



ECE 11

Lyon, France

FIRST CIRCULAR

11th European Conference on Echinoderms (ECE11)

October 16–20, 2023

Lyon, France



After previous successful editions in Brussels (Belgium, 1979 and 1989), Lecce (Italy, 1991), London (UK, 1995), Milano (Italy, 1998), Banyuls (France, 2001), Göttingen (Germany, 2010), Portsmouth (UK, 2014), Sopot (Poland, 2016) and Moscow (Russia, 2019), we are very pleased to invite you to the 11th European Conference on Echinoderms (ECE11), which will be held in Lyon (France) next autumn.

This meeting will be the first 'in person' echinoderm meeting after an almost four-year hiatus due to the covid pandemics, and we look forward to seeing you all again!

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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Pre-conference excursion to Villefranche-sur-Mer marine station: October 11th–15th, 2023

Registration, icebreaker: October 16th, 2023

Indoor scientific sessions: October 16th–17th and 19th–20th, 2023

Mid-conference excursion in Ardèche (la Voulte Lagerstätte): October 18th, 2023

Gala Dinner: October 19th, 2023

CONFERENCE

The conference will consist of oral sessions, poster sessions, and workshops. Pre- and mid-conference excursions are also planned. The official language of the meeting is **English**.

Scientific sessions (Oct. 16th–17th and 19th–20th, 2023)

Oral and poster presentations dealing with any topic related to extant and/or extinct echinoderms are welcome. As far as possible, talks will be organized into thematic sessions. Proposals for scientific sessions are more than welcome: please send your proposals to ece11@univ-lyon1.fr before **February 28th, 2023**. They will be examined by the Organizing Committee.

Posters will be on display during the whole conference, and poster sessions will take place during lunch and coffee breaks.

Keynote lectures

Four keynote lectures by **Philippe Dubois** (Brussels, Belgium), **Rich Mooi** (San Francisco, USA), **James Nebelsick** (Tübingen, Germany) and **Tim O'Hara** (Melbourne, Australia) are scheduled during the conference (one per day).

Abstracts

Editorial rules and a template for abstracts will be provided in the Second Circular, that will be posted on **February 28th, 2023**. Deadline for the submission of abstracts will be **May 15th, 2023**. All abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. Final decisions on abstracts will be taken before **June 15th, 2023**.

Proceedings of the conference

The proceedings of the conference will be published free of charge in a thematic volume of the journal ***Cahiers de Biologie Marine***, which is an international, indexed and peer-reviewed publication (IF = 0.527) edited by the Roscoff Marine Station (France). This journal has already edited the proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Echinoderms, held in Brussels in 2012 (*Cahiers de Biologie Marine*, volume 54, published in 2013).

The deadline for manuscript submission is **March 31st 2024**.

Workshops

A workshop dedicated to the revision of the echinoderm volumes (S, T and U) of the ***Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology*** is scheduled during the conference. Proposals for other workshops are welcome. Please send your suggestions to ece11@univ-lyon1.fr before **February 28th, 2023**. They will be examined by the Organizing Committee.

Pre-conference excursion to Villefranche-sur-Mer marine station (October 11th-15th, 2023)

Overlooking one of the most beautiful harbors in the world, the city of Villefranche-sur-Mer (situated on the French Riviera, Côte d'Azur, southern France, between Nice and Monaco) offers an exceptional and unexpected setting with its 16th century Citadel, a historic monument housing the City Hall and cultural center (Museums, Auditorium, Théâtre de Verdure), Royal Port of "Darse", chapels (Saint-Pierre de Villefranche-sur-Mer chapel decorated by Jean Cocteau, Saint Elisabeth, Saint Elme and Saint Michael's church), and medieval and magical "rue Obscure" street. For those interested, the excursion may include a visit to the nearby Leyrens islands and Oceanographic Museum of Monaco.

Established in 1885 by Alexis de Korotneff (University of Kiev) and Carl Vogt (University of Geneva), the Villefranche-sur-Mer marine station (Institut de la Mer de Villefranche - IMEV) operates and maintains one of the three longest-running deep marine environmental monitoring stations in the world as well as an important long-term pelagic observation program. Research topics include developmental biology, pelagic and coastal oceanography, biological and biogeochemical cycles in marine environment, carbon cycle, phytoplankton production, and biological diversity of zooplankton communities.

Marine research facilities include access to the RV *Sagitta II* ship (trawler) for sea trip (plankton nets, oceanographic instruments for biological and physical monitoring), scuba diving for access to marine ecosystems and echinoderm sampling, laboratories, technological platforms, and climate control rooms with access to all basic research equipment (molecular biology, microscopic imaging).

