

1st Young Natural History scientists' Meeting

First Circular

12th – 14th February 2014

Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle (Paris, France)

The *Bureau des Doctorants et Étudiants du Muséum* (association for students and young researchers working at the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris) is delighted to announce the opening registration and abstract submissions for the **1st Young Natural History scientists' Meeting** hosted at the MNHN (Paris, France) on February 12th and 13th, 2014. The meeting will be followed by excursions on the 14th to visit the recently renovated herbarium of the Muséum, the workshops of taxidermy and other collections.

We invite contributions (either oral or poster communications) on all aspects of natural history:

- **Biodiversity Dynamics and Conservation:** any subjects linked to ecology and conservation of the Earth's biological diversity, including studies of Earth's ecosystems, molecular diversity, the distribution, abundance and dynamics of micro- to macroscopic organisms -, their interactions with both other life-forms and/or physical environment, and conservation biology.

- **Earth and Planetary Sciences:** any topics related to atmospheric science, biogeochemistry, cosmochemistry and cosmology, climate science, geochemistry, geology, geomorphology, glaciology, hydrology and limnology, mineralogy, oceanography, paleoecology, biostratigraphy, paleobiogeography, palaeoenvironmental reconstructions, taphonomy, petrology, tectonics, volcanology.

- **Mankind, Prehistory, Nature and Societies:** any work on biological anthropology, genetics, prehistory, social and cultural anthropology, ethnology, ethno-biology, ethno-musicology, geography, and the history and philosophy of sciences and techniques.

- **Systematics, Evolution and Comparative Anatomy:** any aspects of comparative anatomy and morphology, evo-devo, evolutionary ecology and behavior, experimental evolution, palaeobiology, taxonomy, phylogenetics and phylogeography, theories and models.

A keynote speaker will open each of these multidisciplinary themes with a lecture on a relevant topic.

Registration and abstract submission

We propose free registration fees, including full package and tea/coffee breaks.

Deadline for abstract submission and registration is January 19th 2014 (23:59 GMT+1).

All abstracts should include the name(s) of author(s) and their address(es), a succinct title (no more than 100 characters) and the main body of text, which should comprise no more than

300 words, and be send by email to assobdem@mnhn.fr . Please indicate in the subject of your email if you want to present a talk or a poster. If we receive too many abstracts for oral communications they will be reviewed by the organising committee, and only the successful abstracts will be given as talks, the other abstracts will be accepted for poster presentations. Guidelines on presentation formats will be given in the Second Circular, which will be available in early January.

The closing party event will be held in the MNHN cafeteria and will include a buffet and drinks reception. This will probably cost a few euros (more information in the second circular).

Venue and travel

The conference will take place at the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, in the auditorium of the Grande Galerie de l'Evolution on 12th and 13th February 2014.

GETTING THERE:

Address:

Jardin des Plantes - 36, rue Geoffroy Saint Hilaire 75005 Paris

Bus:

Lines 24, 57, 61, 63, 67, 89 et 91

Metro, RER:

M5: Austerlitz, M7: Censier Daubenton, M10: Jussieu or Austerlitz, RER C: Austerlitz.

SNCF Railway Stations:

Austerlitz or Gare de Lyon (but all the railway stations are connected to metro and bus lines)

Getting to Paris by plane:

Paris has two major international airports: Roissy-Charles de Gaulle (north of Paris) and Orly (south of Paris). There is frequent connecting city trains (RER) or buses leading to the center of Paris (and therefore connection to the metro). The transfer takes between 30 and 45 minutes.

Provisional schedule

February 12th

(AM) Biodiversity Dynamics and Conservation

(PM) Earth and Planetary Sciences

February 13th

(AM) Mankind, Prehistory, Nature and Societies

(PM) Systematics, Evolution and Comparative Anatomy

(Evening) Poster session, Cocktail and Closing party

February 14th

(AM) Conference excursions

For those interested in taking advantage of their stay in Paris to access the collections

The Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle stands as a fantastic memory of life forms and minerals, holding one of the most important international reference collections. Inert objects displaying palaeontology, geology, mineralogy, meteorites, botany, zoology, prehistory, anthropology, ethnobiology and chemistry are estimated to total over 60 million specimens. Visits to our collections are welcomed, but access is dependent on the availability of curatorial staff. Delegates are strongly encouraged to contact the curators well in advance of the meeting through the *colhelper* interface (<http://colhelper.mnhn.fr/>).

All the details about the Meeting can be found at:

<http://www.facebook.com/events/193668340820344/>
<http://bdem.mnhn.fr/congres-et-seminaires/ynhm>

Please feel free to circulate this to colleagues who may be interested in attending, and do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about the meeting (assobdem@mnhn.fr).

We look forward to seeing you in Paris!

The BDEM