

# Programme

## DAY 1:

**10:00-10:10 Welcome/ opening** by Nils Roar Hareide and Michael Hundeide

## I. WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE SEABIRDS IN THE NORTH-ATLANTIC?

### **10:10-10:40 Puffins in the UK**

Professor Sarah Wanless (CEH Centre for Ecology & Hydrology)

### **10:50-11:20 What has happened to the seabirds at Runde?**

Alv Ottar Folkestad (Researcher and for many years leader of NOF the Norwegian Ornithological Society).

### **11:30-12:00 Changes in seabird populations in Iceland over the last decade, with special emphasis on the Atlantic Puffin, and Westman Islands**

Dr. Erpur Snær Hansen (South Iceland Nature Centre)

### **12:10-12:40 Arctic Tern research and seabird monitoring methods: Experiences from Iceland**

Dr. Freydis Vigfusdottir (University of Exeter. UK and Icelandic Institute of Natural History)

### **12:50-13:50 Lunch**

### **13:50-14:20: A visual journey among seabird cliffs in the North-Atlantic**

Halgeir B. Skjellstad (Journalist and author of the books: Runde the Bird Island and Seabird)

## II. PRECONDITIONS FOR SEABIRD COLONIES

### **14:30 - 15:00 Sand eels as prey for seabirds in the North Sea**

Professor Sarah Wanless (CEH Centre for Ecology & Hydrology).

### **15:10-15:40 Management of sandeel and general fish recruitment problems in the North Sea and Norwegian coastal waters**

Dr. Tore Johannesen Senior researcher at The Institute of Marine Research in Norway).

### **15:50-16:20 Geology and seabird-cliffs: How can geological knowledge be relevant in seabird ecology?**

Dr. Sigrid Elvenes NGU. (The Geological Survey of Norway)

### **17:00 Bus from the hotel to Runde Environmental Centre. Dinner, film, and a tour around the Centre**

### **18:30- Trip to the Seabird colonies at Runde by boat/ or foot Refreshments at Runde Environmental Centre**

**23:30 Bus back to the Hotel**

**DAY 2:**

### **III. CONSERVATION AND COMMUNICATION (What can we do?)**

**09:00-09:30 Seabirds and plastic pollution: With special emphasis on the Fulmar**

Alice Trevail (Norwegian Polar Institute)

**09:40- 10:10 New trends in seabird conservation in Europe**

Marguerite Tarzia (European Marine Conservation Officer for Birdlife International)

**10:20- 10:50 Possible title: Special Protected Areas (SPA`s) for seabirds in Norway?**

Paul Shimmings (Senior Consultant. The Norwegian Ornithological Society).

**11:00 -11:30 Seabird conservation and the oil industry in perfect harmony?**

Magnus Irgens (Advisor at the Norwegian Environment Agency/ Miljødirektoratet).

**11:40- 12:10 The puffin as an icon for conserving UK seabirds**

Dr. Euan Dunn Head of Marine Policy RSPB Royal Society for the Protection of Birds)

**12:10- 13:10 Lunch**

### **IV. COMPARATIVE DIMENSIONS (Panel Discussion)**

**13:10 -15:00 Panel Discussion**

Researchers from Iceland, England, Scotland and Norway will discuss.

1. i) Seabird population changes
2. ii) Temperature and climate effects
3. iii) Food availability and other significant factors

Open Discussion for all: What can we do?