



XIV MEDECOS & XIII AEET meeting

MEDECOS XIV International Conference

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31st January-4th February 2017

Seville, Spain

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

CALL FOR SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS IS NOW OPEN!!

“Human-driven scenarios for evolutionary and ecological changes”

MEDECOS is an international conference organized by [ISOMED](#), the International Society of Mediterranean Ecology, which aims to bring together the scientific community interested in Mediterranean-type ecosystems (MTEs). [AEET](#) is the Spanish Ecological Society mainly devoted to terrestrial systems.

This meeting is co-organized and supported by [the Spanish Association for Terrestrial Ecology](#), the [Doñana Biological Station](#) (EBD-CSIC) and the [University of Seville](#) (US).



The main focus of the joint conference is the ecology and evolution of Mediterranean ecosystems and their species, from plants to animals and also microorganisms. By uniting scientists and students whose research focuses on MTEs, we expect to gain insights into the similarities and differences in how MTEs function, change and evolve. The conference will also host a regular AEET meeting, thus more general topics on any aspect of ecology will be also considered. The official language of the conference is English.

A preliminary list of themes includes the following topics:

- Comparative ecology and evolution
- Historical biogeography of Mediterranean lineages
- Current species conservation challenges
- Expanding biodiversity: species interactions, networks, communities and phylogenetics
- Evolutionary and ecological drivers of MTEs as biodiversity hotspots
- Ecophysiology and functional traits
- Ecosystem functioning and services: challenges and risks in a changing world
- Consequences of biotic and environmental global changes for MTEs



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Conference venue

The origins of MEDECOS date back to March 1971, when an international group of scientists convened in Valdivia, Chile, to discuss their work on Mediterranean-climate ecosystems.

MEDECOS has been hosted every 3-4 years in different locations of the five Mediterranean areas of the world (Mediterranean Basin, SW Australia, California, Central Chile and the Cape Region in South Africa).

In 2017, MEDECOS will be at the University of Seville, in the “*Reina Mercedes*” Science Campus, in Seville (Spain) simultaneously with the biennial meeting of the Spanish Association for Terrestrial Ecology (AEET).



Symposia

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We look forward to receiving proposals to organize Symposia. Symposia are one of the key features of the meeting. They are encouraged to address the eight general topics (see previous page) of the conference, **but any subject of broad ecological interest or incorporating novel approaches will be welcome.**

In the interest of broadening participation, **each participant may only submit one proposal.** Time allocated to each accepted symposium will be 90 minutes. A symposium consists of one keynote talk and shorter oral presentations.

Symposia will be open to any contributor whose presentation fits the subject area. Symposia will accept oral contributions until the allocated time is filled.

Interested organizers are asked to submit his/her proposal before March 31th, 2016 to medecos.aet.meeting2017@aeet.org (See instructions at http://www.medecos-aet-meeting2017.es/Call_for_Symposia_325_p.htm).

Presentations

We look forward to receiving contributions for oral and poster presentations **after the symposia have been selected. Call for Contributions will be open by May 2016.**

Participants will be asked to submit an English abstract before July 15, 2016. If accepted, the abstract will be included in the book of abstracts, which will be available to all participants at the conference. Each participant can only submit one oral or poster presentation as first author.



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Field trips

During the last day of the conference we will organize three alternative all-day trips, to (1) Doñana National Park, (2) Alcornocales Natural Park around the Strait of Gibraltar region and (3) to the scenic city of Ronda and surroundings.

- **Doñana** National Park, besides being one of the largest and most diverse wintering waterfowl areas in Europe, has interesting "*monte blanco*" and "*monte negro*" matorral-type vegetation and extremely well preserved mobile coastal dune vegetation.
- **Los Alcornocales** is dominated by extensive sclerophyllous cork-oak (*Quercus suber*), semideciduous oak (*Q. canariensis*) woodlands and heathlands, with singular endemic and Tertiary relict woody species.
- **Ronda** is a historical city founded by the Romans in a region full of Neolithic remains and played an important role during the Muslim period and the reconquest by the Catholic monarchs (8-15th centuries). The town is surrounded by impressive mountains covered by Mediterranean woodlands. Currently, it is a center of modern-style, ecologically-oriented vineyards and wineries.

Registration and conference fees

Everyone attending the meeting is requested to register on-line at the conference website, within the given deadlines. **Registration will be available soon at <http://www.medecos-aeet-meeting2017.es/>**

Due to space limitations, **registration will be limited to 600 seats. Do not wait until the last minute!**

Registration includes attendance to the scientific conference, ceremonies, plenary talks, scientific sessions, welcome wine tasting, daily coffees and lunches, program, and conference proceedings.

Reduced fees are available for AEET members and also for members of the twinned society, the Iberian Association for Limnology ([AIL](#)).

Fees

<u>Registration type</u>	<u>Early*</u>	<u>Late</u>
Regular members AEET/AIL	275 €	350 €
Student Members AEET/AIL	150 €	225 €
Regular non-members	350 €	425 €
Student non-members**	200 €	275 €

Early registration will be available until October 30, 2016; after that all fees will increase by 75€.

Attendance to the conference dinner and fieldtrips are optional and priced separately. Conference dinner is expected to be approx. € 35 (not yet fixed).



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The post-conference field trips have limited capacity (allocated on a first-come, first-served basis) and different prices:

- Doñana: 55 people at 60 €/person, including bus transportation and field trip with four-wheel-drive minibuses in the National Park and lunch.
- Alcornocales: 60 people 50 €/person, including bus transportation and field trip to the Natural Park and lunch.
- Ronda: 55 people at 70 €/person, including bus transportation, visit to a vineyard and winery tasting, lunch, walk in the old town, and visit to Acinipo archaeological site (Roman theater and thermae).

Important Dates

Deadline for Submission of Symposium Proposals: March 31, 2016

Call for Abstracts open by: May 2016

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Plenary Lectures

Opening lecture

- **William Bond** (University of Cape Town), South Africa

Closing lecture

- **Sharon Strauss** (University of California Davis), USA.

Plenary speakers

- **David Ackerly** (University of California Berkeley), USA.
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More information at: <http://www.medecos-aeet-meeting2017.es> or <http://www.aeet.org> and <http://www.incommme.org/upcoming-medecos-xiii.html>

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