

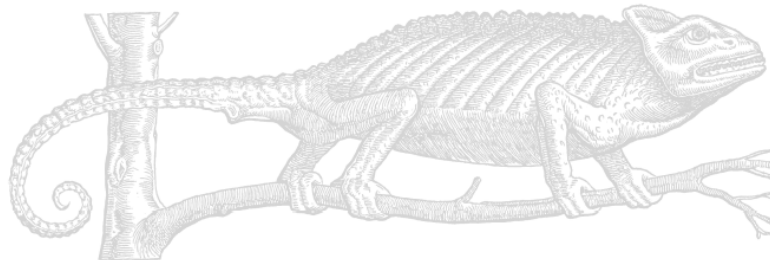


We invite all the world's herpetologists, as well as our ichthyologist colleagues from ASIH & AES, to Vancouver for the World Congress of Herpetology 2012.

For general information, contact Patrick Gregory, Chair of Local Committee (viper@uvic.ca).

For program information, including symposia, contact David Green, Chair of Scientific Program Committee (david.m.green@mcgill.ca).

Deadline for submission of abstracts and early registrations: February 29, 2012 (details to follow – watch the meeting website).



www.worldcongressofherpetology.org

www.wch2012vancouver.com

Call for Symposia

The Scientific Program Committee of the 7th World Congress of Herpetology invites proposals for symposia for the congress to be held 8-14 August, 2012, in Vancouver, Canada.

Proposals must include a descriptive title, one or two paragraphs explaining the topic of the symposium and its importance, and a list of proposed speakers with their affiliations and the titles of their presentations. Proposals that can demonstrate that speakers have been invited and have agreed to participate, and that the funds required to get speakers to Vancouver are being solicited or have been obtained, will have higher likelihood of acceptance.

Proposed symposium topics should pay attention to the global nature of the meeting as a whole and preferably should not repeat those of recent World Congresses of Herpetology. The participation of young investigators and researchers from a variety of countries is encouraged.

Symposium presentations may be 15 or 30 minutes in length. Symposia will ordinarily be restricted to half-day sessions comprised of, for example, six or seven 30-minute talks. Full-day symposia may be considered if sufficiently justified and if there is likely to be sufficient interest.

Application: E-mail proposals (in Word or PDF format) to:
David M. Green, Chair, WCH7 Scientific Program Committee
Redpath Museum, McGill University
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Please use the subject heading: [WCH7 Symposium Proposal] and topic of the symposium.

Deadline: Please submit proposals no later than 1st July, 2011.

The Scientific Program Committee of the 7th World Congress of Herpetology will review all symposium proposals prior to acceptance. Receipt of submissions will be confirmed by email. Notifications of acceptance or rejection of proposals will be issued by 31st August 2011. If the proposal is accepted, each symposium participant must personally register for the congress and submit an abstract of his or her presentation. Note that acceptance of a symposium proposal does not indicate that the 7th World Congress of Herpetology will provide funding of any kind for symposium organisers, chairs or speakers.

Note: Symposia for the congress may also be sponsored by the following participating scientific societies: American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, American Elasmobranch Society, Herpetologists' League, Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, Canadian Association of Herpetologists and Canadian Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Network. Symposia on herpetological and/or ichthyological subjects of interest to any of these societies may be proposed to them directly.