

18[™] YOUNG SYSTEMATISTS' FORUM

FRIDAY, 25 November 2016, 9:30 am Venue: Flett Lecture Theatre, Natural History Museum, London, UK

The annual **Young Systematists' Forum** represents an exciting setting for Masters, PhD and young postdoctoral researchers to present their data, often for the first time, to a scientific audience interested in taxonomy, systematics and phylogenetics. This well-established event provides an important opportunity for budding systematists to discuss their research in front of their peers within a supportive environment. Supervisors and other established systematists are also encouraged to attend.

Prizes will be awarded for the most promising oral and poster presentation as judged by a small panel on the day.

Registration is FREE.

Send applications by e-mail to (<u>YSF.SystematicsAssociation@gmail.com</u>), supplying your name, contact address and stating whether or not you wish to give an oral or poster presentation. Please also tell us your academic stage – e.g., Masters, PhD or postdoc. Space will be allocated subject to availability and for a balanced programme of animal, plant, algal, microbial, molecular and other research. Non-presenting attendees are also very welcome - please register as above.

Again the YSF will be held the day after the **Molluscan Forum** (http://www.malacsoc.org.uk/MolluscanForum.htm) also at the Natural History Museum. This has been arranged so both meetings can be attended, although if attending both you will have to register for both meetings separately.

Abstracts must be submitted by e-mail in English no later than **Friday 28 October 2016**. The body text should not exceed 150 words in length. Title, authors, and their professional affiliations should be included with the abstracts. If the presentation is co-authored, the actual speaker (*oral*) or presenter (*poster*) must be clearly indicated in **BOLD** text.

If you have presented a talk at the YSF before, we ask that you submit only for a poster presentation, as speaker slots are limited and we want to give as many people a chance as possible. Similarly, if you are presenting at both the YSF and MF, we ask that you not apply for speaking slots in both (or let us know so we can assess).

All registered attendants will receive further information about the meeting, including abstracts, by e-mail one week in advance. This information will also be displayed on the Systematics Association website (www.systass.org).