

NOW 25 years anniversary book: call for contributions

Dear Colleagues,

as you know, the NOW database has grown up. Indeed, it will turn 25 years in 2021. To celebrate that we are preparing a special volume – The NOW book.

We are considering publishing the volume in **Springer's Vertebrate Paleobiology and Palaeanthropology Series**

edited by Eric Delson and Eric Sargis, pending a successful approval of our book proposal. This series has published notable volumes, including the recently issued “Methods in Paleoecology” by Croft et al. These are hardcover books with good quality and some color pictures. We are trying to raise funding to make the whole volume open access.

We are currently preparing a plan for the book to be submitted for consideration to Springer, outlining tentative chapters and contributors. This is why we are opening the **call for contributions**. If you alone or together with any collaborators would like to contribute a chapter, **please send an e-mail to the editors (contact details are below) indicating your interest by November 30, 2019**.

Ideally these should be paper-length chapters (20-30 printed pages) focusing on the evolution of Cenozoic land mammal faunas and ecosystems. Chapters would mostly address issues in evolutionary paleoecology, but other topics are welcome. The only mandatory requirement is that the data are derived from the NOW (even if modified, emended or expanded). Chapters may be entirely original research, or they can build on previous works, such as providing an updated review of a particular question. In addition, there will be two special chapters, one on the history of the NOW (led by Mikael) and one on the structure and contents of the NOW (led by Indrè). All the Coordinators of NOW will be invited to be co-authors on this chapter, around 100 co-authors are expected on this chapter. Last but not least, Kay Behrensmeyer will write the opening foreword for the book.

The deadline for the full chapters will be by late 2020. We will be happy to receive your proposals (as well as discuss possible topics for the chapters). Ideally, we need to have a tentative table of contents before 2020, so **please send your proposed contributions by the end of November at the latest to isaac.casanovas@icp.cat** .

Thanks in advance for joining us in this celebration, it is going to be an awesome volume, you can be sure of that.

Sincerely,
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Editors of the volume

The NOW Database



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