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MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

09:00-10:00	Registration	
10:00-11:00	Opening ceremony (Welcome remarks)	
11:00-11:40	Chair Astghik Ghazaryan	<u>Aliaksei Shpak</u> The Minsk Bat Contact Centre «Kazhanapolis» as a tool for monitoring hibernating bats
		<u>Anton Vlaschenko</u> From case-by-case rescue to a nationwide urban bat monitoring programme in Ukraine
11:40-12:10	Coffee break	
12:10-13:30	Chair Jan Zukal	<u>Jiri Pikula</u> Diversity of filariae circulating in South Caucasian bats and their ectoparasites
		<u>Sophio Maglakelidze</u> Regional and Method-Dependent Patterns of Non-Tuberculous Mycobacteria in Bat-Associated Samples from the Balkans and South Caucasus
		<u>Lavinia-Vasilica Manolachi</u> Antimicrobial resistance and virulence profiles in insectivorous bat guano from Isverna Cave, Romania mirror anthropogenic contamination
		<u>Vahram Hayrapetyan</u> Azokh Cave as a Perennial Habitat and Roost for Bats
13:30-14:30	Lunch	
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14:45-16:05	Chair Ioseb Natradze	<u>Jan Zukal</u> Ecophysiological aspects of bat hibernation: a study of selected European species
		<u>Petr Mrhálek</u> Long-term changes in the winter bat assemblage of Kateřinská Cave, Czech Republic

			<u>Tatevik Harutyunyan</u> Acoustic differentiation of <i>Miniopterus pallidus</i> and <i>M. schreibersii</i> : multivariate discrimination of cryptic bent-winged bats
			<u>Natalia Dibolscaia</u> New data on bat hibernation roosts from „Orheiul Vechi” cultural-natural reserve
	16:05-17:00	Coffee break / Posters session	
TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER	10:00-11:35	Chair Henry Schofield	<u>Aleksandra A. Panyutina</u> Legged Locomotion in Bats: Gould's Spandrel or a Key for Settlement
			<u>Julia Moiseeva</u> Concordance Between Morphological and Genetic Diversity in Long-eared Bats of the Genus <i>Plecotus</i> E. Geoffroy, 1818 (Chiroptera, Vespertilionidae).
			<u>Iliia Artiushin</u> Hybridisation between Common and Northern Serotine. Beyond mtDNA
			<u>Vida Zrnčič</u> Shining a light on bats: UV fluorescence in lesser and Blasius’s horseshoe bats
	11:35-12:05	Coffee break	
	12:05-13:35	Chair Tigran Hayrapetyan	<u>Stuart Newson</u> Scaling Up Bioacoustics: Towards Sustainable Biodiversity Monitoring across Europe, North Africa and the South Caucasus
			<u>Pita K. Amick</u> Understory pteropodids (Chiroptera) avoid the sub-canopy and fly near the forest floor across elevational gradients
			<u>Vojo Milanović</u> The Impact of Heavy Metals on Bats: Guano as a Bioindicator of Heavy Metal Pollution
			<u>Samo Grčurevič</u> Bat research as part of the Slovenian Biological students’ society research camp “Ecosystems of the Balkans”
	13:35-14:35	Lunch	

	14:35-15:00	Closing ceremony	<u>Henry Schofield,</u> <u>Astghik Ghazaryan,</u> <u>Peter Lina</u>
Conference gala dinner			
Wednesday 30 SEPTEMBER	EXCURSION		

Posters session	
PO-01	<u>Sarka Bednarikova</u> , Eva Rehulkova, Ondrej Danek, Sarka Masova, Monika Nemcova, Katerina Zukalova, Jan Zukał, Jiri Pikula: <i>A new filarial nematode from the parti-coloured bat in Europe: Integrative description of Litomosa vetuni n. sp.</i>
PO-02	<u>Kateřina Zukalová</u> , Petr Mrhálek, Jiří Pikula, Veronika Seidlová, Jan Zukał: <i>Phenology and metabolic costs of gestation in the Greater Mouse-eared bat (Myotis myotis)</i>
PO-03	<u>Monika Nemcova</u> , Katerina Zukalova, Sarka Bednarikova, Lucie Kovacova, Jan Zukał, Veronika Seidlova, Jiri Pikula: <i>Interferon β and ω as biomarkers of pathogen exposure in Myotis myotis bats</i>
PO-04	<u>Monika Nemcova</u> , Lucie Kovacova, Jiri Pikula: <i>Diclofenac-induced concentration- and temperature-dependent patterns of responses in liver cells derived from the common noctule bat (Nyctalus noctula)</i>
PO-05	<u>Lucie Kovacova</u> , Jiri Pikula, Monika Nemcova: <i>Metabolic performance of bat hepatocytes at fluctuating body temperatures simulated under in vitro conditions</i>
PO-06	<u>Elizaveta Ignateva</u> : <i>Wind Energy Expansion in Central Asia: Emerging Conservation Risks for Bats in a Poorly Studied Region</i>
PO-07	<u>Bella Babayan</u> , Samvel Shahinyan, Samvel Bagdasaryan, Tigran Yesayan, Garegin Sevoyan, Alexander Yesayan: <i>The Challenges of Global Warming Effects on Armenian Caves</i>
PO-08	<u>Astghik Ghazaryan</u> , Kendra Phelps, Tigran Hayrapetyan, Georgi Papov, Ofik Yelabekyan, Vanuhi Hambardzumyan, Tatev Harutyunyan, Anna Tadevosyan, Seda Adamyan, Nisreen Al-hmoud, Mu'men Alrwashdeh. Amany Abdien, Ghadeer Alzghoul, Luke Hamel, Kevin Olival: <i>First Record of Coronaviruses in Bats of Armenia</i>
PO-09	<u>Tatevik Harutyunyan</u> , Anna P Tadevosyan, Georgi Y. Papov, Astghik S. Ghazaryan: <i>Research of Synanthropic and Migrant bats in Yerevan</i>
PO-10	<u>Georgi Papov</u> , Tigran Hayrapetyan, Tatevik Harutyunyan, Vahnuhi Hambardzumyan, Ofik Yelabekyan, Anna Tadevosyan, Astghik Ghazaryan: <i>Bats of Areni 1 cave</i>