



3rd International Congress on  
**Bird Migration and Global Change**  
Adapting to a changing world

3-5 September 2018 · Tarifa · Spain

## Call for abstracts

The Bird Migration and Global Change congress series was started by Migres Foundation in 2007, and is currently organized by this non-profit and private organization. Migres was created in 2003 with the aim of studying bird migration and developing sustainable development activities. This third edition in the series will be held in Tarifa, Southern Spain, **from 3rd to 5th September 2018**.

The Congress provides a common framework for scientists and technicians to report findings and exchange ideas on the challenges related to bird migration and climate change. In the previous Congress edition (March 2010), attendants from more than 25 different countries took part and discuss the relationships between climate change, the environment and animal behaviour.

The general topics covered in the *International Congress on Bird Migration and Global Change 2018* are:

- Global change and population limitation in migrants
- Global change and migration behaviour.
- New tools for study and analysis
- Diseases, parasites and invasive species: side effects of global change
- Birds as indicators of global change
- Adaptations of birds to global change
- Confronting the new scenarios: conservation challenges

The abstracts submission process will open on 19<sup>th</sup> December via the Congress website, [www.birdmigrationcongress.com](http://www.birdmigrationcongress.com)

The Congress will include plenary and ordinary sessions, where communications and poster presentations will be delivered. Posters will be presented in different



poster sessions through the conference. An award will be given to the best poster at the end of the Congress.

Two different panel discussions will be carried out during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress on Bird Migration and Global Change.

The panel discussions are aimed at encouraging interaction and dialogue between the experts and the broader audience.

Organizing Committee: Lola Cano, Alejandro Onrubia and Beatriz Martín.

International Scientific Committee (in alphabetic order): Keith Bildstein, Bruno Bruderer, Miguel Ferrer, Ian Newton and Martin Wikelski.

Secretariat: Carmen Ruiz.

For additional information, please contact the organization committee at the following address: [congress@fundacionmigres.org](mailto:congress@fundacionmigres.org)

## **Presentations**

Prospective authors can submit abstracts via the conference website, (<http://birdmigrationcongress.com/>) until 30th of June 2018. The proposals will be reviewed by the Congress Scientific Committee on the basis of the criteria listed below, with final decisions to be made before 15th of July 2018 and notified via email. Prior to the conference, all authors will be provided with a follow-up email with links specifying the date and time of their presentations.

Oral and poster presentations should all be clearly related to the conference theme *Bird Migration and Global Change* and cover the general topics of the Congress (see above). The Scientific Committee will ensure the sessions reflect the international diversity of bird migration and global change across the world.



While selecting the presentations, the Scientific Committee will ensure the sessions reflect a balance across career stages and gender and consider under-represented groups where feasible.

The authors are invited to choose the most suitable format (oral or poster) for their work. However, the *Organizing Committee* together with the *Scientific Committee* will decide the final presentation format of the accepted works. The Scientific Committee may also suggest revisions to proposals to ensure thematic representation and diversity within the sessions. Excessive duplication of topics will be avoided to ensure a diverse set of topics and perspectives are present at the Congress. Presentations will be assigned to a particular session according to the main topics covered.

### **Oral Sessions**

Oral sessions include either plenary invited sessions (presentations of 50 minutes including questions) or ordinary sessions (presentation of 15 minutes followed by a 5 minutes discussion). Papers must be presented in English, and electronic presentations must be in Powerpoint® format, for display on conference computers. Conference computers and organizers will be available to load presentations during the ice-breaker reception, and prior to the initiation of oral sessions during each day of the conference. Loading of presentations must occur during these times. Presentations prepared on computers running software other than MS Powerpoint for Microsoft Windows will need to be converted prior to uploading on conference computers.

### **Poster Sessions**

The posters should be no larger than A0 format: 117 cm (height) x 96 cm (width); 46.5 in (height) x 37.8 in (width), in portrait format (no landscape). Materials for hanging posters will be available. Poster presenters will be required to attend their poster during the poster session. Please print your poster text large enough



to be easily read at a distance of approximately 1.5 meters. All posters must be printed and presented in English. An award will be given to the best poster at the end of the Congress.

### **Abstract submission**

Abstracts should summarize findings, not methods. Do not use abbreviations in the title. All abstracts should be submitted in English and they should not exceed 250 words in length. British English or American English spelling and terminology may be used, but either one should be followed consistently throughout the text. The abstract should include:

- The name(s) of the author(s)
- A concise and informative title
- The affiliation(s) and address(es) of the author(s)
- The e-mail address of the author (s)

*Format:* Word 2000 or more recent versions, 1.5 spaced, font Times New Roman, typed throughout with font size 12, title in bold with font size 14, name(s) author(s) name(s) in small letters and surname(s) in capital letters, all in italics with font size 12. Between 250 and 300 words. The name and address of institution should be in italics with font size 12. Superscript Arabic numerals are used to link the authors' names with their affiliations. After the first use of the common name of each species mentioned, write the scientific name in italics and parentheses. Capitalize the common names of all birds. If scientific names are included in the title, do not repeat in the body of the abstract. Use italic type only for scientific names. Spell out whole numbers less than 10 unless accompanied by a unit (e.g., 3 cm or 1%). Use metric units. Use continental dating (e.g., 10 July 1975) and the 24-hr clock (e.g., 1300 h). Italicize the following abbreviations: AIC, ANOVA, CI, df, SD, SE.

Authors will be noticed of acceptance for either oral or poster presentation **before 15th July 2018**. Abstracts of both oral and poster presentations will be published



in the book of conference proceedings that will be uploaded to the congress website and will not be printed. Remember abstract submissions are due **30th of June 2018**. To get a presentation finally accepted at least one of the authors must be registered to the Congress the same day that the abstract is sent. He or she will have to pay the fee **in one month after receiving the notification** that the abstract was accepted. The fee will be according to the registration date.

### Registration

Registration to the Congress must be done by the registration form available in the Congress website [www.birdmigrationcongress.com/registration/](http://www.birdmigrationcongress.com/registration/)

Registration type	Early fee Until 15th February	Regular fee 16th February- 15th May	Late fee 16th May- 20th August
<b>Reduced fee</b> Students	<b>90,00 €</b>	<b>110,00 €</b>	<b>130,00 €</b>
<b>General fee</b> Non-Students Listener and Oral/Poster Presenter	<b>150,00 €</b>	<b>190,00 €</b>	<b>230,00 €</b>

**Account holder:** Fundación Migres

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## Key dates

- **Abstract submission:** From 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- **Notification of acceptance:** before 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- **Early Registration:** Until 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018
- **Regular Registration:** 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- **Late Registration:** 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018
- **Payment (with abstract submission):** in one month after receiving the notification that the abstract was accepted. Fee according to the registration date.

## Location

Bird Migration and Global Change 2018 will be held at **the International Centre for Bird Migration (CIMA)**, in Tarifa (southern Spain). Recently opened in 2016, it is located at the Strait of Gibraltar. The Strait of Gibraltar is one of the world's most popular places regarding bird migration. Thousands of soaring birds gather together in the Strait every year to fly from breeding to wintering areas in Africa. This is a fascinating spectacle in the world of nature. Maximum number of autumn migrating birds peak in mid-September. Apart from terrestrial birds, the Strait of Gibraltar is an important migration passage for seabirds and whales. It is the meeting point between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, as well as the narrowing of the sea part between African and European coasts, what facilitates the sighting of these species from land.

Presentation video of the International Centre for Bird Migration (CIMA):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUCIBEaue5U&t=50s>