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Intern with the United Nations team for the Conservation of Aquatic Migratory Species. Self-motivated with excellent communication and problem solving skills. Strong interest in marine mammal and seabird cognition, behaviour and sociality, communication and conservation research.

Education

Sept 2021 – Aug 2022: International Masters of Bioacoustics, Université Jean Monnet Saint-Etienne

- September – December 2021: teaching term (stage mean 15.9/20) and experimental project on the vocalisations of blind cavefish *Astyanax mexicanus* (report mark: 15/20)
- February – July 2022: field research internship for a project on the vocalisations of African Penguins *Spheniscus demersus*, partially funded by National Geographic.
 - Tasks included: recording vocalisations, equipping animals with diving sensors, data analysis, report write-up (mark: 14, publications in preparation).

Sept 2020 – Sept 2021: MRes Animal Behaviour, University of Sussex

- Graduated with Distinction (76%)
- Research project: Herring gull behavioural responses to human cues in a food-related context (81%, two publications in preparation)
- Spirit of Sussex Gold Award for extra-curricular and voluntary activities

Sept 2017 – June 2020: BSc Neuroscience with Criminology Studies, University of Sussex

- Graduated with a First class (78%)
- Final year dissertation: 'Investigation of the Effects of a Null Mutation of the ZPLD1 Gene in Mice' (83%)

Sept 2017: Awarded the Sussex Excellence Scholarship for an overall band of 1.4 in the Austrian Reifeprüfungszeugnis

Aug 2016: IELTS exam (overall band score of 8.0, CEFR level C1)

2008 – 2016 Austrian Reifeprüfungszeugnis: overall mean of 1.4

Publications

Feist, F. and Graham, P. (2022). An Ethogram Identifies Behavioural Markers of Attention to Humans in European Herring Gulls (*Larus argentatus*). doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.02.20.481240>.

Feist, F., Smith, K., and Graham, P. (publication in preparation). Herring gull stimulus enhancement.

Conferences

"Using Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM) for a Remote Census of Breeding Pairs in an African Penguin Colony". African Bioacoustics Conference 2022. Kruger National Park, October 3rd 2022. Awarded Best Student Speed Talk.

Other Research Experience

July 2019: Lab Sumer Placement

Three week placement at the neuromuscular research department at the Medical University of Vienna. I was introduced to various lab techniques such as caring for cancer cell cultures, immunohistochemistry, PCR and collection and preparation of animal tissue samples for further analysis. Additionally, I could strengthen my organisation, communication, and teamwork skills.

Professional Experience

- Sept 2022 – Feb 2023** **United Nations Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) Aquatic Species team intern**
- Tasks include: writing, editing and proof-reading of project and meeting reports, actions plans and other relevant documents, preparation for and participation in workshops, design of outreach material and web articles, literature reviews
- August 2022 – present** **Freelance translator and editor at Smartcat.com, remote**
- May 2022 – present** **Tutor at GoStudent, remote**
- online teaching of young children and adults, Maths and English
- Sept 2020 – August 2021** **Digital Engagement Ambassador, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK**
- apply and broaden knowledge of Adobe software in a professional setting
 - preparation of media and outreach material
- August 2018 – August 2021** **Freelance Photo Editor for Engie Austria**
- April 2018 – July 2021** **Receptionist, Kicks Martial Arts Centre, Brighton, UK**
- Aug – Sept 2017** **Au-pair for 14 months old toddler, Paris, France**
- Oct 2015 – Aug 2017** **Waitress, restaurant Bonka, Austria**
- Sept 2015 – June 2016** **Maths tutor, Austria**

Additional Experience and Skills

Licenses and Certifications

- December 2021: Discovery of Sound in the Sea Professional Development Certificate
- August 2021: Expedition Care Program Exploration First Aid Training course, expires August 2024
- July 2021: ORCA OceanWatchers training course for cetacean ID skills
- June 2021: ORCA and Field Studies Council 4-week Conservation of Marine Mammals course

Supervisory Duties

- supervision of a master's student conducting a research project at the University of Sussex

Volunteer work

- October 2022 – present: SANCCOB volunteer. Cape Town, South Africa.
- November 2021 – September 2022: Dolphin Bycatch Investigator with the Dolphin Bycatch Project. Volunteers are trained in the BEEP method and asked to evaluate at least 20 possible bycatch cases of dolphin or porpoise strandings (remote).
- October 2019 – August 2021: Brighton Dolphin Project volunteer, tasks included: beach cleans in the Shoreham-by-Sea area, gather pictures of wildlife for educational sessions. Brighton, UK.

Software: Microsoft PowerPoint, Word and Excel, Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom and Illustrator, basic SPSS, MATLAB and Prism GraphPad knowledge, Arc/QGIS, RStudio, BORIS, SoundGen, Audacity, Praat, Raven Sound Analysis, Fiji ImageJ

Languages: German (native speaker), English (C1), Spanish (B2)

Interests

Photography: hobby photographer (landscape and wildlife), photo editing with Adobe software, drones

Reading: member of an active book club with monthly meetings

Drawing: working with both traditional media as well as drawing tablets and Adobe software, character designs