



SOCIETY OF AVIAN PALEONTOLOGY AND EVOLUTION



1st Circular

10th International Meeting of the Society of Avian Paleontology and Evolution

Malaga, Spain, 25-29 May 2020

Meeting Website

<https://sape2020.com>

Venue

The meeting will be held at the Rectorate Building of the University of Malaga, a neo-Mudéjar style building that is located in the heart of the old town. Malaga is the capital of the Costa del Sol and one of the major cities in Spain, with an impressive history and an even more interesting present. Its excellent weather and beaches combined with its impressive heritage and network of world-class museums makes Malaga an ideal venue for the 10th International Meeting of SAPE.

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Preliminary Schedule

Monday, 25th – Evening “ice breaker” get together in the Rectorate Building
Tuesday, 26th – Opening Talk and Scientific Sessions
Wednesday, 27th – Scientific Sessions and Old Town guided tour
Thursday, 28th – Scientific Sessions and Half-day excursion (birdwatching and ringing)
Friday, 29th – Scientific Sessions, Auction, Plenary Meeting and Closing Dinner
Saturday, 30th – Post-Meeting excursion (Breathtaking hiking and birdwatching)

Pre-meeting Field Trip (22th - 24th May)

Two-day trip to the beautiful town of Cuenca, located at the mid-west of Spain. Between other activities, attendees will visit the paleontological site of Las Hoyas (Early Cretaceous), the Paleontological Museum, and enjoy of a guided tour of the old town. Estimated costs for this excursion are 200-300 euros.

Dates and Deadlines

2nd Circular: January 2020
Registration opening: 1st February 2020
Proposals for symposia deadline: 1st March 2020
Abstract submission deadline: 15th April 2020
Registration deadline for Pre-meeting Field Trip: 25th April 2020

Proceedings

We are pleased to announce that 10th SAPE meeting and the subsequent proceedings will be dedicated to Professor José Luis Sanz in order to honor his outstanding paleornithological contributions. We are in the process of negotiating the publication of the proceedings in a

special issue of a JCR journal. Deadline for manuscript submission will be shortly after the meeting, in July-August 2020.

Oral presentations and posters

Both oral and poster presentations are invited. We encourage presentations on all aspects of Avian Paleontology, Morphology, Paleobiology, Evolution, and theoretical issues. Abstracts will be single-reviewed by the scientific committee.

Symposia or special sessions

Proposals for possible symposia have to be sent to info@sape2020.com before 1st March 2020. If necessary (depending on how many proposals we get and how many talks are offered for each symposium) a selection will be made by the scientific committee.

Travel grants

SAPE will be awarding the Cécile Mourer-Chauviré travel grant/s to eligible attendees of the meeting (see announcement elsewhere in this Newsletter). The fund honors the prestigious career and outstanding dedication to mentoring of Cécile Mourer-Chauviré, SAPE's first Secretary and one of the Society's founding members. In addition to these grants, the non-profit organization "Sierra Elvira Foundation" will award one or more grants to predoctoral researchers from Spain in order to cover travel costs (further information will be provided in the 2nd circular).

Auction

Members are encouraged to bring reprints, books, casts or any other items to be auctioned. The auction benefits SAPE and allows the Society to provide additional aid for travel to meetings.

Pre-attendance inquiry

In order to get a good organization and a conference fee as low as possible, we would like to estimate the approximate number of attendees. For this reason, if you have plans to attend the meeting, we kindly request that you send an email to info@sape2020.com checking one of the next two options:

- I have plans to attend the Meeting in Malaga
- I have plans to attend both, the Meeting and the Pre-meeting Field Trip

More detailed information about the meeting will be provided in January 2020 with the 2nd Circular.

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