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# Event Agenda

4th International Flamingo Symposium - Venice Italy

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## Monday, November 10, 2025

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**Registration**

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium Corridor

8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

**Icebreaker Dinner at the Fabbrica in Pedavena Restaurant**

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## Tuesday, November 11, 2025

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Setup & Registration**

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium Corridor

**Poster Set Up**

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

**Registration**

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

**Welcome address**

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium

Speaker: Cathy King

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

**Keynote**

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium

**Range Expansion by Greater Flamingos in Italy Lasted 30 Years; and Now?**

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Speaker: Nicola Baccetti

**Landscape Structure and Ecosystem Services in the Valli da Pesca of the Venice Lagoon**

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM

Speaker: Alice Stocco

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

**Talk Session 1 Population Monitoring and Regional Assessments**

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium

Moderator: Prof. Stefani Malvasi

**Evaluating the Status of Flamingos in India**

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Speaker: Madhumita Panigrahi

**Flamingo Simultaneous Census on the Coast of Venezuela**

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Speaker: Frank Espinoza

**Seventh International Simultaneous Census of High Andean Flamingos in South America: Preliminary Analysis**

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Speaker: Felicity Arengo

10:45 AM - 11:15 AM

**Coffee Break with Pastries**

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Talk Session 1 Population Monitoring and Regional Assessments

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium

Multidisciplinary studies of American Flamingo in the Yucatan Peninsula

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM

Speaker: Alex Dzib

Flamingos: Florida's Forgotten Wading Bird

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Speaker: Frank Ridgley

Distribution and Abundance of Greater and Lesser Flamingos in Gujarat and Conservation Implications "

11:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Speaker: Madhumita Panigrahi

Seven Years of Coordinated and Contemporary Census of the Greater Flamingo Along the Italian Northern Adriatic Coast in Winter: Population Trend and Land Use in Response to Management Choices

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM

Speaker: Emiliano Verza

Monitoring of Flamingo’s Nesting in India Since 2003: Status and Conservation

12:15 PM - 12:30 PM

Speaker: Anika Tere

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Talk Session 2. Flamingo Movements and Spatial Ecology

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium

Satellite Tracking Greater Flamingos From Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

2:00 PM - 2:15 PM

Speaker: Salim Javed

Northward Movements of Chilean, Andean, and Puna Flamingos Based on 30 years of Resighting Data from Peru: Ecological and Conservation Implications

2:15 PM - 2:30 PM

Speaker: Enver Ortiz

Results of the High Andean Flamingo Banding Program (2002-2025): Distribution, Movement, and Longevity Patterns in the Andean Ecosystem

2:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Speaker: Sol Aguilar

One Health in Connection with Migrating Birds in the Caribbean

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM

Speaker: Odette Doest

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Break and Snacks

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Talk Session 2. Flamingo Movements and Spatial Ecology COPY

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium

Baseline of the Caribbean Flamingo (Phoenicopterus ruber) in Yucatan, Mexico

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

Speaker: David Alonzo

Living Amidst High inter-annual Fluctuations in Precipitation. Early-life Exploration of Greater Flamingos from distinct Mediterranean breeding areas

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Speaker: Lina López Ricaurte

From Breeding Grounds to Wintering Mudflats: Long-Term Monitoring of Greater and Lesser Flamingos Reveals Flight Paths and Spatial Use of Wintering Grounds in Mumbai Along Northwest Coast of India

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM

Speaker: Shashank Sankpal

4:15 PM - 4:30 PM

Adjourn to Poster Session

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Poster Session

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium Corridor

Cash Bar

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

6:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Adjourn

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Registration Open

Cafe Bar open

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Welcome

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium

Speaker: Cathy King

9:15 AM - 10:30 AM

Talk Session 3-Community Led Conservation

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium

**The Greater Flamingo: a Key Species for the Success of the Po Delta Park**

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM

Speaker: Massimiliano Costa

**Socio-Ecological Assessment of the Lesser Flamingo’s Breeding Habitat at Lake Natron: Implications for Conservation and Community Livelihoods**

