

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:**  
**TAXONOMIC RESEARCH VISITS IN EUROPE**

The following call for applications represents an opportunity for researchers in certain countries (see list below) to spend research visits at the most important museums and herbaria in Europe. Some of these institutions have molecular labs in which DNA barcoding is being done. These SYNTHESYS research visits therefore offer the opportunity to examine important specimens and to conduct barcoding.

DEADLINE: The application deadline is 28th September 2007

APPLICATION INFORMATION: See [www.synthesys.info](http://www.synthesys.info) for more information  
or contact [synthesys@nhm.ac.uk](mailto:synthesys@nhm.ac.uk)

The SYNTHESYS Office is pleased to announce the Seventh call for proposals under the European Commission's FPVI European-funded Integrated Infrastructure Initiative. SYNTHESYS Project funding is available to provide scientists (Users) based in European Member and Associated States to undertake short visits to utilize the infrastructure (namely the collections, staff expertise and analytical facilities) at one of the 20 partner institutions (see full list below) for the purposes of their research. The 20 partner institutions are organised into 11 national Taxonomic Facilities (TAFs). TAF Users will be hosted by a TAF staff member.

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

- Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, as well as;

The Associated Countries of the EU:

- Switzerland, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Norway, and

Candidate Countries of the EU:

- Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey.

The 11 TAF institutions represent an unparalleled resource for taxonomic research offering: Collections amounting to over 337 million natural history specimens, including 3.3 million type specimens. Internationally renowned taxonomic and systematic skill base\* Chemical analysis, molecular and imaging facilities. Proposals will be welcomed from high calibre researchers seeking access for short-term visits.

SYNTHESYS is able to meet the Users' costs for:

- \* Research costs\*
- \* International travel
- \* Local accommodation whilst based at the TAF \* A per diem to contribute towards living costs
- \* Research related costs including: bench fees and consumables (including molecular biology at some TAFs).

SYNTHESYS Partners:

- GB-TAF Natural History Museum, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.
- 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.
- SE-TAF Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet.
- NL-TAF University van Amsterdam, Nationaal Herbarium Nederland, Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures, National Natural History Museum Naturalis.
- DE-TAF Museum für Naturkunde, Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum.
- AT-TAF Naturhistorisches Museum, Wien.
- HU-TAF Hungarian Natural History Museum.
- PL-TAF Museum and Institute of Zoology, Polish Academy of Sciences.
- BE-TAF Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Koninklijk Museum voor Midden-Afrika, National Botanic Garden of Belgium.