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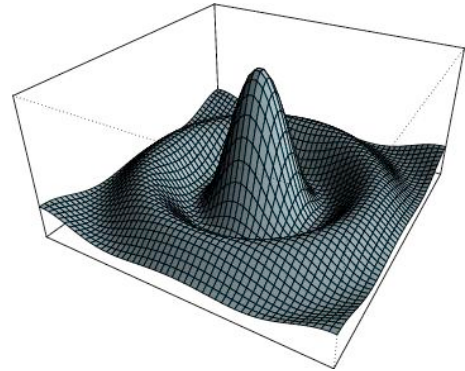
## 1) 7<sup>th</sup> SSS-Day in Geneva, 13-14<sup>th</sup> November 2014

This two days meeting will include, on the first day, a workshop on the use of R in phylogenetics: the instructor will be Klaus Schliep (<http://darwin.uvigo.es/kschliep/>). Dr Schliep is a specialist of phylogenetic analyses in R and the developer of the package phangorn (<http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/phangorn/index.html>).

Our invited speaker for the second day of the meeting will be Ben Warren (<https://sites.google.com/site/bwarrenresearch/home>). Dr Warren is a specialist of insular communities and works on the biogeography of birds and plants in several island systems.

During this second day, we'll also have time for regular talks and the SSS general assembly.

Registration will start end of September on the SSS website. We might have to limit the number of people for the workshop on R, so if you're interested we suggest you register early!



## 2) 2015 ScNat bicentenary

In 2015 the Swiss Academy of Sciences will celebrate its bicentenary (<http://www.scnat.ch/f/jubilaeum/>). The main event of this celebration is an exhibit that will tour in the main cities of Switzerland. The different aspects of studying

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natural sciences will be presented at that time to the public, including the work of local institutions and societies. On this occasion, the SSS wishes to highlight an important part of systematics, the description of new species. More news will come during the fall...

## 3) The Bouchout Declaration for Open Biodiversity Knowledge Management

The Bouchout Declaration (named from the Bouchout Castle in Belgium where it was signed) has been launched on June 12, 2014. Its purpose is to help make digital data about our biodiversity openly available. It offers members of the biodiversity community a way to demonstrate their commitment to open science. Biodiversity-related institutions and individuals who share this vision (including SSS members) are warmly encouraged to sign

the Declaration. The full text of the declaration is available here: <http://www.bouchoutdeclaration.org/declaration/>.

#### 4) Reminder: SSS prize for the best Master thesis

The SSS wants to encourage brilliant young scientists in their early career and therefore set up a yearly prize that will reward an excellent contribution in the field of systematics at the level of a Master thesis.

Deadline to submit the master thesis to the SSS President (alice.cibois@ville-ge.ch): **July 31st**. Instructions can be found on the SSS website.



#### 5) A few European courses and meetings

🕒 **Barcelona 1-4 September:** Another *Introduction to R*, although not specifically for phylogeneticists! <http://www.transmittingscience.org/courses/stats/intro-r/>

🕒 **Barcelona 8-12 September:** *Geometric Morphometrics and Phylogeny*, for those into shapes and their evolution <http://www.transmittingscience.org/courses/gm/gm-and-phylogeny/>

🕒 **Brussels 8-12 September:** For those among us who think before shooting... *Philosophy of Biological Systematics* <http://www.taxonomytraining.eu/content/philosophy-biological-systematics>

🕒 **Paris 22-26 September:** Back to basics, but be careful the basics may be complex... *Zoological Nomenclature* <http://www.taxonomytraining.eu/content/zoological-nomenclature-3>

🕒 **Vienna 24 October:** A short course on *Morphometric analyses, applications for paleontological and biological problems* [http://193.170.196.88/Content.Node/NOBIS\\_mophometrie\\_2014.pdf](http://193.170.196.88/Content.Node/NOBIS_mophometrie_2014.pdf)

🕒 **Paris 26-28 November:** Our French colleagues celebrate their 30th birthday this year with the topic of their «Journées annuelles» being «L'arbre du Vivant: 30 ans de Systématique». <http://sfs.snv.jussieu.fr/>

🕒 **Munich 28-29 November:** The annual meeting of our Austrian colleagues, entitled «Crossing borders: researchers, specimens, ideas, disciplines, knowledge» <http://www.nobis-austria.at/>

🕒 **London 29 November:** The traditional **Young Systematists' Forum** of our British colleagues <http://www.systass.org/ysf/>



**The SSS Board wishes you a nice summer !!**