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Speaker: Dr. Atulpeye Komba

**Movement and Distribution of Near Threatened Lesser Flamingo (Phoeniconaias minor) Within East African Lakes**

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM

Speaker: Timothy Mwinami

**Fostering Community Stewardship for Flamingo Conservation in Lake Natron Ramsar Site**

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Speaker: Emmanuel Mgimwa

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Coffee Break and Pastries

10:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Talk Session 4-Flamingos Under Pressure From Human Disturbance and Rapid Habitat Changes.

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium

**Conservation Challenges of the Caribbean Flamingo (Phoenicopterus ruber) Across its Range**

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Speaker: Frank Ridgley

**Flamingo Conservation in Wetlands Under Pressure From Lithium Mining Development in South America**

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Speaker: Felicity Arengo

**The Greater Flamingo in Algeria: A Conservation Success Story**

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM

Speaker: Boudjéma Samraoui

**Flamingos and Ducks: Conflicts in Managed Areas**

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Speaker: Michele Sorrenti

**Wintering Greater Flamingos in Cyprus: Status, Trends, Pressures and Conservation Actions**

11:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Speaker: Nicolaos Kassinis

**Soda Ash Campaign**

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM

Speaker: Emmanuel Mgimwa

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Panel Discussion: Flamingo Conservation Perspectives from Across the Globe.

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium

Moderator: Felicity Arengo ; Panelist: Frank Espinoza, Lauren Wilson, Philista Malaki, Madhumita Panigrahi, Ozge Balkiz

2:45 PM - 3:30 PM

Talk Session 5-Research, Education, and Conservation in Captive Flamingos

Meet Bob, the Flamingo with a Job

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM  
Speaker: Odette Doest

Echocardiographic and Radiographic Parameters in 20 Lesser Flamingos (Phoeniconaias minor)

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM  
Speaker: Taylor J. Willis

Getting hands on with our Flamingos: Managing Health Checks and Records Across Seven Species in a Zoo Setting

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM  
Speaker: Simon Matthews

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Breaks with Snacks

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Talk Session 6-Flamingo Rescue, Rehabilitation and Reintroduction

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium

South Africa Lesser Flamingo Large Scale Crisis Management

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM  
Speaker: Laurie Conrad

South Africa Lesser Flamingo Crisis - Rehabilitation and Volunteer Management

4:15 PM - 4:30 PM  
Speaker: Lauren Wilson

Movement Ecology and Survival of Rescued and Captive-reared Lesser Flamingos Phoeniconaias Minor from Kamfers Dam, South Africa, 2019-2024

4:30 PM - 4:45 PM  
Speaker: Doug Harebottle

Rescue and Rearing of Andean Flamingo Chicks in Captivity at the Vesty Pakis Municipal Biopark, La Paz, Bolivia

4:45 PM - 5:00 PM  
Speaker: Brad Hazelton

Flamingo Rescue and Rehabilitation: A Large-Scale Response to Extreme Weather in the UAE

5:00 PM - 5:15 PM  
Speaker: Jonathan Diaz

The Caribbean Flamingo Project: Protocols for Rehabilitation, Reintroduction, and Post-Release Monitoring of Captive Phoenicopterus ruber

5:15 PM - 5:30 PM  
Speaker: Tatiana Carreño Pinto

5:30 PM - 5:40 PM

Adjourn

Thursday, November 13, 2025

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Registration

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Workshops and Discussion Groups 1

Location: TBA

Experience Sharing on Aerial & Ground Surveys and Tracking Flamingos

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
Speakers: Frank Espinoza, Alex Dzib, Doug Harebottle, Nita Shah

Industrial Development in Flamingo Habitats

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
Location: TBA  
Speaker: Felicity Arengo

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Coffee Break and Pastries

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Workshops and discussion groups 2

