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## SSS-News #29

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### 1) SSSDay– 10-11 November 2016, Sion

This year's Society annual meeting will take place at Sion, hosted by the [Musée de la Nature](#).



Thursday 10 Nov: **RevBayes workshop**, led by [Fredrik Ronquist](#) (Dpt of Bioinformatics and Genetics, Swedish Museum of Natural History) and [Seraina Klopstein](#) (UniBe and Natural History Museum Bern). [RevBayes](#) is a new software on Bayesian phylogenetic inference. It provides an interactive environment for statistical computation in phylogenetics: modeling, simulation, and Bayesian inference in evolutionary biology, particularly phylogenetics. The workshop will include first an introduction to the software for beginners and then, some demonstrations on how RevBayes can be used to do very complex analyses.

At the end of the workshop, a visit of the Nature Museum will be given by its director Nicolas Kramar. The current temporary exhibition deals with the Anthropocene Epoch.

Friday 11 Nov: **SSSDay** with plenary lectures, regular and short student talks, the Master Prize Award, and the General Assembly of the Society. Lecturers include [Fredrik Ronquist](#) and [Jean Mariaux](#) (Natural History Museum Geneva).

The workshop and talks will be given at the salle des arsenaux: details will be given in September, when the registration starts.

### 2) Biology17: 2-3 February 2017, Bern

The University of Bern will be hosting the next Swiss conference on organismic biology Biology17. Note that the meeting will be a week earlier than usual. Registration and details will be given in the autumn.

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### 3) New Species Switzerland

You've enjoyed the "200 species poster" last year? You will like **New Species Switzerland**, the annual list of species described by researchers working in Switzerland, available only on the SSS website.

As a follow-up to last year poster, we'd like to continue to put forward the description of new species, one of the many contributions made by systematists working in Swiss institutions. This annual list presents a short description, illustrated with an image.

How to contribute? Send us your publication (starting from 2015), along with a picture of the organism, at [swissystematics@yahoo.com](mailto:swissystematics@yahoo.com).

We've already added a few for 2015, just to start... have a look [here!](#)



### 4) Master thesis award

The SSS prize will reward an excellent contribution in the field of systematics at the level of a Master thesis. See our [website](#) for details.

Deadline for submission: July 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

### 5) Grants & PhD offers in systematics

We post on this new page of our website the information provided by members: grant applications or openings of a Phd position, in relation with systematics. Send us the grant or PhD offers if you like to advertise on this [page](#).

### 6) 3<sup>rd</sup> BioSyst.EU meeting 15-18 August 2017 in Gothenburg, Sweden

The BioSyst.EU meeting of 2017 will be organised by the Swedish Systematics Association in corporation with the University of Gothenburg and will be held at the Wallenberg Conference Centre, Gothenburg, Sweden. The symposia list and registration pages are already available [here](#).

