

Monday 31. August

Time	Activity	Where	Info/who?
08:30 – 11:30	Registration	Lobby	Coffee
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch	2 nd floor	-
12:30 – 13:00	Welcome to IGS 2026	Main hall	Practical information by committee. Welcome from Mayor of Hamar, Chair of the Grouse Group David Dahlgren and Dean Maria Hörmell-Willebrand

Session M1 Moderator: Mikkel A.J. Kvasnes

Time	Activity	Presenter	Title
13:00 – 14:00	Keynote 1	Kathy Martin	<i>Resilience and vulnerabilities of Lagopus to environmental change; individual, population and species distribution perspectives</i>
14:00 – 14:15	Break		
14:15 – 15:05	O15 – 1	Joy Coppes	Chasing climate change: Temperature and precipitation affect temporal advancement rate in capercaillie lekking phenology across Europe
	O15 – 2	Dorota Lawreszuk	Conservation of capercaillie (<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>) in the Augustowska forest, Poland
	O15 – 3	Nicholas Parker	Exploring demographic and climatic drivers of seasonal survival for white-tailed ptarmigan using a historical dataset from Colorado, USA
15:05 – 15:10	Beinstrekk		
15:10 – 16:00	O15 – 4	Stephanie Galla	Using genomic tools to understand diversity and diet in declining Columbian sharp-tailed grouse (<i>Tympanuchus phasianellus columbianus</i>)
	O15 – 5	Shawna Zimmerman	Greater sage-grouse and the expanding conservation genomics toolkit
	O15 – 6	George Barrowclough	Geographic variation in the spruce grouse (<i>Canachites canadensis</i>) based on whole genome sequences

16:00 – 16:20	Break		
16:20 – 16:45	SP – 1	Anthony Wetherhill	Arctic-alpine specialists are being replaced by widespread species in Scottish mountain areas
	SP – 2	Jonathan Dinkins	Comparing the effects of VHF and GPS transmitter configurations on greater sage-grouse survival
	SP – 3	James O'Neill	Using GPS and drone technology to monitor the threatened population of red grouse (<i>Lagopus scotica</i>) in Ireland: a first look
	SP – 4	Meghan Mahoney	An examination of white-tailed ptarmigan mating systems for two populations in Colorado, USA
16:45 – 17:00	Q&A – All talks this day		

Monday evening program

Time	Activity	Where	Info
18:30 – 20:00	Dinner	2 nd floor	-

Tuesday 1. September

Time	Activity	Where	Info/who?
08:00 – 08:10	Messages/announcements	Main hall	Organizing committee

Session T1 – Moderator: Marius Kjønsberg

Time	Activity	Presenter	Title
08:10 – 09:10	Keynote 2	Michael Schroeder	<i>Grouse translocations: successes, failures, and lessons</i>
09:10 – 09:25	Break		
09:25 – 10:30	O15 – 7	Laura Dykstra	Habitat patches, leks, and nesting areas shape the post-release dispersal movements of translocated sharp-tailed grouse
	O15 – 8	Philip Warren	A review of black grouse translocation projects to inform future conservation programmes
	O15 – 9	Hiroshi Nakamura	Reestablished population of Japanese rock ptarmigan <i>Lagopus muta japonica</i> in the Central Japan Alps

	O15 – 10	Johann Delcourt	Post-release survival and breeding performance of translocated black grouse <i>Lyrurus tetrix</i> : Identifying management levers for population reinforcement
10:30 – 10:50	Break		
10:50 – 11:10	SP – 5	Laura Dykstra	Reintroducing sharp-tailed grouse to western Montana, USA: A population viability analysis
	SP – 6	Holly Appleby	Black grouse range expansion in northern England
	SP – 7	Thomas Vogler	Evaluating drone-based thermal imaging for monitoring capercaillie
11:10 – 11:30	Q&A - Open for questions to pre-lunch speakers		
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch		