=> please follow the link for a preliminary check of study species present in Villefranche's bay: <https://www.davidluquet.com/mediterranee.php?ch=latins> (don't hesitate to contact us for any question related to species of interest that may be collected during the excursion time).

The excursion will include on-site catering & accommodation. Online booking to the pre-conference excursion to Villefranche-sur-Mer will be open from **February 28th to June 15th, 2023**. However, as the number of places is limited (20 people max), booking will be on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the reservation order.



Mid-conference excursion (October 18th, 2023)

This one-day excursion will bring all the participants to visit the palaeontological collections of the Musée de l'Ardèche (<https://museum-ardeche.fr/en/>), which is hosting iconic fossils from the famous Callovian (Middle Jurassic) La Voulte Lagerstätte. Several fossiliferous sites yielding Jurassic echinoderms (mostly crinoids and ophiuroids) will be also visited, including the La Voulte Lagerstätte itself. A convivial stop (wine tasting) in a local cellar is also scheduled.

REGISTRATION

Online registration will open on the conference website after **February 28th, 2023**. Please note that it will not be possible to register (or pay for registration) during the conference.

Detailed information on registration fees will be indicated in the Second Circular. Different fees will be proposed for early bird (before June 30th) / late registrations (after June 30th), as well as for senior (> 35) / junior (< 35) researchers and colleagues from emerging countries.

More information about possible travel grants will be also provided in the Second Circular.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 31st, 2023

First Circular

February 28th, 2023

Deadline for suggestions for workshops and scientific sessions

Second Circular

Opening of abstract submission

Opening of pre-registrations

March 31st, 2023

Opening of registrations for conference and excursions

May 15th, 2023

Deadline for abstract submission

June 15th, 2023

Decisions on abstracts

Deadline for registration to pre- and mid-conference excursions

June 30th, 2023

Deadline for early-bird registrations

Third Circular, with full-program of conference and excursions

March 31st, 2024

Deadline for submission of manuscripts to the proceedings volume in *Cahiers de Biologie Marine*



Lyon is the third-largest city and the second-largest urban area of France. It is located at the confluence of the rivers Rhône and Saône, about 500 km southeast of Paris. Former capital of the Gauls at the time of the Roman Empire, birthplace of the cinema (Lumière brothers) in the late 19th century, Lyon is now recognized for its cuisine and gastronomy, as well as for its historical and architectural landmarks: e.g. the districts of Old Lyon, the Fourvière hill, the Presqu'île and the slopes of the Croix-Rousse that are registered on the UNESCO World Heritage List. For those interested in the Rugby World Cup, Lyon is hosting two matches the week before the pre-conference excursion: New Zealand - Uruguay (October 5th, 2023) and France - Italy (October 6th, 2023).

Its central position in France makes it very easy to reach by any means of transportation.

By train

Lyon has three main train stations (Part-Dieu, Perrache and Vaise stations) that are linked to many French and European cities (e.g. Paris-Lyon = 2h; Geneva-Lyon = 2h).

