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For Immediate Release:

**Animal Populations – World Resources and Animal Welfare
UFAW International Animal Welfare Science Symposium
Zagreb, Croatia 14th-15th July 2015**

A full programme of speakers has now been finalised for the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) international symposium to be held in Zagreb, Croatia on the 14th and 15th July 2015.

The UFAW two-day meeting on ‘Animal Populations – World Resources and Animal Welfare’ will consider issues surrounding the rationales and methods of humane control of animal populations (kept and free-living) in pursuit of preserving biodiversity and minimising welfare risks to animals.

Speakers recently confirmed include Dr Anna Olsson (IBMC – Instituto de Biologia Molecular e Celular, Portugal) ‘Quantity of life: living long, well or not at all?’, Professor Peter Sandøe (University of Copenhagen) ‘Does culling improve the welfare of zoo animals?’, and Dr Alexandra Tomlinson ‘Considering animal welfare in a whole-farm approach to wildlife management for sustainable food production.’ They join Professor Donald Broom (University of Cambridge, UK), Professor David Fraser (University of British Columbia, Canada), Professor David Macdonald (University of Oxford, UK) and Professor Frauke Ohl (University of Utrecht, The Netherlands) amongst other eminent speakers.

The full programme and registration information is available on the UFAW website (www.ufaw.org.uk) or from the UFAW office, telephone +44 (0)1582 831818, email ufaw@ufaw.org.uk.

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Notes to Editors:

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is an internationally recognised, independent scientific and educational animal welfare charity. It works to improve knowledge and understanding of animals' needs in order to achieve high standards of welfare for farm, companion, research, captive wild animals and those with which we interact in the wild.

UFAW improves animal welfare worldwide through its programme of awards, grants and scholarships; by educational initiatives, especially at university and college level; by providing information in books, videos, reports and in its scientific journal *Animal Welfare*; by providing expert advice to governments and others, including for legislation and 'best practice' guidelines and codes; and by working with animal keepers, scientists, vets, lawyers and all those who care about animals.

This work relies on the support of members, subscribers and donors.

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Full details of the UFAW International Symposium including speakers and their talks:

Animal Populations – World Resources and Animal Welfare UFAW International Animal Welfare Science Symposium Zagreb, Croatia 14-15th July 2015

Humans and their kept animals (farm and companion) comprise the larger part of the world's vertebrate biomass. The world's resources are limited, and as humans use more of these, fewer resources are available for wild and other animals. Whether we like it or not, we humans now control or greatly influence the population sizes of many, and perhaps all, other vertebrate species, and decisions that we make to keep more of some species e.g., domestic, and farm animals have implications on the numbers and welfare of animals of other species that the world can support.

How do we apportion resources between kept and wild animals? How do we balance the welfare interests of one species against that of another? Modern veterinary science enables us to keep a high proportion of animals alive to old age (when we wish it), but these occupy niches that would otherwise have been filled by young replacements: but is fewer long-lived animals better than more short-lived ones? Little effort seems to have been made to address how such balances should be struck. It appears that it is time to try to decide how many of which animals we want and how to achieve that most humanely.

This meeting will consider issues surrounding the rationales and methodologies of humane control of animal populations (kept and free-living) in pursuit of preserving biodiversity and minimising welfare risks to animals.

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Programme:

Talks featured at this meeting will include the following:

- **Bonacic C, A Muñoz, E Beltrami and J Laker** (Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Chile) Feral animals and multiple species management: animal welfare implications
- **Broom DM** (University of Cambridge, UK) New directions for sustainable animal production systems and the role of animal welfare
- **Carberry HJ** (Aberystwyth University, UK) Badgers, cattle, and bovine tuberculosis: an animal health problem?
- **Flockhart DTT and JB Coe** (University of Guelph, Canada) Responsible and cost-effective solutions to address the urban cat overpopulation crisis
- **Fraser D** (University of British Columbia, Canada) Cars, cats, climate change and other neglected problems of animal welfare
- **Gibson TJ, S Van Winden, RJ Quy, CT Eason, MS Lambert and NG Gregory** (Royal Veterinary College and AHVLA, UK; Lincoln University, New Zealand) The development of humane rodenticides for rats and Grey squirrels
- **Gilchrist JS** (Edinburgh Napier University, UK) Stress physiology of game animal capture and cull: Welfare and productivity for the wildlife industry
- **Jung J** (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden) Indirect effects of wild carnivores on livestock – examples from Sweden, Brazil and Kenya
- **Macdonald DW** (University of Oxford, UK) Animal welfare: From rough trade to compassionate conservation
- **Mikuš T, S Barnard, M Ostović and Ž Pavičić** (Croatian Veterinary Institute and University of Zagreb, Croatia; Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise, Italy) Management of Croatian shelters and dog mortality
- **Nyendwa S** (Mwamfumba Animal Welfare, Zambia) Farmed livestock population management - how many is enough?
- **Ohl F** (University of Utrecht, The Netherlands) Animal welfare considerations: Should context matter?
- **Olsson IAS, M Magalhães-Sant'Ana and NH Franco** (IBMC and Escola Universitária Vasco da Gama, Portugal; University College Dublin, Ireland) Quantity of life: living long, well or not at all?
- **Part CE, P Edwards, S Hajat, WG Hutchinson and LM Collins** (Queen's University Belfast, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and University of Lincoln, UK) The future of farm animal welfare in a changing climate
- **Sandøe P, TJ Kasperbauer and B Holst** (University of Copenhagen and Copenhagen Zoo, Denmark) Does culling improve the welfare of zoo animals?
- **Sharma A** (CSK H.P Agricultural University, India) Street dog population control in the North Western Himalayas of India: Current scenario and future strategies
- **Talling JC and D Cowan** (Animal and Plant Health Agency, UK) A model to facilitate decision making in wildlife management, incorporating welfare costs, effectiveness and population dynamics
- **Tomlinson AJ, A Rayner, D Cowan, KE Littin and R Layton** (Food Animal Initiative and APHA, UK; Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand) Considering animal welfare in a whole-farm approach to wildlife management for sustainable food production
- **Tribe A** (University of Queensland, Australia) Humane management of kangaroo populations in south-east Queensland
- **Tuner DC** (IEMT, -Switzerland) Outdoor domestic cats and wildlife
- **Vučinić M, A Hammond-Seaman and K Radisavljević** (University of Belgrade, Serbia and RSPCA, UK) Major deficiencies in stray dog population control strategies in Serbian municipalities

For a full list of all talks please visit the symposium webpage on the UFAW website –

<http://www.ufaw.org.uk/zagreb2015.php>. A list of featured poster presentations, 50+ , will go up shortly.

The symposium is being held at the Hotel Dubrovnik in the capital city of the Republic of Croatia, Zagreb. Located on Ban Jelačić Square, in the centre of Zagreb, nearby attractions include the Cathedral, the picturesque old Upper Town and the largest open-air market in the city Dolac. The hotel is also surrounded by many restaurants and bars.

Early registration for the symposium is at the reduced cost of £180 per person until 1st March 2015; registration will be £215 thereafter. A registration form and further details on booking accommodation, links to maps of the area, can all be found on the UFAW website.

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Dr Mario Ostović of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Zagreb, Croatia is also kindly assisting in the organisation of this meeting.

We hope to see you there for what promises to be an interesting and engaging meeting.

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA), UFAW's sister charity, is holding a symposium at the Hotel Dubrovnik on the 16-17th July 2015, see www.hsa.org.uk for further details.

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