



### Third Circular on the Forum Herbulot 2014 (by Axel Hausmann & Sven Erlacher)

Dear 'Herbulotians'

Recently, you have been invited to FORUM HERBULOT 2014 in Germany on “*How to accelerate the inventory of Biodiversity*” (June 30 – July 4 2014; Naturschutzzentrum Erzgebirge; <http://www.naturschutzzentrum-erzgebirge.de/>)

This great event is approaching now and we are happy to inform you about the preliminary program (see page 2 of this circular) which will include some very interesting keynote talks on the topics of acceleration of biodiversity assessment and minimum standards for species description. The presence of so many experienced colleagues who have registered (about 50 colleagues from 22 nations) will warrant an excitingly high scientific level for Forum Herbulot 2014 and inspiring discussions.

We like to ask those who haven't yet registered, to do so soon by a simple, non-formal e-mail to Sven Erlacher ([erlacher@naturkunde-chemnitz.de](mailto:erlacher@naturkunde-chemnitz.de); please communicate us your travel details, also those who will arrive with private cars), this will help us to organize as well as possible your accommodation and the transfer/shuttle services. We encourage you to pay the deposit of 150 Euro as soon as possible.

Furthermore we like to encourage you to communicate us the titles of your talks or poster presentation as soon as possible (to Axel Hausmann, [axel.hausmann@zsm.mwn.de](mailto:axel.hausmann@zsm.mwn.de)).

As written in Newsletter 4 (1) and in the second circular the registration of about 30 participants is possible in a nearby hotel (10 minutes walking). For those who want to register in the Congress centre itself we refer to the accommodation types and estimated costs in the second circular (cf. FH website [www.geometridae.de](http://www.geometridae.de)). Currently it seems that we will not range at the upper limit of the cost estimation, but lower. Whoever needs support from the (unfortunately limited) "Herbulot solidarity fund", please contact [Axel.Hausmann@zsm.mwn.de](mailto:Axel.Hausmann@zsm.mwn.de).

Looking forward to have a great time with you at the FH2014

Axel Hausmann and Sven Erlacher

PS: All circulars are permanently posted on the FH website [www.geometridae.de](http://www.geometridae.de)

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**Forum Herbulot 2014 - preliminary program**  
**Naturschutzzentrum Erzgebirge, Germany**  
*Title (focus): How to accelerate the inventory of biodiversity*



Monday, June 30, 2014

Arrival, Transfer, Icebreaker (Bavarian/Thuringian barbecue), Evening: collecting

Tuesday, July 1, 2014

9:00-12:30: Morning plenary sessions: keynote-lectures on minimum description standards – taxonomical and nomenclatorial implications

9.00 *Short Opening address* Axel Hausmann (Germany): Claude Herbulot – how he shows us the way for accelerating species descriptions and integrating modern techniques

Michael Balke (Germany): Taxonomy - faster. Better

Andrew Polaszek (U.K.): The Zoological Code – putting the brakes on turbotaxonomy?

Ellinor Michel (U.K.; executive secretary of the ICZN): preliminarily accepted, awaiting confirmation; title not yet decided

Plenary discussions (focus: minimum description standards)

11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*

Lyubomir Penev (Bulgaria): title not yet decided (focus: "presentation of the PWT/BDJ workflow, and outline of the idea of an automated export of voucher specimen metadata")

Sujeewan Ratnasingham (Canada): title not yet decided (focus: "the BIN system for species delineation and interim taxonomy")

Plenary discussions (focus: technical work flows)

12:30-14:30 *Lunch break*

14:30-19:00: Afternoon plenary sessions: keynote-lectures on rapid biodiversity assessment – examples from various aspects of lepidopteran research

Jeremy deWaard (Canada): title not yet decided

Scott Miller (U.S.A.): title not yet decided

Hermann Staude (South Africa): Accelerating the inventory of Lepidoptera early-stages and host-plant & other associations, by using citizen-science projects

Plenary discussions

16:00-16:20 *Coffee break*

Breakout in 5-6 topical sub-groups with discussions

Plenary group-presentations with discussions, if possible fixing a consensus declaration

19:00 *Dinner*

Evening: field studies and collecting

Wednesday, July 2, 2014

9:00-12:30: Morning plenary sessions: 10'-lectures on geometrid/lepidopteran research

14:30-19:00: Afternoon plenary sessions: 10'-lectures on geometrid/lepidopteran research

Evening: field studies and collecting

Thursday, July 3, 2014

9:00-12:30: Morning plenary sessions: 10'-lectures and 5' slots on geometrid research and other topics

Afternoon: Visit to the museum in Chemnitz

Evening: Congress dinner in Chemnitz, Closure

Friday, July 4, 2014

Morning: Travel to Dresden, visit to the museum, sightseeing, ship tour on Elbe river

Evening (facultative, for those having tickets): Opera (Il barbiere di Sevilla)

Saturday, July 5, 2014: Transfers, departures