



# Annual Meeting 2021

*"Know Ourselves, Know Our Past, Know Our Future"*

14 to 15 of January  
*Afternoons - Online*

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **When?**

From the 14th to the 15th of January 2021.

### **For whom?**

For BIODIV Doctoral Programme PhD students.

### **Where?**

Due to the magic of the internet, all participants will be able to attend this year's event, all that is required is to have a fast and stable internet connection. Yes, even for you that will be facing wild lions in the savanna or for you looking for sharks in São Tomé e Príncipe. As long as you have an internet connection, you will be able to attend this event made just for you, the BIODIV PhD student. The event will be transmitted online and the platform and link will be provided at a later date.

### **What languages are spoken?**

Even though we wish to promote diversity and intercultural dialogue, as always, we will conduct our meeting in English. We encourage you however to say Hi to everyone in your wonderful native language.

### **What is going to happen exactly?**

You can find the program at <https://www.biodiv.pt/en/phd-programme/annual-meeting-2021/>.

### **How can I register and how should I submit my abstract?**

Register [here](#), until **December 20th**. To complete your registration, you must **include a 250 words abstract** for one of the two possible types of communications (see below).

### **Is there a cost?**

**Free of charge, since this year meeting will be held online.**

### **What kind of activities will happen during the event?**

All the information about activities are mentioned in the schedule of the program but we wish to detail some of the most relevant to you:

1. Keynote talks: This year the Keynotes will be focused on the *Know our Past* of our motto. We have invited former students of the BIODIV program to give us their insights into what they thought of their journey to obtain a PhD degree but also how is their life after the BIODIV program and how this program has prepared them for the next step.
2. Short talks: *The Know Ourselves* part of the motto. During this activity, the BIODIV students will have green light to amaze all the participants with their great ongoing projects, their prowess, their results and their struggles. Now is your time to shine! Short talks will be given priority to 3rd and 4th year PhD students.
3. MyScienceRules: these will be flash talks, pre-recorded oral presentations of 2 min, in which PhD students will be able to present themselves and their work or project. The conference will be seen on laptops and computers so send a clip filmed horizontally. In this activity, we want to have an idea of what will be *Our Future*. We ask you to release your creativity and your pazzaz to wow us with your incredible personality and projects ahead! This activity is directed for PhD students of all years. Don't be shy and send us your best clip.

### **If I provide a Short talk, can I also send a MyScienceRules video?**

You can and you should send us a MyScienceRules video. We cannot guarantee at this moment that it will be streamed during the event but we are eager to know how creative and awesome you are.

### **Is there any background requirement for attending the BIODIV Annual Meeting 21?**

Although there are no specific requirements and the event is open to everyone, basic knowledge of Biology and Ecology is definitely a plus. A good mood, humour and eagerness to learn are also welcome!

### **When will I know if my oral or elevator pitch communication was accepted?**

We plan to let you know if you were selected by **January 4th**.

**What is included in the conference ticket?**

The ticket gives you full access to both days of the event. You will be able to participate in all sessions and receive a digital participation certificate. And as it is online, you will also be able to showcase your best woody shirt, or if you're lucky to be in the southern hemisphere, your best tropical t-shirt.

**Can I engage with the speakers?**

No! Of course not! The speakers are inaccessible Gods of the Olimpo! Of course you can and you should. There is a Q&A session where we encourage you to intervene but there will also be moments to share contacts and experiences. We will provide a channel (probably a slack channel) to exchange messages, contacts and doubts.

**Is the event broadcasted live or recorded?**

Most sessions will be broadcasted live but we will also have pre-recorded videos such as MyScienceRules flash talks. The conference will be recorded.

**I still have questions! How can I contact you?**

At [biodivannualmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:biodivannualmeeting@gmail.com).