Flamingo Survey and Monitoring Protocols and Technology 2

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
Location: TBA  
Speakers: Alex Dzib, Frank Espinoza

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch

2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Talk Session 7-Flamingo Nesting and Breeding Ecology

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium

Breeding of the Greater Flamingo (Phoenicopterus roseus) in Morocco: Recent Developments and Conservation Efforts

2:00 PM - 2:15 PM  
Speaker: Mohamed Radi

Migration Shapes Senescence in the Greater Flamingo

2:15 PM - 2:30 PM  
Speaker: Arnaud Bechet

Chilean Flamingo Phoenicopterus Chilensis in the Sechura Desert of Northern Peru

2:30 PM - 2:45 PM  
Speaker: Rob Williams

Status and Trends of American Flamingo (Phoenicopterus ruber) Nesting Sites in Cuba

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM  
Speaker: Susana Aguilar

Nesting on the Edge: Insights into Lesser Flamingo Reproduction at Lake Natron, Tanzania

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM  
Speaker: Akshita Rabdiya

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Break and Snacks

3:45 PM - 5:30 PM

Talk Session 8-Success Stories in Flamingo Habitat Restoration

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium

Response to Flamingo Nesting Island Restoration at the Ría Lagartos Biosphere Reserve, Yucatan, Mexico

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM  
Speaker: Rodrigo Migoya

Flamingos in Relation to Reconstructed Wetlands in the Venice Lagoon

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM  
Speaker: Jane da Mosto

Impact of Restoration of Abandoned Saltpans on the Greater Flamingo Phoenicopterus roseus population in Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu, South India

4:15 PM - 4:30 PM  
Speaker: Balachandran Sivananthaperumal

Phenological Shift and Breeding Success of Greater Flamingos in a Man-Made Hypersaline Wetland in UAE: Implications for Climate Adaptation "

4:30 PM - 4:45 PM  
Speaker: Shahid Khan

Resilience and Movement Patterns of Lesser Flamingos in Response to Climate-Induced Habitat Changes in East African Rift Lakes

4:45 PM - 5:00 PM  
Speaker: Daud Stanley Magile

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Talk session 10-Flamingo genetics and evolution

Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium

The First Assessment of the Genetic Structure in South American Flamingos in an Era of Rapid Change

5:00 PM - 5:15 PM  
Speaker: Abril Marcolongo

The Evolution of the Flamingo’s Smile

5:15 PM - 5:30 PM  
Speaker: Willow Montague

5:30 PM - 5:35 PM

Adjourn

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Flamingo Fiesta Group Dinner Gatto Rosso restaurant

Friday, November 14, 2025

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Room Open

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| 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | <div><div>Regional Meetings</div><div><div>Flamingos in the Mediterranean and West Africa : a research and conservation agenda</div><div>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</div><div>Speakers: Arnaud Bechet, Ozge Balkiz, Antoine Arnaud</div><div>Asia</div><div>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</div><div>Speakers: Balachandran Sivananthaperumal, Nita Shah, Salim Javed</div><div>Southern and Eastern Africa</div><div>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</div><div>Speaker: Dr. Atulpeye Komba</div><div>Caribbean</div><div>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</div><div>Speaker: Frank Espinoza</div><div>South America</div><div>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</div><div>Speaker: Felicity Arengo</div></div></div> |
| 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | <div><div>Flamingo Rescue and Rehabilitation Protocols</div><div>Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium</div><div>Moderator: Laurie Conrad</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM | <div><div>Adjourn Scientific Program</div><div>Location: Danilo Mainardi Auditorium</div><div>Speaker: Cathy King</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM | <div><div>Lunch</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM | <div><div>Field Excursion to Valle Figheri</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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## Saturday, November 15, 2025

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| 7:00 AM - 7:00 AM | <div><div>Full Day Excursion - Requires Separate Registration</div><div>Location: Murano, Burano, and Venice Lagoon</div></div> |
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