Session T2 – Moderator: Lasse Frost Eriksen

Time	Activity	Presenter	Title
12:30 – 13:50	O15 - 11	Jonathan Dinkins	Management in action: Implementing multiple techniques to reverse concerning population declines within the Baker sage-grouse priority area for conservation
	O15 - 12	Cameron Aldridge	Spatial conservation prioritization for sage-grouse: Co-producing management applications to optimize conservation delivery
	O15 - 13	Christian Hagen	Can you have your grouse and eat them too? Understanding the effects of harvest on survival dynamics of greater sage-grouse in southeastern Oregon
	O15 - 14	Jeffrey Beck	Greater sage-grouse move seasonally along the same sagebrush corridors as pronghorn and mule deer in the upper Green River Basin, Wyoming, USA
	O15 - 15	Dwayne Elmore	Factors affecting nest and brood success of greater prairie-chickens

13:50 – 14:10	Break		
14:10 – 15:15	O15 - 16	Lance B. McNew	Toward automated AI-assisted monitoring of lek-mating Grouse
	O15 - 17	David Dahlgren	Using automated recording units (ARUs) to estimate sympatric dusky and ruffed grouse breeding abundance in Utah, USA
	O15 - 18	Kelly Walton	Who gives a hoot. Passive acoustic monitoring with AI-based detection and identification reveal sooty grouse hooting patterns in western Oregon, USA
	O15 - 19	Michael Grüter	Monitoring capercaillie populations in the Bernese Oberland, Switzerland
15:15 – 15:30	Break		
15:30 – 16:10	SP - 8	Elisabeth Teige	Understanding drivers and consequences influencing use of a federal conservation program by lesser prairie-chickens in Kansas, USA
	SP - 9	Olivia Sembach	Small-scale habitat, big impact: Greater sage-grouse brood space use in central Oregon
	SP - 10	Seth Dettenmaier	From behavior to treatment: Integrating ecological trap theory into conifer management decision support for greater sage-grouse
	SP - 11	Megan Milligan	Effects of free-roaming horses on vital rates of greater sage-grouse across their range
	O15 – 20	Jennifer Forbey	Understanding and harnessing the nutritional wisdom of grouse
16:10 – 16:25	Q&A - Open for questions to post-lunch speakers		
16:25 – 17:00	Adm	David Dahlgren	Grouse group and IUCN, closing the day

Tuesday evening program

Time	Activity	Where	Info/who?
18:00 – 19:30	Poster session	Main hall	All presenters. Refreshing drinks are available for purchase at the lobby bar.
19:30	Dinner	2 nd floor	-

Wednesday 2. September – Nordic day

Time	Activity	Where	Info/who?
08:00 – 08:10	Messages/announcements	Main hall	Organizing committee

Session W1– Moderator: Elisabeth Nybakk Riseth

Time	Activity	Presenter	Title
08:10 – 09:15	Invited 1	Olafur K. Nielsen	<i>Changes in rock ptarmigan population dynamics in northeast Iceland 1981 to 2025</i>
	Invited 2	Andreas Lindén	<i>Wildlife triangles - Monitoring and research of grouse populations in Finland</i>
09:15 – 09:25	Beinstrekk		
09:25 – 10:10	N15 – 1	Jacob Höglund (presented by Theodore Squires)	Allele frequency fluctuations are associated with demographic cycling in Icelandic rock ptarmigan.
	N15 – 2	Kristinn P. Magnusson	Genome-wide association study suggests highly polygenic architecture for condition-related traits in Icelandic rock ptarmigan (<i>Lagopus muta</i>)
	SPN – 1	Theodore Squires	Genetic risks to ptarmigan populations based on climate adaptations
	SPN – 2	Maja Svedberg	Temporal genomics of willow ptarmigan (<i>Lagopus lagopus</i>)
10:10 – 10:20	Beinstrekk		
10:20 – 11:25	N15 – 3	Jo Inge Breisjøberget	Experimental harvest of willow ptarmigan, black grouse and capercaillie
	N15 – 4	Eivind Flittie Kleiven	Adaptive management of willow ptarmigan in the era of rapid climate change: Combining forecasting and experiments
	N15 – 5	Lars Rød-Eriksen	Hønsefuglportalen - A collaborative platform for game bird monitoring
	SPN – 3	Stian Sundsvik	Examination and prediction of willow ptarmigan (<i>Lagopus lagopus</i>) detectability in relation to environmental and sampling event covariates
	SPN – 4	Torstein Storaas	Increasing flushing distances of grouse throughout autumn: relevance to harvest management
11:25 – 11:35	Q&A - Open for questions to pre-lunch speakers		

