

# NOBIS Austria

## NOBIS MEETING 2021

*15 Years NOBIS Austria!*



November 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

Online Meeting

NETWORK OF BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMATICS AUSTRIA



Dear fellow NOBISs!

As in 2020, the precautions related to the coronavirus pandemic prevents the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of NOBIS Austria from physically taking place in Graz this year. The sanitary regulations by the university are very strict and not compatible with a casual meeting such as ours. Like last year, we therefore will arrange an online meeting on the afternoon of Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 (starting at 12:00 pm). Based on last year's experience, when more than 60 people joined online, we are confident that the 2021 meeting will be a success – even though we all hope for the return of physical meetings at which we can chat and have a drink (or two 😊) together.

The meeting will start with a presentation honoring the 15-year existence of NOBIS Austria by our founding president Ulrike Aspöck and active president Andreas Kroh. After an opening keynote on *Novel developments in the systematics of the colonial Bryozoa* delivered by Björn Berning, (Biologiezentrum Linz, Geoscience Collections) we will continue with talks and poster presentations. Depending on the number of submissions we may limit the talks to 12 mins (+ 3 mins for discussion). We will continue the tradition of the NOBIS Awards and offer these for the best Master and PhD students' talks.

According to our preliminary schedule, the meeting will commence at 12:00 pm and be held as a **Zoom Meeting**. Unfortunately, this year's workshops had to be cancelled given the circumstances. We will, however, have a dedicated poster session. **Posters** should consist of a single 16:9 slide in pdf-file format and be submitted by November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The posters will be made available to the registered attendees five days before the meeting, to facilitate discussion during the poster session. Attendance of and participation in the online NOBIS Meeting 2021 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 colleagues. So please register for the meeting by **November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 by using the registration form** and/or by submitting an abstract (**deadline: November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021**). To this end, please make use of the registration and abstract submission forms and submit them by email to Nicole Grunstra ([nicolegrunstra@gmail.com](mailto:nicolegrunstra@gmail.com)).

After the scientific meeting (at ca. 6 pm), NOBIS members will come together in a different Zoom meeting for the general assembly (for which the agenda will be sent out separately).

The **NOBIS Awards 2021** for excellent research in the field of biological systematics are dedicated to young members of the scientific community. Two awards, one for a Master and one for a PhD student talk, will be conferred, of 500 Euro and a three-year NOBIS membership each. 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 vitae (one page) and one's own most important publications and/or research activities, to Nicole Grunstra ([nicolegrunstra@gmail.com](mailto:nicolegrunstra@gmail.com)). Please use the abstract form on our homepage (<http://www.nobis-austria.at>) and indicate in the meeting registration form whether you wish to apply for the Master or the PhD prize. Due to the limited number of available presentation slots, the first 14 candidates (according to the date and time of receipt of the complete application) will be invited to present their research at NOBIS Austria's online meeting. 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 application submission. Deadline for abstract submission: November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.



We gratefully acknowledge financial support of the **NOBIS Awards 2021** by the Open Access journal [diversity](#) by the publisher MDPI. A special issue on "DNA Barcodes for Evolution and Biodiversity" edited by Stephan Koblmüller will appear in *diversity* next year. Submissions are welcome (see details in the attachment) and participants of this year's NOBIS Meeting are eligible for a 10% discount on the Article Processing Charges (20% if the paper is submitted before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021).

**NOBIS MEETING 2021 – 15 years NOBIS Austria! – Fact sheet**

Deadlines:

Abstract submission: November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

Registration and Poster submission: November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

Link to the registration form: [German](#) – [English](#)

Link to the abstract submission form: [http://193.170.196.88/meetings/2021\\_NOBIS\\_Abstract\\_form.docx](http://193.170.196.88/meetings/2021_NOBIS_Abstract_form.docx)

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Posters: single PDF in landscape format (e.g. a 16:9 PowerPoint slide or similarly proportioned poster constructed in a different software)