



The Edward Grey Institute Student Conference, **University of Oxford**

8th January – 10th January 2008

You are warmly invited to the **60th Edward Grey Institute Student Ornithology Conference** at the Department of Zoology in Oxford. Since 1947, the EGI conference has been a place for students to present their work in a friendly atmosphere, composed mostly of peers. In addition to undergraduates, graduates and early career post-docs, a small contingent of benevolent older academics will be present.

Students may either deliver a talk or present a poster. Normally most students get a chance to deliver a talk but if oversubscribed, talks will be selected according to the quality of the abstract submitted, as assessed by the local organising committee. There will also be a poster session where students will give a 1 minute oral pitch of their work. One afternoon will be devoted to parallel workshop sessions and on the final day a “questions and answers” session will be held with senior academics.

The end-of-conference dinner will take place at Pembroke College where awards will be given for outstanding poster and oral presentations. An optional visit to Wytham Woods, the location of the EGI’s long term great tit study, will be offered to all delegates on the Friday morning.

Plenary Speakers

Stuart Bearhop (Exeter) “Stable isotopes in ornithology”

Nigel Collar (Birdlife International) “Birds and people”

Alex Kacelnik (Oxford), “Tool use in birds”

Nathalie Seddon (Oxford), “Social signals and speciation in suboscine birds”

Jon Slate (Sheffield) “Avian evolutionary genomics: current status and new opportunities”

Workshops

Ben Sheldon: “Meta-analysis”

Nat Seddon: “How to write a scientific paper”

Round Table Discussion

On the afternoon of the final day there will be a debate with a panel of selected members discussing future directions in ornithology and taking questions. Students will be asked to prepare at least one question prior to the discussion and questions will be drawn out of a hat.

Conference Fees

The conference starts at 2pm on Tuesday 8th January and finishes late on Thursday 10th January. The conference fee includes:

- registration pack,
- refreshments on each day,
- lunch on Wednesday and Thursday
- wine reception on the Tuesday evening followed by an informal light dinner,
- end-of-conference dinner on Thursday night at Pembroke College.

Conference fee option 1 - £155 all the above plus 3 nights bed and breakfast accommodation.

Delegates can stay at Oxford Youth Hostel which is 20 minutes walk from the Department of Zoology. The rooms will be mixed sex and shared with other EGI delegates. We have booked 50 beds and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Accommodation is available for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. **Final numbers must be known by 17th December.** Further details see:
<http://www.yha.org.uk/find-accommodation/heart-of-england/hostels/Oxford/facilities.aspx>

Conference fee option 2 - £95 all the above but no accommodation.

Please arrange your own accommodation. See: <http://www.oxford.gov.uk/tourism/where-to-stay.cfm>. The EGI office can not help in arranging accommodation.

Payment methods

All delegates must pay in full before the conference.

1. Credit card payments:

Please pay via our online store at:

<http://www.oxforduniversityshops.co.uk/store/shop/products.asp?func=prodvar&compid=33&deptid=67&prodtypeid=30&prodID=167>

2. Cheque payments:

Please send cheques to Claire Rowsell, EGI, Department of Zoology, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PS. All cheques must be made out to : University of Oxford.

Talks

Talks (12 minutes + 3 minutes for questions). To register please send a title and an abstract (<100 words) stating whether you would prefer to present a talk or a poster to claire.rowsell@zoo.ox.ac.uk by December 17th 2007.

Posters

Anyone displaying a poster will give a 1 minute presentation on Tuesday evening during the wine reception. Normally poster places are unlimited but, nevertheless, please indicate in advance whether you do intend to present a poster.

Visit to Wytham Woods

If you would like to visit Wytham Woods on Friday 11th January please email Claire.rowsell@zoo.ox.ac.uk

Timetable

	Tuesday 8th	Wednesday 9th	Thursday 10 th	Friday 11 th
Morning	-----	Talks	Talks	Optional trip to Wytham Woods
Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	
Afternoon	Conference opens at 2pm Talks	Talks Workshops	Talks and Q & A session	
Early evening	Drinks reception and posters			
Evening	Buffet dinner at University Club	Delegates free to explore Oxford	End of Conference dinner at Pembroke College	