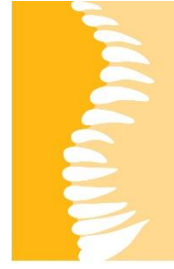


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NOW 25th Anniversary Meeting

Sabadell (Barcelona), 16-18 November 2022

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FIRST CIRCULAR

Dear colleague,

The NOW database of fossil mammals started as a small joint initiative in 1996 and has grown and evolved over three decades into a thriving community including mammal paleontologists from all over the world. NOW, initially set to include only data of Neogene mammals of the Old World today has turned global in scope and includes data for all Cenozoic mammals. A lot has changed since 1996, yet the spirit, illusion and ideals that promoted its creation are there and have engaged new generations of paleontologists.

We have NOW for years to come, but 25 years is quite a respectable age for a database and this requires a celebration. Therefore, it is our pleasure

to invite you to the **NOW 25th anniversary meeting to be held in Sabadell (Barcelona, Spain) in November 16-18th 2022**. Please note this is not an event reserved to NOW contributors, everyone is invited!

This will be a **fully presential meeting** and will include two days of conferences and workshops plus one day of fieldtrip. There will be various **thematic sessions** devoted to different topics ranging from systematics and biochronology to paleobiogeography, paleobiodiversity and ecometrics. In addition, there will be two **keynotes**, a first one by **Mikael Fortelius** (U. Helsinki), the creator and driving force behind the NOW for many years; and a second one by **Indrė Žliobaitė** (U. Helsinki), its current general coordinator. Finally, there will be **one-day fieldtrip to the Vallès-Penedès Basin**, one of the best Miocene continental records worldwide.

Contributions will be only oral and **extended abstracts** will be peer-reviewed and published on a special issue of the journal *Paleontologia i Evolució*. More information on abstract formatting and submission will be given in the second circular. Deadline for abstract submission is expected to be by the end of August.

If you are interested in attending to this celebration meeting, please send an email to now25@icp.cat. We will also be glad to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to hearing from you, see you at Sabadell and long live to NOW!

The Organizing Committee

More information at: <https://now25.icp.cat>

PD. Information on registration fees, how to arrive to the venue and accommodation recommendations will be given in forthcoming circulars.