

54th Annual Symposium
European Association for Aquatic Mammals
24-27 March 2026

CALL FOR
PAPERS, VIDEOS & ROUND TABLES

The European Association for Aquatic Mammals invites authors to submit abstracts and proposals for the upcoming 54th Annual Symposium, which is due to take place at **Parc Le Pal, France** on

24 to 27 March 2026

The EAAM calls for abstracts of oral presentations and posters, as well as video presentations and roundtables!

All topics related to marine mammal science and husbandry (including conservation, education, veterinary medicine, operant conditioning, etc.) are acceptable.

For the 54th Annual Symposium, the EAAM will especially encourage presentations dedicated to:

***Science Speaks – Shaping the Future of
Marine Mammal Protection and Welfare***

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

Abstract Submission Deadline: 07 January 2026

Registration Deadline for the first/presenting author: 15 February 2026

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS of POSTERS, ORAL PRESENTATIONS, AND SHORT PRESENTATIONS

Please read the following recommendations carefully before submitting any abstract.

The abstract must include:

- Title
- Author(s); if more than one, please mark the presenter with an asterisk (*)
- Affiliation of (each) author
- Abstract for presentation
 - o The abstract should be complete and informative (objectives, methods, results, conclusions)
 - o The text should have a maximum length of 200 words (font Arial, size 11)
 - o Line drawings, figures, graphs, charts, literature references, acknowledgements, etc., should not be included
- Authors wishing to present more than one abstract must submit a separate submission form for each presentation
- Abstracts submitted by students should be reviewed beforehand by their supervisor(s).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS:

Students are strongly encouraged to submit abstracts! Presentations by students are eligible for the *Prizes* for best student presentation (Oral and Poster) and for the EAAM student *Grants* for Symposium participation. Grants for participation include symposium fee and a contribution to housing costs during the Symposium. Students will only be considered for both the *Prize* and the *Grant* if their abstract submission is accompanied by a support letter from their University or Professor. PhD students can equally be candidates for EAAM Student Grants and Prizes, but only if the abstract is accompanied by a declaration that a PhD grant is the only subsistence source or only marine mammal related activity.

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INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE TRAINING AWARD:

Each year, the EAAM Training Committee is pleased to present two awards: 1st and 2nd Best Training Presentation Awards.

These awards are based on attendee votes during the annual conference and recognize presentations that best demonstrate excellence, innovation, and practical impact in animal training.

Authors are therefore encouraged to indicate whether their presentation should be considered for the Best Training Presentation vote.

To be eligible, the presentation must clearly show that animal training based on operant learning principles is a core component of the work and a key contributor to the achieved outcomes or strategic objectives.

SPECIAL REMARKS:

- The Scientific Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any submission and may ask authors to adjust their presentation content and/or their format (e.g., from oral to poster presentation or vice versa).
- The use of AI and its tools in MS Word and other programmes for correcting orthography, grammar, and wording is encouraged.
Please note that the SC will not correct the language of the abstracts!
- The use of AI for generating content is not allowed.
- Plagiarism in any form is NOT acceptable. The SC will control for any kind of plagiarism, including self-plagiarism. Please declare any similar past publications, if relevant.
- Only electronic abstract submission is accepted.
- Oral presentations: The allowed presentation time will be 12 minutes, plus 3 minutes for questions or discussion.
- Posters: Poster size is A0 vertical (115.0 cm high x 83.0 cm wide).
- Presenting authors must be registered for the symposium no later than
15 February 2026
- One submission form per abstract is required. Multiple abstract submissions require one form each.

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- Save the abstract with the surname of the first author (e.g., "Hartmann.doc", or in the case of several abstracts: "Hartmann01.doc") and send it by email to both EAAM2026@proton.me and rgojceta@oceanografic.org
- Please keep the format of the submission form.

MANDATORY:

- To be accepted and included in the programme, the registration fee for the presenting author must be paid by the date indicated above.
- Students are required to submit proof of their student status. Students who have been awarded a Grant will be reimbursed.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSALS of VIDEOS and ROUND TABLES

VIDEO

The video format may be especially suitable for certain types of presentation that benefit from a more visual presentation than the traditional PowerPoint format.

The content of the video is the sole responsibility of the submitting author(s). The subject(s) of the video may include all topics related to marine mammal science and husbandry including conservation, education, veterinary medicine, operant conditioning, etcetera. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any submission and may ask author(s) to adjust their presentation content and/or their format.

Promotional videos will not be accepted. The author(s) are responsible for respecting EU copyright legislation.

The video format will be limited to a standard of 12 minutes length, plus 3 minutes for questions. The lead author of the video shall be available at the end of the video to answer any questions from the conference attendees.

Video format **must be** MPEG or WMV. The authors are responsible for providing a suitable version of their video in one of these two formats running under Windows 11.

Procedure:

1. Submit an abstract for the video using the abstract form. Deadline for submission is the same as that of the regular poster and oral presentations: **07 January 2026**.
2. After abstract acceptance (January 2026), please submit the video for evaluation by **31 January 2026** to the email address EAAM2026@proton.me and rgojceta@oceanografic.org by using data transfer services (e.g., wetransfer.com, link from DropBox or GoogleDrive.)

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ROUND TABLE

As for recent EAAM symposia, the opportunity for round table discussions will be provided. The choice of topic and details are open to the membership and potential participants of the symposium.

Round Table topics will be limited to subjects related to marine mammal science and husbandry including, but not limited to, conservation, education, veterinary medicine, operant conditioning. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any round table proposal or may ask proposers to adjust their content and/or their format.

Procedure:

1. All round tables will have a maximum duration of 90 minutes
2. The deadline for the proposal of a round table is **07 January 2026**, same as that for the other program content.
3. The main, i.e., corresponding proposer of a round table will oversee coordinating and organizing the round table's content in close cooperation with the Scientific Committee.
It is strongly suggested to affiliate different partners with a special interest and experience in the proposed subject and assure their participation at the round table, i.e., discussing different aspects, several points of view, and a comprehensive presentation of the subject are a plus.
4. The EAAM will approve the proposed round tables according to space and time availability. All proposers are requested to be flexible in terms of the final format. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any submission and may ask authors to adjust their proposed content and/or their format.
5. Please use the submission form to propose a round table