



Barcode of Life
Initiative

CONSORTIUM FOR THE BARCODE OF LIFE

The Second International Barcode Conference

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

17-19 September

Taipei, Taiwan

Dear Colleague,

The Second International Barcode Conference, co-organized by the Consortium for the Barcode of Life (CBOL) and Academia Sinica, will be held in Taipei, Taiwan on 18-20 September 2007. The conference will highlight the progress that the international Barcode of Life Initiative (BOLI) has made since the First International Barcode Conference was held at the Natural History Museum London in February 2005, and will explore the challenges facing barcoding projects. In addition to the conference's three days of technical sessions, a number of technical meetings, workshops, and a short course will take place on the days immediately before and after the conference.

An overall agenda for the conference is presented below, along with the important dates leading up to the conference. All CBOL Member Organizations and members of CBOL Working Groups will automatically receive e-mail announcements related to the conference. If you are not a member of these groups and wish to be placed on the mailing list for future announcements, please send a message to CBOLInfo@si.edu. We look forward to seeing you in Taipei in September!

Sincerely,

Kwang-Tsao Shao, Conference Chairman

Research Centre for Biodiversity Academia Sinica

David Schindel, Executive Secretary

Consortium for the Barcode of Life

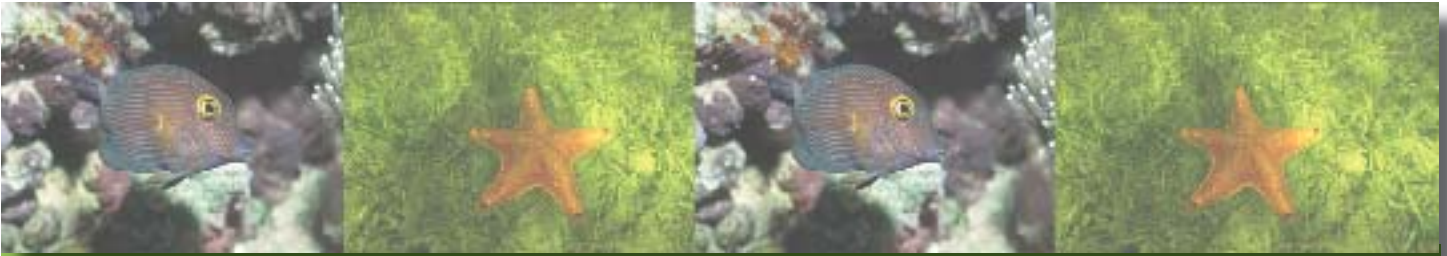


CONFERENCE SITE:

The conference will be held on the campus of Academia Sinica (<http://www.sinica.edu.tw>). The campus includes 30 research institutes and is located in Nankang, a suburb of Taipei approximately 20-30 minutes drive from downtown. The research institutes provide an impressive backdrop and the Research Centre for Biodiversity Academia Sinica (RCBAS), the host organization, includes research labs and several systematic collections.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM:

- 16 September** Excursions biodiversity institutes in Taichung. The National Taiwan Museum and the National Plant Genetics Resource Center (home of the national seed bank) are located in Taichung, approximately two hours drive south of Taipei. Conference participants can register for excursions to visit these institutes for behind-the-scenes tours.
- Cultural tours in Taipei: The Conference's Local Organizing Committee will offer visitors a variety of opportunities for visits to **cultural sites in and around Taipei, including the National Palace Museum.**
- 17 September** FISH-BOL/Fisheries meeting: The Fish Barcode of Life Initiative (FISH-BOL) is one of CBOL's long-term projects, dedicated to creating a reference barcode library for the world's 30,000+ species of fish. FISH-BOL participants will meet with representatives of national and international fisheries agencies to discuss the use of barcode data in setting policies for sustainable fish populations.
- Short course on Lab and Data Protocols: CBOL's Database and DNA Working Groups will offer a full-day short course on lab procedures and informatics tools used in barcoding.
- 18 September** **Conference Day 1, technical sessions:**
- Progress by CBOL since the First International Conference in London, February 2005
 - Diverse applications of barcoding for science and society
 - How does barcoding work and how well does it work?
 - Barcoding in the wider evolutionary context
 - Evening Reception
- 19 September** **Conference Day 2, technical sessions:**
- Finding the optimal barcode gene region for plants
 - Finding the optimal non-COI barcode gene region
 - Integrative taxonomic studies using DNA barcoding
 - New analytical methods for barcode data
- 20 September** **Conference Day 3, technical sessions:**
- State-of-the-Art Practices: Recommended lab protocols for DNA barcoding
 - State-of-the-Art Practices: Recommended barcode data management protocols
 - Barcoding Goals for 2009: What new TECHNOLOGY will we see at the Third Barcode Conference?
 - Barcoding Goals for 2009: What new SCIENCE will we see at the Third Barcode Conference?
 - Closing Banquet



