Annual Meeting Outline Agenda

Tuesday 9th September – ECR Afternoon

11:45   **Registration**

12:00 – 12:30   **Session 1 – Introductions and Networking**

Chaired by your ECR reps - Kate Lewis (Centre for Macaques) and Urja Thakrar (RVC)

12.30 – 13.30   **LUNCH**

13.30 – 15:00   **Session 2 – Productivity Workshop**

Led by Professor Helmut Hauser (University of Bristol)

15.00 – 15.30   **Tea / Coffee break**

15:30 – 17:00   **Session 3 – Panel Discussion - dealing with failure as an ECR, and beyond**

Chaired by Rachel Annan (University College Dublin) and Femi Gabriel Oyeniyi (Ekiti State University)

Panel: Holly Vickery, Gareth Arnott, Lucy Asher, Carole Fureix, Suzanne Held

17.00 – ….?   Optional social meetup at a local restaurant/pub

Day 1 – Wednesday 10th September

08.30   **Registration**

Session 1 – Wild Animal Welfare

Chaired by

09.00   **Gareth Arnott** (Queen's University Belfast / Network Lead) "*Welcome, AWRN Update and Intro to meeting*"

09.10   **María Díez-León** (Royal Veterinary College) **Plenary:**
                "Wild Animal Welfare - challenges and opportunities of an emerging field"

09.50   **Kane Colston** (University of Bristol) "Automatic species identification and monitoring during carcass scavenging events in South America"

10.05   **Sonia Rey Planellas** (University of Stirling) "Catch Welfare Platform - Developing Innovations in Catch Welfare in Commercial Fisheries"

10.20   Elevator pitches

                George Brown (Queen's University Belfast) "The suppressive effect of human disturbance on play behaviour in fallow deer fawns, Dama dama"

10.25   **Tanya Payne** (Wild Animal Initiative) Funding for Wild Animal Welfare Research

10.30 - 11.00   Coffee break

Session 2 – Wild Animal Welfare

Chaired by

11.00   **Liz Mullineaux** (BVA) **Plenary:**
                "Wildlife rehabilitation - good or bad for wildlife welfare?"

11.40   **Ricardo Lemos de Figueiredo** (Bristol Zoological Society) "Welfare considerations of wild white-clawed crayfish (Austropotamobius pallipes) during a conservation translocation"

11.55   **Helen Lambert** (Animal Welfare Consultancy) "From Harm Reduction to Replacement: A Welfare-Based Approach to Wildlife Trade Reform"

12.10   **Gareth Arnott** (QUB / Network Lead) - BBSRC Seed Funding for Tech in Animal Welfare

12.15   Introductions to tech stalls

                Robert Hyde (University of Nottingham / Vet Vision AI), **David Speller** (Optifarm), **Emma Baxter** (SRUC), **Oliver Escott** (University of Leeds), **Holly Vickery** (Harper Adams University)

12.30 – 13.15   **LUNCH**

13.15 – 14.15   **Tech Stalls and Poster Session**

Session 3 – New Frontiers in Animal Welfare

Chaired by

14.15 **Elevator pitches**

Beth Ledger (University of Bristol) "Calf pain in the hours and two days after disbudding"

Wasseem Emam (Ethical Seafood Research / Complutense University of Madrid) "Bridging Fish Welfare Science and Practice in Low- and Middle-Income Countries"

Rachel Annan (University College Dublin) **"**Beyond the finish line, measuring and monitoring racehorse welfare"

Maria Jackson (Royal Veterinary College) "The welfare implications of rabbit ear disease: clinical correlates and breeder perceptions"

14.30 **Raymund Konigk** (University of Lincoln / Aqua Bioculture Ltd) "Design Thinking, Inhabitation, and Interiority: A New Frontier in Wild Animal Welfare Science for Aquaculture"

14.45 **Francesca Pells Johansen** (Teagasc) "You can't assess what you don't measure: Investigating animal welfare in sustainability assessments"

15.00 **Introductions to breakout groups (A, B, C)**

15.15 – 15.45 **TEA / COFFEE**

Session 4 – Breakout Groups

Chaired by

15.45 **Breakout Group Discussions:**

Group A –Animal Welfare and Sustainability with **Katie Tomlinson** (BBSRC), **Kate Jordan** (BBSRC) and **Robert Barbour** (Sustainable Food Trust)

