

Fifth Meeting of Partners

Recording and monitoring butterflies across Europe

ANL conference centre, Laufen
29 November – 2 December 2017

Aims of the conference

1. To discuss ways of improving data sharing for butterfly monitoring and recording across Europe
2. To update partners on the European Butterfly Monitoring Scheme (eBMS)
3. To share information amongst partners
4. To encourage capacity building and action for butterflies and moths

Draft Programme

Wednesday 29th November

BCE Board meeting (09.00-11.00 and 15.00- 17.00)

14.00 – 18.00 Delegates arrive

18.00 Welcome by Chris van Swaay, Chair BC Europe, and Dieter Pasch, Director of ANL

18.05 Introduction to the conference venue and ANL-Activities, Christian Stettmer

18.15 Introduction to meeting, Chris van Swaay, Chair, Martin Warren, Head of Development, and Sue Collins, European Policy Advisor, BC Europe

18.25 Round table introductions plus one achievement and one hope for the future

19.30 Dinner

Thursday, 30th November

Session 1: Butterfly Monitoring

0900 Update on eBMS – David Roy, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, UK (30 + 30)

10.00 20 years of the Catalanian BMS: results and lessons learnt – Constanti Stefanescu, Catalonia Butterfly Monitoring Scheme

10.30 Coffee/tea

11.00 Results from country BMS: Finland – Mikko Kuussaari, Finnish Environment Institute

11.20 Results from country BMS: Armenia – Karen Aghababyan, Butterfly Conservation Armenia

11.40 Developing monitoring in Spain – Miguel Munguira, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid

12.00 Developing monitoring in Serbia – Milos Popovic, Habiprot

12.20 Discussion

12.40 – 14.00 Lunch

Session 2: European policies – opportunities and threats

14.00 Overview of current policy opportunities – Sue Collins, Policy Advisor, BC Europe

14:30 The EU pollinator initiative – Michaela Schwedeler, EU Directorate-General for the Environment

15:00 Article 17 reporting – new regulations – Chris van Swaay, Dutch BC and Chair BC Europe
Discussion session

15:15 Discussion

15.30 Coffee/tea

Session 3: Partner presentations 1.

16.00 Presentations from Partners (10 mins each) SOUTHERN EUROPE:
Croatia, Greece, Italy, Kosovo, Macedonia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey

17.10 Presentations from Partners (10 mins each) EASTERN EUROPE:
Poland: “Monitoring of butterfly species listed in Habitat Directive in Poland - Marcin Sielezniew, University of Bialystok/Association for Butterfly Conservation (TOM)”
Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Ukraine

19.30 Dinner

Friday 1st December

Session 4: Butterfly recording and data sharing across Europe

09.00 Introduction to GBIF – Donald Hobern, GBIF Executive Secretary, Denmark (30 + 30 q)

10.00 Open data in Sweden – Lars Petterssen, Swedish Butterfly Monitoring Scheme

10.20 Open data dilemmas in UK – Nigel Bourn, Butterfly Conservation (UK)

10.45 Coffee/tea

11.15 Uses of data: Climate change and IPBES – Josef Settele, UFZ, Germany

11.25 Experience with using online systems and the Biodiversity Station Network in Portugal –
Patrícia Garcia Pereira, Centre for Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Changes, Lisboa

11.50 Online portals, quality control and some results– Chris van Swaay, Dutch BC

12.15 Discussion – Quality Control

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch

Session 5: Mobilising European butterfly records

14:00 – 15.45 Workshop:

Split into 5 groups of 10 (co-ordinators: Chris, Martin, Dirk, Sue, Irma)

Introduction – Chris van Swaay and Martin Warren

Questions

What are blockages to sharing records?

How can we mobilise holiday records?

How can we best verify data?

How can we identify sensitive species?

15.45 – 16.15 Coffee/tea

16.15 – 17.00 Feedback from workshops

Session 6: Uses of distribution data

17.00 Lepidiv progress – Martin Wiemers, UFZ, Germany

17.20 The need for large-scale distribution data to estimate regional changes in species richness under future climate change – Dirk Maes et al, Research Institute for Nature and Forest, Belgium

19.30 Dinner

Saturday 2nd December

Session 7: Partner presentations: 2

09.00 Presentations from Partners (10 mins each) NORTH, WEST and CENTRAL EUROPE: Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland. UK, UK EIG

11.00 Coffee/tea

11.30 Session 7. Session 7. Butterfly related research projects by ANL

Presentations on research by ANL – Christian Stettmer, Matthias Dolek, Markus Brau

12.55 Closing remarks – Chris van Swaay, Chair BC Europe

13.00 Lunch and depart