



SOCIETY OF AVIAN PALEONTOLOGY AND EVOLUTION



4th Circular

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

Malaga, Spain

8-12 May 2023

After more than two years of difficulties and restrictions due to Covid-19 pandemic that resulted in two postponements of our meeting, **we are glad to welcome you to the 10th International Meeting of the Society of Avian Paleontology and Evolution (SAPE) that will be held at the University of Málaga (Spain), from May 8 to 12, 2023**

The meeting is open to paleontologist, ornithologist and anyone with a general interest in bird evolution. Birds are excellent models for addressing a wide range of scientific questions, hence we encourage students and professionals of relevant research areas—functional morphology, evo-devo, conservation paleontology, and molecular systematics, among others—to take part in the scientific sessions of the 10th SAPE Meeting.

Málaga is a beautiful city on the Mediterranean coast that enjoys good weather year-round. As one of the largest cities in Spain, Málaga has all the amenities necessary to host an international scientific meeting (e.g., international airport, national railway station, huge number of hotels, and exceptional food). This 2800-years-old multicultural city boasts a spectacularly rich cultural heritage, which is reflected in the amount of art museums, archaeological sites, and historical landmarks. In addition, the near distance to spectacular birding areas will allow to enjoy the Iberian avifauna during the meeting excursions.

We extend a warm invitation to SAPE members and every researchers and bird enthusiasts to come and participate in the meeting.

Best regards,

Francisco J. Serrano

Organizing Committee of SAPE 2023

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Registration and conference fees

[This information will be provided soon in the meeting's website.](#)

Dates and Deadlines

Registration opening: January 16th to April 7th, 2023

Proposals for symposia: before March 1st, 2023

Abstract submission: January 30th to March 31st, 2023

Extended manuscripts submission for Proceedings: August, 2023

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 paleontological contributions to the understanding of avian and non-avian dinosaurs. Previously, we had an agreement to publish the proceedings of the meeting as a thematic issue of the journal *Geobios* (Elsevier). We expect to reconfirm this agreement with the editor of the journal. Extended manuscripts of the communications presented at the meeting should be submitted shortly after, in August 2023.

Symposia or special sessions

Proposals for symposia must be sent to info@sape2020.com before March 1st, 2023.

Scientific communications

Both oral and poster communications are invited. We encourage presentations on all aspects related to Avian Evolution: Paleontology, Morphology, *Evo-Devo*, Speciation, Phylogeny, Genetics, simulation models, etc.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the scientific committee.

Abstract submission will be opened from January 30th to March 31st, 2023.

[Format information will be provided soon in the meeting website.](#)

Plenary speakers

Dr. Gerald Mayr

Curator of Ornithology, *Senckenberg Research Institute (Germany)*

Dr. Jingmai O'Connor

Associate Curator of Fossil Reptiles, *Field Museum Chicago (U.S.A)*

Adjunct Professor, *Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology (Beijing, China)*

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.

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.

How to get to Málaga

Málaga city is the center of an important communications hub, so getting here is easy, whatever the transport you want to use. Additional information to that provided below can be found in the website www.malagaturismo.com

Airport

The Málaga-Costa del Sol Airport is one of the most important in Spain and has connections to major cities worldwide. Located just eight miles from the city's Historic Quarter, it is renowned for its modern terminals and extensive shopping areas. Málaga airport receives around 13 million passengers a year, making it the gateway of Andalusia. Currently, more than 60 airlines use its facilities.

Website: <http://www.aena.es/es/aeropuerto-malaga/index.html>

You can arrive from the airport to Málaga downtown using:

Suburban train: The airport has an underground station for Cercanías Málaga commuter trains, connecting it with Málaga and providing this way better communications with the city center. The station is located at the arrivals area of Terminal 3. Trains run every 20 minutes between Málaga City and Fuengirola City via Málaga Airport. (<http://www.aena.es/en/malaga-airport/train.html#1237554421651>)

Bus: There is a bus station located underground at the airport. It can be reached from the arrivals level of the transportation hub or from arrivals in terminal 3, which can be accessed from all terminals. (<http://www.aena.es/en/malaga-airport/city-buses.html#1237554407937>)

Taxi: The airport has a well-signposted taxi rank outside the arrivals area of Terminal T3. (<http://www.aena.es/en/malaga-airport/taxi.html>)

Railway

Málaga's María Zambrano Station is one of the most important Southern Spain railway communication hubs. In fact, Málaga is connected to Spain's major cities through the Spanish High Speed (AVE) network. Its central location and excellent communications with other forms of transport make Málaga Station an important departure and arrival point when planning a visit to the city.

RENFE (National Railway Service) website: www.renfe.es

Bus

The bus station operates with companies that have routes to destinations to the cities and villages of Malaga, Andalusia and, at national level, all over Spain. Furthermore, it also operates

with companies that serve routes to and from Europe and can even provide tickets and stop offs for the north of Africa.

The bus station is situated in a central location, making transfer to other forms of transport simple and easy. In fact it is right next to the train station, as well as on the airport bus route.

Website: www.estabus.emtsam.es

Accommodation

Málaga is a very touristic place with many hotels of different categories in the town center, near to the Rectorate Building where the meeting will be held.

Information regarding special rates for meeting attendants will be provided soon in the website.

Field trips

Mid-meeting Excursion

A half-day excursion to the Natural Reserve “Desembocadura del Guadalhorce” is planned. This place is the estuary area of the river Guadalhorce that ends in the Mediterranean Sea. There, we will enjoy watching birds that are typical of lacustrine and sea environments (waders, ducks, rails, ospreys, spoonbills, gannets, gulls, terns, and more). We will also enjoy ringing birds trapped in nets, mainly small passerines.

Post-meeting Excursion

We also plan a one-day excursion to “El Caminito del Rey” and “Laguna de Fuente de Piedra” that will allow attendees to appreciate the amazing nature and landscapes that the province of Malaga offers.

“El Caminito del Rey” is a breathtaking hike pathway that passes through a canyon (Gorge “Desfiladero de los Gaitanes”) carved by the Guadalhorce river, which at some points is only 10 meters wide and 700 meters deep. This spectacular route is almost 8 km long, and takes 3-4 hours to be crossed. Griffon vultures are easily watched during the hike. More information can be consulted in the web <http://www.caminitodelrey.info/>

The saline lagoon “Laguna de Fuente de Piedra” is home of one of the largest colony of flamingoes to be found in Europe. We will enjoy of flamingoes and other inland lacustrine birds through a guided visit around this lagoon. After the route, we will enjoy of a tasting of local food in the visitors’ center.