

SOMIEDO ASCOMYCOTA 2013

ASCOMYCOTA WORKSHOP FROM 1 TO 8 JUNE 2013, IN SOMIEDO (ASTURIAS), SPAIN ORGANIZED BY LA SOCIEDAD MICOLÓGICA DE SOMIEDO

Preliminary Invitation

Dear friends

We are pleased to organize a spring Acomycota foray in June 2013, from Saturday 1 to Saturday 8, in the Natural Park of Somiedo in the province of Asturias situated in the North West of Spain.

This event will take place after a series of forays and in the same spirit as the very successful ones already organized in France (Mellasco) or in Luxembourg. Well known Ascomycologists have attended these forays, among them : Amy Rossman, Andrew Miller, Sabine Hundorf (USA), Thomas Læssøe, J. Petersen (Denmark), H. O. Baral, Andreas Gminder, Martin Bemmann (Germany), Luis Mejía (Panama), Maria Virginia Bianchinotti (Argentine), Jacques Fournier, Nicolas Van Vooren, Jean-Paul Priou, Paul Leroy, Christian Lechat (France), Bernard Declercq (Belgium), Stip Helleman (Netherlands), Neven Matocec, Ivana Kusan (Croatia), Piotr Perz (Poland), Raúl Tena Lahoz (Spain) ...

The foray will take place in the privileged environment of the Natural Park of Somiedo, lately labelled Biosphere Reserve with an exceptional biodiversity due to the confluence on a rather limited area of atlantic and mediterranean climates, alternate calcareous and siliceous zones, altitude variations from hill to subalpine and a very rich flora. All these features contribute to a paradise for Ascomycota.

We would like to make SOMIEDO ASCOMYCOTA 2013 a really international event and will promote the participation of many countries. We do wish the participation of many professionals along with the coming of new comers in Mycology, showing interest in Ascomycota. Of course both scientific interest and friendly atmosphere of the former forays will be preserved.

The Natural Park will provide us with comfortable, fully secured and functional workshop and conference rooms. The Natural Park and the provincial authorities, along with hotels and restaurants will make their best to give the foray members a privileged welcome.

The accommodation will be provided on the site of the foray, in the small town of Pola de Somiedo in the very heart of the Natural Park, in carefully selected hotels, tourist apartments or country houses. We came to a most favourable agreement with hotel owners to provide a limited daily fare of $50 \in$ per person, meals included. Members will also get the possibility to extend their stay at the same fare.

Subscription costs will of course be limited, depending on the participant's number. You will be provided with details early enough.

A subscription form will be sent in January 2013. Please tell us as soon as possible whether you wish to participate or not in SOMIEDO ASCOMYCOTA 2013, and send us your Name, mail address and phone number along with the number of accompanying persons at the following address:

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We do wish to welcome you

Yours sincerely,

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More information about Somiedo Ascomycota 2013 and Somiedo Natural Park and Biosphere Reserve available on: <u>http://www.asturnatura.com</u>