The Atlas of European Mammals, 2nd Edition

The Atlas of European Mammals was published in 1999 and is now out of print. The Atlas has been widely-used, with more than 450 citations on the Web of Science and the data have also been included in various European distributional data collections. The dataset, which was finalised in 1998, is ageing and we can be less confident as time goes on that it accurately reflects the current distribution of mammals in Europe.

We are proposing, therefore, to begin the preparation of a second edition of the atlas, with a tentative completion date of 2024-5, about 25 years after the first atlas. This time, we hope to extend the area of coverage to include the whole of geographic Europe, which will mean many more species will be included. A discussion document with further details is available on our website www.european-mammals.org.

To begin the process, which will be a collaborative one, we are holding an open meeting to discuss the proposal and seek new collaborators, to which all interested people are invited.

The meeting will be held at the Institute of Zoology, Viale dell'Università 32, 00185 Roma, Italy, from 14:00- 18:00 on Friday 25th November 2016 and then 09:30 – 16:00 on Saturday 26th November. Meeting facilities and refreshments will be provided, but attendees are responsible for meeting their own travel and accommodation costs. The language of the meeting will be English. An agenda will be provided nearer the time.

If you wish to attend the meeting, please inform me (tony@european-mammals.org), preferably by 31st October, so that we can ensure we can provide appropriate facilities for the number of attendees.

If you wish to be involved in the delivery of this project, either at a national or European level, or have questions about the proposal, but are unable to attend the meeting, please let me know. We will certainly need a dynamic team of committed individuals to deliver this ambitious large-scale project.

Please take a moment to circulate this invitation to anyone in your country who may be interested in this topic. We have tried to contact as many people as possible, but there will certainly be others with an interest in the subject who are unaware of this proposal. We will be continuing to make links with new collaborators for quite a long time.

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Travel and Accommodation

Rome has good transport links (road, air and rail) with most parts of Europe. The meeting is being held close to the Sapienza – Università di Roma, with the nearest Metro stop being Policlinico.

Suggested hotels in the area are:
- Best Western Hotel Globus, Viale Ippocrate 119, www.bestwestern.com
- Hotel Europa, Via Varese 26, www.hoteleuroparome.com
- Prince House Hotels, Via Palestro 72, www.princehousehotels.com (this gives access to other related hotels)

Of course there are many other possibilities in the University area. If you need any advice about accommodation, please ask Giovanni Amori (giovanni.amori@uniroma1.it), who is the local host of the meeting.