



**16th International Congress
on the Zoogeography and Ecology of Greece
and Adjacent Regions**

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3-6 July 2025

Eugenides Foundation, Athens – Greece

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The **Hellenic Zoological Society** and **WWF Hellas** are delighted to announce that the **16th International Congress on the Zoogeography and Ecology of Greece and Adjacent Regions (ICZEGAR)** will be held in **Athens**, from **July 3rd to 6th 2025**, at the Eugenides Foundation. The Organizing Committee warmly invites you to attend the Congress and opens the call for roundtables, workshops, and symposia on specific topics. The Congress welcomes studies related to all aspects of animal biodiversity (terrestrial, subterranean, freshwater, and marine) within the geographical region that includes the Balkan and Italian peninsulas, Anatolia, as well as the Near East and the Mediterranean coasts of north-eastern Africa.

Climate crisis and biodiversity loss are recognized as two of the main threats of our times. The Mediterranean Basin, a global hotspot of biodiversity, lies on the frontline of the fight to protect the environment and wildlife. Located within three continents and home to ancient civilizations, the Mediterranean Sea accompanied human evolution from its early steps and witnessed anthropogenic effects on biodiversity. The ICZEGAR serves as a forum for contact and information exchange between scientists working with the Mediterranean fauna while offering the floor to creative discussions on the research and conservation of biodiversity. Participants have the chance to discuss, network and collaborate on all aspects of zoological studies such as conservation biology, biogeography, fisheries, population ecology, phylogenetics, phylogeography, as well as biological invasions. The 16th ICZEGAR aims at gathering not only zoologists but also researchers, conservationists, land managers, public authorities, and students to share ideas and experiences on the conservation of animal life.

We look forward to welcome you in Athens in the summer of 2025!

The Organizing Committee

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Dates and deadlines

Deadline for workshop/roundtable proposals: 31st January 2025

Second circular, open registration, call for abstracts: 15th February 2025

Deadline for abstract submission: 30th April 2025

Deadline early bird registration: 30th April 2025

Abstract decisions: 15th May 2025

Deadline standard registration: 1st June 2025

Invited Speakers



Peter P. Marra
Georgetown University, USA



Anthony J. Richardson
University of Queensland, Australia



Helen E. Roy
Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, UK



Paulo A.V. Borges
University of the Azores, Portugal

Call for papers

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 30 April 2025 (max. 500 words). Time allocated for oral presentations will be 15 minutes, followed by 5 minutes discussion. Please, check the website (<https://iczegar16.hzoos.gr/>) for instructions on the preparation and submission of your abstract. The selection of oral presentation will be done by the Scientific Committee.

Poster sessions

Posters are welcomed and should only be in a portrait format (not exceeding B3 size). Poster sessions will be organized during the afternoons.

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Language

The official language of the 16th ICZEGAR will be **English**.

The logo of the Congress

Little owl (*Athene noctua*) was the sacred bird of Athena (the mythical daughter of Zeus and patroness of Athens) a symbol of wisdom and prudence. It is also depicted on the banner of the University of Athens, the Athenian tetradrachm and the modern one-euro coin! The logo was created by the zoologist Eirene Antoniadou.

Registration Fees

	Early bird	Standard	On site
HZS members	130 euros	180 euros	220 euros
Non-Members	180 euros	230 euros	270 euros
Student HZS members	50 euros	70 euros	90 euros
Student non-members	90 euros	110 euros	130 euros

The fees cover: (1) the congress bag, name tag and congress material, (2) the book of abstracts, (3) welcome party, (4) coffee breaks, (5) Symposium Banquet

Date and venue

The Conference will be held at the Eugenides Foundation (<https://www.eef.edu.gr/en>) in Athens, from Thursday 3 July to Sunday 6 July 2025. Social networks will deliver regular information on the organization of the event. Follow us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/7294971393948071>

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