

Program of the 12th AAWG meeting in Abomey

14 August: Arrival in Abomey, registration in the hotel, *dinner at the hotel*

15 August: Presentations

Introduction

9:00-9:45 **Mark-Oliver RÖDEL** (Germany): Introduction to the 12th AAWG meeting and to West African amphibians.

Session: Ecology, Diversity and Conservation

Chair: Alan CHANNING

9:50-10:10 **Patrick Joël ADEBA** (Ivory Coast) & Mark-Oliver RÖDEL: Amphibian assemblages in island forests of Central Ivory Coast.

10:10-10:30 **Nguessan Emmanuel ASSEMIAN** (Ivory Coast): Influence of forest fragmentation on amphibian diversity in a West African rain forest relict Ivory Coast.

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

Chair: Rafael DE SA

11:00-11:20 **Nono Legrand GONWOUO** (Cameroon) & Mark-Oliver RÖDEL: Preliminary observations on the distribution and ecology of amphibians in pristine and altered habitats on Mount Manengouba, Cameroon.

11:20-11:40 **Annika HILLERS** (The Netherlands), Néma-Soua Loua & Mark-Oliver RÖDEL: Recent investigations on the status of the Nimba Toad.

11:40-12:00 **Stephen KIGOOLO** (Uganda): The impact of wetland drainage and disturbance on the diversity of amphibians in Doho Rice Scheme, Uganda.

12:00-12:20 **S. Gilles A. NAGO** (Benin), Brice SINSIN & Mark-Oliver RÖDEL: Pendjari, an hotspot for African savannah amphibians.

12:20-12:40 **Johannes PENNER** (Germany), Martin WEGMANN, Michael SCHMIDT & Mark-Oliver RÖDEL: Conservation priorities of herps in western Africa.

12:40-13:00 **MEIKE MOHNEKE** (Germany) & MARK-OLIVER RÖDEL: Unsustainable use of frogs in West Africa?

13:00-15:00 Lunch Break

Diseases and Global Amphibian Decline

Chair: Andreas SCHMITZ

15:00-15:20 **M.S.O. AISIEN** (Nigeria): Parasitic infections of some amphibian hosts in Nigeria.

15:20-16:00 **Kevin SMITH** (South Africa) & Ché WELDON: Using occupancy and detection probability estimates to monitor amphibian chytrid in the Drakensberg Mountains of southern Africa.

16:00-16:40 Coffee Break

Chair: M.S.O. AISIEN

16:40-17:00 **Victor WASONGA** (Kenya) & Stefan LÖTTERS: The status quo in year two after the Global Amphibian Assessment: a Kenyan perspective.

17:00-17:20 **Neil COX** (USA): The Global Amphibian Assessment – outline, results and future work.

19:30 Dinner in town

16 August: Presentations

Chair: Mills TANDY

Faunistics and Bio-Geography

9:00-9:20 **Beryl A. BWONG** (Kenya), Patrick MALONZA, D. Victor WASONGA, Vincent MUCHAI, Damaris ROTICH &: Amphibians of Lower Tana River flood plain, Kenya.

9:20-9:40 **Alan CHANNING** (South Africa): New findings from East Africa.

9:40-10:00 **Annika HILLERS** (The Netherlands), Michael VEITH & Mark-Oliver RÖDEL: Reconstructing West African rain forest refugia via forest anurans' phylogeography.

10:20-10:40 **Andrew TURNER** (South Africa): Fine spatial scale phylogeography of Moss Frogs (Genus *Arthroleptella*).

10:40-11:20 Coffee Break

Systematics, Taxonomy and Evolution

Chair: Kevin SMITH

11:20-11:40 **Paige BARLOW** (USA), Alan CHANNING, Les MINTER, Gill BAKER, & Rafael O. de SÁ: Evolutionary relationships in the genus *Breviceps*.

11:40-12:00 **Mills TANDY** (USA): Anuran Speciation and the Dahomey Gap *Bufo* and *Hoplobatrachus*.

12:00-12:20 GILLES A. NAGO (Benin): Introduction into the Lama and Lokoli forests.

12:20-13:30 Lunch Break

Natural History

Chair: Neil COX

13:20-13:50 **Germain N'goran KOUAMÉ** (Ivory Coast): Spatio-temporal variations of amphibians from the genus *Phrynobatrachus* in a threatened rainforest (Banco National Park, Côte d'Ivoire).

13:50-14:10 **Blayda TOHE** (Ivory Coast): Les rythmes de coassement et de nutrition chez *Hoplobatrachus occipitalis* (Ranidae) grenouille comestible du Parc National du Banco (Côte d'Ivoire).

14:10-14:30 Coffee Break

14:30-16:00 Global Amphibian Assessment Workshop with **Neil Cox**

16:15-18:00 **Visiting the National Museum**

19:30 Dinner in town

17 August: Field trip to Lama and Lokoli forests (whole day trip) with Prof. Dr. Brice SINSISN; *box lunch, dinner in Bohicon*

