



**Are you ready for
Sapporo, Japan?**



Ezo momonga
Japanese dwarf flying squirrel

BoredPanda

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Passport

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Message from the Chair

Greetings to all IWMWG members. We have the results from our recent election! Congratulations to Adrian Roadman who is our new Secretary/Treasurer. Adrian has been an active working group member, helping us with website updates and design and outreach, and she is a welcome new member to our slate of officers.

The membership also voted in favor of a dues increase, with 83% of the ballots in favor, so I have asked the TWS managers to increase the rate from the current \$5 to \$10. This increase will allow us to provide travel grants to members for TWS-sponsored conferences.

Which brings me to more good news. In this newsletter, we are announcing the availability of one travel grant to attend the International Wildlife Congress in Sapporo, Japan. This grant will be for \$750 US. We also are announcing two travel grants to attend the 22nd annual TWS conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba, each for \$500 US. See the award descriptions on page 6 for further details.

Our working group will be participating in a symposium in Sapporo focusing on opportunities and challenges for graduate students interested in international research in wildlife. The session description with names of speakers – many of whom are members of our working group! – are included on page 8 along with the date and time. Be sure to look for this session if you are there. We also will be holding a face-to-face IWMWG meeting in Sapporo - look for an upcoming email with where and when this will be held.

For the upcoming annual TWS conference in Winnipeg, IWMWG is co-organizing a symposium with the TWS Renewable Energy Working Group and the TWS Climate Change and Wildlife Working Group. This will be a half-day session focused on renewable energy and wildlife from a global and



Adrian Roadman, newly-elected
Secretary/Treasurer of the
International Wildlife Management
Working Group



Robin White, Chair of the International Wildlife Management Working Group

industry perspective, and will include a series of speakers followed by a summary panel. We will confirm the time and place of this symposium a few weeks before the Winnipeg meeting.

Please join our Facebook page and add posts for exchange and comments. Remember our mission is to provide a forum for information exchange on international wildlife management issues through expanded use of communication technologies – Facebook is a good way to do this. And please feel free to submit topics for the Fall issue of Passport; submission deadline for the next issue is August 18.

Thank you for your interest and membership in the IWMWG! - Robin

Are You On the Fence About Japan?

8 reasons you should attend the Vth International Wildlife Management Congress in Sapporo, Japan July 26-30, 2015:

1. It's not as expensive as you might think.

The plane ticket is the most expensive portion of this trip, but with many economical options online, if you watch the fares properly and book early, you can get a flight for less than \$1000.

The congress planning committee has outlined over 20 different accommodation options ranging in price from economical hostels to elegant hotels, many of which include breakfast (available on the congress website). Register early and receive a discounted registration fee (by April 10).

Apply for the IWMWG travel grant (see page 6).

2. There are going to be attendees from dozens of countries from all over the world. This is a perfect networking opportunity for international work of all sorts.

3. Easy public transportation

Sapporo is very easy to navigate with a rectangular street layout and a compass-based address system.

Buses, subways, and trains run throughout Japan and Sapporo.

Passes for a day, a week, or longer periods are available for purchase. One option, the Japan Rail Pass, is available to foreigners to purchase before arriving and includes all trains in the country, including the high-speed train from Tokyo to Sapporo.



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Hokkaido Red Fox

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Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

4. There are lots of activities and local excursions to explore Sapporo. Lots of shops and cafes are within walking distance.

Wonderful, unique cuisine is available within a 5-10 minute walk of the conference center.

Check out the Japanese tradition of nightly firefly walks.

5. Signs are in both English and Japanese, increasing ease of sightseeing.



6. Wonderfully temperate weather in late July (mid 70s °F/mid 20s °C).
7. Citizens of the United States and Canada staying fewer than 90 days in Japan do NOT need to apply for a special entry visa.
8. It's going to be great fun! The International Wildlife Management Working Group is coordinating a number of fun and useful meetings for our members, so join us in Japan!



Ezo fukuro
Ural Owl



Ezo naki usagi,
which
probably inspired
Pokeman's Pikachu

BONUS - look at the amazing animals of the area pictured throughout this issue of your *Passport*. For more, check out <http://iwmc2015.org/pages/gallery/gallery.html>

The theme of the IWMC2015 is "International Models of Wildlife Biology and Management: Beyond Cultural Differences." The plenary sessions include:

Urban and Suburban Wildlife Management
Education for the Future
Invasive Species Management
Long-term Research and Monitoring
Hunting as Sustainable Wildlife Management

See draft agenda on page 4!

What's with the
"ezo"?

Ezo is a historic name of Hokkaido, thus it is part of the common names of many local species and subspecies.



Shima-enaga, a
type of long-tailed
tit.

