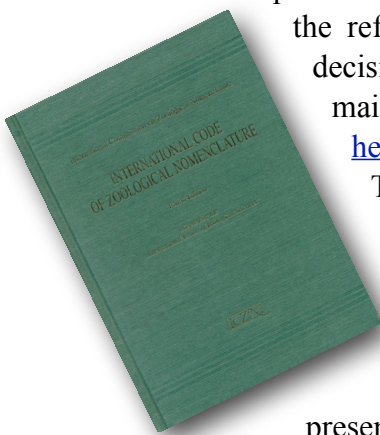


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1) Troubles at the ICZN

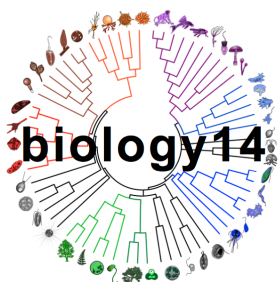
The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is probably well known to those among you working on animal species. Among other tasks, the Commission publishes the International Code of **Zoological Nomenclature**. It is the reference for difficult nomenclatural cases, and publishes its decisions in the Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature. It also maintains Zoobank. Information on its activities may be found [here](#).



The Commission's activities are therefore highly useful, if not essential, to all systematic zoologists. However, the financial status of the Commission, and its supporting secretariat in London, is presently dark, putting a question mark on the future of its operations. We certainly hope that its activities will continue in the future, but the present situation is serious enough that a new business model may be warranted. Discussions on this topic are ongoing, and various alternatives are examined. A crucial meeting will be held in Asia before the end of the year in order to find the best way to offer the zoological community the level of supports it needs. We'll keep you posted.

2) Reminder: 6th SSS-Day in Lucern, 15th November 2013

Please don't forget to mark the date in your agenda. The **6th SSS-Day** will be a one-day event held at the Natur-Museum, Luzern, together with the opening of a new exhibition, and an extraordinary General Assembly of the SSS (that should allow for some minor changes of our bylaws). More information in our next issues of the SSS-News but we already invite you to consider a presentation of your research at this occasion.



3) Next Biology Meeting

Biology 14 will be held February 13-14, 2014 at the University of Geneva. Its organization is progressing well and more information, including a list of invited talks, will be released this fall.



4) Summer school 2013: Discovering the world of insects

This 2013 summer school just finished in Lausanne and was a big success both at the organizational and... meteorological levels! It allowed 16 young - but very motivated - high school students to discover and understand the diversity of the local entomofauna. After a first event in Zurich last year, this is the second time

that the SSS collaborates with the ScNat to organize this course that was appreciated by everybody. (Picture tweeted by @ecolebiolunil)

5) Swissbol

Bacoding is alive and well in 1500 sequences from 225 month. The list will about 20 small projects are of Swissbol. Should you want look [here](#)!



Switzerland, and almost species were databased this undoubtedly expand quickly as presently under way with the support to know everything about them, please

6) And more...

The **17th Evolutionary Biology Meeting at Marseille** is scheduled for Sept 17-20, 2013. A nice mix of hot science and Mediterranean atmosphere at the end of summer. Program and Information [here](#).

The next «**Journées de la SFS**», will be organized by our French sister-society at the University of Paris VI-Jussieu on Oct 16-17, 2013. This year topic is «Systematics and citizen science» (Systématique et sciences participatives). More [here](#).

The **Young Systematist Forum**, sponsored by the Systematic Association, will take place in the Natural History Museum, London on Nov 29, 2013. An exciting opportunity to learn about the research from young scientists. Registration and info [here](#).

The SSS is wishing you a very pleasant summer. The next SSS-News will be sent in September.

