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YOUNG  
NATURAL  
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SCIENTISTS'  
MEETING

*FREE REGISTRATION FEES*

MUSÉUM NATIONAL D'HISTOIRE NATURELLE  
AUDITORIUM OF THE GRANDE GALERIE DE L'EVOLUTION  
- JARDIN DES PLANTES -  
36, RUE GEOFFROY SAINT HILAIRE 75005 PARIS



# 1<sup>st</sup> Young Natural History scientists' Meeting

## Second Circular

12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014

### Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle (MNHN), Paris, France

Welcome to the Second circular for the **1st Young Natural History scientists' Meeting**, which is organized by The *Bureau des Doctorants et Étudiants du Muséum* (association for students and young researchers working at the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris) and will be hosted at the MNHN (Paris, France) on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The meeting will be followed by excursions on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

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, conservation biology, molecular diversity, the distribution, abundance and dynamics of micro- to macroscopic organisms -, their interactions with both other life-forms and/or their physical environment.

- **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.**

### **No registration**

Submitting an abstract leads to an automatic free registration, including full package and tea/coffee breaks. There is no registration or fee for attendance only, which will be limited to the 120 seats of the auditorium.

On Thursday evening (13<sup>th</sup>) a closing party will be held in the MNHN cafeteria and will include a buffet and drinks reception. **A participation of less than 5 euros will be asked.**

## **Abstract submission**

**The deadline for abstract submission is January 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 (according to the number of slots available). Guidelines on presentation formats are given below.

## **Oral contributors**

All speakers (apart from the keynote speakers) have been allocated 20 minutes. You should therefore prepare a 15 min talk to allow time for questions and switching between presenters. The system is a PC and PowerPoint is installed. The presentation should be submitted and checked on the computer before the beginning of the allocated session.

## **Poster contributors**

Poster boards are circa 2 m tall and 1m wide; they will not be supplied with power sockets. Each will accommodate an A0-sized poster presented in PORTRAIT format. Poster boards will not accommodate landscape format.

### **Should I bring materials to fix the poster to the board?**

You can, but you don't have to.

### **May I ship my poster to you in advance to avoid baggage charges?**

Yes, of course! Email us using [assobdem@mnhn.fr](mailto:assobdem@mnhn.fr) to know the shipping address. (You may wish to bring the poster on a USB stick in case it is lost or damaged in the post, but we do not have access to an A0-printer here, so you would have to go to a shop nearby to get it printed in the worst case).

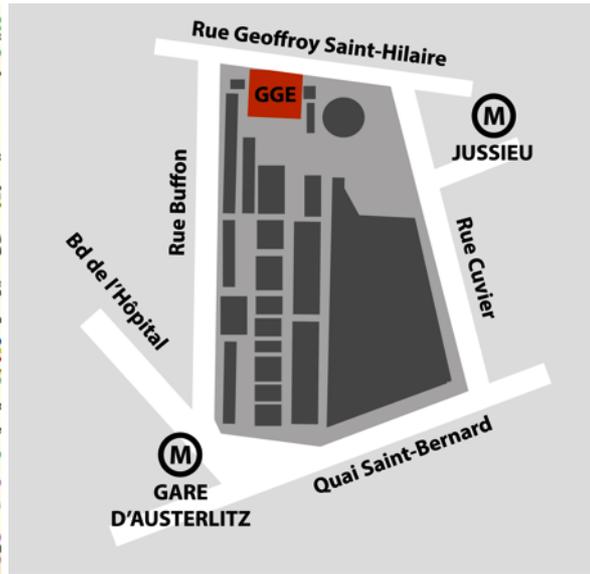
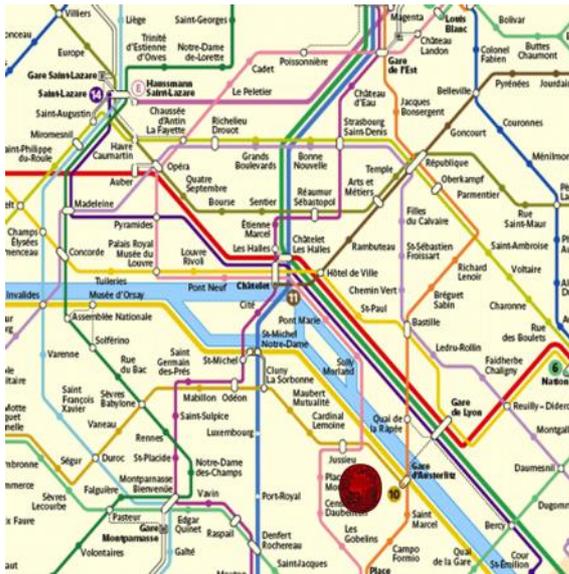
## **Venue and travel**

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

### **GETTING THERE:**

#### **Address:**

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



### Bus:

Lines 24, 57, 61, 63, 67, 89 or 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 centre of Paris (and therefore connection to the metro). The transfer takes between 30 and 45 minutes.

