

**SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017**

Dear All,

It's now time to gently, yet firmly remind you that the **deadline for abstracts' submission** is getting close (**APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> 2017!**). Please check important dates at <http://sibe2017.uniroma2.it/important-dates/>.

**SYMPOSIA**

We are glad to inform you that the list of invited speakers for each symposium has been completed:

**Advanced models and technologies for the study of Evolution**

*Chair:* Marco Passamonti

*Invited speaker:* James Mcinerney - University of Manchester

**Biogeography and systematics**

*Chair:* Omar Rota Stabelli

*Co-chair:* Giuliana Allegrucci

*Invited speaker:* Nicola Segata - University of Trento

**Evo-Devo**

*Chair:* Alessandro Minelli

*Co-chair:* Giuseppe Fusco

*Invited speaker:* Paolo Sordino - Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn, Napoli

**Evolution and conservation**

*Chair:* Paolo Ciucci

*Co-chair:* Gabriele Gentile

*Invited speaker:* David R. Vieites - Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales (MNCN), Madrid

**Coevolution and symbiosis**

*Chair:* Maurizio Casiraghi

*Invited speaker:* Francis Jiggins - University of Cambridge

**Evolutionary and behavioral ecology**

*Chair:* Andrea Pilastro

*Co-chair:* Lisa Locatello

*Invited speaker:* Tommaso Pizzari - University of Oxford

**The effects of drift and selection on populations and genomes: expectations and observations**

*Chair:* Giorgio Bertorelle

*Co-chair:* Silvia Ghirotto

*Invited speaker:* Laurent Excoffier - University of Bern

Further details may be found in <http://sibe2017.uniroma2.it/symposia/>.

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7° Congresso della Società Italiana  
di Biologia Evoluzionistica

Roma, 28-31 Agosto 2017

#### **"DOCTOR DARWIN" PRIZE**

The SIBE established the "Doctor Darwin" Prize with the aim to stimulate interest and research relating to the Evolutionary Medicine. The prize consists in the amount of € 1,000 granted to young researchers (up to 35 years old) members of the SIBE. Rules and procedures can be downloaded from Congress' website.

#### **SUPPORT TO RECENT GRADUATES**

The Organising Committee will provide 5 (five) free registrations for recent graduates of master's degree, upon selection. Applicants will be selected based on their master's thesis, which must be focused on evolutionary biology. Theses must be submitted by **July 15<sup>th</sup> 2017** as pdf file to the following address: [info@sibe2017.uniroma2.it](mailto:info@sibe2017.uniroma2.it)

#### **SIBE CRASH COURSE IN PHYLOGENETICS**

The Italian Society for Evolutionary Biology (SIBE-ISEB) is offering a crash course in Molecular Phylogenetics to be held in Rome August 28th 2017.

The course is aimed at students and young researchers interested in taking their first steps into the fabulous world of Phylogenetics, or to those who want to refresh it. The course is free, but only for members of the SIBE who will attend the Evoluzione 2017 SIBE's congress in Rome. Registration is on a **first come first served** basis; participants should send a short motivation letter, and proof of registration to the meeting to [omar.rota@fmach.it](mailto:omar.rota@fmach.it) before August 1; acceptance will be notified shortly after.

The course consists of 4 sessions of an hour each. Lectures (40 minutes) will cover the basic principles of molecular phylogeny and will be followed by a short tutorial (20 minutes) where the students will analyse a data set provided by teachers (or a small one brought by them). Participants need to bring their own laptop with 3 programs previously installed: MEGA7 <http://www.megasoftware.net/>, the BEASTv1.8 package <http://beast.bio.ed.ac.uk/downloads> and TRACER <http://beast.bio.ed.ac.uk/tracer>. Teachers are Omar Rota-Stabelli (Mach Foundation, Trento) and Andrea Luchetti (Bologna University). The course is in English.

Please, we strongly recommend you to frequently visit our website. New information will be regularly uploaded. Fields with new info available will be marked by a flashing flag (**NEW**).

We look forward to seeing you in Rome this coming August.

The Organising Committee

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