

**1) 2015 ScNat bicentenary – Species 200**

In 2015, the Swiss Society of Systematic celebrates 200 years of biodiversity research, by presenting, on a poster, 200 animal and plant species described during the last two centuries by researchers based in Switzerland. We hope that this poster, designed for students, researchers, natural science enthusiasts and also the general public, will make known the importance of the description of new species and highlight the dynamism of Switzerland in this field of research.



The poster comes in German, French or Italian. See [here](#) where to get yours!

This poster was officially sent to the President of the ScNat, along with a [letter](#) in which we expressed our concern about the decreasing support of the Academy toward fieldworks, and in particular the situation of the de Giacomi Grant.



This project was highlighted during the anniversary party in Bern on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June: tables and name tags were decorated with a picture from our 200 species project, which was explained to the audience at the very beginning of the introduction speech!

## 2) SSS-Day– Bern, 6 November 2015

This year's Society annual meeting will take place at Bern Naturhistorisches Museum. One of the invited speaker is [Dr Robert Scotland](#) (Oxford Univ.) on “*Accelerating the pace of taxonomy*”. The talk will illustrate and discuss how new species are discovered in the context of plant taxonomy, and describes an initiative to accelerate the pace of revising and discovering species.

As usual, we'll also have regular talks and the SSS general assembly. Registration will start end of September.



## 3) Reminder - SSS prize for the best Master thesis



The SSS wants to encourage brilliant young scientists in their early career and therefore set up a yearly prize that will reward an excellent contribution in the field of systematics at the level of a Master thesis. Deadline to submit the master thesis to the SSS President ([alice.cibois@ville-ge.ch](mailto:alice.cibois@ville-ge.ch)): **July 31st**. Instructions can be found on the [SSS website](#).

## 4) Biology16 – Lausanne 11-12 February 2016

“Biology” meetings take place to celebrate Darwin's birthday and to share the latest scientific research in ecology and evolution. Next year

the conference will take place at the University of Lausanne, Génopode Building, on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 February 2016. The conference's [website](#) is already up and running!



**The SSS Board wishes you a nice summer !!**