The theme and team of ASLO ASM 2021 in Palma de Mallorca

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Following the pressing needs of the society for a sustainable future, amidst the human-influenced environmental changes, the theme of the ASM 2021 in Palma “Aquatic Sciences for a sustainable future: nurturing cooperation” was proposed. Underdeveloped to developed societies face different levels of sustainability problems in aquatic resources, and cooperation is a keyword in which relevant information is shared to find solutions. Basically, we learn from each other’s success and failures in managing sustainability problems. The theme will be reflected on the topics of the plenary sessions (e.g. “the future of seafood resources”, “the role of cooperation in addressing global challenges in aquatic ecosystems”, “linking the health of the oceans to humans”, “restoration of aquatic ecosystems”) and special sessions and workshops. The logo of the meeting depicts the theme (Fig. 1) where the reaching of the two hands symbolizes “cooperation”, sharing of information, which will take place in Palma (Mallorca) represented by the local traditional boat “Llaüt”. The Llaüt was traditionally used for fish trawling. However, nowadays it is considered a cultural heritage, a work of craftsmanship, and is not used any longer for professional use because of the emergence of motorized boats and increased population of beach-goers. As we thought and reflected of a meaningful theme, we also thought of our dynamic scientific and local committee team (Fig. 2) with broad expertise (from freshwater to marine) and excellent background to ensure a meaningful and successful ASM meeting in Palma. We hope you can join us in ASM Palma in 2021!

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Figure 1. The theme and logo of ASLO ASM 2021 Palma. The reaching of two hands symbolizes “cooperation”, sharing of information, which will take place in Palma (Mallorca) represented by the local traditional boat “Llaüt”.

Figure 2. The team of ASLO ASM 2021 Palma during the first scientific and local joint committee meeting last January 2020 in Palma (From top-left to down-right: L. Gómez-Pujol, E. Sintes, C. Gaynus, M. Canals, T. Dittmar, J. Huisman, H. Hinz, P. Ziveri, N. Marbà, N. S. R. Agawin, C. Duarte, G. Herndl, M. Capa, I. Reche, I. Hendriks, J. M. Hidalgo, J. Gasol, A. Tovar, M. Wesselmann, H. Schneider, H. Arndt, E. Alou-Font and F. Rodríguez-Valera; not in photo: P. del Giorgio, E. Casamayor and K. Kleisner).

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