

**7<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL  
SYMPOSIUM ON THE  
LACERTIDS OF THE  
MEDITERRANEAN BASIN**



**PALMA, BALEARIC ISLANDS,  
SPAIN, 06-09 SEPTEMBER**

## **First Circular**

### **Invitation**

We are pleased to announce that the 7th Symposium on the Lacertids of the Mediterranean Basin will be held in 2010, at Palma de Mallorca, Balearic Islands, Spain. The Symposium is organized and sponsored by the University of Balearic Islands, and the Direcció General de R+D+I (Conselleria d'Innovacio, Interior i Justícia). The organizers look forward to welcoming you to Palma and hope you will enjoy your stay in Balearic Islands.

### **Background**

The main aim of the Symposium on the Lacertids of the Mediterranean Basin is to bring together herpetologists from all around the world who work actively in this field. Following the success of previous congresses in Lesvos (1992), Faro (1995), Cres (1999), Menorca (2001), Lipari (2004) and Lesvos (2008), Palma now plays host to this exciting event.

### **Location and Dates**

The Symposium will take place from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010, at the Auditorium of the Centre Cultural de Sa Nostra, in Concepció street, Palma de Mallorca.

### **Language**

The official language of the congress will be English.

### **Scientific Program**

The Symposium will focus on different aspects of research carried out on Mediterranean Lacertids. However, eminent contributions from other zoogeographical regions will also be welcomed. The Symposium will include plenary lectures, regular sessions, workshops and poster sessions. We welcome suggestions for session and workshop topics.

### **The following plenary lectures speakers have confirmed their assistance:**

James D. Harris. CIBIO Campus Agrário de Vairão. Portugal  
Salvador Carranza. Institut de Biologia Evolutiva (CSIC-UPF). Barcelona. Spain  
Richard P. Brown. John Moores University. Liverpool. England  
Rafael Zardoya. Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales (CSIC). Madrid. Spain

**Tourist information for Palma de Mallorca:** You can obtain information at the official webpage:

[http://www.palmademallorca.es/IMI/PORTAL/PRD/lloc\\_d10\\_v1.jsp?codMenu=851&language=en&agrupacion=03](http://www.palmademallorca.es/IMI/PORTAL/PRD/lloc_d10_v1.jsp?codMenu=851&language=en&agrupacion=03)

**Herpetological interest:** There are two endemic lacertids in the Balearic Islands: *Podarcis lilfordi* and *P. pityusensis* which are found on the majority of minor islands and islets within the archipelago. Balearic Islands have five locally administered natural parks and one nationally protected park - the Cabrera archipelago – which has an interesting range of floral and faunal endemics. Species of interest on Mallorca itself include *Tarentola mauritanica*, *Macroprotodon cucullatus*, *Alytes muletensis*, *Testudo graeca* and *Testudo hermanni*.

**Hotels situation and transport:** We suggest the following hotels located in Palma, which are all close to the congress auditorium. Other options are possible; the symposium recommends Viatges Polux Travel Agency, for assistance with travel and accommodation.

e-mail: [viatgespolux@terra.es](mailto:viatgespolux@terra.es)

website: <http://www.viatgespolux.com>

Telephone: 0034971713391

Hotel	Euros	web
ABELUX **	50	<a href="http://www.hotelabelux.com">http://www.hotelabelux.com</a>
BORN**	50	<a href="http://www.hotel.born.com">http://www.hotel.born.com</a>
COSTA AZUL ***	80	<a href="http://www.esperanzahoteles.com/majorca_hotels/hotels_palma_de_mallorca/costa_azul_hotel.aspx">http://www.esperanzahoteles.com/majorca_hotels/hotels_palma_de_mallorca/costa_azul_hotel.aspx</a>
ALMUDAINA****	75	<a href="http://www.hotelalmudaina.com">http://www.hotelalmudaina.com</a>
Tryp PALMA*****	110	<a href="http://es.solmelia.com/hoteles/espana/mallorca/tryp-palma/home.htm">http://es.solmelia.com/hoteles/espana/mallorca/tryp-palma/home.htm</a>
MIRADOR *****	95	<a href="http://www.hotelmirador.es">http://www.hotelmirador.es</a>

The prices are approximate. We will inform, in next call, about 2010 prices.

### Travel

There are numerous domestic and international flights daily to International Son Sant Joan Airport. Transfer options to the city centre include regular bus, taxi and also car rentals. The journey time from the airport to the centre is between 15 to 30 minutes (12 km), depending of the type of transport used.

### Registration Fee

The general registration fee will be 130 euros. The students fee is 60 euros and the accompanying persons contributions is 50 Euros.

### Suggestions for topics of workshops:

As soon as possible (no later than March 30, 2010) to [cori.ramon@uib.es](mailto:cori.ramon@uib.es)

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