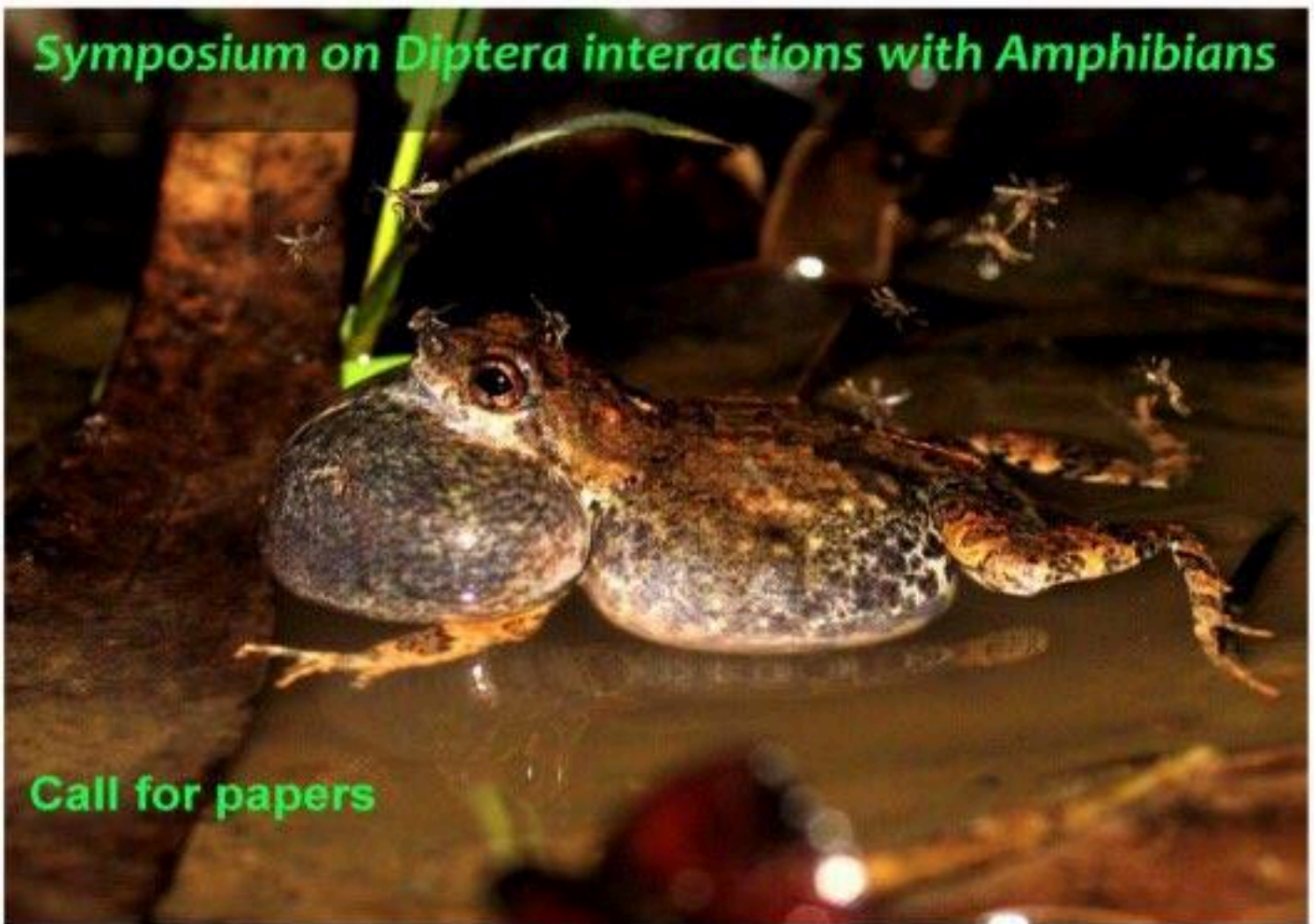


## Symposium on Diptera interactions with Amphibians



**Dear Colleagues,**

In cooperation with the 9th International Conference on Diptera (<http://icd9.co.za>), we cordially invite submissions for our symposium on Diptera interactions with Amphibians that will take place in Windhoek, Namibia in November 2018 (exact day TBA). Flies have evolved to interact with amphibians in many diverse ways, including as larval eggmass predators (e.g. some Phoridae, Ephydriidae and Calliphoridae), larval parasites (some Chloropidae, Calliphoridae and Sarcophagidae) and as adult blood-feeders (e.g. Corethrellidae, Culicidae, Ceratopogonidae and Psychodidae). In this symposium we aim to provide an overview of the diversity of Diptera-Amphibian interactions and to showcase existing research within these study systems. Ultimately the symposium will highlight venues for future research to promote further collaboration among researchers interested in

integrative approaches to understanding the strategies deployed by flies to interact with frogs. We thus welcome talks in a broad range of topics, including but not limited to:

- taxonomic reviews of Diptera groups associated with amphibians
- natural history observational studies
- morphological, physiological or behavioural studies of how flies interact with frogs
- case studies of fly-frog interaction biology
- coevolutionary dynamics of frog-fly systems

If you are interested in contributing to this symposium, please see presentation details given in the ICD9 second circular at <http://icd9.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/ICD9-Second-circular.pdf>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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