

The Dr. Margarita Metallinou POSTDOCTORAL TRAVEL AWARDS

SSAR is very pleased to announce the establishment of a new endowment in support of postdoctoral fellows. These awards will assist successful applicants to attend and present their research at SSAR's annual meetings and meet and interact with leaders in the field, which comes at a key time in their careers when they are seeking permanent positions. *Awards are open to postdocs from all countries.* The first awards will be made to attend the **Society's 2017 meeting** as part of the JMIH event at the Renaissance Austin Hotel, Austin, Texas, USA (July 12–16, 2017).

• Selection Committee •

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AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINE

1. Applicants must be officially employed as a postdoctoral fellow at the times of both the application *and* the meeting.
2. **Application deadline is: March 1, 2017.**
3. Applicants must be members of SSAR (<http://ssarherps.org/>) and be presenting a paper or poster at JMIH 2017.
4. **Applications must be sent electronically to Dr. Bell, committee chair, at bellrc@si.edu** and be submitted as a *single* PDF with the file name "LastNameFirstName_Metallinou2017" These must include the applicant's CV, a one-paragraph summary of the research to be presented (ideally, the abstract for the meeting presentation), and a short description of the applicant's career goals and how attending the meeting will help achieve them.
5. One or more awards up to US\$1000 will be made. State the amount requested in the application. Award funds will be made available at the meeting.



Dr. Margarita Metallinou, a talented Greek evolutionary biologist, received her doctorate in Spain and was on a postdoc in the USA when, in July 2015, she died in a wildlife accident while conducting fieldwork in Zambia, southern Africa. She had been scheduled to present her work at the Society's meeting later that summer at the University of Kansas. SSAR, together with the Metallinou family, decided that the most fitting and lasting memorial would be to support other postdocs to attend meetings of the Society. We thank members of the Metallinou family and Margarita's many friends for their most generous support, as well as dozens of other persons who have contributed to the endowment. We especially thank the Trustees of the Carl Gans Fund for their major support and Zoo Atlanta for its special funding for year 1.

We wish to grow the Metallinou Postdoctoral Endowment to help a larger number of postdocs in future years. Please inquire with the SSAR Treasurer, Dr. Ann Paterson (*email*: distichus@hotmail.com *or by post*: Department of Natural Science, Williams Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, AR 72476), to make a donation. These are tax-deductible in the USA.