



4th European Raccoon Colloquium

February 4-6, 2026

„MATE Campus” in Gödöllő, Hungary

FIRST CALL

We would like to invite you to the **4th European Raccoon Colloquium** from **4th to 6th February 2026**.

The European Raccoon Colloquium (ERC) is being organised every year to bring together researchers and managers working on raccoons at the European scale covering all aspects of the raccoon ecology (general ecology, behaviour, parasitology and infectious diseases, genetic aspects, spatial ecology, management measures).

Venue

The host of the meeting is the **Department of Wildlife Biology and Management** of the Institute for Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation, of the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (**MATE University**):

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/yEP6b74QHoK9YN7t7>

The Colloquium will be held at the **Szent István Campus** of the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences in **Gödöllő, Hungary**.

Szent István Campus is currently one of the largest university campuses in Hungary, located in a landscaped area, next to the university sports fields and forests, yet in the immediate vicinity of the city.

The city of Gödöllő and Budapest can be easily reached from our Department on several routes: only 15 minutes walk to the railway and HÉV (suburban train) station, and 20 minutes walk to the Gödöllő Bus Terminal. Budapest can be reached within 30-45 minutes by HÉV or train.

There are shops, a pharmacy and a post office on the campus, and the dormitory was built next to the university buildings, a few minutes' walk away.

You can get to the conference venue either by plane via Budapest Liszt Ferenc Airport or by train via Budapest Keleti Station or by car via M3 Highway.



Szent István Campus from the air.



The Department building, where the Colloquium will be held.

Registration

The number of participants will be limited to 50.

The **conference registration fee** is expected to be **no more than 60€.**

It includes conference participation fee, field trip, coffee breaks, breakfast and lunch for three days and the dinner for the first evening.

The **registration surface** will be opened soon (late August-beginning of September) at the website of the Colloquium:

<https://euroraccoon2026.uni-mate.hu/>

No poster presentations are planned, you can apply for normal presentations (15 min.). In case of too many presentation requests submitted some of them will be recommended for short talk (5 min.).

Planned program:

February 3 (Tuesday)	Arrival (optional)
February 4 (Wednesday)	Arrival. Registration. Opening. Presentations. Working Group Meetings. Evening cooking party.
February 5 (Thursday)	Field trip to Ócsa, home of Hungarian raccoons. Free social program in Gödöllő or Budapest.
February 6 (Friday)	Presentations. Closing. Departure for home.
February 7-8 (Saturday-Sunday)	Departure for home (optional)

Accommodation:

The MATE University can provide opportunity for conference participants for staying in the dormitories within the Campus area.

Room type: approx. 30 double guest rooms for 1 or 2 persons are available.

Price: approx. 14.000 HUF/room/night

+ 500 HUF/person/night tourist tax (IFA) over 18 years

(This is the 2025 guest room price, which may increase next year!)

Additionally, there are several other options in Gödöllő or towns nearby.

Organisers:

The scientific event will be hosted by the colleagues of the Department of Wildlife Biology and Management of the Institute for Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE).

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