



International Colloquium
“Biology of the Soricidae IV”
Poznań, Poland, 12-14 September 2016

organised by

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Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the international conference “Advances in the biology of shrews IV” – the continuation of presumably the most important and fruitful conference series for shrew research. The previous three meetings took place in Powdermill (USA) in 1990 and 2002, and Syktyvkar (Russia) in 2010 – see attached file “Previous meetings.pdf”. The fourth conference will be held at the Faculty of Biology, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań (western Poland) from 12 to 14 September 2016. The post-conference excursion to Biebrza Marshes (and the Field Station of the University of Białystok in Gugny) and Białowieża Primeval Forest (eastern Poland) is proposed for the period 15-18 September 2016.

The main expected topics are:

1. Ecology, behaviour & physiology
2. Morphological, molecular & cytogenetic diversity
3. Zoogeography & systematics
4. Parasites, diseases, threats & protection

However, the conference will be dedicated to all aspects of shrew biology. Suggestions concerning the organization of thematic symposia and round-table discussions within the framework of the conference are welcome.

The language of the conference will be English.

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* to be finally confirmed



We will do our best to keep **Registration fee and other costs** of participation in the Conference at a low level. But we will be able to estimate these costs only after your answer to this 1st circular and collecting information about the number of potential participants.

Therefore, please confirm your attendance before 6th February 2016 by filling the attached “Pre-registration form” and sending it back to e-mail: shrewsiv@gmail.com.

Please also pass this Circular and its attachments to other colleagues interested in shrew biology and our conference, whom we may have overlooked.

WELCOME TO POLAND!
Leszek Rychlik, Jan Taylor and other Members
of the Organizing Committee

