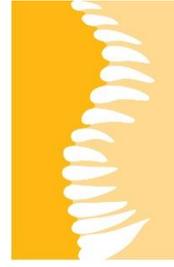


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# NOW 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting

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 of a few researchers in 1996 but over three decades it has grown and evolved into a thriving community including mammal paleontologists from all over the world. NOW, initially set to include only data of Neogene mammals from the Old World, has turned global in scope and nowadays includes data for Cenozoic mammals worldwide. A lot has changed since 1996, yet

the spirit, illusion, and ideals that promoted its creation are still there and have succeed in engaging 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, after one year of delay because of the pandemic, it is our pleasure to invite you to the **NOW 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting to be held in Sabadell (Barcelona, Spain) in November 16-18<sup>th</sup> 2022**. Please note this is not an event reserved to NOW contributors, everyone is invited!

This will be a **fully face-to-face meeting** and will include two days of talks 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**, the first one by **Mikael Fortelius** (U. Helsinki), the founder and driving force behind the NOW for many years; and the second one by **Indrė Žliobaitė** (U. Helsinki), the current NOW general coordinator. Finally, there will be a **one-day fieldtrip to the Vallès-Penedès Basin**, one of the best Miocene continental records worldwide.

**Contributions will be restricted to oral communications** and **extended abstracts** will be peer-reviewed and published in 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 email us at [now25@icp.cat](mailto: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!

Isaac Casanovas-Vilar, on behalf of the Organizing Committee

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

PS: Information on registration fees, abstract submission deadline and guidelines, how to arrive to the venue, and accommodation recommendations will be given in forthcoming circulars.