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## CLOE NEWSLETTER

### MESSAGE FROM MAX

A short newsletter to end the year. Wishing you all a very merry and safe Christmas and a happy new year. Looking forward to an improving situation and more in person CLOE events next year. Best wishes to all of CLOE and thanks for all your involvement in the Centre.

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Congratulations to Sandra Alvarez-Carretero and Ziheng Yang for their publication in Nature entitled 'A Species-Level Timeline of Mammal Evolution Integrating Phylogenomic Data'.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Paola Oliveri has been awarded a grant from the BBSRC/NSF-BIO programme that funds collaborative US-UK research projects. My lab will study "Regulatory control of innate immune response in marine invertebrates" in collaboration with Dr Katherine Buckley - Auburn University (USA)

Congratulations to Hernán Burbano for being awarded a grant from BBSRC. In this grant, the Burbano Lab will join forces with the labs from Nick Talbot and Sophien Kamoun (The Sainsbury Laboratory, Norwich) to study the "Genome evolution of a pandemic clonal lineage of the wheat blast fungus".

Max Reuter (CLOE) and Aida Andrés (UGI) were awarded a Responsive Mode grant from the BBSRC to study the population genomics of sexually antagonistic variation in *Drosophila*. The award will fund a three-year postdoc who will apply computational methods to public sequencing data from *D. melanogaster* and *D. simulans*. The work will help us understand the genetic constraints that limit the evolution of sexual dimorphism and the contribution of sex-specific selection to the maintenance of genetic variation in natural populations.

Congratulations to Anjali Goswami on receiving the President's Medal from The Palaeontological Association. This is a mid-career prize for those who have made an outstanding contribution and are expected to continue to do so.

### AWARD APPLICATIONS – Please consider nominating outstanding young CLOE members.

The **Theodosius Dobzhansky Prize** is awarded annually by the Society for the Study of Evolution to recognize the accomplishments and future promise of an **outstanding young evolutionary biologist**. The prize was established in memory of Professor Dobzhansky by his friends and colleagues and reflects his lifelong commitment to fostering the research careers of young scientists.

The Dobzhansky Prize is accompanied by a check for U.S. \$5000, and is awarded at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Evolution. The recipient is expected to be present to receive the award and to give an oral presentation about his/her research.

Deadline for applications is 5pm GMT, January 31, 2022.

Each year the European Society for Evolutionary Biology distinguishes an **outstanding young evolutionary biologist** with the **John Maynard Smith Prize**. The deadline for application is Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### JOINT GROUP MEETING

Please contact Sandra Alvarez-Carretero to sign up for the JGMs in the New Year. The meeting is a great opportunity to share research and receive feedback or help.