Group B – Walking in their paw prints: investigating non-human experiences using technology with **Fiona French** (London Metropolitan University) and **Clara Mancini** (Open University)

Group C – Translation of science into application – Bridging Research and Practice in Cat Population Welfare Issues with **Jennifer McDonald** (Cats Protection)

16.45 **Breakout Group feedback**

17.00 **Gareth Arnott** (QUB / Network Lead) - Closes the day

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17.00 – 18.00 **DRINKS EVENT**

Day 2 – Thursday 11th September

8.45am   Registration opens

Session 5 – New Frontiers in Animal Welfare

Chaired

9.00   **Gareth Arnott** (Queen's University Belfast / Network Lead) "*Welcome and introduction to day*"

9.05   **Maeve Palmer** (Queen's University Belfast) and **Nicki Philipps** (University of Lincoln) "Increasing Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in AWRN"

9.20   **Kate Lewis** (Centre for Macaques, MRC) and **Urja Thakrar** (Royal Veterinary College) "*ECR Plenary*"

9.25   **Miriam Zemanova** (University of Fribourg) **ECR Plenary:**

          "The missing metric: why wild animal welfare must be considered in conservation research"

10.05   **Femi Oyeniyi** (Ekiti State University) "Physiological response of bucks of varying coat colours to diurnal changes in temperature and relative humidity"

10.20   **Louise Evans** (University of Bristol) "Object detection as a tool for effective monitoring and analysis of animal behaviour in standardised behaviour tests: an example in laboratory rats"

10.35   **Elevator Pitches**

          Ffion Lewis (Harper Adams University) "Investigation of the effects of early vs. delayed cow-calf separation on the behaviour of primiparous and multiparous cows and their calves"

          Trinity Camacho (Royal Veterinary College) "Handle With Care: Testing Laboratory Rat Lifting Methods"

          Paolo Panizzon (fair-fish) "The fair-fish database as a tool for fish welfare research"

          Katja Zumer (Scotland's Rural College) "The role of behavioural flexibility in the navigation of social chaos"

          Urja Thakrar (Royal Veterinary College) "Producing shrimp in certified farms: Does it improve their welfare?"

          Grainne O'Doherty (Queen's University Belfast) "Does virtual fencing negatively impact affective state in sheep?"

11.00 – 11.30   **TEA / COFFEE**

Session 6 – Innovate Funding Session

Chaired by

11.30   **Chris Lyons** (Innovate UK) – Innovate funding schemes

11.50   **Lucy Asher** (Newcastle University) and **Carly Scott** (FAI) – Innovate Farming Innovation Programme funding for Large R&D partnerships: FLOCKWISE

12.05	**Rick D'Eath** (Scotland's Rural College) – Innovate funding grant for pig welfare
12.20	**Q&A with panel** (top tips for Innovate grants)
12.45	**Introductions to Breakout Groups (D, E, F)**

13.00 – 14.00 LUNCH

Session 7 – Breakout Groups

Chaired by

14.00	**Breakout Group discussions**
	Group D – Transferability of welfare assessments from captive to wild animals with **Janire Castellano Bueno, Tanya Payne and Luke Hecht** (Wild Animal Initiative)
	Group E – Pre-registration of studies in animal welfare - why, when, how? (**Simon Turner** (Scotland's Rural College) and **Melissa Bateson** (Newcastle University)
	Group F – Designing Research With Stakeholders, Not For Them with **Clare Otridge** (Grounded Research) and **Laura Palczynski** (Harper Adams University)

15.00 – 15.30 TEA / COFFEE

Session 8 – Novel Frontiers in Animal Welfare

Chaired by

15.30	Feedback from breakout group sessions
15.45	**Plenary by Dan O'Neill** (Royal Veterinary College) "New Front Ears in Dogs?: Lessons from 15 years of extreme conformation canine welfare work"
16.25	**Lucy Oldham** (Scotland's Rural College) "Employing AI-Assisted Automated monitoring system for quantifying social structure and detecting harmful behaviours in pigs"
16.40	**Andrew Crump** (Royal Veterinary College) Feedback and Annual Survey of Members
16.45	Upcoming AWRN-funded Workshops – **Urja Thakrar**
16.55	**Gareth Arnott** (Queen's University of Belfast / Network Lead) - Closes the meeting