

## **Proposal: Ranavirus Symposium 2015**

1. Location:

Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain, Alfredo Kraus Auditorium (see attached picture)

2. Approximate Dates:

5th and 6th September, 2015

3. Concurrent Meeting:

The meeting would take place on the 2 days prior to the meeting of the European Association of Fish Pathologists (EAFP) (September 7-11, 2015)

4. List of Co-organizers:

From the GRC:

- main organizer: Rachel Marschang
- co-organizers: Ellen Ariel and Amanda Duffus

EAFP organizers:

- Ivona Mladineo, Croatia, EAFP Meetings Secretary
- Felix Costa, EAFP Local Organizer

5. Proposed Activities:

In addition to 2 days of scientific talks, breakout discussions, and poster presentations, Gran Canaria offers a wide range of options for additional interesting activities including ocean, beaches, and a very diverse landscape with various microclimates. It is a World Biosphere Reserve. Options for Activities include:

- Hiking tours to observe the island's diverse reptilian and avian fauna
- Scuba diving
- Boat tour to observe sea turtles, dolphins, and fish

The EAFP meeting also traditionally offers a histopathology workshop.

6. Explanation why you think your venue is most ideal

Meeting together with the EAFP offers the first opportunity for the ranavirus symposium to be coordinated with a group focusing on diseases of fish, allowing scientists interested in ranaviruses in fish an extra incentive to attend and present their work, while also offering an attractive venue for anyone interested in reptiles and amphibians. It is also a great opportunity for the ranavirus symposium to be held outside of North America. Since Gran Canaria is a popular tourist destination, it is easy to travel to and offers many different hotel options as well as the possibility for attendees to bring along their families.

