Conference "Let's talk ticks. A conference beyond the limits of disciplines and academia"
Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy
1-4 September 2025

- FINAL AGENDA -

Monday the 1st of September 2025: in Venice

ONLINE ATTENDANCE IS WELCOME (please register here)

09.00	Registration and coffee in Aula Baratto, Palazzo Ca' Foscari
09.30	Opening
09.45	Keynote 1: **Annapaola Rizzoli** (Fondazione Edmund Mach, IT)
10.15	Presentation 1: **Nina Krol** (University of Leipzig, DE), *Ixodes ricinus* ticks and *Borrelia burgdorferi s.l.* in Denmark
10.45	Presentation 2: **Lene Jung Kjær** (University of Copenhagen, DK), Temporal dynamics of tick abundance in Denmark, 2017-2024
11.15	Presentation 3: **Giulia Ferrari** (Fondazione Edmund Mach, IT), Changes over time in the tick-borne disease risk in different habitat types of the north-eastern Italian Alps
11.45	Presentation 4: **Caroline Millins** (University of Liverpool, UK), Effects of landscape structure and host communities on tickborne pathogen hazard
12.15	Presentation 5: **Anna Obiegala** (Sorbonne University, FR), Soil components and vertebrate communities as influencing factors for tick density and pathogen prevalence
12.45	Lunch
13.45	Presentation 6: **Nicholas Johnson** (Animal and Plant Health Agency of Canada, CA), How can we use 'omics' technologies to control ticks and tick-borne diseases?
14.15	Presentation 7: **Richard Birtles** (University of Salford, UK), Bloodmeal analysis to quantify *Ixodes ricinus* host choice in the UK and beyond
14.45	Presentation 8: **Lucy Gilbert** (University of Glasgow, UK), Can humans inadvertently alter tick-borne pathogen risk by scaring away wildlife?
15.15	Presentation 9: **Sara Gandy** (University of Glasgow, UK), Ecosystem processes driving deer space-use, tick density and Lyme disease hazard in urban greenspaces
15.45	Presentation 10: **Kristina Seljak** (Ca' Foscari University, IT), In the thick of it: reflections on fieldwork exploring tick perception in the Gorenjska region of Slovenia
16.15	Coffee break
16.30	Presentation 11: **Laura Beloff** (Aalto University, FI), Ticks, strays, and parasites: an artistic exploration of entanglements
17.00	Discussion
18.00	End of the day
20.00	Optional conference dinner

Tuesday the 2nd of September 2025: in Venice

09.00	Registration and coffee in Aula Baratto, Palazzo Ca' Foscari
09.30	Keynote 1: **Majda Kralj** (Lyme Disease Patients Association of Slovenia, SI)
10.00	Presentation 12 (online): **Barbara Hostalek** (Murdoch University, AU), Increasing perspectives of indigenous communities' knowledge, attitudes and practices towards ticks and canine tick-borne diseases in North-West Australia: a respectful pathway towards effective disease management
10.30	Presentation 13 (online): **Elizabeth Murray** (Lyme Resource Center, UK), The Lyme disease experience survey
11.00	Presentation 14 (online): **Janey Cringean** (advocate, UK), When patients are too ill to advocate for themselves
11.30	Presentation 15: **Ritti Sonnco** (University of Edinburgh, UK), Biosocial fragilities
12.00	Presentation 16: **Morven-May MacCallum** (advocate, UK), Finding the Lyme light
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Presentation 17: **Magdalena Goralska** (University of Warsaw, PL), Walking and living the ticksites: the affective epidemiology of Lyme disease
14.00	Presentation 18: **David Modrý** (Czech University of Life Sciences, CZ) and **Andrei Mihalca** (University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Cluj-Napoca, RO), Ticks in taxonomy: practical relevance for clinicians in human and veterinary health
14.30	Presentation 19: **Catherine Bouchard** (Public Health Agency of Canada, CA), Endemic and emerging tick-borne diseases: an amplifying socio-ecological challenge in Canada
15.00	Presentation 20: **Andres Urcuqui-Bustamante** (University of Illinois Chicago, US), Stakeholder engagement in forest management practices targeting Lyme disease mitigation
15.30	Presentation 21: **Patrick Leighton** (University of Montreal, CA), Healthy PARKS project: One Health and citizen science for tick-borne disease risk mitigation in Canada
16.00	Coffee break
16.15	Presentation 22: **Deborah Nadal** (Ca' Foscari University, IT), Webs of life in the Dolomites of yesterday, today and tomorrow
17.45	Discussion
18.30	End of the day

Wednesday the 3rd of September 2025: in the Dolomites

09.00	Transfer by private bus from Tronchetto (near Piazzale Roma) to Canzoi Valley
10.30	Field activities: encounters with ticks and people along the forest path "Le Scale"
12.00	Lunch
13.00	Field activities: encounters with ticks and people along the forest path "Le Scale"
14.45	Transfer to the hotel
15.00	Hotel check-in and rest
16.45	Transfer to the Museo Etnografico Dolomiti in Cesiomaggiore
17.00	Guided visit to the museum
18.00	"Tutto quello che hai sempre voluto chiedere sulle zecche" public meeting – a collective Q&A, with rapid Italian-English-Italian translation, where members of the local community will ask us questions about ticks and tick-borne diseases
19.00	Transfer to the restaurant
19.15	Dinner
20.45	Transfer to the hotel

Thursday the 4th of September 2025: in the Dolomites

07.30	Breakfast
08.50	Hotel check-out
09.00	Transfer to Mis Valley
09.30	Field activities: encounters with ticks and people at Cadini del Brenton and Soffia waterfall
12.00	Lunch
13.00	Transfer to Alpago
14.00	Field activities: encounters with ticks and people at Garna's old dairy farm
17.00	Transfer to the restaurant
17.40	Aperitivo and dinner in the UNESCO vineyards
20.00	Transfer to Venice (Tronchetto)

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