



# 2nd Palaeontological Virtual Congress

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# 2nd Palaeontological Virtual Congress

A NEW WAY TO SCIENCE



## PRESENTATION

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Dear friends and colleagues,

The increasing use of virtual platforms to communicate science encouraged us to create the 1<sup>st</sup> Palaeontological Virtual Congress in December 2018. The first edition was a success, so we are glad to present the second edition of the Palaeontological Virtual Congress. Our purpose is to spread, worldwide, the most recent scientific advances in palaeontology in a fast, easy and economical way.

This congress is pioneer in palaeontology, being exclusively developed in a virtual environment. Oral communications and slides presentation addressing any topic in palaeontology will be presented through an online platform created *ad hoc*.

The simplicity of this new format allows for low-cost registration fees and saving travel and maintenance expenses. Consequently, this initiative aims to give international projection to the palaeontological research carried out by groups with limited economic resources, as well as to promote the participation of palaeontologists from developing countries.

Moreover, the 2nd Palaeontological Virtual Congress combines the benefits of traditional meetings (i.e., providing a forum for discussion, including guest lectures, and the production of an abstract book, among other things) with the advantages of online platforms, which allow reaching a higher number of researchers around the world.

Hope to see you in the Net!



The Organising Committee.



## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

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THE 2<sup>nd</sup> PALAEOONTOLOGICAL VIRTUAL CONGRESS WILL TAKE PLACE  
BETWEEN MAY 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> 2020.

- Deadline for thematic sessions proposals: **31<sup>st</sup> December**
- Deadline for virtual field trips proposals: **28<sup>th</sup> February**
- Deadline for abstract submission: **28<sup>th</sup> February**
- Deadline for regular registration: No limit



## REGISTRATION

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Registration will be available soon via our website:

<http://palaeovc.uv.es/index.php/guidelines-for-registration/>

The completed and signed registration form and a copy of the bank transfer, or PayPal payment must be sent to [palaeovc@gmail.com](mailto:palaeovc@gmail.com), indicating in the “concept” box:

registration\_**name\_surname**\_palaeovc

You can register as author (which will grant you access to present two communications as main author) or you can register as attendant (which will grant you access to all the presentations and videos in all the sessions). For each communication presented, the registration of at least one of the authors (usually the one who is presenting) is required.



## FEES

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**5.00 €** each participant

The payment for 2nd Palaeontological Virtual Congress must be done via bank transfer or PayPal, using the following data bank:

IBAN: ES91 0049 1607 62 2110031624  
SWIFT CODE; BSCHEMMXXX

Please, it is **very important** that you send to the Organising Committee (palaeovc@gmail.com) the copy of the bank transfer, or PayPal payment. If you have additional questions or want to make an enquiry regarding payment, please feel free to contact us.



## HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

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Communications and presentations about any palaeontological research topic will be presented through an online platform: [www.palaeovc.uv.es](http://www.palaeovc.uv.es)

Consequently, any place with good WiFi signal is enough to participate.

As in a traditional congress, participants who wish to present a communication must send an abstract in advance.



## GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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Researchers are invited to provide a brief abstract from now **until the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. Abstract body is limited to **250 words**. No references, images, or tables should be included in the abstract.

The abstract must be sent as DOC or DOCX file to [palaeovc@gmail.com](mailto:palaeovc@gmail.com), specifying:

PALAEOVC 2020 abstract first author's surname

You can find more details and download the template for the abstract in:

<http://palaeovc.uv.es/index.php/guideline-for-abstracts/>

The authors will be able to choose between three formats to present their works:

Short presentation / Slides Presentation / Video Presentations.

Slides, posters and videos will be displayed directly in the website during the whole timespan of the congress (between May 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>). The platform will be accessible 24 hours a day during this time.



Participants will be able to ask questions and make comments about them in different discussion chats.

The platform used for **Slides Presentations** will be **Slideshare**. There will be two modalities:

- Short presentation: this format will substitute the “poster”. Last edition was difficult to visualize some of the posters due to the format of the SlideShare platform. So, in this edition the “posters” will have 5 slides: introduction, material and methods, results, discussion and conclusions (or any combination of these sections). This way we ensure that the text and the images have a good resolution and we can enjoy your work correctly.
- Slides presentation: **Between 6 and 30 slides**. This format will be exactly as the last edition.

