International FishBase and SeaLifeBase Symposium

First announcement

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Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren.

FishBase (www.fishbase.org) is the largest global information system on fishes. It provides encyclopaedic information on all described fishes and includes many tools for scientists in a large array of ichthyological disciplines. With about 700,000 visits per month, it is the most successful database on any group of living organisms.
SeaLifeBase complements the success of FishBase and has become an important platform for information on non-fish marine organisms.

Since 2001, FishBase is supported by an international consortium that includes the Royal Museum for Central Africa in Tervuren as a founding member. After three successful meetings in 2007, 2012 and 2017, the Museum will again hold the steering committee meeting (4 to 8 September 2023), and will organise on Monday 4 September an open Symposium in hybrid format that is focussing on fish diversity and aquatic databases, bringing together various approaches used to study this fascinating vertebrate group and the marine environment.

Scientists from within and outside the consortium will present results on a wide range of studies on fishes, from the local to the global scale, from morphology to genetics, from fundamental to applied, from data poor to data rich areas, from databases to models.

The following international speakers have already confirmed: Cornelia Nauen (Mundus Maris, Brussels), Jessica Meeuwig (University of Western Australia, Australia), Fabrice Teletchea (Université de Lorraine, France), Daniel Pauly (University of British Columbia, Canada), Rainer Froese (Helmholtz-Centre for Ocean Research (GEOMAR), Germany), Athanassios Tsikliras (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece), Austin Humphries (University of Rhode Island, USA), Nazli Demirel (Institute of Marine Sciences and Management, Turkey), Lauren Sallan (Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology, Japan), Patrick Pata (University of British Columbia, Canada) and Peter Mullen (Sunbird Images OHG, Germany).

Other speakers will be added to this list and a second announcement will follow early August. At that time, details for registration will be communicated.

If you are interested, please note the date in your agenda!

Hope to see you there,

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