

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Young Natural History scientists' Meeting

## First Circular

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015

### 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), Doc'up (association for PhD students working at Université Pierre et Marie Curie) and Timarcha (association for young naturalists) are pleased to announce the opening of the registration and abstract submissions for the **2nd Young Natural History scientists' Meeting** hosted at the MNHN (Paris, France) on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The meeting will be followed by excursions on the 6<sup>th</sup> during the morning to visit some of the numerous exhibitions of the Muséum and in the afternoon we will host scientific debates.

We invite contributions from non permanent researchers (PhD students, post-doctorants master students) in English (either oral or poster communications) on all aspects of natural history represented in these four sessions:

- **Biodiversity Dynamics and Conservation:** any subject 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 topic 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 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 November 30<sup>th</sup> 2014 (23:59 GMT+1).**

The submission process takes place on the following website:

<http://ynhm.sciencesconf.org/submission/submit?lang=en>

A scientific committee has been appointed and will review all the abstracts. If we receive too many abstracts for oral communications 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 november.

## **Venue and travel**

The conference will take place at the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, in the Grand Amphithéâtre du Muséum 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

We have some travel grants available for young researchers coming from far away who can not afford to pay for the trip to Paris. Information about the application to the grants will be available in the next circular.

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.

## **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://ynhm.sciencesconf.org/>**

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](mailto:assobdem@mnhn.fr)).

We look forward to seeing you in Paris!

The BDEM, Doc'up and Timarcha