

## 1<sup>st</sup> Announcement

### VII Congress of the Iberian Society for Ichthyology

## Where rivers meet the ocean

The Organizing Committee of **SIBIC2018**, the VII Congress of the Iberian Society of Ichthyology, is pleased to announce the opening of the inscriptions and submission of abstracts, beginning on November 6, 2018. We remind you that the event will take place in Faro between 12 and 16 June 2018.

After the invitation, this first announcement aims to mark the beginning of the participatory process and to provide more detailed information about the program, activities, registration and presentation of abstracts. Thus the Organizing Committee invites all those interested to submit proposals for communications that address any question related to the following topics:

- Systematics, Phylogeography and Evolution, and Population genetics
- Physiology, Endocrinology, Immunology and Toxicology
- Fish Behavior and Welfare
- Migration, connectivity and regulated rivers
- Life cycles, Ecology and Conservation of freshwater fishes
- Life cycles, Ecology and Conservation of marine and estuarine fishes
- Elasmobranchs and Highly migratory oceanic fish
- Non-native or invasive species and Climate Change
- Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Habitat conservation or restoration and Marine Protected Areas
- Fish models, Biotechnology and *-omics*
- Fish, Science and Society - Public awareness and Citizen science

#### Submission of abstracts

As usual, SIBIC2018 will accept proposals for oral and panel communications, with a maximum of 4 contributions per participant (up to 2 for oral presentation). Abstracts should be prepared in a word document following the instructions indicated on the conference site at [www.sibic2018.org](http://www.sibic2018.org) and the submission will be made through the form available online. The deadline for submission of abstracts ends on March 16, 2018. The evaluation process will have a wide range of experts in the various subject areas and the results will be communicated within two weeks. Indications regarding the formatting of presentations will be made available later. The organizing committee is in negotiations for subsequent publications. Check the news on the Congress website.

#### Registration types

The application must be made in the form provided on the congress website. After registration participants will receive a confirmation email with payment instructions, which must be done by bank transfer. Registration fees include attendance at scientific sessions, coffee breaks, lunches and various

social activities. The congress dinner, in the amount of € 15, can be subscribed together with one of the registration types according to the table below. Dinner registration is limited to the first 200 registrations.

Registration type	Valor de Inscrição		
	Until 03/04/2018	Until 08/06/2018	At Congress
SIBIC members	210€	260€	310€
Non-members	290€	370€	420€
Young members or students	125€	160€	210€
SIBIC members + Dinner	225€ *	275€ *	325€ *
Non-members + Dinner	305€ *	385€ *	435€ *
Young members or students + Dinner	140€ *	175€ *	225€ *

\*- Subject to availability.

SIBIC will make available several scholarships to Young Members, Unemployed Members and Student Members to obtain a scholarship that cover the early registration fee. More information online.

Exhibitors for companies: Contact the secretariat ([sibic2018@ualg.pt](mailto:sibic2018@ualg.pt)) for more information on the conditions for booth placement.

### Programa

The Congress will have up to 4 regular sessions in parallel, with a keynote communication of 25 minutes and oral communications of 15 minutes. The sessions will be built according to the abstracts submitted in the various topics indicated above. There is also room for special sessions on topics of specific interest, or with round tables or discussion panels. The sessions can also be organized by any willing participant, who should contact the Organizing Committee. There will also be 4 invited plenary lectures, which will be transversal to several of the themes of the Congress. A provisional calendar can be found online.

### Additional activities

There are various activities inside and outside the official Congress program. Included are the welcome reception at the Municipal Museum, guided tours of the city of Faro and a boat tour of the Ria Formosa. For those who want, the organization will offer 3 possibilities of activities on the morning of Saturday, June 16, 1) visit to the aquaculture pilot station of IPMA and the Ria Formosa Park, 2) kayak /SUP rides at the Nautical Center of Praia de Faro and 3) visit to the LIFE Saramugo LIFE intervention sites under the responsibility of the League for the Protection of Nature. Places are limited.

### Travel and accommodation

The Algarve, and Faro, are subject to high tourist demand in the summer, which reduces availability and increases the cost of travel and accommodation. Book early to ensure your stay is reasonably priced. The organization is in contact with several hotel units to obtain more favorable conditions for the participants. If possible, low-cost accommodation will be available at the University of Algarve residences. Keep an eye on the Congress site.

We hope to see you in Faro. See you soon!

The Organizing Committee, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018