

## StN training workshop 2006: 1st announcement

The StN team proposes to hold a training workshop on use of the StN database.

### When?

- from Wednesday, 25 October to Saturday, 28 October 2006 (inclusive).
- arrival and departure are scheduled for Monday 24th and Sunday 29th October.

### Where?

- in order to minimise costs for participants a gîte (self-catering accommodation) close to Toulouse will be used for the workshop.
- use of a gîte involves use of shared rooms or dormitory-type sleeping accommodation and preparation of meals by the co-operative efforts of the StN team.

### Programme ?

- an outline programme for the workshop is given at the end of this message.
- parts of the programme depend on computer use and each participant in the workshop will be required to bring their own computer.
- multimedia projection facilities will be provided.
- the working languages of the workshop will be French and English.
- **collection of syrphids in the field is NOT part of the workshop programme. Similarly, it is NOT intended to provide a syrphid identification session as part of the workshop.**

### Cost ?

- the workshop is being organised on a non-profit basis and the professional services of the StN team will be provided free of charge.
- with 15 participants, costs per participant are estimated at 250 euro, with 10 participants costs would be 350 euro/participant

### Administration ?

- this first announcement is being circulated to all recipients of the StN database and will also be posted on Anglophone and Francophone syrphid-news websites.
- there will be places for a maximum of 15 participants in the workshop. Allocation of places will be on a “first come, first served” basis
- **if we have not received sufficient responses by 25 June we will probably have to cancel the workshop.**
- a second announcement about the workshop will be circulated by the end of June.
- at that point in time each intending participant will be required to pay a non-returnable deposit, by 7 July 2006, to cover costs of booking the gîte.

### Contact ?

- **if you wish to participate in the workshop please inform Jessica Castella-Müller accordingly, at the following e-mail address: [jecastella@bluewin.ch](mailto:jecastella@bluewin.ch) by 25 June.**
- If you wish to participate but the type of accommodation proposed is not suitable for you, please include that information in your message.

## **StN workshop 25-28 Oct 2006: provisional programme**

Programme sessions will be led by Emmanuel Castella, Claude Monteil, Jean-Pierre Sarthou or Martin Speight, who will be present to instruct during the workshop.

### 25 Oct, a.m.

- Short presentations by participants, on their experiences with use of the StN database.
- Participants may wish to present results achieved, problems encountered, etc.
- No participant is *obliged* to make a presentation.
- Duration of this session will depend on the number of participants wishing to make presentations.

### 25 Oct., p.m.

- the basic StN project, from field campaign to data analysis, incorporating use of the predictive procedure.
- use of the StN tool for rapid compilation of lists of predicted species.
- comparison between StN use with site inventory data and site sample data.

### 26 Oct.

- Site visit(s): selection and recording of sample stations; Malaise trap installation; habitat survey.

### 27 Oct

- working with habitat survey data and (pre-collected) species-list data from the site(s) visited on 26<sup>th</sup>.
- working with data from on-going projects of participants.

### 28 Oct, a.m.

- multivariate/statistical use of the StN database.

### 28 Oct, p.m.

- discussion of topics requested by participants/identified during workshop.
- continued use of data sets.
- the next workshop: requirements/topics/location/organisation.

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