

El programa **SYNTHESES**, sota el patrocini del **VII Programa Marc** de la Unió Europea, obre un període de sol·licituds per a estades curtes (fins a 15 dies) per a investigadors de la UE amb destí a les principals col·leccions de biodiversitat participants (herbaris i grans infraestructures). El termini finalitza el dia **17 d'octubre**.

A continuació s'inclou la informació sobre la convocatòria

SYNTHESES – Funding available for short research visits

New Call Deadline; 17th October 2010, (17:00 UK time).

The SYNTHESES Office is pleased to announce the start of the new SYNTHESES project and has now opened its second Call for proposals under the European Commission's FPVII European-funded Integrating Activities funding scheme.

SYNTHESES funding is available to provide scientists (Users) based in European Member, Associate and Candidate States to undertake short visits to utilise the infrastructure (comprising the collections, staff expertise and analytical facilities) at one of the 16 partner institutions (see full list below) for the purposes of their research.

Taxonomic Access Facilities (TAFs)

The 16 partner institutions are organised into 10 national TAFs. TAF Users will be hosted by a TAF staff member (Host).

The 10 TAFs represent an unparalleled resource for taxonomic research offering:

- collections amounting to over 324 million natural history specimens, including 3.3 million type specimens
- internationally renowned taxonomic and systematic skill base
- chemical analysis, molecular and imaging facilities.

Proposals for funding are welcomed from high-calibre researchers seeking access for short-term visits (average duration 15 days). SYNTHESES is able to meet the Users' costs for:

- o Research costs*
- o International travel
- o Local accommodation while based at the TAF

o A per diem to contribute towards living costs and travel to/from international departure points

* Research related costs including bench fees and consumables (including molecular biology at some TAFs).

See www.synthesys.info for more information or contact synthesys@nhm.ac.uk

SYNTHESES Partners

AT-TAF Naturhistorisches Museum, Wien

BE-TAF Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences; Koninklijk Museum voor Midden-Afrika

DE-TAF Museum fur Naturkunde; Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum

ES-TAF Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales; Real Jardín Botánico Naturales

DK-TAF The Natural History Museum of Denmark

FR-TAF Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle

GB-TAF Natural History Museum; Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

HU-TAF Hungarian Natural History Museum

NL-TAF University van Amsterdam; Nationaal Herbarium Nederland; National Natural History Museum Naturalis

SE-TAF Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet

The SYNTHESYS Partners are inviting applications from researchers based in the Member States of the EU:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark (including Greenland), Estonia, Finland, France (including Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guyane, La Réunion), Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

Plus the Associated Countries of the EU: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Faroe Islands, FYR Macedonia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Republic of Serbia, Switzerland and Turkey