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1) Biology16

The Swiss conference on organismic biology [Biology16](#) took place at University of Lausanne, on 11 and 12 February 2016. Two pre-conference workshops “Women in Science” and “Recherche-Pratique” were held on Wednesday 10. More than 300 participants discussed their most interesting findings on organismic biology, conservation and evolutionary biology. [Public outreach](#) was also on the menu on the first evening, with a scientific “speed dating”, organized around posters designed to present scientific results to the public. The SSS was there with the “200 species” poster and a few museum specimens, to talk about the role of systematics in the knowledge of biodiversity.



As a reminder, the Biology meetings are intended for student presentations, from master to post-doc. The local organizers balance the different subjects function to the talks proposals.

Thus this year the program included several phylogenetic and biogeographic presentations, but no taxonomic related works. Undoubtedly something to improve next year, with more proposals from SSS members' groups !

The next meeting, Biology17, will take place in Bern.

2) SSSDay– 10-11 November 2016, Sion

Save the date! This year's Society annual meeting will take place at Sion, hosted by the [Musée de la Nature](#). It will be a two days event, with a workshop on the first day dealing with phylogenetic methods. More information on the program will be provided in a next newsletter.



3) Meetings abroad

The SSS proposed a symposium entitled “The future of scientific communication in biodiversity science” (organizer: Donat Agosti) for the next [BioSyst.EU](http://www.biosyst.eu), 14–18 August 2017 in Gothenburg, Sweden (Federation of European Biological Systematic Societies, <http://www.biosyst.eu/>).

Sciences are undergoing a huge change in the digital age. This results in new research areas and results, also in systematics, and in new ways of communicating both the results and the underlying research process. This session will draw on a range of examples from across the biodiversity sciences to address how individual scientists and their institutions can benefit from and contribute to this revolution.

4) News from the CETAF

The CETAF, the Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities, held its annual meeting in Geneva last November. It was an important meeting, with about 50 representatives from European museums and botanical gardens, and several invited partners. The bright work of Michelle Price (CJB Geneva and SSS member) as CETAF’s chair was acknowledged by a positive vote for the 2016-2019 strategy plan.

An example of what CETAF is doing for you: (<http://cetaf.org/taxonomy/publications>)

CETAF [ABS Code of Conduct](#) (Access and Benefit Sharing and Nagoya Protocol)

5) Here and there

Should you have plans for a small project on revisionary taxonomy on any group of organism, you can apply for Mini-ARTS awards from the Society of Systematic Biologists (after joining it!). Deadline is March 31st and it’s [here](http://www.systbio.org/mini-arts-awards.html) (<http://www.systbio.org/mini-arts-awards.html>).



6) Membership fee for 2016

If you haven’t done so already, please renew your membership so that we can pursue our work in support of systematics!

The annual fee remains at a modest 30 CHF (10 CHF for students registered at a university or public school). The account information is:

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