## Accommodation

Why not try couchsurfing? Either hosted by a local participant or organizer (a few beds available, please send your inquiries at [assobdem@mnhn.fr](mailto:assobdem@mnhn.fr)) or through [couchsurfing.com](http://couchsurfing.com).

Otherwise, rooms in a variety of hostels, Bed & Breakfast or hotels are available in Paris at a range of prices and can be reserved through the usual channels. A succinct list is given below (prices are given as an indication, please note that VAT will change in France in 2014, and this is likely to lead to increasing prices)

### **Hostels**

- MIJE
- FIAP Jean Monnet, 30 rue Cabanis, 75014
- Young and Happy Hostels (~25€), 80 rue Mouffetard, 75005
- Oops Design Hostel, 50 avenue des Gobelins, 75013
- Cisp - Kellermann (~30€, including breakfast), 17 boulevard Kellermann, 75013

- BVJ Centre International Paris Quartier Latin, 44 rue des Bernardins, 75005
- Blue Planet Hostel (~25€), 5 rue Hector Malot, 75012
- La Maison des Mines et Pont et Chaussée, 270 rue St Jacques, 75005
- Maison Internationale - Cité Universitaire, 17 boulevard Jourdan, 75014
- Aloha Hostel, 1 rue Borromée, 75005

### **Bed & Breakfast**

- Good Morning Paris (~50€, 2 night min.), 43 rue Lacépède, 75005
- Une chambre en ville (~35€), 10 rue Fagon, 75013

### **Hotels**

- Hotel de la Place des Alpes 2\* (~50€, breakfast 6€), 2 place des Alpes, 75013
- Libertel Gare de l'Est français 3\* (~75€, breakfast 12€), 13 rue du 8 mai 1945, 75010
- Grand Hotel Voltaire 2\* (~75€), 150 boulevard Voltaire, 75011
- Hotel Moulin Vert 2\* (~65€), 74 rue du Moulin Vert, 75014
- Hotel Timhotel Place d'Italie Butte aux Cailles 2\* (~68€), 22 rue Barrault, 75013
- Hotel de Blois (~75€), 5 rue des Plantes, 75014
- Hotel Stanislas 2\* (~80€), 5 rue de Montparnasse, 75006
- Hotel des Mines (~90€), 125 boulevard St Michel, 75005

## **Provisional schedule**

### **February 12<sup>th</sup>**

- (AM) Biodiversity Dynamics and Conservation
- (PM) Mankind, Prehistory, Nature and Societies

### **February 13<sup>th</sup>**

- (AM) Earth and Planetary Sciences
- (PM) Systematics, Evolution and Comparative Anatomy
- (Evening) Poster session, Cocktail and Closing party

### **February 14<sup>th</sup>**

- (AM) Conference excursions

## **Conferences excursions**

The meeting will end on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> with visits to some of the Muséum collections and workshops. We have scheduled the following guided excursions at 10:00 am (places being limited, please book early):

- **Prehistory excursion.** You will visit the Prehistory collections, library of the Institut de Paléontologie Humaine and the Archaeozoology collections (10 people max.).
- **Herbarium excursion.** Visit of the recently renovated herbarium of the MNHN (10 max.).
- **Osteology excursion.** A guided tour to the settling tanks, collections and comparative anatomy rooms (15 max.).

- **Taxidermy excursion.** A guided visit in the taxidermy workshops of the Grande Galerie de l'Evolution (10 max.).

More information about meeting points and building locations will be given in the program and during the meeting.

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

The Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle stands as an outstanding record of mineral and life forms past and present holding one of the largest 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://bdem.mnhn.fr/congres-et-seminaires/ynhm>

<http://www.facebook.com/events/193668340820344/>

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