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<td>21st Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals: Bridging the Past Toward the Future</td>
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1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words):

The Society for Marine Mammalogy holds biennial international meetings with the goal of enhancing collaboration, sharing ideas and improving the quality of research on marine mammals within the scientific community. This year’s conference was held in San Francisco and comprised of workshops, talks, poster sessions and networking events. I attended two full-day workshops and presented my Master’s thesis as a speed talk in a session on Climate Change.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge.

Over the course of the conference, I discussed both my own research and future projects with fellow students and academics from all over the world. I also gained knowledge from attending workshops and talks which will help me develop my own career in the field. Through presenting my own research, I gained valuable experience communicating science.

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.

I made contact with researchers working in my field of interest and have discussed potential future projects with them. I also hope that I have raised my profile with research units around the world which will help when applying for jobs and funding.

4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials).

Here is a link to some of the news articles written during the conference:

6. Tips/experience learned from the event

I was initially overwhelmed by the sheer volume of people I wanted to speak to. However, over the course of the conference I learnt that everyone was there to network, and people were genuinely interested to speak to you about your research. Everyone I spoke to was polite and encouraging, and happy to discuss their research and future projects with me.

7. Any additional comments or information regarding the event

I would just like to thank CAPOD for supporting me to attend this conference. I learnt a lot and made great contacts which will help me develop a career in research.

8. I give permission for my report to be uploaded to the CAPOD Funding Website:

Yes ☒ No ☐

Report submitted by: Izzy Langley
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