Draft Agenda for Vth International Wildlife Congress Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan July 26-30, 2015



Sunday July 26: Registration

Opening Ceremony

Public Plenary: Urban and Suburban Wildlife Management - Common Trends and Issues of International Society

Keynote Speakers:

Daniel Decker (Cornell University, USA)

Rory Putman (University of Glasgow, UK)

Mayumi Yokoyama (University of Hyogo, Japan)

Yoshikazu Sato (Rakuno Gakuen University, Japan)

Monday July 27: Plenary Lecture: Education for the Future

Plenary speakers:

W. Daniel Edge (Oregon State University, USA)

Stephen Sarre (University of Canberra, Australia)

Oral Sessions

Symposia



Tuesday July 28: Plenary Lecture: Invasive Species Management

Plenary speakers:

Steve Hess (USGS - Pacific Island Ecosystems Research Center, USA)

Sugoto Roy (IUCN)

Poster Sessions

Oral Sessions

Symposia

Wednesday July 29: Plenary Lecture: Long Term Research and Monitoring

Plenary speakers:

Dale McCullough (Professor Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley, USA)

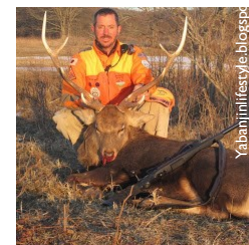
Anthony R.E. Sinclair (University of British Columbia, Canada)

Poster Session

Oral Sessions

Symposia

Banquet/Beer Party (optional)



Thursday July 30: Plenary Lecture: Hunting as Sustainable Wildlife Management

Plenary speakers:

Leonid Baskin (Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia)

Darren Miller (Weyerhaeuser Company, USA)

Oral Sessions

Symposia

Closing Ceremony

Friday July 31: Post Congress Tours (optional)

Opportunities for Large Scale and International Conservation

Interview by Theresa Fiorini

Managing wildlife and their habitat increasingly requires a landscape level approach. As Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Ecosystem Management Research Institute (www.emri.org), Jon Haufler has been advancing large scale conservation planning since 2000. Current projects undertaken by the Institute include a landscape assessment across the several National Forests in Montana as well as working with an Alaska Native Corporation to conduct ecologically focused natural resource management assessments.



Jon Haufler

Jon, who is the Immediate Past President of TWS and has been a member for 40 years, was one of the founders of the Biodiversity Working Group and has recently been appointed chair of TWS's new "Future of International Involvement Ad Hoc Committee". He has long held an interest in international conservation and is excited to be dedicating his considerable experience to advance TWS's goal of expanding its international presence. Jon agrees that although TWS is struggling to find its international voice, "there is tremendous opportunity for us to provide benefits and meaning to an international membership."

Currently, IWMWG has one member serving on the Committee. We encourage others with an interest in being involved to contact the IWMWG leadership team with ideas or suggestions you may have for the Committee, or to request formal membership consideration. The Committee's report will be out in September of 2015. We will do our best to keep our members updated on their progress through the summer.

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A Note From the Editor

In an attempt to make the newsletter more reader-friendly, I am experimenting in this issue with a less structured format (no columns, no splitting of articles across the available page range). Please provide your feedback, so that I can make this newsletter as useful and fun as possible.

A small group of dedicated WG members contributes articles and photographs to each issue. If you would like to write or co-write an article or provide a photo showcase pertinent to international wildlife management, please email your submissions to me or any IWMWG officer by Aug 18.



Editor Claire Crow
watching birds in
Essaouira, Morocco.

Now when you shop on Amazon, click on <http://amzn.to/13hWq4C> and The Wildlife Society will earn a commission for everything you buy on Amazon at no extra charge to you. This is a great way to help your Society.

IWMWG Announces Availability of Travel Grants



The IWMWG is offering a travel grant for attending the International Wildlife Management Congress (IWMC) in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan from July 26-30, 2015. Please see related article on page 2 the importance of attending this Congress, and draft agenda on page 4. This travel award will be for the amount of 750 U.S. dollars. All IWMWG members in good standing (dues for TWS and the working group are current) who are presenting a technical paper or poster at the Congress are eligible to apply. Deadline for Sapporo travel grant applications is April 30th (submission of papers and posters has been closed by the Congress organizers).



The IWMWG also is offering two travel grants for attending The Wildlife Society's 22nd annual conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba from October 17-21, 2015. Visit the conference website for details regarding conference venue and schedule now available at <http://wildlife.org/2015conference/>. The travel awards will be for the amount of 500 U.S. dollars each. All IWMWG members in good standing (dues for TWS and the working group are current) who are presenting a technical paper or poster at the conference, preferably related to the IWMWG's overall mission, are eligible to apply. Deadline for Winnipeg travel application is August 14, 2015 (deadlines for acceptance of papers and posters will all be closed by the conference organizers on June 18, 2015).

