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2nd symposium on Mediterranean lizards & 10th symposium on the lacertids of the Mediterranean Basin

We are delighted to announce that the 2nd Symposium on Mediterranean Lizards, (& 10th Symposium on the lacertids of the Mediterranean Basin), will be held on **18-21 June 2018**, at the **Steinhardt Museum of Natural History**, School of Zoology, Tel Aviv University, **Tel Aviv, Israel**.

Background we aim to bring together herpetologists from all around the world who work actively in fields related to the evolution, ecology, behavior, biogeography, physiology and conservation of Mediterranean lizards. Following the success of previous symposia (most recently in Lemesos, Cyprus), the newly opened Steinhardt Museum is now hosting this exciting event. For details, see our website <http://mediterraneanlizardconference2.weebly.com/>

Scientific Program The symposium will focus on different aspects of research carried out on Mediterranean lizards. However, eminent contributions on lizard biology from other zoogeographical regions will also be considered. The symposium will include plenary lectures, regular sessions, and poster sessions. Plenary speakers will include **Rick Shine** (University of Sydney), **Panayiotis Pafilis** (University of Athens), **Amos Bouskila** (Ben Gurion University), **Raoul Van Damme** (Universiteit Antwerpen), and **Aaron Bauer** (Villanova University). The official language of the congress will be English. We will hold tours of the museum displays and reptile collections, the School of Zoology's garden for zoological research as well as field trips to experience the reptile fauna of the sandy desert (night trip!), Mediterranean and alpine biomes in Israel.

We welcome suggestions for session and workshop topics. These, together with all other related questions, suggestions and requests can be sent to members of the organizing committee at: <http://mediterraneanlizardconference2.weebly.com/contact.html>



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