**Programme**

8h30 | **Opening** of the Symposium |
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     | Gérard Clauss / Daniel Guiffé |

8h45 | Animal in the City, animal of the city |
     | Dominique Lestel |

9h45 | Human-dog interaction: have guide dogs learnt/understood that their owners can’t see them? |
     | Florence Gaunet |

10h45 | Can dogs understand Portuguese? communication with Sofia |
      | César Ades |

11h45 | Interaction between dogs and robots: Ethological experiments and applicative perspectives |
      | Frédéric Kaplan |

12h45 | Lunch |

14h15 | History of an urban cohabitation: Istanbul and its wandering dogs |
      | Catherine Pinguet |

15h15 | The continuing evolution of dogs (from wolves?) |
      | Ray Coppenner |

16h15 | A career of Wolf Research |
      | David Mech |

17h15 | The wolf children: what we think we know about them |
      | Lucienne Strivay |

18h15 | Perspectives |
      | Dominique Lestel / Florence Gaunet |

18h30 | Closing |
      | Gérard Clauss / Geneviève Bernardin |

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**Presenters:** Jean-Luc Vulliémerd
**Organizers:** Dominique Lestel, Florence Gaunet, Geneviève Bernardin
the speakers

CÉSAR ADÈS - Professor Psychology Institute University Sao Paulo, Brazil. He is one of the greatest figures of Brazilian ethology. He was the head of the Institute of Psychology at the University of Sao Paulo, the greatest in South America. He will present his team’s work on Sofia, a young dog’s ability to understand Portuguese.

GENEVIEVÉ BERNARDIN - Urban Community Urban animality mission Lyon, France.

GÉRARD CLAISSE - Urban Community Vice President Lyon, France.

RAY COFFING - Professor Hampshire College MA-USA. He is one of the best international specialists on wild dogs.

FLORENCE GAUNET - CNRS researcher Eco-Anthropology and Ethnobiology Laboratory Paris, France. She studies interspecific social cognition human and dog and especially their shared space of communication.

DANIEL GOUFFÉ - President of MERIAL SAS.

FRÉDÉRIC KAPLAN - Researcher Sony CSL Laboratory Lyon, France. He is an engineer with Sony CSL. He has largely and still contributes to the development of Aibo the artificial dog.

DOMINIQUE LESTEL - Urban Community urban animality mission Lyon, France.

DIANE MECH - Professor University of Minnesota, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, MIN-USA. He is undoubtedly one of the best current specialists on wild wolf. He has been studying wild wolves for large American National Parks for many years.

CATHERINE PINGUET - A writer and researcher Paris, France. She used to teach at the university in Istanbul in Turkey for several years and has just finished a very complete book on the wondering dogs of Istanbul.

LUCIMEIRE STRASKY - Paris, France. She is an anthropologist who is soon going to publish a reference book on the history of wolf children whom she remarkably studied in depth.

JEAN-LUC VUILLEMONT - AFRAC Secretary General French Association of Information and research on the pet.

The reappearance of the wolf in France in the 1990’s has given rise to an emotion which is still very vivid in regions such as the Mercantour in the Maritime Alps. It is true that the animal is far from being trivial. It is a fierce predator. Moreover it has the reputation of attacking man which might be exaggerated but real. Popular tales and nursery rhymes remind us that the wolf used to threaten our countryside not so long ago.

Beyond the bloodthirsty mythical beast, werewolf or not, ethologists who have been studying it for many years describe it completely differently. They evoke an extremely intelligent animal, with an intense and complex social life and of a very captivating nature after all, far from the most widespread cultural stereotypes. The symposium called “In between dogs and wolves” is meant to think about this work and about the one concerning the more complex relations which have been linking wolves to men for ages as well as the latter to dogs which are rightly or wrongly supposed to be their domesticated descendants.