

Subject: SPECIATION 2017, February 19-24, 2017, Tuscany, Italy

We are pleased to announce SPECIATION 2017, a Gordon Research Conference (GRC) dedicated exclusively to speciation research. The conference --- the world's largest of its kind --- will be held at the Renaissance Tuscany Il Ciocco Resort & Spa in Italy during the week of February 19-24, 2017. Invited presentations and discussion sessions will cover a broad array of timely topics in speciation research.

The conference will be directly preceded by a two-day Gordon Research Seminar (GRS), co-chaired by Amanda Hund and Laurel Symes, that offers opportunities for early-career scientists to get involved at the forefronts of modern speciation research. Participants will engage in scientific discussions on salient topics of interest, thereby gaining knowledge and confidence for their participation in SPECIATION 2017.

The GRC conferences on speciation raise to a trans-Atlantic level a tradition of international conferences on speciation research that was initiated by the European Research Networking Programme 'Frontiers of Speciation Research'. The three conferences held thus far, in 2010, 2013, and 2015, have helped facilitate bridge-building between disparate approaches to speciation research and have attracted hundreds of participants from all facets of speciation research.

Registration for SPECIATION 2017 is open at

<https://www.grc.org/programs.aspx?id=16903>

and will continue until the venue's capacity is filled.

A preliminary conference program with list of session titles will be available on April 1 and the full conference program will be finalized by early autumn.

With many thanks and best wishes,

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