

UNITAS  
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# WCM 2013 AZORES

Circular 1

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THE MALACOLOGICAL  
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The “World Congress of Malacology” (2013), the emblematic event of UNITAS MALACOLOGICA (UM), will be held on the main campus of the University of the Azores, at Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, from 21-28 July. The congress will also facilitate activities of its affiliated societies, under the coordination of UM; the American Malacological Society (AMS), The Malacological Society of London (MSL) and the Sociedad Española de Malacología (SEM) have already expressed interest in this association.

The congress is open to all contributions in the field of malacology and will host symposia as well as contributed papers and posters.

Participants are welcome to propose to organize symposia on themes of their election. We foresee about 12 symposia and the following intentions were received:

- How did they get here?: a look into the past to understand the present – Sérgio Ávila + Carlos Marques da Silva
- There’s something about Opisthobranchia –Heike Wägele, Terry Gosliner & Jesus Troncoso,
- Mudflat mollusks – (early suggestion from David Lindberg/Peter Beninger)
- Molluscs and accelerated environmental change - (early suggestion from David Lindberg/Peter Beninger)
- Invasive mollusks - (early suggestion from David Lindberg/Peter Beninger)
- Biogeography – Kostas Triantis
- Aculifera (honouring Christoffer Schander) – Julia Sigwart

The conference will start with an « icebreaker » late afternoon on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>. The scientific presentations will be organized in parallel sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. For Wednesday, a choice of leisure activities, not included in the registration fee, will be made

available by our travel agency, including touristic trips around the island, whale watching, diving and nature walks.

Collecting in the Azores has been recently legislated. Permits must be acquired at the proper governmental agency; further information will be posted on the Congress webpage. The Congress does not issue collecting permits. However, we strongly urge collectors to consider associating with the Azorean home team for their researches.

Convenient accommodation will be available at the university dormitories (about 30 rooms); priority will be given to students. The youth hostel has kindly reserved all rooms for the occasion, available for students only. This accommodation will be provided on a first come first served basis, and will be handled through the organization.

Traveling, hotel accommodation and leisure activities will be handled by the travel agency TOP-Atlântico (<http://www.tadmc.com>) and full information on package deals can be obtained from [helia.pereira@tadmc.pt](mailto:helia.pereira@tadmc.pt). The congress will not coordinate hotel accommodation.

Congress registration fees (€) (before / after 30 April 2013):

- Full registration, UM-members or members of affiliated society in good standing 220 / 270
- Full registration, non-UM-members 280 / 330
- Student, UM-member or member of affiliated society in good standing 110 / 150
- Student, non-UM-member 160 / 200

Fees include registration, abstract book, icebreaker, lunches during session days, drinks and the wine/beer/degustation poster reception. The congress dinner is not included.

There will be several student awards for oral and poster presentations, including awards presented by UM and awards presented by affiliated societies. The process will be jointly coordinated.

UM will provide a consistent amount of Travel Grants. Applicants must be a member of UM or of an affiliated society in good standing UM membership condition. If not, a three-year UM membership will be deduced from the grant. The maximum amount of any Travel Grant will be 400 € for applicants from Central/Western Europe and North America and 800 € for the remaining cases.

Application forms will be sent out with the next circular and will be available from the WCM 2013 website and the UM website. They can also be requested when pre-registering (see below).

Information on UM affiliated societies' grants to their student members will be made available also through the Congress website, upon acknowledgement to the organization committee.

The congress website ([www.wcm2013.com](http://www.wcm2013.com)) will soon be activated. In the meantime additional info can be obtained at: [WCMAzores2013@uac.pt](mailto:WCMAzores2013@uac.pt).

You can also PRE-REGISTER at this e-mail address, or directly through the webpage, when available, by indicating:

- (1) what kind of presentation(s) you would like to give (NOTE: each participant can only act as first author of ONE oral presentation and ONE poster presentation);
- (2) what type of registrant you are (UM member, student UM, non-UM member, student non-UM);
- (3) if non-student, whether you intend to stay at the University dorms + how many persons/room. NOTE: priority given to students);
- (4) if student, which accommodation you prefer (University dorms/youth hostel+ how many persons/room);
- (5) whether you want to receive a Travel Grant application form;
- (6) whether you need a congress « invitation » or « acceptance » letter (sometimes needed for certain grant applications).

Pre-registration IS NOT A FORMAL BOOKING; it simply implies that you will be put on the congress mailing list, so that you will automatically receive the next circulars (via E-mail, unless explicitly requested otherwise).

The airplane will be the only means of transportation to and from the Azores. SATA (Azorean Airways), sometimes code-sharing with TAP (Portuguese Airways), is the only company flying regularly to/from the Azores. SATA flies also to/from some other points. We are proud to announce that SATA is a sponsor of the WCM Azores 2013! Special opportunities will be offered to those who book their ticket through SATA services. Detailed information will be posted on the Congress webpage. In the meantime, you may wish to take a look at the airline's website, [www.sata.pt](http://www.sata.pt)

