

# Synthesis of systematic resources

### SYNTHESYS is back - funding available for short research visits

New Call Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 (17:00 UK time).

The SYNTHESYS Office is pleased to announce the third call for applications of the SYNTHESYS3 project under the current European Commission's FPVII European-funded Integrating Activities funding scheme.

SYNTHESYS Access funding is available to provide scientists (Users) based in European Member, Associate and Candidate States to undertake short visits to utilise the infrastructure (comprising the collections, staff expertise and analytical facilities) at one of the 18 partner institutions (see full list below) for the purposes of their research. This is the third of four annual calls for applications during the project's four-year duration.

Access Call 3 will officially open for applications on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015. **The Call 3 deadline will be 17:00 (UK time) Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2015** and awarded visits must take place within 2016 (calendar year).

#### **APPLY HERE**

### **Taxonomic Access Facilities (TAFs)**

The 18 partner institutions are organised into 11 national TAFs. TAF Users will be hosted by a TAF staff member (Host).

The 11 TAFs represent an unparalleled resource for taxonomic research offering:

- Collections amounting to over 390 million natural history specimens, including
  3.3 million type specimens
- o Internationally renowned taxonomic and systematic skill base
- o Facilities including: molecular and imaging and chemical analysis
- New Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung and State Museum of Natural History Stuttgart are now offering Access as part of DE-TAF

Proposals for funding are welcomed from high-calibre scientists in any technical discipline seeking access for short-term research visits (average duration 15 days). SYNTHESYS is able to meet the Users' costs for:

- Research costs (bench fees and laboratory consumables)
- o International travel & local accommodation while based at the TAF
- o A per diem contribution towards living costs

See <u>www.synthesys.info</u> for more information or contact <u>synthesys@nhm.ac.uk</u>



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#### **SYNTHESYS TAFs:**

AT-TAF Naturhistorisches Muse
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BE-TAF Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences; Royal Museum of Central Africa;

CZ-TAF Národní Muzeum, Praha;

DE-TAF Museum für Naturkunde;

Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum; Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung \*\*NEW\*\* State Museum of Natural History Stuttgart \*\*NEW\*\*

ES-TAF Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales & Real Jardín Botánico Naturales (CSIC):

DK-TAF The Natural History Museum of Denmark;

FR-TAF Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle;

GB-TAF Natural History Museum, London; Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh;

HU-TAF Hungarian Natural History Museum;

NL-TAF Naturalis Biodiversity Center; \*major collections closure for 2 years from August 2016 – Call 3 is last chance to apply for access under SYNTHESYS – see <a href="www.synthesys.info/access">www.synthesys.info/access</a> for details

SE-TAF Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet.

Eligibility:

The SYNTHESYS TAFs are inviting Access applications from scientists working in the Member States of the EU:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark (including Greenland), Estonia, Finland, France (including Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guyane, La Réunion), Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

Plus the Associated Countries of the EU:

Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, FYR Macedonia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Republic of Moldova Republic of Serbia, Switzerland and Turkey.