11:35 – 12:30	Lunch
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Session W2 – Moderator: Adina Sitje

Time	Activity	Presenter	Title
12:30 – 13:35	Invited 3	Tomas Willebrand	<i>Willow ptarmigan hunting on state-owned land – before and after reforms 1993/1996</i>
	Invited 4	Lasse Frost Eriksen	<i>Life and death in the mountains: A decade of individual-based research on the willow ptarmigan in central Norway</i>
13:35-13:45	Beinstrekk		
13:45 – 14:35	N15 – 6	Constantina Georgiade	Long-term wind turbine effects on grouse species in Finnish boreal forest
	N15 – 7	Torfinn Jahren	Impact of wind turbine noise on black grouse vocalization display and communication during lekking season
	N15 – 8	Mikkel A. J. Kvasnes	Habitat selection of adult capercaillie in a human-dominated forest landscape: the roles of wind turbines and forest structure
14:35 – 14:50	Break		
14:50 – 15:10	SPN – 5	Jonas Hagen	Scots pine (<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>) phytochemistry predicts male capercaillie (<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>) browsing during winter
	SPN – 6	Marius Kjøsberg	Autumn habitat selection of rock ptarmigan at the southern range in Sweden
	SPN – 7	James Martin	Demography of an alpine bird using non-invasive spatial capture recapture
15:10 – 15:45	Invited 5	Jørund Rolsatd & Per Wegge	<i>Five decades of grouse studies at Varaldskogen: The ecology of capercaillie and black grouse in a changing forest landscape</i>
15:45 – 16:00	Break		
16:00 – 16:25	SPN – 8	Janne Miettinen	Grouse January hunting bag in Finnish state-owned forests in 2020-2026
	SPN – 9	Torfinn Jahren	The Ringaby-method: Aerial detection of capercaillie leks in boreal forest landscapes

	SPN – 10	Roar Solheim	Foxy ladies. Why do female capercaillies select people as mates?
	SPN – 11	Tomas Willebrand	Forty-four years of change: Capercaillie and black grouse responses to changes in forestry, climate and vole decline in central Sweden
16:25 – 16:30	Break and prepare for panel discussion		
16:30 – 17:15	Nordic wrap-up & panel	Moderator to be announced	Panel discussion (invited Nordic) and Q&A

Wednesday evening program

Time	Activity	Where	Info
19:30	Dinner	2 nd floor	-

Thursday 3. September

Time	Activity	Where	Info/who?
07:30 – 18:00	Field trip Finnskogen	In the forest	Organizing committee, own program
19:30	Party dinner	Main hall	Toastmaster: Torstein Storaas

Friday 4. September

Time	Activity	Where	Info/who?
08:30 – 08:35	Messages/announcements	Main hall	Organizing committee

Session F1 – Moderator: Mikkel A. J. Kvasnes

Time	Activity	Presenter	Title
08:35 – 09:35	Keynote 3	Erlend B. Nilsen	<i>A century-long quest for the key to unlock the secrets behind the dynamics of Scandinavia's alpine food web</i>
09:35 – 09:50	Break - NB! For those who's going to PCFE – use this slot to get your bags.		
09:50 – 10:40	O15 – 21	Peter Coates	A hierarchical monitoring and modeling framework for range wide population dynamics

			and conservation risk of greater sage-grouse in western North America
	O15 – 22	Gregory Wann	Evaluating relationships between greater sage-grouse trends and seasonal habitats to identify population-level management targets
	O15 – 23	Carl Lundblad	Leveraging a novel hierarchical monitoring framework to evaluate conservation effectiveness for greater sage-grouse and inform North American sagebrush ecosystem restoration
10:40 – 10:50	Q&A		
10:50 – 11:30	Summary & closing by the committee and Grouse Group Chairman David Dahlgren		
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch		
12:30 – 12:45	PCFE - Leave for Jotunheimen		

Explanations:

O15 – x = Oral presentation 15 minute (including questions)

SP – x = Speed talk 5 minutes

Invited – X = Invited speakers for Nordic day

N – x = Nordic day oral presentation 15 min (including questions)

SPN – x = Nordic day speed talk 5 minutes

Beinstrekk = Very short break

Main hall = “Hamarhallen”

2nd floor = breakfast, lunch and dinners (except party dinner) are served here