Dear turtle researchers and students,

On behalf of the Host Committee, we would like to update you regarding the organization of the 5th Turtle Evolution Symposium. The event will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, between 20 and 23 July 2015 and contributions will be published by PeerJ.

We would like to highlight that:

**Registration is still open and must be done online** at the official site of the meeting at [www.mz.ufv.br/turtle2015/registration.html](http://www.mz.ufv.br/turtle2015/registration.html). We will receive registrations until mid-June.

**Registration fees are R$400 per person.** The amounts will be directly converted into Brazilian Real via Western Union transfer. For those who have not paid yet, we can receive the registration fees in cash (R$) in the first day of the event.

The **PeerJ Collection** of the 5th Turtle Evolution Symposium is available at [https://peerj.com/collections/14-5thturtle2015/](https://peerj.com/collections/14-5thturtle2015/). It contains the **abstracts** of the Symposium and will include the **peer-reviewed papers** of those who decide to publish in the meetings collection. **PeerJ** is now indexed by **Web of Science** and will receive the first **Impact Factor** in the next month.

**Access to Museum Collections** will be available on Monday, 20th 2015. Please contact the Host Committee in order to schedule your visit. Further informations available at [www.mz.ufv.br/turtle2015/informations.html](http://www.mz.ufv.br/turtle2015/informations.html).

The **field trip** registrations are closed. More informations are available at [www.mz.ufv.br/turtle2015/fieldtrip.html](http://www.mz.ufv.br/turtle2015/fieldtrip.html) and we will send details by e-mail to the participants.

Meeting attendees can win one of two **$250 PeerJ Travel Grants**. To know more, access [www.mz.ufv.br/turtle2015/index.html](http://www.mz.ufv.br/turtle2015/index.html) and check the link in “News and updates”.

The 5th Turtle Evolution Symposium will feature **35 oral and poster presentations** and will take place from July 21th to 22nd, 2015. It will be organized into one poster session, six thematic sessions for oral presentations, and a special session on turtles’ taxonomy followed by a round table discussion on this subject. So far, we have confirmed participants coming from **14 different countries**, setting a broad group for discussion.

Looking forward to see you in Rio,
Pedro Romano and Gustavo Oliveira