

EVOLUTION 150

OPENING DOORS ‘Scientific Workshops for Young Researchers’ An initiative aimed at promoting links between early career scientists from the UK and Spain

WORKSHOP on “Evolutionary Biology: Evolution 150”, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the publication of Darwin’s *The Origin of the Species*, Cuenca, Spain 15th – 19th March 2009

The British Council in Spain in collaboration with the Spanish Council for Scientific Research (CSIC) is organising a series of scientific workshops to provide opportunities for researchers from the UK and Spain to meet face-to-face for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and information on priority topics and to explore future areas of research and collaboration.

The next workshop in this series, entitled **Evolution 150**, will cover the broad field of evolutionary biology and marks the 150th anniversary of the publication of “The Origin of Species”. The workshop will take place from 15 to 19 March 2009 in the ancient city of Cuenca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The meeting will involve ample opportunities for discussion in structured and informal sessions involving keynote speakers and early career researchers. Keynote speakers will give 30 min talks and other participants will give 15 min presentations of their work.

Keynote speakers:

UK:

Prof. Jenny Clack: (University Museum of Zoology, Cambridge): Origin of Land Vertebrates

Prof. Peter W H Holland (University of Oxford): Genome Evolution

Dr Chris Jiggins (University of Cambridge): Genetics of Adaptation in Butterflies

Prof. Mark Pagel (University of Reading): Phylogenetics and Comparative Analyses

Dr Max J Telford (University College London): Evolution of Developmental Mechanisms

Spain:

Prof. Antonio Rosas (MNCN, CSIC): Human Palaeobiology

Prof. Andres Moya (Universitat of Valencia): Endosymbiotic Genome Evolution

Prof. Montserrat Aguade (Universitat of Barcelona): Molecular Evolution

Prof. Rafael Zardoya (MNCN, CSIC): Assembling the Tree of Life

Prof. Jordi Bascompte (EBD, CSIC): Ecological Networks, Coevolution

The workshop is limited to about 30 participants to be selected from those applying. The organisers of this scientific workshop will cover all participants’ travel and full board accommodation costs.

For further details and an application form contact **Rafael Zardoya** (rafaz@mncn.csic.es) or **Peter Holland** (peter.holland@zoo.ox.ac.uk)

Early to mid career researchers wishing to participate should send a completed application form and CV to belen.forte@britishcouncil.es before December 15, 2008.