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Synthesis of Systematic Resources

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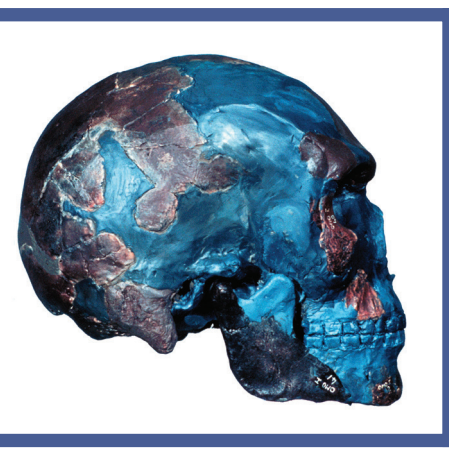

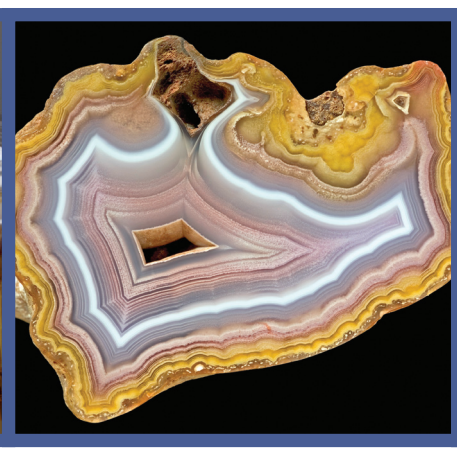

Access to research infrastructures

SYNTHESYS offers unique research opportunities to scientists from all over Europe. Access is provided to:

- European collections comprising more than half of the world's natural history specimens
- world class libraries
- state-of-the-art facilities including imaging, chemical, and molecular laboratories
- support from in-house scientists, including researchers, facilities staff, and collections managers

Participation is free of charge and is provided on the basis of scientific excellence of a proposal, reviewed by a Selection Panel. Priority is given to new users and projects addressing EC Societal Challenges. A typical project is 1-6 weeks in duration.

Virtual access will also be provided to digital material held at the collections, free of charge. Digitisation-on-demand requests will be reviewed in two annual calls.

The 21 partner institutions offer access via 13 national Taxonomic Access Facilities (TAFs).

AT-TAF: Naturhistorisches Museum, Vienna

BE-TAF: Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Brussels; Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren; Botanic Garden, Meise

CZ-TAF: Národní Muzeum, Prague

DE-TAF: Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum Berlin-Dahlem, Berlin; Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin; Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung, Frankfurt, Dresden, Görlitz, Müncheberg, Tübingen and Wilhelmshaven; Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde, Stuttgart; Zoologisches Forschungsmuseum Alexander Koenig, Bonn

DK-TAF: University of Copenhagen

ES-TAF: Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales & Real Jardín Botánico, Madrid

FI-TAF: Finnish Museum of Natural History, Helsinki

FR-TAF: Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris

GB-TAF: Natural History Museum, London; Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh

HU-TAF: Hungarian Natural History Museum, Budapest

IL-TAF: National Natural History Collections of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

NL-TAF: Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden

SE-TAF: Naturhistoriska riksmuseet, Stockholm

SYNTHESYS will provide finance for:

- research costs
- international travel and accommodation
- per diem contribution towards living costs
- logistical support at the host institution

Contact SYNTHESYS for details of the online application process and deadlines:
Web address: www.synthesys.info
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Annual Calls for proposals in February (2019 - 2022).
Visits will be scheduled between June 2019 and December 2022.
Virtual access calls in February 2020 and February 2021.

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