



Changes in biodiversity and the evolution of present biomes

A joint IUBS – INQUA meeting for Early Career Researchers

The **International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS)** and the **International Union for Quaternary Research (INQUA)**, with the engagement of the **International Society of Zoological Sciences (ISZS)**, a scientific member of IUBS, decided to organize an international event fostering dialogue and collaboration among **Early Career Researchers (ECR)*** from IUBS, ISZS, and INQUA. The meeting will provide a platform for young* IUBS, ISZS, and INQUA scientists to engage in collaborative discussions.

The meeting will explore the convergence of modern and Quaternary research methodologies, focusing on changes in biodiversity and the evolution of present biomes. Overarching questions are: How did climatic changes affect biome evolution in the past? What can we learn from Quaternary research for current and future biome evolution? Can measures be defined to ameliorate the impact of global change and foster conservation?

We plan to host a **four- to five-day in-person meeting in China in November 2025**, possibly in conjunction with the World Young Scientist Summit. We expect to welcome 50 to 70 participants from the three organizations. Part of the event will be online.

ECRs should play a significant role in the organization of the meeting and the composition of the scientific program, including the selection of the keynote speakers. Therefore, we expect the ECRs to dedicate some time to contribute to the organization of the event. **ECRs* with a scientific interest in the meeting topic** who would like to participate in the **organization** are invited to **express their interest by sending an email** with a motivation letter, a CV and the following application form to INQUA or IUBS secretariats at info@inquat.org or secretariat@iubs.org

*A young or Early Career Researcher (ECR) is defined as an individual with 7 years of active research after receiving the last degree.

IUBS INQUA ISZS IOP IFPS IAA Application form

Personal information

Name:

Nationality:

Date of PhD start or PhD completion:

Place of work:

Field of research:

Involvement in international organizations/networks

Are you involved in:

- ☐ INQUA
- ☐ A Scientific Member of IUBS (if yes, please specify):
- ☐ ISZS
- ☐ PAGE
- ☐ Other:

Are you involved in an ECR network? If yes, please specify

Previous experience

Have you worked collaboratively on interdisciplinary projects before? Please provide examples

Additional documents to provide

- a motivation letter
- a CV
- While your local accommodation and meals will be free of charge, you will need to arrange your own travel. However, financial support for travel expenses will be available for some applicants. If you wish to request this support, please include a brief justification and an estimate budget in your application. Online resources and guidance will be provided for visa application.

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send you application before 15 September at
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