



INSULAR VERTEBRATE EVOLUTION: THE PALAEOLOGICAL APPROACH

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The **Mediterranean Institute for Advanced Studies** (IMEDEA - CSIC-UIB) and the **Natural History Society of the Balearic Islands** (SHNB) are pleased to invite you to participate in the International Congress on "Insular Vertebrate Evolution: the Paleontological Approach" to be held in Palma de Mallorca, next September 2003.

This Congress has its precedent in the International Symposium on "The Ryukyu Islands. The arena of adaptive radiation and extinction of island fauna", held in Kagoshima, 5-7 November 1998 (Chairman: Dr Hiroyuki OTSUKA). Although initially was programmed for September 2002, it has been delayed to avoid a close temporal relation with the Symposium "World Islands in Prehistory" (Deià, Mallorca, September 2001).

The Congress will concern the main topics related to the vertebrate evolution on islands, emphasising the role of the palaeontology in the study of insular evolution. Sections in Congress will include Studies on Insular Species (morphological studies and its relevance for the study of the evolution, fossil ADN studies of insular species, significance of the evolutive changes on insular vertebrates), Palaeogeography of the Islands (defining islands, migration routes, palaeoenvironmental and palaeogeographical reconstruction), Patterns of Insular Evolution (faunal assemblages and adaptation), and Extinction on Islands (turnover on islands, human-related extinction, conservation of surviving endemic species) and related topics.

The official languages of the Congress will be the English, Spanish and Catalan (the last two, official languages in the Balearic Islands). Contributors are encouraged to present their presentations in English to facilitate a wider understanding.

Presentations can be oral or a poster. The communications will be published as an special issue of the Monographs of the Natural History Society of the Balearic Islands, after submitting the papers to the usual peer review system.

Registration

Please, fill the attached form and send it to the Organising Committee no later than December 31st, 2002. Please, send it back by e-mail (vieapba@uib.es) or fax (--34-971-172300). The Second and Third Circulars will be sent only to those who answer the First Circular. The Second Circular will be sent out at the end of January 2003.

Expenses

The full fees for attending the Congress are 100 € per person. The fees for students are 50 €. Some registration grants and travel grants will be given to participants from developing countries. Payment of fees will be in cash when you register at Palma. Participants will receive the abstracts of the Congress in the Registration Office, and the Proceedings after their publication. The expenses for accommodation and travel will be paid by participants. In the Second Circular the information about hotels will be provided.

Call for Papers

Participants in the Congress are requested to present the titles of their communications in the Registration Form. It is also necessary to introduce the form of presentation of them (oral communication or poster). An Abstract is required as soon as possible, and not later than May 2003. The conference papers are solicited to be presented in electronic format, together with two typed copies, and following the Publication Rules .

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Publication rules

Manuscripts presented in the Congress will be published as a Special Issue of the Monographs of the Natural History Society of the Balearic Islands. The Editors reserve the right to edit all manuscripts for style and clarity. For preparation of papers, please follow the instructions below:

1. For each manuscript the author should submit the original and two copies on DIN A4 sheets, typed on one side, double spaced, and with a maximum of 70 characters per line and 30 lines per page.

It is advisable to send a copy on diskette in order to shorten publication procedures. The text may be written in Catalan, Spanish, English or French. Geographical terms (e.g. Iberian Peninsula, Western Mediterranean) are encouraged in preference to political ones such as Spain.

2. At the beginning of each article the author should state:

* Title

* Full name(s) of author(s)

* Summaries. These should be clear and concise, and specify the contents and results of the contribution. There should be a summary and Title in the text language and another one in English. There should follow a maximum of 6 keywords in *italics*.

* Full name, postal address and e-mail address of each author.

3. The maximum length of the paper will be 20 pages. The Editorial Committee reserves the right to publish eventually longer papers.

The typesetting for the text will be the following:

* Text: Roman

* Author citations: Roman

* Species and genera: *italics*

* Headings: small case and **bold**

* Subheadings (as few as possible): small case, preceded by the letters a), b)...).

4. Each article should include a Bibliography containing only publications cited in the text. The Bibliography will be displayed in the following ways:

* For articles in journals:

Adrover, R., Hugueney, M. & Mein, P. 1977. Fauna africana oligocena y nuevas formas endémicas entre los micromamíferos de Mallorca (Nota preliminar). *Boll. Soc. Hist. Nat. Balears*, 22: 137-149.

* For books and other non-periodic publications:

Colom, G. 1978. *Biogeografía de las Baleares. La Formación de las islas y el origen de su fauna y flora*. Institut d'Estudis Balearics. Palma de Mallorca. 515 pp.

* For papers published in books:

Kadel, K. & Hemmer, H. 1984. Temperature dependence of larval development in the Mallorcan midwife toad, *Baleaphryne muletensis*. In: Hemmer, H. & Alcover, J.A. (eds.). *Història biològica del Ferreret. (Life History of the Mallorcan Midwife Toad)*: 169-173. Ed. Moll. Palma de Mallorca.

The bibliography will be arranged alphabetically by authors and chronologically for any different works by the same author (if anyone had published more than one paper per year, they should be followed by the letters a, b, c...).

Text citations will be in the usual way: "...after Colom (1978a)...". "...are usual components of this fauna (Adrover *et al.*, 1977)."; "...established by Bourrouillh (1973, in Rodríguez-Perea & Ramos, 1984)".

5. Illustrations (always in black and white) must be submitted according to the following norms:

- * They must be cited in the text at least once.

- * In the text, the illustrations (maps, graphs, figures, photographs...) must be numbered in a single sequence by means of Fig. 1, Fig. 2...; for tables (tables, lists...): Table 1, Table 2...

- * Their size must fit within the format of 18 x 12.5 cm, or the author should foresee the possibility of enlargements or reductions (hence figures should always include scale bars). Authors are encouraged to send all figures in electronic format.

- * Illustrations will be submitted separately from the text. They should each be labelled (in pencil) with their sequence number and the names of authors of the contribution.

- * Figure and table legends will be submitted on separate sheets in the language of the text and in English (the latter in *italics*).

- * The desired location for the insertion of each illustration on the text should be indicated on its margin.

6. Each manuscript will be refereed by at least two specialists on the subject, who will report to the Editorial Committee. The final decision on publication of an article will be the sole responsibility of this Editorial Committee.

7. The first author will receive one proof for correction, and after publication, 50 free reprints. Further reprints required will be charged to the author.