



UKIRSC 2024

Tuesday 9th January – Friday 12th January

UKIRSC24 Full Conference Timetable

A reminder that all conference locations can be found at:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1s3c-jJQwjUKvtV44tGnZCKX5X67WGgg&ll=53.40370039935066%2C-2.9833855789057817&z=15>

Tuesday 9th January

Social Walk

Location: West Kirby Beach, meet at the top of the slipway to the beach at the end of Dee Lane

Time: 12:30

Trains from Liverpool Central run every 15 minutes and on-street parking is available. Please bring wet weather gear, warm clothes and feel free to bring binoculars and snacks. **This activity is weather dependent, please ensure you have RSVP'd using the google form and include your phone number so we can keep you updated. If you can no longer attend, please let us know so we know whether to wait for you.**

Registration/Evening Social

Location: The Font, Arrad Street, Liverpool, L7 7JE.

Time: 18:00-23:00

Food and drinks will be available to purchase from the bar.

Wednesday 10th January

Morning registration and conference introduction

Location: Jane Herdman Building, 4 Brownlow St, Liverpool L3 5DA – 1st floor Lecture Theatre

Time: 08:45-10:00

Please ensure that you arrive at 08:45 promptly if you were unable to attend the registration on Tuesday evening

Keynote Speaker: Clare Embling

Location: Jane Herdman Building, 4 Brownlow St, Liverpool L3 5DA – 1st floor Lecture Theatre

Time: 10:00-11:00

Coffee Break

Location: Jane Herdman Building, 4 Brownlow St, Liverpool L3 5DA – Map Library Room 1st floor.

Time: 11:00-11:30

Session 1- Anthropogenic threats

Location: Jane Herdman Building, 4 Brownlow St, Liverpool L3 5DA – 1st floor Lecture Theatre

Time: 11:30-12:30

- Emily Hague - *Arctic vessel traffic is increasing, what does this mean for Arctic whales?*
- Sarah Tubbs - *Bycatch rates for threatened coastal Cambodian cetaceans*
- Rita Meireles de Castro - *Are governmental strategies to boost blue economy in line with cetacean conservation needs? The Irish coast example.*

Lunch

Location: Suggested locations close to the conference venue will be posted on the Google map

Time: 12:30-13:30

Session 2- General marine mammal science

Location: Jane Herdman Building, 4 Brownlow St, Liverpool L3 5DA – 1st floor Lecture Theatre

Time: 13:30-14:30

- Imogen Sawyer - *Swimming with a twist: Exploring spinal curvature in delphinids*
- Devonne Gardiner - *Temporal trends and environmental drivers of pregnancy in the Gulf of St Lawrence's minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*)*
- Emma Hunter - *Plastic pollution and ocean giants: Investigating the extent and impacts of plastic ingestion by marine megafauna*

Stranding workshop

Location: Nicholson Building – Liverpool L3 5DA, Room 101

Time: 14:30-17:00

Thursday 11th January

Keynote speaker: Volker Deecke

Location: Jane Herdman Building, 4 Brownlow St, Liverpool L3 5DA – 1st floor Lecture Theatre

Time: 09:00-10:00

Session 3 – Occurrence and distribution

Location: Jane Herdman Building, 4 Brownlow St, Liverpool L3 5DA – 1st floor Lecture Theatre

Time: 10:00-11:00

- Tim Awbery - *Dynamic Habitat Suitability Models of Minke Whales on the West Coast of Scotland*
- Evie White - *Montenegro Dolphin Research: Seven Years of Insights and Conservation Implications for the first Long-term Cetacean Study in the East South Adriatic Sea*

- Amy Feakes - *Estimating the abundance and distribution of marine mammals using passive acoustic monitoring and biotelemetry*
- Valeria Ferrari - *Cetacean presence and distribution in the waters off British Columbia: exploring the use of opportunistic aerial surveys*
- Beth Harvey - *Abundance and distribution of cetaceans in the western English Channel, and exposure to key threats*
- Anna Karamiseva - *From Whaling Echoes to Cetacean Strandings: Trinidad and Tobago's Conservation Path*
- Joshua Wilson - *Explaining process, pattern and dynamics of marine predator hotspots in the Southern Ocean*

Coffee Break

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Time: 11:00-11:30

Marine mammal law workshop

Location: Nicholson Building – Liverpool L3 5DA, Room 101

Time: 11:30 – 13:30

Lunch

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Time: 14:30-13:30

Careers panel

Location: Jane Herdman Building, 4 Brownlow St, Liverpool L3 5DA – 1st floor Lecture Theatre

Time: 14:30-15:30

Poster session

Location: Jane Herdman Building, 4 Brownlow St, Liverpool L3 5DA – Map Library Room 1st floor.

Time: 15:30-17:00

Evening social/pub quiz

Location: Frederiks, 32 Hope Street L1 9BX

Time: 18:30-late

We are going to pre-order a selection of pizzas and snacks for those attending on Thursday evening. This will cost £10 per person and can be paid either [here](#) or with cash at registration. **If you would like to be included for the food order, please let us know how you intend to pay using the google form in the email. We kindly ask that you please purchase at least 1 drink or 1 food order each as this is required by the venue.**

Friday 12th January

Keynote speaker: Michael Berenbrink

Location: Jane Herdman Building, 4 Brownlow St, Liverpool L3 5DA – 1st floor Lecture Theatre

Time: 09:00-10:00

Session 4 – Acoustics

Location: Jane Herdman Building, 4 Brownlow St, Liverpool L3 5DA – 1st floor Lecture Theatre

Time: 10:00-11:00

- Autumn Chang - *Temporal acoustic presence of Southern Right Whales off Elephant Island in Antarctica*
- Ellen White - *Did you hear that? Comparing the detection capabilities of a CNN delphinid detector to the C-POD.*
- Laia Garrobé Fonollosa - *Harnessing the power of machine learning algorithms for the detection of marine mammal species in large acoustic datasets*
- Jasmine Stavenow Jerremalm - *Testing low-cost acoustic recorders – Longevity and quality of cetacean recordings*

Coffee Break

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Session 5 – Feeding ecology

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- Dione Sofia Orellana Kehayova - *Zooplankton diversity and abundance linked to cetacean population distribution in the Galapagos Marine Reserve*
- Zaahir P Santhanam - *Is fate Sealed? Stable isotopes reveal competitive ecosystem dynamics between two marine sentinel communities*
- Charlotte O. Smith - *An initial investigation of the Lunar cycle on the bottlenose dolphins of Montenegrin coastal waters*

Prizegiving and conference close

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