

## Video Conference of the Society of Biological Systematics 2021 (22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the GfBS)

will take place in the **worldwide web** from 1<sup>st</sup> of March to 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2021

and is hosted by the University of Bonn and Zoological Research Museum Alexander Koenig

The Corona crisis will lead us to an unusual conference location in 2021. After many conferences in Switzerland, Austria and Germany, the Corona pandemic is forcing (allowing) us to hold the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual conference at any location that has internet access. Our conference becomes international in the truest sense of the word.

Since we meet for the conference on the Internet, the schedule has to be different. If you take part in a conference not on site but elsewhere, this has the advantage that you can concentrate fully on what is going on in the conference. This is usually not the case in your workplace. Even in virtual meetings, you get distracted again and again, just to quickly sign something or answer an email or give a quick call. Most of us know this from the last few months of endless ZOOM meetings, which is why we want the meeting to take place only in the morning for the four days. This gives you the freedom to postpone important short-term issues with a clear conscience and to take part in the lectures and discussions.

Meeting in the Internet saves also many costs and allows us to make the conference **free of charge**.

We therefore decided on the **following program**:

	<b>Monday, 1/3/2021</b>	<b>Tuesday 2/3/21</b>	<b>Wednesday 3/3/21</b>	<b>Thursday 4/3/2021</b>
<b>09:15-10:00</b>	Main lecture 1	Main lecture 2	Main lecture 3	Main lecture 4
<b>10:15-11:00</b>	3 short talks	3 short talks	3 short talks	3 short talks
<b>11:00-11:15</b>	short break / Chatroom to meet speakers	short break / Chatroom to meet speakers	short break / Chatroom to meet speakers	short break / Chatroom to meet speakers
<b>11:15-12:00</b>	3 short talks	3 short talks	3 short talks	Rensch-Preis- Laudatio & Talk
<b>12:00-12:15</b>	Chatroom to meet speakers	Chatroom to meet speakers	Chatroom to meet speakers	Chatroom to meet speakers
<b>12:15-13:00</b>				Membership meeting, presentation awards, closing ceremony

For the main lectures a time window of 30-35 min lecture and 10-15 min discussion is planned, the short lectures with 10 min plus 5 min discussion. The main lectures will be invited talks from zoology, botany, paleontology, and biodiversity research.

However, the time slots for the short presentations should be reserved for master students, PhD students and early postdocs. We ask for your forbearance for this preference. As always, we want to award the best presentations after the membership meeting.