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“201 Darwin Symposium: First Steps in the Origin of Life”

The “**201 Darwin Symposium: First Steps in the Origin of Life**”, will be held during the last day of the 17th EMPSEB (European Meeting of PhD Students in Evolutionary Biology) meeting, in which invited Seniors will present their scientific perspectives on their field of expertise. In addition, they will comment on students’ presentation emphasizing on how these "first steps" may contribute into shaping the future of evolutionary science. The most outstanding and innovative research presentation of the EMPSEB meeting will be rewarded by the Darwin Symposium prize. Overall, we hope to offer valuable feedback and scientific motivation to the PhD participants.

Invited Speakers

(Alphabetical Order)

- Brian Charlesworth
- Bill Martin
- Günter Wagner

Organizers of “201 Darwin Symposium: First Steps in the Origin of Life”

- Barbara Pietrzak
(*PhD student; Department of Hydrobiology; University of Warsaw; Poland*)
- Stilianos Arhondakis, PhD
(*Biomedical Research Foundation, Academy of Athens, Bioinformatics & Medical Informatics Team, Athens, Greece*)

The Symposium is sponsored by the International Union of Biological Science (IUBS), which under the presidency of Professor Giorgio Bernardi, puts special emphasis on supporting innovative and alternative scientific ideas promoted by young researchers.