

COST Action “Conservation of freshwater mussels: a pan-European approach” CONFREMUS
 TRAINING SCHOOL ON FRESHWATER MUSSEL PARASITES - Poznań, 17-18th August 2021
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Aim: To provide introduction to parasite fauna of freshwater mussels and training on practical examination of mussels, identification of parasite species and groups, and monitoring of trematode cercariae release. As an output, a collection of freshwater mussel parasite photos will be provided and made available at Confremus website. Purpose is also to launch coordinated research on parasitism of freshwater mussels in Europe (will be informed throughout Confremus). In addition, as small changes in the trainers and contributors have occurred, purpose is also to have collective discussions on how the attendees can work towards a joint parasite publication (will be informed throughout Confremus).

Tentative programme:

Tue 17 August	9:00	START	
	9:00-9:30	Placing mussels to cercariae release monitoring containers	
	9:30-10:30	Introduction of participants, Short introduction to parasites of mussels	
	10:30-11:30	Examination of mussels	
	11:30-12:00	Collaborative publication, ideas	
	12:00-13:00	Lunch (& discussion)	
	13:00-14:30	Examination of mussels	
	14:30-15:00	Break	
	15:00-16:00	Trematode cercaria release check	
	16:00-16:30	Wrapping up & collecting the photos	
	16:30-17:00	Workshop (publication, research)	
	Evening	Dinner (& discussion)	
Wed 18 August	9:00-9:30	Going through yesterday's catch, photos	
	9:30-10:30	Counting the released cercariae (end monitoring)	
	10:30-11:30	Examination of mussels	
	11:30-12:00	Workshop (publication, research)	
	12:00-13:00	Lunch (& discussion)	
	13:00-14:30	Examination of mussels	
	14:30-15:00	Break	
	15:00-16:00	Wrapping up the results & Workshop (publication, research)	
	16:00	END	