

International Tracking Symposium 2026 (ITS)

TIMETABLE

All times stated are Central European Time (CET)

Saturday 14-02-2026

09:00

Opening: Introducing European Wildlife Tracking & CyberTracker.
Looking ahead at what's coming in the next days.
Introducing Jörn Kaufhold, our latest evaluator.
Future Plans.

09:30

Andreas Wenger: Tracks of Passerine Birds: Methods of Identification

10:30

Break

11:00

Stuart Keenan: An Introduction to Identifying Feathers

12:00

Francis Collie: Trackie Talkie - A stealthy and intuitive communication system for groups of trackers

12:30

Lunch Break

13:30

Michael Hewing: Otters – Ecology and Detection of a Secret Predator

14:00

Babette Koeberi & Mareike Steingäß: Tracking as a Professional Qualification – Field Mapping the Return of Otters to the Upper Rhine

14:30

Michal Kralik: How Do Animals Overcome Barriers?

15:00

Break

15:30

Diliana Welink: Invertebrate Tracks on Beach and Riverbank

16:00

Dan Puplett: Tracking and Nature Connection

16:30

Kristian de la Riva: Track & Sign Can Save Humanity... For Real!!!

17:00

Philip Mill: Tracking by Ear: A Winter with the European Wolf

18:00

Dinner Break

19:30

Kim Cabrera: Learning Tracks Through Illustration

20:30

End of first day

Sunday 15-02-2026

09:00

Asaf Ben David: Building Communities of Trackers through Citizen Science – Insights from Ecological Corridor Monitoring Programs in Israel

10:00

Bernd Schelke: Job Opportunities for Trackers

10:45

Break

11:15

Robin Rigg: Wolf Hunting Behaviour – Insights from Tracking

11.45

Frank Fass: Traces Left by Wolves During Attacks on Wild Animals and Livestock

12:15

Immo Meyer: Tracking Down European Wildcats

12.45

Lunch

13:45

Paul Wernicke: Respectful Tracking or Human Disturbance – Coming Close to Wildlife Without Being Too Close

14:45

Daniel Hansche: Pushing for Progress

15.15

Break

15.45

Sören Decraene: Signs – Who, What, and Why

16:45

Stani Groeneweg: A Tracker Tracks – Exploring a Systematic Approach to Help You Start Trailing

17:45

Antje Beneken & Ulrike Quartier: Trailing the Winding Path

18.15.

Last Words: John and René

Ending with Photoshow from Josephine Kaatz

18.45

End of Symposium