By plane

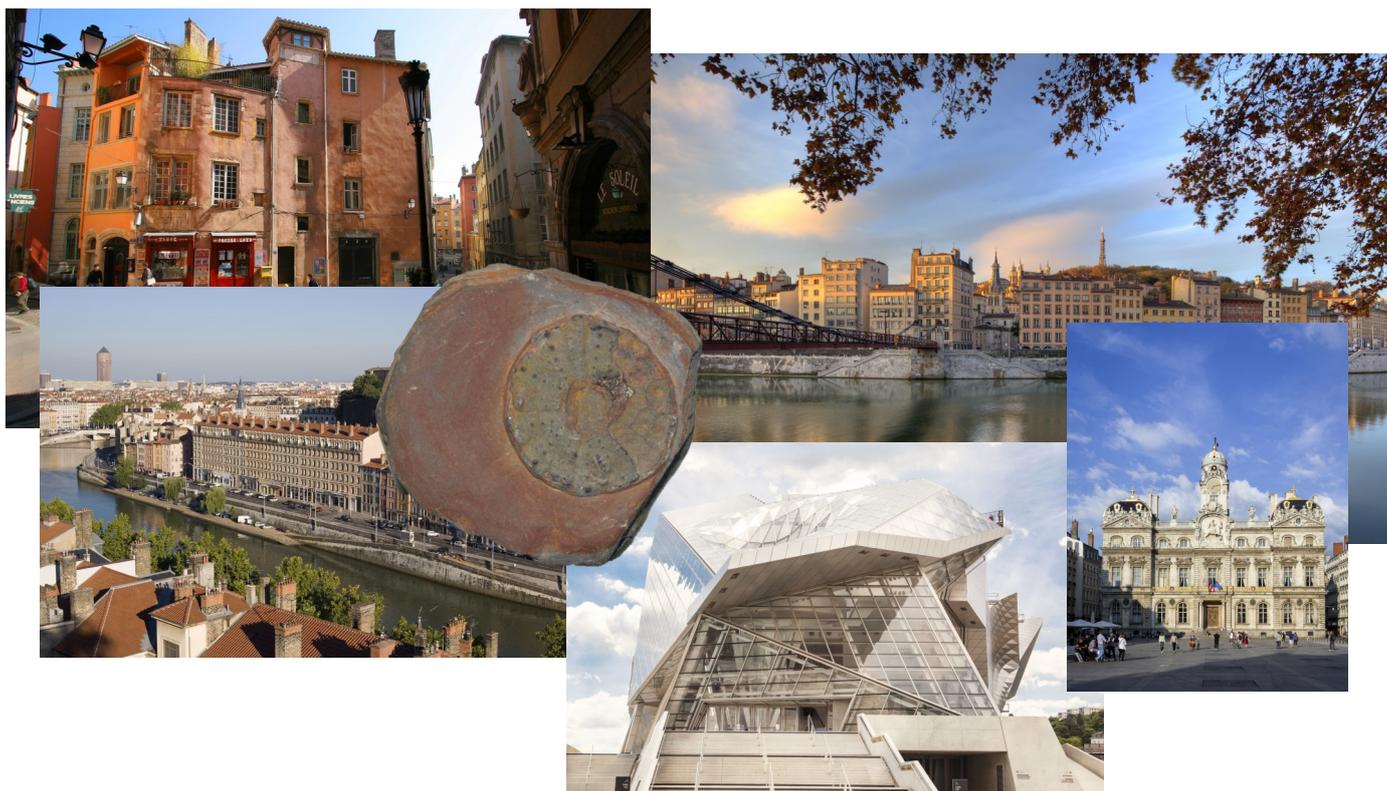
The Lyon Saint Exupéry airport is situated about 20 km east of the city centre and is connected to the main train station (Part Dieu) by the Rhône Express tramway (less than 30 min trip; departure every 15 minutes from 4.25am to midnight). The airport is connected to most major European cities.

By car

The central position of Lyon makes it also easy to reach it by car. But note that, in the city, it is difficult to find a parking spot and parking fees are expensive. Parking close to the conference venue is much cheaper/easier.

Public transport in Lyon

In your conference bag, you will be given five daily passes that will allow you to use freely the public transports of the city during all the conference.



CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference will be held next to the buildings hosting the Zoological and the Palaeontological Collections. The venue is situated near the tramway T1 & T4 stop “La Doua - Gaston Berger”, which is seven stops away from the Metro lines A and B station “Charpennes”.

The Marie Curie lecture hall (150 seats) is equipped with computers, video projectors, and video cameras. Free wifi connection will be available in the lecture hall and in the congress building. Smaller rooms for meetings and workshops, equipped with computers and video projectors will be also available.

The University of Lyon Zoological collections are world-famous for hosting the collections of Pr. René Koehler (1860–1931), comprising over 800 vials containing echinoderm specimens (including 8 holotypes) collected during the sea campaign of the Caudan (1895) in the Gulf of Gascogne. The University of Lyon is also hosting the second largest palaeontological collections in France (after the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle in Paris). They are hosting over 1,800 types and figured specimens of fossil echinoderms (e.g. Barrande, Caillet, Cotteau, Lissajous, Sayn, Thoral, de Verneuil, Vizcaino collections). The Zoological and Palaeontological collections will be closely associated to the conference, and will remain accessible to all participants before, during and after the meeting.

ACCOMMODATION

Lyon is an important touristic destination that can offer all kind of accommodations, from luxury hotels to bed & breakfast and hostels.

Rooms can be booked easily online on websites such as <http://www.booking.com> or www.tripadvisor.fr

We suggest choosing a hotel near the city centre from which you can reach anywhere in the city (including the conference venue) in less than 30 min. The map of Lyon's districts below shows the nicest parts of the city circled in purple. You may also find cheaper accommodation in Villeurbanne and Caluire-et-Cuire.

We will offer some discounts in a selection of hotels (more information will be provided in the Second Circular).

Please note that accommodation booking and payment cannot be taken by 11th ECE organisers.

