This conference is dedicated to young researchers in natural history (non-permanent researchers such as PhD students, postdocs or master students). As such, there are no registration fees and young researchers only can submit abstracts to present communications, but senior researchers are very welcome to attend the conference. The meeting will be entirely in English.

We invite contributions (either oral or poster communications) on all aspects of natural history represented in these six sessions:

- Biodiversity Dynamics and Conservation
- Humanities and Natural Sciences
- Systematics, Evolution and Comparative Anatomy
- Earth and Planetary Sciences
- Evolutionary Ecology
- Methods in Natural Sciences

A keynote speaker will open each of these multidisciplinary themes with a lecture on a relevant topic.

**Deadline for abstract submission is December 16th 2016 (23:59 GMT+1)**

Submissions and registration have to be done on our website: [https://ynhm2017.sciencesconf.org](https://ynhm2017.sciencesconf.org)

A scientific committee has been appointed and will review all the abstracts. As there are limited time slots for oral presentation, abstracts that cannot be accepted for a talk will be accepted for a poster presentation. Guidelines on presentation formats can be found on our website.

A public conference will be given in English by Evrard Wandenbaum Friday 10th. He will talk about the multidisciplinary expeditions he made, and the exploration of unknown places.

Field trips and visits of the Muséum will take place Friday 10th afternoon and Saturday 11th. Places will be limited, registrations will take place on the website (more information to come).

Don't miss the closure gala Thursday evening!
**Venue and travel**

The conference will take place at the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle in Paris (France) between the 7th and the 11th of February 2017. We will attribute **limited travel grants** for young researchers coming from far away to help them to pay the trip. Priority will be given to people with an oral presentation. Information and application for the grants are available on our website.

**Getting There**

**Address:** Jardin des Plantes 36, rue Geoffroy Saint Hilaire 75005 Paris  
**Bus Lines:** 24, 57, 61, 63, 67, 89 and 91  
**Metro, RER:** M5: Austerlitz, M7: Censier Daubenton, M10: Jussieu or Austerlitz, RER C: Austerlitz.  
**SNCF Railway Stations:** Austerlitz or Gare de Lyon (but all the railway stations are connected to metro and bus lines)  
**Plane:** Paris has two major international airports: Roissy-Charles de Gaulle (North of Paris) and Orly (South of Paris). Transfer from the airport can be achieved by city trains (RER) or buses leading to the center of Paris (and therefore connection to the metro). The transfer takes between 30 and 45 minutes.

**For those interested in taking advantage of their stay in Paris to access the Muséum’s collections**

The Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle stands as a fantastic memory of life forms and minerals, holding one of the most important international reference collections. Inert objects displaying palaeontology, geology, mineralogy, meteorites, botany, zoology, prehistory, anthropology, ethnobiology and chemistry are estimated to total over 60 million specimens. Visits to our collections are welcomed, but access is dependent on the availability of curatorial staff. Delegates are strongly encouraged to contact the curators well in advance of the meeting through the colhelper interface ([http://colhelper.mnhn.fr/](http://colhelper.mnhn.fr/)).

All details about the YNHM can be found at: [http://ynhm2017.sciencesconf.org/](http://ynhm2017.sciencesconf.org/)  
You also can follow us on Twitter (#YNHM2017) and Facebook.

Please feel free to share this with colleagues who may be interested in attending, and do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about the meeting ([ynhm2017@gmail.com](mailto:ynhm2017@gmail.com)).

We look forward to seeing you in Paris!

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