

NOBIS Austria

YOUNG RESEARCHERS' DAY 2020

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November 27th 2020

Online Meeting

NETWORK OF BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMATICS AUSTRIA



The coronavirus pandemic prevents the 14th meeting of NOBIS Austria from taking place in Graz this year. We therefore propose an alternative, i.e., an exclusively **online meeting on the afternoon of Friday, November 27th 2020.**

Furthermore, in order to keep our “virtual” meeting within a manageable time frame, we will follow the example of previous NOBIS Young Researchers' Days. After an opening keynote delivered by Dr. Alice Laciny (Konrad Lorenz Institute for Evolution and Cognition Research, Klosterneuburg), there will be oral presentations by junior colleagues who wish to compete for the NOBIS awards for the best Master and PhD students' talks. Student talks are limited to **10 minutes including discussion.** A final presentation by the awardee of the NOBIS grant will conclude the meeting. According to our preliminary schedule, the meeting will commence at 1 pm and be held as a Webex Meeting. Unfortunately, this year's workshop and poster presentations had to be cancelled under the circumstances. Attendance of and participation in the NOBIS Young Researchers' Day 2020 is free of charge.

Although this year's meeting will take place online, we hope to have a large audience and the usual active participation, creating a positive and appreciative atmosphere for our invited speaker and junior colleagues. So, please, register for the meeting by sending the filled registration form as an email attachment to Dominique Zimmermann (dominique.zimmermann@nhm-wien.ac.at). **Deadline for registration: November 26th 2020.**

Afterwards (ca. 6 pm), NOBIS members will come together in a different Webex Meeting for the **general assembly, including the election of the new executive committee (detailed information will be sent out soon).**

The **NOBIS Awards 2020** for excellent research in the field of biological systematics are dedicated to young members of the scientific community. Two awards, **one for master and one for PhD students' talks**, will be conferred, each with 500 Euro and a three years NOBIS membership. These awards are prizes for recently completed (less than one year ago) or nearly finished scientific projects. Applicants should send their applications as an abstract together with a short scientific curriculum (one page) and the most important own publications and/or research activities to dominique.zimmermann@nhm-wien.ac.at. Please, use the abstract form on our homepage <http://www.nobis-austria.at> and indicate in the registration form whether you wish to apply for the Master or the PhD prize. Due to the limited available presentation slots, the first 14 candidates (according to the date of receipt of the complete application) will be invited to present their research at NOBIS Austria's online meeting, and a jury will select the winners during the meeting. The evaluation will be based on scientific significance as well as on the quality of the presentation. NOBIS membership is required at the time of submission. **Deadline for abstract submission: October 21st 2020.**

The goal of NOBIS Austria is to support research in biosystematics, to involve young colleagues in the scientific community, and to foster interdisciplinary communication. To this end, in 2020, NOBIS once again awards the **NOBIS Grant of 3,000 Euro** to enable early-career researchers to carry out an independent scientific project with a focus on biosystematics (see further information below). **Deadline for submission: October 21st 2020.**

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1. The proposed scientific project should be on biological systematics and primarily be conducted at an Austrian institution.
2. The target group is Master and PhD students (up to one year after PhD completion) with their main residence in Austria.
3. The project proposal should demonstrate the topical independence of the project (i.e., that it is a stand-alone project).
4. The financial feasibility of the project is an essential criterion and has to be described in the proposal. The proposal should therefore demonstrate that the project cannot be realised without the NOBIS grant, although financial support from other sources is allowed.
5. Eligible projects are those that are planned out but have not yet commenced, and those that have commenced but are still in the stages of analysis. Studies for which analyses have been completed are no longer eligible.
6. The election of the awardee is done by members of the executive board of NOBIS and is closed to the public.
7. Upon submission, the applicant accepts all conditions outlined in the present call and accepts that no legal claim to the grant exists.

Submission: per email to dominique.zimmermann@nhm-wien.ac.at

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Further requirements for submission and guidelines:

1. Completed application form (in English)
2. Curriculum vitae (one page, Arial 11 pt, 1.5 line spacing; without list of publications)
3. NOBIS Austria membership (at the time of proposal submission)
4. Maximum one year after award of the PhD degree
5. Presentation of the project idea as a talk at the annual meeting of NOBIS Austria in Graz

The grant is disbursed in two instalments: 2.500 euros of the grant are awarded at the next annual meeting, another 500 euros one year later after the submission of a short project report, although the project does not have to be finished by this time.