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Berlin 2011,
21-27 February



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The Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum at the Freie Universität Berlin (BGBM) and the Museum für Naturkunde, Leibniz Institute for Research on Evolution and Biodiversity at the Humboldt-Universität Berlin (MfN), are pleased to be the host institutions for the

*International Congress of Systematic and Evolutionary Biology (ICSEB VII),
12th Annual Meeting of the Society of Biological Systematics (Gesellschaft für Biologische Systematik, GfBS),
and 20th International Symposium "Biodiversity and Evolutionary Biology" of the German Botanical Society (DBG).*

The scope of this joint congress is to bring together evolutionary biologists and systematists working on plant, animal, and microscopical organisms to discuss and debate topics of common interest. The focus will be on innovative and forward-looking ideas, concepts, and methods in systematic and evolutionary biology. It will also provide a unique opportunity to highlight topics of biodiversity.

We hope to attract many researchers from different fields to this congress, and on behalf of the Organizing Committee we would be honoured to be your hosts for this professionally challenging week.

Looking forward to welcoming you in Berlin in February 2011.

Thomas Borsch (President of the IOSEB)
Regine Jahn (President of the GfBS)
Dirk Albach (Speaker of the Section of Biodiversity and Evolutionary Biology of the DBG)

Congress Venue

The congress will be held at the "Seminaris Campus Hotel, Science & Conference Center", located at the campus of the Freie Universität in Berlin-Dahlem. It combines excellent and modern meeting equipment and vicinity to the Botanic Garden and the Botanical Museum as well as



the Ethnological Museum. The venue is easily accessible by public transport from the airport and the city center's railway station.

Time Schedule and Deadlines

- 31 August 2010** Abstract submission and online registration opens
- 1 October 2010** Deadline for application for student award
- 31 October 2010** Deadline for submission of abstracts and early registration
- 21 – 27 February 2011** Congress

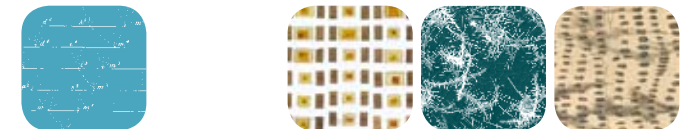
Registration

Online registration opens on **31 August 2010**. Possible methods of payment are by bank transfer or credit card. Participants from European countries are kindly asked to transfer their fees by EU money transfer which does not infer any costs on any side.

	Until 31 October 10	After 31 October 10
Regular	390 €	430 €
Student	200 €	230 €

For student rate please submit a photocopy of your student card as proof for your eligibility.

The congress fee includes coffee breaks and lunch on every congress day, the conference binder with abstract volume, icebreaker in the dinosaur hall of the Museum für Naturkunde and a social evening in the greenhouses of the Botanic Garden with a promenade concert and a buffet dinner.



Guidelines for presenters

Contributed papers are welcome. Please submit an abstract preferably as a Word-file (Font: Verdana 12 pt, max. 2500 characters) following this layout:

Title

Last name, Initial.; Last name, Initial. & Last name, Initial.
Institution, Address, E-mail address.

Text

Please assign your contribution to one of the conference topics, and indicate if you intend to give an oral presentation or present a poster. The duration of oral presentations is 20 min incl. 5 min for discussion. The official language of the congress is English. Deadline for abstract submission is **31 October 2010**.

ICSEB Student Award

For young and early career researchers dealing with a subject related to one of the five major conference topics limited funding is available to allow them to attend the BioSystematics Berlin 2011 conference. All successful applicants will be required to give a talk at the conference and submit an abstract for the conference volume. The congress fee will be waived for award-winning students who will be accommodated in the guesthouse of the Botanic Garden free of charge. An additional travel grant of up to 200 € is offered for overseas students.

Program

The program will include five days of presentations (oral and poster), social events and post congress excursions.

On Monday, 21 February 2011, congress participants will get together at an icebreaker party in the famous dinosaur hall at Museum für Naturkunde in Berlin-Mitte. After a welcome by congress organizers on Tuesday, the scientific part will be opened with a plenary lecture on **60 Years of Phylogenetic Systematics: Progress and Issues** (Edward O. Wiley, Kansas).

On Thursday congress participants will come together in the greenhouses of Botanic Garden for a Social Evening with promenade concert and buffet dinner.

During the conference, there will be plenary talks on each of its five major topics. These are as follows:

Trends in Taxonomy

Tuesday, 22 February

Back to the future – the changing face of taxonomy in the 21st century (Sandra Knapp, London)

Evolution of Organisms in Time and Space

Wednesday, 23 February

The Advent of the Modern Fauna: The Role of Systematics and Paleontology at the Dawn of Modern Evolutionary Biology (Niles Eldredge, New York)

Drivers of Morphological Diversification in the Tropics: Examples from Neotropical Lianas (Lúcia Lohmann, São Paolo)

The Evolutionary Thought: History, Philosophy and Society

Thursday, 24 February

250 Years of Solitude: the Systematist as Individualist (Peter Stevens, St. Louis)

The Series, the Network, and the Tree: Changing Metaphors of Order in Nature (Olivier Rieppel, Chicago)

Evolution of Form and Function

Friday, 25 February

Mimicry in Butterflies: from Local Variation to Speciation (James Mallet, London)

Reproductive Evolution in Early Angiosperms (Paula J. Rudall, London)

Inventorizing and Managing Biodiversity

Saturday, 26 February

Scientific Collections: a Vital Infrastructure for Biodiversity Studies (Richard Lane, London)

Translating Biodiversity Studies into Management Strategies (Daeseok Kang, Busan)

Contributed papers sessions and Symposia on all five topics are distributed throughout the whole week, so that there will be five parallel sessions every day.

Excursions

On Sunday, 27 February several post congress tours are offered to Berlin or Potsdam, by bus or on foot. Walk through Berlin's historic centre, visit the Pergamon Museum or discover Berlin from a very different side „from below“. Or choose one of our day trips to Dresden or Stralsund, where a visit to the Meeresmuseum (museum on marine biology and fisheries) and the Ozeaneum (a marine aquarium) will be included.

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