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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTEGRATIVE APPROACHES OF RODENT STUDIES: TAXONOMY, PHYLOGENY, ECOLOGY, PARASITOLOGY AND EPIDEMIOLOGY OF RODENT-BORNE DISEASES

Mashhad, 27-29 January 2018



### First Circular



The Institute of Applied Zoology and Biology Department of Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, in collaboration with National Museum of Natural History of Paris, Research Centre for Emerging and Reemerging Infectious Diseases of Pasteur Institute of Iran and Iranian Biology Society, are organizing the “**International Conference on Integrative Approaches of Rodent Studies: Taxonomy, Phylogeny, Ecology, Parasitology and Epidemiology of Rodent-borne Diseases**”. The conference will be held at the Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran on January 27-29, 2018. It will be an exciting opportunity for attendees to network and share knowledge on different aspects of research carried out on Rodents.



The conference will include International plenary speakers, special sessions for oral presentations, poster sessions, training workshops and awards for the best oral and poster presentations. The official language of the conference will be English.

### Abstract submission

Participants wishing to give a talk or poster should submit an informative abstract, along with the registration form, preferably through the conference website (<http://RodentConf.um.ac.ir>). Abstracts can be sent by email to [rodentconf@um.ac.ir](mailto:rodentconf@um.ac.ir), only if you have problem with online submission.

Abstract submission will be closed on December 1, 2017. When submitting your abstract, please, indicate whether you wish it to be considered for an oral presentation or a poster, and in which session you would like it to be included.

The abstracts should be between 200-400 words, with an informative title and 5 keywords.

Accepted abstracts will be published in a supplement of 2018 edition of the “*Iranian Journal of Animal Biosystematics*”



## Sessions

**Taxonomy and Phylogeny** (organizers: Drs. Violaine Nicolas-Colin, Christiane Denys, Boris Krystufek, Jamshid Darvish and Mansour Aliabadian)

**Host and Parasites Interactions** (organizers: Drs. Jean-Pierre Hugot, Gholamreza Mowlavi and Saied Reza Naddaf)

**Epidemiology and Rodent-borne Diseases** (organizers: Drs. Aude Lalis, Ehsan Mostafavi and Nona Moradpoor)

**Archaeology and Paleontology** (organizers: Drs. Christiane Denys and Jamshid Darvish)

**Pest Management** (organizers: Drs. Christiane Denys, Omid Mirshamsi and Jamshid Darvish)

**Ecology and Evolution** (organizers: Drs. Julien Claude, Fereshteh Ghasemzadeh, Roohollah Siahzarvie and Faezeh Yazdani Moghadam)

## Training workshops

- 1- **Field Trapping Protocols and Sampling Methodologies of Rodents and Their Parasites (a post-conference two-day fieldwork)**
- 2- **Integrative Identification of Rodents**
- 3- **Geometric Morphometrics with R Program**

## Registration fees

The registration fee is 80 Euros for full members and 60 Euros for students and post-docs. It will include welcome pack, 2 lunches, coffee and tea breaks, farewell ceremony, city tour and transport from hotel to conference hall and vice versa.

Only for Non-local (i.e. non-Iranian) participants, the registration fee can be paid on the spot to the reception of the conference.

## Venue

ICIARS will take place at the Faculty of Science of Ferdowsi University of Mashhad in Iran. Ferdowsi University of Mashhad is the 3<sup>rd</sup> university of Iran, composed of 12 faculties, 38 research centers, 820 faculty members and over 20,000 students. The Faculty of Science offers different conference spaces from lecture theaters for presentations, to small meeting rooms for group discussions.



## Getting there

Mashhad is the second biggest city of Iran with around 3 million inhabitants, and is accessible by Plane, Train and Bus/Car. For non-local participants, organizers will take charge for visa application and will help them how to get to Mashhad. A welcoming committee will pick them up from the airport and accompany them to hotel.



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The organizers look forward to welcoming you to Iran and hope that you will enjoy your stay in Mashhad.

