



BBS-SEB International Bryological Meeting, Western Andalusia, Spain, May 30th - June 6th 2016

The Meeting will be held near Ronda (Malaga province) at **Algaba de Ronda**, a tourist complex specialized in educational activities and events. There we can stay and work since it has accommodation buildings (for 35 persons), dining room and meeting facilities, including spaces for enabling basic field laboratories (for identifying part of the collected bryophyte samples), and areas suitable for eventually organizing evening parties. The complex is also a traditional farmhouse (Andalusian “cortijo”) surrounded by a cork oak forest and Mediterranean scrublands that comprise several significant natural attractions.

Algaba de Ronda (<http://www.algabaderonda.com>) - Ronda-Algeciras road, Km 4.5, Ronda, (Málaga) - GPS coordinates: 36.711599, -5.181094

Conditions and prices for accommodation and meals are indicated below:

- There are no single rooms but rooms with two or three single beds in small apartments with bathroom and a small kitchen.
- Accommodation includes full breakfast and a picnic bag for lunch in the field at a price of 38.50 € per day (taxes included).
- It is possible also to include the dinner with a total price (accommodation, breakfast, picnic, and dinner) of 49,50 € (taxes included). Since some days we will prefer having “tapas” dinner in Ronda, it will be possible to book each dinner the day before, just when we know our preference.
- There are no additional charges for the use of common spaces in the complex.
- There are not meeting fees since the Spanish Bryological Society (SEB) is in charge of organizational costs.

You can make a reservation for accommodation in Algaba de Ronda by writing an email to Isabel Draper (isabel.draper@uam.es), from now until March 30th (please, note that availability is limited). You can also indicate if you have any room-mate preferences.

People who need a single room will need to book it directly at the many hotels located in Ronda, which is just 10 minutes by car (in such a case you would need to have one).

Organizers will be able to provide car places for 15-20 persons for the different field trips. In order to arrange this, we ask you to tell Isabel whether you will need a place in the vehicles or if you come with your own car (in that case, we would appreciate if you could tell her if you have any available seats for other meeting attendants).

We will also try to organize the travel from the Malaga airport to Ronda and *vice versa*. For this, please indicate to Isabel the arrival and departure times of your flights (it is advised to see the program below before booking). However, there are several connecting possibilities by bus (<http://www.turismoderonda.es/informacion/pdf/horarioautobuses.pdf>).

Scientific communications

Finally, those who wish to present a scientific communication are asked to send to isabel.draper@uam.es the title and an abstract before end of April 2016.

Scheduled program:

Monday 30: arrival during the morning.

Afternoon:

1. Distribution of documentation.
2. Welcome and presentation of the final program of activities.
3. Talks about the territory characteristics.
4. Bryological visit to the cork oak forest of the manor.

Tuesday 31: Los Alcornocales Natural Park: Sierra de la Luna and Montera del Torero.

Wednesday 1: Los Alcornocales Natural Park: La Saucedá (Aljibe Mt.).

Thursday 2: Torcal de Antequera.

- Arrival of the rest of SEB members during the afternoon.

Friday 3: Sierra de las Nieves Natural Park: *Abies pinsapo* forests.

Saturday 4: Sierra Bermeja: *Abies pinsapo* forest.

Afternoon:

1. Scientific presentations (oral communications).

Sunday 5: Grazalema Natural Park: Sierra del Pinar *Abies pinsapo* forest.

Afternoon:

1. Scientific presentations (oral communications).
2. Meeting of the Spanish Bryological Society.
3. Closing session: conclusions, decisions on the working plan and results publication.

Monday 6: Departure day

Morning:

1. Sierra de las Nieves Natural Park: *Pistacia terebinthus* thicket at Lifa valley (optional)

Organising committee:

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