majella National Park, Central Italy. It will be the first international congress focused on various aspects of ecology and conservation of

all the chamois subspecies



Experts coming from the geographic area comprised between Spain and Caucasus will meet to share the knowledge and discuss conservation issues regarding the subspecies of northern (*Rupicapra rupicapra*) and southern (*Rupicapra pyrenaica*) chamois

The congress is intended for biologists and veterinarians working in mountain ungulates monitoring and conservation, researchers, students and for everyone who is passionate and interested in chamois ecology and conservation





The congress is part of the **Life Coornata Project**, whose coordinating beneficiary is the Majella National Park.

This project, started in 2010 and going on until September 2014, has been developed with the general scope to carry on the conservation of the Apennine chamois (*Rupicapra pyrenaica ornata*).

The main objectives of the Project are:



To continue the reintroduction activity in the **Sibillini National Park** with individuals captured from the **Majella National Park** and the **Gran Sasso Laga National Park**



To improve the conservation of the historic population of the **Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise National Park**



To create a new 5th population in the **Sirente Velino Natural Park** with individuals captured from the **Majella National Park** and the **Gran Sasso Laga National Park**



Thanks to the activity developed during this project, the reintroduction activity in the Sibillini National Park is concluded and in the Sirente-Velino Natural Park is now living the first nucleus of Apennine chamois



During the Congress will be presented the results of the **Life Coornata Project** and four main sessions will be developed:

- The genus *Rupicapra*: an overview
Chairman and keynote speaker: Sandro Lovari
- Status and ecology
Chairman and keynote speaker: Juan Herrero
- The role of reintroductions in chamois conservation
Chairman and keynote speaker: Priptal Soorae
- Threats and conservation
Chairman and keynote speaker: Marco Festa-Bianchet

The interventions will regard all the chamois subspecies existent and during the congress will also be developed round tables and a poster session.

English will be the official language of the Congress but English-Italian simultaneous translation will be guaranteed

During the Congress will also be developed the parallel session
(only in italian)

"Il camoscio appenninico nell'esperienza delle comunità locali: tra conservazione della specie e valorizzazione del territorio"

You will have the possibility to enjoy your stay in the Majella National Park also joining all the activities that will be developed during the Congress week, such as **field trips**, the **social dinner**, **photography exhibitions**, **picture slideshows** and **documentary projections**.





How to participate

PARTICIPATION IS FREE but advance registration is required

To participate with your own poster send the abstract file (max 2500 characters, included spaces) to the e-mail address chamois.congress@gmail.com

How to register

The registration is now opened and you can quickly and easily do it going to the Congress website



www.chamoiscongress.wix.com/website

where you can find the "Registration" page

Deadlines

- The registration will be possible until May, 31st, 2014
- The poster submission will be possible until May, 31st, 2014

Lunches will be offered by the organization while logistic information on accommodation and restaurants will be soon available in the Congress website

Info: www.chamoiscongress.wix.com/website
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Participation is limited to a maximum of 150 persons



The Chamois International Congress has received
the official endorsement of:



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