

European Fire Salamander Meeting 2025 Schedule

Bielefeld University, 33615 Bielefeld, Germany

04.09.2025 - 06.09.2025



The building and room no. will be announced soon!

Thursday 04.09.2025

Start	End	Name	Topic
14:00	15:00	Organisational Team	Registration
15:00	15:20	Caspers	Welcome
15:20	15:30	Organisational Team	Poster Teaser
<i>Symposium Larval Biology and Ecology</i>			
15:30	15:50	Krause	Life-long consequences of early larval nutritional conditions
15:50	16:10	Alarcón-Ríos	Phenotypic effects of urbanization on a reproductively bimodal salamander
16:10	16:40	Coffee Break	
16:40	17:00	Schulte	(TBA) Larval ecology
17:00	17:20	Ptatschek	(TBA) Feeding ecology of fire salamander larvae
17:20	17:40	Velo-Antón	To bite or not to bite?: quantitative evaluation of consumption of aposematic fire salamanders using camera traps and carcasses
17:40	18:30	Krause	Group discussion: A European Fire Salamander Group. Needed? wanted? regular EFSM meetings use of shared platforms like ARW The textbook project
18:30	19:30	Get-together, drinks, food and posters	
21:00		A walk in the fire salamander hotspot: Botanical Garden Bielefeld	

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Friday 05.09.2025

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9:30	9:40	Organisational Team	Organisational Announcements
Symposium Bsal			
9:40	10:00	Stark	When it rains, it pours: annual heavy rains and habitat management hinders recruitment in a fire salamander population afflicted with <i>Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans</i>
10:00	10:20	Naccarato	Monitoring and Early-Warning System for Fire Salamander Populations in Saxon Switzerland
10:20	10:40	Elze	More than just <i>Bsal</i> : diversity and distribution of helminth parasites in European fire salamanders
10:40	11:10	Coffee Break	
Symposium Conservation			
11:10	11:30	Reinhardt	The European fire Salamander – a national responsibility species for Germany
11:30	11:50	Penner	Arks and Pods: Assembling a Safety Net for European Fire Salamanders in Germany
11:50	12:10	Fischer	The “Fire Salamander Ark Project” – Development of an interdisciplinary in situ and ex situ species conservation program to save the local fire salamander population
12:10	12:30	Speybroeck	Population studies and management of fire salamanders in Flanders, Belgium
12:30	14:00	Lunch break	

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14:00	14:20	Bogaerts	Lessons from outside Europe; ecology and conservation of North African fire salamanders <i>Salamandra algira</i>
14:20	14:40	Caspers	How do fire salamanders want to be kept? A preference test
Symposium Spatial Dynamics			
14:40	15:00	Ebert	Analysis of density effects and population dispersal in a population of fire salamanders (<i>Salamandra salamandra</i>) in a suburban hotspot
15:00	15:20	Degani	Skin Mucus Metabolites and Yellow Spot Pattern of <i>Salamandra infraimmaculata</i> in Various Habitats at the Southern Border of Its Distribution in Israel
15:20	15:50	Coffee break	
Introduction to the Amphibian & Reptile Wildbook (ARW)			
15:50	16:20	Caspers	Introducing the WildMe Idea
16:20	17:20	Schulte, Mühlenhaupt, Grond	ARW presentations (TBA)
17:20	17:50	Get together & another chance for posters!	
18:00		Explore Bielefeld: City Centre, Dinner, Sparrenburg Castle, Botanical Garden, Teutoburg Forest	

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Saturday 06.09.2025

Start	End	Name	Topic
9:30	9:40	Organisational Team	Organisational Announcements
Symposium Seasonal Dynamics			
09:40	10:00	Szydlík	Seasonal fluctuations of body condition in a population of fire salamanders in Vienna
10:00	10:20	Grond	From Dusk till Dawn: Individualisation in activity patterns of a strictly nocturnal European fire salamander population
10:20	10:40	Coffee Break	
Symposium Genetic Methods			
10:40	11:00	Figueiredo Vázquez	Clinal variation in reproductive phenotypes across a contact zone of a bimodal viviparous salamander
11:20	11:40	Marques	Urbanization shapes dietary composition and head morphology of salamanders
11:40	12:00	Torres-Sánchez	How can the Amphibian Genomics Consortium promote the generation of large amphibian genomes, such as the Fire Salamander genome?
12:00	12:30	Caspers	Group Discussion: Animal Experiments
12:30	12:40	Organisational Team	Award Ceremony
12:40	12:50	Caspers	Closing Words

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