

Dear All in NOW,

It's a rainy day of a colourful autumn here in Helsinki. Two days remain until the registration deadline for the NOW anniversary meeting in Barcelona (Sabadell). The meeting will have scientific sessions as well as palaeontological data development sessions, including NOW development. Hope many of us gather there, the submissions that I've seen so far are already looking wonderful. Join us even if you don't feel like presenting anything.

Link to the call:

https://nowdatabase.org/static/now/circulars/NOW_meeting_2022_second_circular.pdf

The meeting is open to anyone interested.

In other NOW news, this summer was exceptional for NOW data development. Many new localities have been entered and existing localities updated in the Pleistocene China and South East Asia; the East and North African data of all times has been expanded and updated (the stratigraphy still needs further updates); a set of European Pleistocene localities have been curated and released. Other than that, many coordinators sent updates or edited the database directly and more actively than usual, very nice to see NOW working this way.

Meanwhile, times are busy as ever on the NOW factory floor. The long-term software developer Jouni is stepping down from NOW for now due to personal circumstances. Jouni is still heroically working on the last developments: the NOW archaeology tab (to be released very soon, more on it in the NOW meeting), a simplified NOW export (there will be two options for NOW data download: a very basic version with only a few columns and an extensive version similar to the csv download now), as well as a possibility to assign sub-localities to general localities that are already in NOW.

Speaking of NOW export, quite many of us in the past few months encountered problems when exporting NOW data, that sometimes reoccur depending on the browser used. The problem has been alleviated but has not been fully solved yet, the new export functionality will hopefully solve it. Meanwhile, if you have any issues with data download get in touch with Kari Lintulaakso.

What happens after Jouni is gone, is open, to be discussed in NOW Barcelona, as well as many other topics. If you are not coming to Barcelona (and even if you do) and if you have any suggestions, complaints, or news to share, about NOW or in general, do write.

See you soon!

Best,

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General Coordinator of NOW