21 September

South/East Asia Regional Barcode Meeting:

CBOL has organized and held regional outreach meetings in southern Africa (April 2006), eastern Africa (October 2006), and South and Central America (March 2007). This regional meeting will bring together biodiversity researchers and policy-makers from south and east Asia. The goal of the meeting will be to identify the highest priority barcoding projects in the region and to begin the process of building regional projects and networks.

Marine Barcoding:

CBOL and the Census of Marine Life have established a strong partnership and have been working to promote barcoding of marine species. A first joint CBOL/COML meeting was held in Amsterdam in May 2006, at which a strategy for marine barcoding was developed. This second joint meeting will highlight progress made since the Amsterdam meeting and will organize new projects for barcoding marine species.

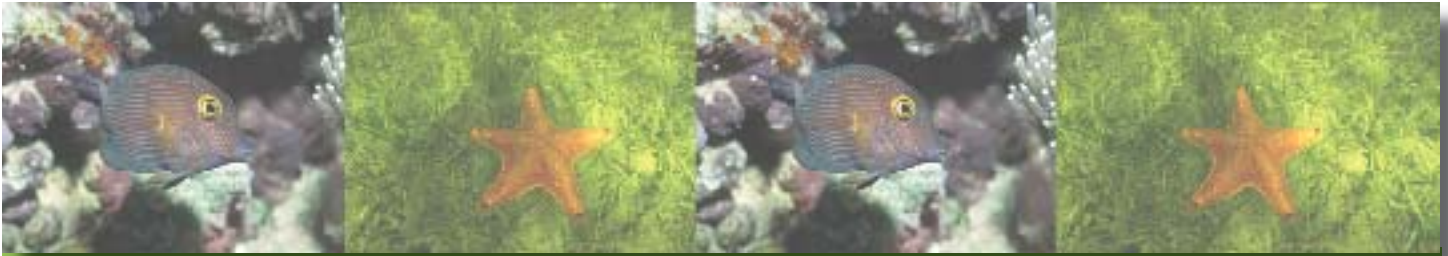
Plant Working Group Meeting:

One technical session during the conference will be devoted to presentations of proposed barcode gene regions in plants. CBOL's Plant Working Group will meet to discuss these presentations and plan projects that use the accepted barcode region in plant barcoding projects. The meeting venue will be at Taiwan Forestry Research Institute near Taipei Botanical Garden.

22-23 September

CBOL Scientific Advisory Board and Executive Committee meetings

Post conference excursions to various tourist spots or conservation areas.



TRAVEL and ACCOMODATIONS:

CBOL will support travel and accommodations for all invited speakers. In addition, travel bursaries will be awarded to approximately 40 participants from developing countries on a competitive basis. Applications for these travel bursaries will be judged according to the applicant's past involvement in CBOL and barcode projects and their plans for future involvement. Priority will be given to applicants whose abstracts have been accepted for oral or poster presentations.

The Local Organizing Committee has reserved blocks of rooms at a variety of hotels in Taipei, in the vicinity of National Taiwan University's campus. Bus transportation will be provided between these hotels and the conference venue on the Academia Sinica campus. In addition, approximately 80 lower cost rooms have been reserved in the Academia Activity Center on the Academia Sinica campus. These will be made available to students and participants with limited support.

CONFERENCE FEES:

Conference participants will be asked to pay a fee that will cover a conference kit, all lunches during the conference, transportation between hotels and the meeting venue, an evening reception, and a closing banquet. The conference fee will be reduced for early registrants and for students, and will be waived for all speakers and recipients of travel bursaries.

DEADLINES:

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| 1 April | Conference website open; Second Circular released with complete agenda, Call for Abstracts, information on registration/hotel/travel, applications for travel bursaries |
| 1 May | Deadline for receipt of abstracts and requests for travel bursaries; final call for registration |
| 15 May | Notification of accepted abstracts for oral and poster presentations |
| 1 June | Deadline for early registration/reduced conference fee |
| 15 July | Deadline for registration |
| 1 August | Final Circular released with full agenda, abstracts |

WEBSITE:

For more information and announcements regarding the meeting please visit:

www.barcoding.si.edu