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2nd SIBECOL meeting / XXI AIL Conference

3 – 8 July 2022
Aveiro, Portugal

We are pleased to announce the 2nd Iberian Ecological Society Meeting and the XXI conference of the Iberian Association of Limnology, which will be held together in Aveiro, Portugal in July 2022! This “classical” in-person meeting “**Ecology: bettering our sustainable future through scientific knowledge**” aims to gather the ecology community from Portugal and Spain and wider afield to share and exchange knowledge and expertise. Policy makers and environmental managers, industry and all interested in Ecological research and in building an environmentally sustainable future are also welcome.

More than ever, escalating concerns worldwide about a global biodiversity crisis, overexploitation of natural resources, habitat loss and degradation, pollution, invasive species, urbanization and climate change call for ecologists to step in and help societal decision making. Scientific knowledge arising from ecological research has been vital to establish socio-environmental connections, maintain biodiversity and food production in cleaner environments thus contributing to a more sustainable development and use of our natural capital.

Given the integrative and transdisciplinary aspects of ecological research the meeting encourages contributions from researchers working on all sub disciplines of Ecology, all ecosystems and all biological organisation levels, using theoretical and/or experimental approaches that seek to understand the complex interactions among organisms and their environment and to address one of the most pressing ecological and societal issues nowadays: how to maintain ecosystems function, services and resilience in the face of change.

During these times of crisis, in particular after the COVID-19 global pandemic, ecologists like all human beings need to reconnect with each other while continuing their scientific endeavour. Ensuring that all appropriate safety measures are in place, this in-person meeting will also be an opportunity to get together with friends and colleagues, to cultivate diversity and inclusion and to support and inspire students and young researchers within our ecologists’ community. SIBECOL and AIL welcome all their members and the global ecology community to the meeting in Aveiro next July, Join us!

Proposed regular sessions:

RS1: Biological Invasions

RS2: Ecology of Species Interactions

RS3: Evolutionary Ecology and Biogeography

RS4: Ecotoxicology and emergent contaminants

RS5: Metapopulations, metacommunities and meta-ecosystems

RS6: Ecological connectivity, ecosystem restoration and biodiversity conservation

RS7: Ecological Research in extreme environments - from subterranean habitats to the deep sea

RS8: Ecology of urban environments

RS9: Ecological Research on Environmental global changes and extreme events

RS10: Ecosystem processes, functioning and services

RS11: Microbial ecology

RS12: Ecological Research in island ecosystems

RS13: Promoting equality, diversity and inclusion in the scientific community

RS14: Symbiosis and evolution – a tribute to Lynn Margulis

Special sessions

We invite all interested to propose special session at 2nd SIBECOL/ XXI AIL meeting. The special sessions can address aspects of the main proposed topics (general sessions) of the conference (see above). however any other transdisciplinary and integrative scientific sessions with broad ecological interest will be welcomed. Proposals should be sent to the Organizing Committee (sibecol-ail-meeting2022@ua.pt) between the **1st October and 30th November 2021**; they should include a title, a short description of the topic, and a list of potential speakers to be contacted by the topic organizer. The proposals will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee on the basis of their scientific quality and potential interest by meeting attendees, Organizers of special sessions will chair the event, contact the speakers and review the abstracts. Special sessions should be open to all participants. Please note that meeting registration is not waived or reduced for anyone participating in these special sessions, keynote speakers included, and that the meeting organization will be not able to provide any travel or accommodation allowances.

Workshops

Knowledge- and skills-transfer workshops focused on specific questions, tools and/or methodologies used in Ecological research are welcomed. Workshop proposals should be sent to the Organizing Committee (sibecol-ail-meeting2022@ua.pt) **until 30th November 2021** and they should include a title, the names of the organizers/ presenters and a short description (250 words max.) including the knowledge, skills, or tools that participants are expected to gain from the course), as well as minimum and maximum number of suitable participants and specific prerequisites of participants. All workshops will be scheduled on Sunday 3rd of July.

The Organizing Committee will select workshops among the received proposals on the basis of the scientific quality and the potential interest by meeting attendees. Workshops will be open to all meeting attendees on a first-come first-served basis. Fees for attendance to workshops may be applied.

Submission of Poster and Oral presentations

We look forward to receive contributions for oral and poster presentations after the scientific sessions have been selected.

All participants are invited to submit the title, authors and abstract (250 words max.) of his/her contribution between the **1st January and 28th February 2022**. If accepted, the abstract will be available at the web site of the conference and abstract book

Call for contributions will be open by the 4th of June 2018.

The language for the written communications (title and abstract of contributions) will be English. English is also the recommended language for text in slides and posters. Participants can use English, Portuguese or Spanish in oral presentations and discussions at their own convenience.

Registration and conferences fees

Everyone attending the meeting is requested to register on-line at the conference website at (sibecol-ail-meeting2022.web.ua.pt). Abstract acceptance will be communicated by beginning of March 2022. Early registration will be available from **1st of March to 30th of April 2022**. Later on, all fees will be increased by 75 €.

Registration includes attendance to the scientific conference, ceremonies, plenary talks, scientific sessions, daily coffee breaks, lunch, program, and conference proceedings. Attendance to the conference dinner is optional and priced separately. Fees for attendance to workshops may also be applied separately.

Fees

Registration type	Early registration	Late registration
Regular members*	350€	425€
Regular non-members	425€	500€
Student members*	225€	300€
Student non-members	275€	350€

Important dates:

December 2021: 2nd call of the meeting with selected invited speakers and more info on the meeting, special sessions and workshops

January 2022: Opens submission of abstracts (January – February)

February 2022: Early bird registration (March - April)

Conference website (available soon): sibecol-ail-meeting2022.web.ua.pt

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Venue of the meeting:

University of Aveiro <https://www.ua.pt/> ; <https://youtu.be/BcjHNtaPXg4>

City of Aveiro : <https://youtu.be/OYPC6sfgj2I>

