

## Second International Symposium on Alpine Marmot (*Marmota marmota*) and on the Genus *Marmota*

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The laboratory of Socioecology of the University Claude Bernard Lyon 1 is convening the "Second International Symposium on Alpine Marmot (*Marmota marmota*) and on Genus *Marmota*" in Aussois (Savoie, France) on October 3-5, 1994.

This symposium is aimed at managers and researchers of areas where marmots live. The purpose of this second meeting is to carry out a synthesis as large as possible of the current knowledge on marmots. In a multidisciplinary spirit, the tackled topics will concern management, ethnobiology, economy, ecology, ethology, physiology, ecophysiology, genetics, taxonomy, pathology and epidemiology.

### Scientific programme:

The programme includes plenary lectures given by invited researchers, oral (20 minutes) and poster presentations. An international scientific committee will select and direct the communications.

Exhibitions of books, presentation of movies or videos are invited.

Three sessions are planned:

Marmots and people: economical, ethnobiological, cultural aspects, management, protection and threats. Convener: Pr. Y. Monnier.

Marmot biology: different aspects of the fundamental research now performed on the marmots (taxonomy, paleontology, phylogeny, genetics, ecology, ethology, physiology, etc...). Convener: Pr. J. Coulon.

Marmots and health: ecopathology and epidemiology, infectious diseases, parasitism in marmots and in relation with domestic animals or wildlife. Convener: Pr. J.M. Courreau.

A round table could be planned on the subject: Marmots and law in the World, in order to specify how the different countries have defined the status of these rodents and from what kind of protection they benefit (Convener R. Ramousse).

Deadline for registrations and presentation titles is October 1st 1994. All informations for preparing

presentations will be included in the second circular. Deadline for abstracts is April 30, 1994. Address: Secrétariat Scientifique du Second International Symposium on Alpine Marmot and Genus *Marmota*

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*Accommodation:* The meeting will be held in a small village of the Maurienne valley (1500 m above sea level) situated near a railway station and a main road. Contacts have been taken in order to accommodate participants in the Centre Paul Langevin (CNRS) where the meeting will be held. Accommodation is possible either in double (300 FF per day) or in single room (360 FF). Price includes room, breakfast, lunch and dinner. There is a campsite in Aussois and other hotels (list on request). *Conference dinner:* organisers hope that participants will attend the conference dinner: Tickets 100 FF each.

*Congress excursion:* If a sufficient number of participants agree, a half-day excursion by coach is planned to the valley of Haute-Maurienne, for which a participation of 100 FF per person is needed.

*Open-door day:* Marmots being an emblematic animals in Savoie, an open-door day is planned and will be devoted to cultural aspects, management, movie presentation and an exhibition of photos or drawing for which participants are invited.

*Registration fees:* Standard registration fees are 1,000 FF per person. This price includes participation to plenary sessions and round tables, morning and afternoon coffee breaks, abstracts and documents, proceedings of the symposium and a contribution to social activities of the symposium. The special price for student (500 FF) does not include the proceedings of the symposium. A late registration fee will be apply after April 1st, 1994.

*Cancellation and repayment:* 50% of grand total one week before beginning of the symposium; 70% between 8 days and one month; 90% between one month and 3 months.

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