# PROPOSAL TO ORGANISE THE INTERNATIONAL SIMULIUM SYMPOSIUM 2014



Basilica of our Lady of Pillar (Zaragoza, Spain)

### VENUE

Goya Hotel in the city centre of Zaragoza <a href="http://www.hotelgoyazaragoza.com/es/">http://www.hotelgoyazaragoza.com/es/</a>

### ORGANIZATION

Organized by University of Zaragoza and Quimera Biological Systems S.L.

### DATES

1-5 September 2014

15-18 September 2014

## ACCOMODATION

The same hotel where the conference is

55 Euros single room

60 Euros double room

http://www.hotelgoyazaragoza.com/es/

A cheaper option is the Zaragoza City Hostel (15 minutes to Goya Hotel)

14-20 Euros. The price depends on the type of room

### http://www.alberguezaragoza.com/

#### EXTRAS

Field excursion day in Huesca province with dinner included at a winery.

City tour in Zaragoza.

Welcome dinner first night and farewell dinner last night.

### **TRAVEL (2013 PRICES)**

**Option 1**. Zaragoza airport is very small and Ryanair, lowcost aerial company, is the only in this airport (<u>www.ryanair.com</u>). There are flights from Paris, London and Bergamo (Italy). Prices vary widely depending on how early you buy it. An expensive flight will be between 100 and 170 euros but the problem is the flexibility of the dates and timetables...because there aren't flight to Zaragoza every day.

**Option 2**. The easy option is to flight to Madrid or Barcelona and then take a bus or train to Zaragoza.

There are flights from London, Frankfurt and Paris to Madrid/Barcelona that cost between 80 and 180 Euros. The flight takes about 2 hours.

Once in Madrid/Barcelona these are the transport options:

- TRAIN : Accessing the website <u>www.renfe.com</u> for an approximate price of 120 Euros (round trip). The journey is approximately 1hour and 45 minutes.
- BUS: Accessing the website <u>www.alsa.es</u> for a price ranging between 30 and 40 Euros (round trip) journey time is about 4hours.

**Option 3**. There are two more airports where Ryanair works: Gerona and Reus (Catalonia). There are several ways to connect these airports with Zaragoza via Barcelona or Tarragona. Prices of flights are similar than Zaragoza airport but in this case there are more destinations from across Europe. The conections from Barcelona are the same as option 2.

All travel possibilities will be explained in detail on the website of the Congress.

### **REGISTRATION FEE**

The registration fee is 100 Euros and includes: welcome dinner, participation, abstract book, coffee breaks, farewell dinner, field excursion, dinner at a winery and a city tour.

Monday: Reception in the evening and welcome dinner

Tuesday: Presentations and city tour

Wednesday: Field excursion and dinner at a winery

Thursday: Presentations and farewell dinner

This schedule is like the last black fly meeting in Bratislava. If there were a large number of presentations, the congress would have to extend another day.

We got two sponsorships and perhaps more.

## COST SUMMARY

| 4 nights single (55€/night and breakfast)               | 220 |
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| Registration  | 100 |
| 3 meals (15€/meal)                                      | 45  |
| 1 dinner  | 15  |
| Total   | 380 |
| Travel from London                                      |     |
| <ul> <li>Option 1. London-Zaragoza (Ryanair)</li> </ul> | 150 |
| <ul> <li>Option 2. London-Madrid/Barcelona</li> </ul>   | 180 |
| Madrid/Barcelona (train)                                | 120 |
| Total (with option 2)                                   | 300 |
| Total included travel                                   | 680 |