Any participant that would like to present a communication must send it to us by e-mail or WeTransfer.

After receiving it, we will upload the slides presentation to our Slideshare profile.

For the **Video** presentation:

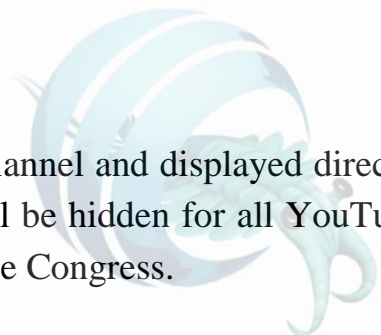
Authors are also encouraged to submit video presentations. The idea is that it will be possible to upload a video of your PowerPoint presentation that includes a recorded voiceover explaining the subject.

- Accepted **video formats**: MOV, MPEG4, MP4, AVI or WMV .
- How long? **Between 10 and 15 min.**

To record your presentation, we suggest to using Open Broadcaster Software (an open software that you can download directly from the OBS website). You can also find a tutorial in our website:

<http://palaeovc.uv.es/index.php/home/tutorials/>

Video presentations will be uploaded to our YouTube channel and displayed directly on the website during the entire congress. The video will be hidden for all YouTube viewers with the exception of participants registered in the Congress.





## THEMATIC SESSIONS

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The 2nd Palaeontological Virtual Congress will be organized in a number of thematic sessions, trying to span the whole variety of potential contributions. However, palaeontology is a wide discipline that encompasses a huge variety of topics. Aware of this and taking advantage of the flexibility that virtual platforms offer, thematic sessions proposals on emerging topics, innovative techniques or any other matter that you consider of interest are welcome to be addressed in depth during the celebration of the congress. The purpose of such sessions is to provide a comprehensive forum for the exchange of ideas and discuss the issue within specialists in the target field.

If you are interested in **proposing a specific thematic session**, please send us a brief description (no more than **300 words**) with the main goals and any relevant information that you may consider relevant. Please, indicate in the proposal the full name of the organisers and their respective affiliations.

Proposals should be submitted by email to [palaeovc@gmail.com](mailto:palaeovc@gmail.com) **before December 31<sup>st</sup>**. Notification of acceptance will be sent to the organisers after that. In this edition, we would like the participants to be even more involved, so if your thematic session is accepted, you (or any of its organisers) will be in charge of:

- **Looking for contributions.** Ideally, a single session would require the participation of at least 5 contributions, but this is only a suggestion and it is not strictly required.
- **Send the abstracts to peer-review.**
- **Moderating the sessions.** We want to encourage a dialogue with all the participants, so the session's organisers will be in charge of moderating and promoting debates in the discussion chats.



## VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

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This edition we invite the participants to send us a video of approximately 20-30 minutes of length, showing and explaining to all participants your favourite museum or even your preferred fossil site. Let's give visibility to that particular fossil collection or site that you love! The film should have a reasonably good quality of image and sound. You can find two examples of the last edition in the next link:

<http://palaeovc.uv.es/index.php/virtual-field-trips/>



## OWNERSHIP AND RIGHTS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS

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Due to the questions raised regarding the ownership and rights of the communications that will be uploaded to the online platform, we inform you that:

- All of the communications rights are **owned by the authors** and no one else.
- After the congress is finished, **all communications will be erased from our server and from the online platform.**
- Access to the contents is only granted through congress inscription. Without **username** and **password**, it will NOT be possible to access the communications.
- Downloading the content is **strictly prohibited.**
- All of the Organisation information is protected by a Creative Commons BY-NC-ND license. However, regarding logos of the sponsors, abstracts or any information from third parties, all rights are reserved by their own authors.



- The following icons may be included on presentations: These indicate that recording and taking pictures is forbidden, as well as posting results on any social networks is also prohibited.



Please respect the work of your colleges.





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