The Institut für Spezielle Botanik und Botanischer Garten of Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz and the section "Biodiversity and Evolution" of the German Botanical Society invite you to participate in the 21st International Symposium “Biodiversity and Evolutionary Biology” of the German Botanical Society (DBG).

September 16th – 19th 2012 | Mainz (Germany)

The symposium is intended to provide the opportunity for stimulating exchange for botanists interested in plant systematics, morphology, phylogeny and evolution. We are looking forward to interesting talks and posters on your latest research and to lively discussions, and hope to learn much about the latest developments in our field.

Venue
The symposium will be held on the campus of Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz.

Homepage
www.biodivevol2012.uni-mainz.de

Conference Fee (conference dinner not included)
Regular: 210 €; Students: 110 €

Registration and Submission of Abstracts
Online registration and submission of Abstracts will be open from 1st May until 1st July 2012 at: www.biodivevol2012.uni-mainz.de

Schedule and Deadlines
1st May 2012 – Abstract submission and online registration opens
1st July 2012 – Abstract submission and online registration closes
16th – 19th September 2012 Congress

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Our meeting will be followed (20th – 23rd September) by the "Jahrestagung des Verbands Botanischer Gärten" (annual meeting of the Association of Botanic Gardens in Germany). More information at: www.botgarten.uni-mainz.de/1074.php.
Preliminary program

Sunday 16th September

- afternoon – Excursion to the "Mainzer Sand" (relict steppe flora)
- 5 p.m. onwards – Welcome and registration with "Weck, Worscht und Woi" in the Botanic Garden

Monday 17th September

- Symposium: Evolution of Mountain Floras – invited speaker: Ch. Körner/Basel: Why is biological diversity in mountains higher than in lowlands?
- Plenary talk – B. Gemeinholzer/Gießen: Accessing and sharing biodiversity data – the next generation research
- Evening: informal gathering in the Botanic Garden.

Tuesday 18th September

- Symposium: Pollination and Dispersal Biology – invited speaker: A. Cocucci/Córdoba (Argentinia): The bull in the milkweed: evidence of animal-like male-male competition in plants
- Open Symposium (topics not specified)
- Plenary talk – E. Beck/Bayreuth: (Why) Do we need legal regulations for biodiversity research?
- Meeting of the section "Biodiversity and Evolution" of the German Botanical Society
- Conference Dinner
Wednesday 19th September

- **Poster Session**
- **Symposium: Evolution of Mediterranean and Arid Floras** – invited speaker: B.G. Baldwin/Berkeley: Evolutionary patterns and processes in the California Floristic Province
- **Plenary talk** – H. Hurka/Osnabrück: Ex situ plant conservation strategies – pros and cons
- **Exploring Mainz**/Museum of Antique Shipping/Roman Mainz/Chagall church windows/Gutenberg-Museum
- **Evening: informal gathering** in the Botanic Garden.

Thursday 20th September

- **Workshop: How to deal with inflorescences in systematics and floral ecology?**
  The workshop offers a forum for discussion and for practical inflorescence analysis. Participants are welcome to bring their own material. Early registration is required.
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