Applications will be reviewed by a panel appointed by the WG Chair and successful recipients will be notified via email.

Applications will be available in pdf format from the TWS website as well as on our working group site: <http://drupal.wildlife.org/international/>

Membership in the TWS IWMWG includes a subscription to the *Passport* (the working group's newsletter) and opportunities to collaborate on international wildlife management-related topics. Dues contribute to grants supporting travel to conferences. You can join or renew your membership by logging in to The Wildlife Society portal and adding the IWMWG to your annual membership.

Current TWS Members can join by:

1. Going to <http://wildlife.force.com/>
2. Enter your email address on file and password
3. Click on 'add memberships' on the bottom left
4. Scroll down to 'Working Group Dues' and select "International Wildlife Management Working Group"
5. Check out by entering your payment information

Important upcoming events and opportunities:

5th International Wildlife Management Congress , Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, July 26-30, 2015

The Congress is presented in partnership with the Mammal Society of Japan (MSJ) and The Wildlife Society (TWS). This is the first time that this prestigious Congress will be held in Asia. The main theme of the Congress will be International Models of Wildlife Management: Beyond Cultural Differences. In spite of our cultural differences, we all share similar problems in wildlife management. The 5th International Wildlife Management Congress (IWMG) is an amazing opportunity for sharing global knowledge and experiences. Let's share and discuss our wildlife science and try to establish international models in Sapporo, Japan.

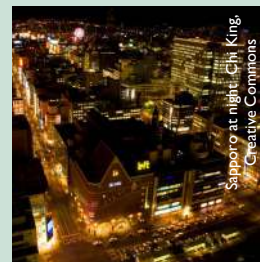
Registration opens April 10

Early Bird Registration ends May 14

<http://iwmc2015.org/>



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Sapporo at night: Chi King, Creative Commons

22nd TWS Annual Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba, October 17-21, 2015

Call for Contributed Papers and Posters

Deadline: April 24, 2015

Call for Student Research in Progress Posters

Deadline: June 18, 2015

Registration opens June 1, 2015

<http://wildlife.org/2015conference/>



Wikipedia.org

IWMWG to Support Symposium in Sapporo

A World of Opportunities and Challenges: Graduate Students Seeking International Collaboration and Education in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

International Wildlife Management Congress, Saporro, Japan, July 27, 2015, 3:40pm -6:10pm.

In 2012 alone, more than 1 million graduate students from China, Japan, Indonesia, India, and Malaysia were studying abroad, primarily in the USA, Canada, Australia, and the UK. International graduate education and research experience are increasingly a necessary step in establishing professional wildlife careers. Bureaucracy and limited opportunities and funding present barriers to these key objectives. Because wildlife conservation is an international challenge, and policy and methods vary considerably among countries, a global perspective is key to fostering international collaborative work.

This symposium will focus on these opportunities and challenges. Our objectives are to 1) outline the importance of international students in graduate wildlife programs, 2) detail ways to make research collaboration happen, 3) demonstrate examples of international collaboration and associated benefits, and 4) present personal testimonies from international students.

Organizers:

Melissa Merrick, Jonathan Derbridge, and Hsian Long Chen (University of Arizona)

Topics and Presenters:

Why are international graduate students important to the wildlife profession?

Rick Baydack, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Canada

Science without borders: Collaboration across space and time.

John Koprowski, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Introduction to International Collaborative Works in Asia

Tatsuo Oshida, Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Obihiro, Japan

International Experience in Wildlife Ecology Fosters Global Connections and Conservation

Martha Desmond, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

Wildlife Conservation and Ecotourism: Opportunities for Educational Leadership.

Walt Anderson, Prescott College, Prescott, AZ

Study abroad: 10 things I wish I'd known before taking off

Hsiang Ling Chen, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Japanese Cowboys: Collaborative Projects, Research Experience, and Education in Southwestern USA

Masahiro Ohnishi, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Texas A&M, Kingsville, TX

Tatsuki Shimamoto, Iwate University, Morioka, Iwate, Japan

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your comments and
suggestions for future
issues!

The deadline for
submissions to be included
in the next Passport is
August 18, 2015.

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international/index.php](http://wildlife.org/international/index.php)

We're on Facebook!
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**International
Wildlife
Management
Working Group**

Vision

The IWMWG will increase collaboration among wildlife professionals around the world.

Mission

The IWMWG will provide a forum for information exchange through expanded use of communication technologies.

Goals

1. To promote meetings and electronic communication among professionals worldwide working in wildlife management and habitat conservation.
2. To sponsor symposia and workshops and to host forums at The Wildlife Society's Annual Conference and other affiliated meetings.
3. To assist TWS staff in preparing technical reviews, position statements and other materials related to international wildlife management issues.
4. To encourage wildlife professionals worldwide to become members and participate in TWS activities and events.

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