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23rd European Colloquium of Arachnology, Barcelona 2006

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the European Society of Arachnology and the local organizing committee, we are pleased to announce that the **23rd European Colloquium of Arachnology**, and **VII Jornadas del Grupo Ibérico de Aracnología**, will be held from **4th to 8th September 2006, in Barcelona, Catalonia (Spain)**.

We are aware that the dates chosen for the congress may be slightly awkward. Barcelona has become a major tourist attraction, and July and August are the peak season. Moving the congress to the first week of September will allow us to offer better services, and transport fares and accommodation rates will be cheaper.

The congress will probably be held in the coastal village of Sitges (<http://www.sitgestur.com>), 40 km south of Barcelona. This summer resort offers a wealth of accommodation at a range of prices, and pleasant surroundings for social activities. Sitges is well connected to Barcelona by public transport (bus, train), and is just 20 km from Barcelona Airport.

Although the Colloquium is a European initiative, it is by no means restricted to European researchers. We encourage colleagues from other continents, especially Latin America, to contribute.

The first announcement, with more information on the scientific program, registration fees, accommodation and other matters, will be released in January-February, 2006. Meanwhile, you are requested to provide us with feedback by completing the preliminary registration form given below. Your response will help us immensely in our efforts to organize the **23rd European Colloquium of Arachnology**.

Yours Sincerely,
The local organising committee

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