



# **FroSpects Workshop on Species Interactions and Speciation**

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## **Frontiers of Speciation Research - FroSpects**

The European Research Networking Programme Frontiers of Speciation Research (FroSpects) is funded through the European Science Foundation. FroSpects aims to facilitate bridge-building between disparate approaches to speciation research, by bringing together young and senior European speciation scientists around a number of conferences, workshops, symposia, and schools. A major promise of FroSpects is to strengthen Europe's position in speciation research through the cross-fertilization and integration of empirical and theoretical approaches. The running period is for five years from 2008 to 2013.

For more information: [www.iiasa.ac.at/Research/EEP/FroSpects/](http://www.iiasa.ac.at/Research/EEP/FroSpects/)

## **The Chemical Biological Centre – KBC**

Six departments and two research units at Umeå University (UmU) and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) are forming one large multidisciplinary research centre: The Chemical Biological Centre (KBC - Kemiskt Biologiskt Centrum). Around 800 people are collaborating in a positive and creative environment in research and teaching. The KBC research school is organizing a graduate program for around 250 PhD students and each department offers a large variety of courses for bachelor and master students.

For more information: [www.kbc.umu.se](http://www.kbc.umu.se)

## **The Integrated Science Lab – IceLab**

Integrated Science Lab (IceLab) is a hub at Umeå University for research and education. IceLab builds theories and methods to understand living systems with tools from mathematics and physics. IceLab conducts interdisciplinary research and education at the intersection of mathematics, physics, the life sciences, and the social sciences. We have about 20 full-time lab members with a broad range of different backgrounds contributing to a unique research environment.

For more information: [www.org.umu.se/icelab/english/](http://www.org.umu.se/icelab/english/)

## **Welcome to the FroSpects Workshop on Species Interactions and Speciation!**

We are pleased to welcome you as a participant of FroSpects Workshop on Species Interactions and Speciation. For three days, we can look forward to nine invited presentations from prominent researchers in the field, complemented by an array of excellent contributed talks and posters. We will benefit from presentations exploring the role of species interactions in speciation from diverse empirical and theoretical perspectives. We hope that the presentations will spark exciting discussions and help spawn new ideas.

On Wednesday evening, we have the pleasure of inviting you to a complimentary conference dinner at Rex Bar & Grill at Umeå's City Hall. Built following a devastating fire in 1882, the City Hall initially housed parts of the judicial system, a telegraph station, a post office and an auction chamber. Nowadays, the City Hall is used mostly for festive purposes.

Participants wishing to see more of the Northern Swedish nature might appreciate the excursion to Älgens Hus on Thursday afternoon. After a snowmobile ride through snow-covered forests, we will learn about Scandinavian elks. The excursion is free of charge for invited speakers, while other participants are cordially welcome to join at their own expense.

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If you have any questions concerning the meeting or logistics, please do not hesitate to let us know. We are very grateful for your participation and hope you will enjoy your stay in Umeå!

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