



14TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF SOQOTRA (FoS) & SYMPOSIUM: "CONSERVATION OF THE NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF SOCOTRA" September 11-13, 2015 | CIBIO-InBIO, Campus Agrário de Vairão, Portugal



2015FoS – Friend of Friends of Socotra Annual General Meeting and Symposium *Conservation of the Natural and Cultural Heritage of Socotra*

CIBIO – Research Centre in Biodiversity and Genetic Resources - InBIO Associate Laboratory, University of Porto, Campus Agrário de Vairão, Vila do Conde, Portugal
Hosted by CONGEN – Conservation Genetics and Wildlife Management research group
September 11 – 13, 2015

PROGRAMME

The scientific programme will include two invited plenary lectures, 8 oral communications (to be selected from participants), poster sessions covering the most up-to-date research in the conservation of the natural and cultural heritage of Socotra and a discussion workshop. The social programme includes a visit to the National Park and Oporto World Heritage site. We hope that the Campus of Vairão, located in a beautiful rural area in Vila do Conde (20 km north of Porto), will provide an excellent atmosphere for FoS.

September 11

- 08:30 Bus transfer from Mindelo metro station to Campus Agrário de Vairão
- 09:00 Registration
- 09:15 Opening session

SESSION 1. Natural Heritage of Socotra

- 09:40 Plenary lecture. **Forgotten in the Ocean: Systematics, Biogeography and Evolution of the Reptiles of the Socotra Archipelago.** Dr Salvador Carranza (Institute of Evolutionary Biology, CSIC-Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain)
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 T1.1 **The conservation of biodiversity in Socotra, a study case on reptiles.** Mauro Fasola
- 11:20 T1.2 **How many species of *Boswellia* are there on Socotra: a comparison of gene pools and morphological traits.** Samuel Lvončík (Mendel University, Brno, Czech Republic).
- 11:40 T1.3 **Population structure and regeneration of *Boswellia elongata* at Homhil area, Socotra Island, Yemen.** Saeed Salem (EPA – Environmental Protection Agency, Socotra).
- 12:00 T1.4 **Current status and possibility of artificial regeneration of dragon's blood tree highland populations.** Petr Maděra (Mendel University, Brno, Czech Republic).
- 12:20 T1.5 **Identifying "hotspots" of diversity for conservation: taxonomy, phylogeny and ethnobotany in the flora of Socotra.** Alan Forest (Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, UK).
- 12:40 T1.6 **Socotra conservation status as World Heritage Site.** Haifaa Abdulhalim (IUCN and ARC-WH – Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage, Manana, Bahrain)
- 13:00 Lunch

SESSION 2. Cultural Heritage of Socotra

- 14:30 Plenary lecture. **Promoting, Enhancing and Safeguarding Socotra's Cultural Heritage.** Dr Miranda Morris (University of St Andrews, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and IUCN's Working Group on Collaborative Management of Natural Resources)
- 15:20 T2.1 **The Eriosh inscriptions - initial discovery and subsequent records.** Carl Phillips (APOHR – Archeologie proche-orient hellenistique et romain, Nanterre, France)
- 15:40 T2.2 **Millet. Field cultivation in Socotra.** Malek Ahmed Abdulaziz (GIZ, Berlin, Germany)
- 16:00 Poster session I
- 17:00 Coffee break
- 18:00 Shuttle to Vila do Conde or metro station
- 20:00 Social dinner at CIBIO-InBIO (free buffet)

September 12

- 08:00 Departure to Peneda-Gerês National Park from Mindelo metro station
- 13:00 Lunch at Peneda-Gerês
- 15:00 Return to Oporto
- 17:00 Tour around Oporto World Heritage Site
- 20:00 Social dinner at Oporto

September 13

SESSION 3. FoS Annual General Meeting and Workshop

- 10:00 Poster session II
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 FoS Annual General Meeting
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Workshop discussion. **Political instability and conservation: identification of major threats to the heritage of Socotra and rapid response plan**
- 16:00 Drafting articles for science dissemination
- 17:30 Coffee break
- 18:00 Closing session