



**ULF JOHANSSON**

*From Sweden to France*



Project: **Geographical origin and genomics of tropicbirds**

Research topic: **Biology**

Swedish Institution: **Swedish Museum of Natural History**

French Institution: **Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle (MNHN)**

Dates of mobility: **02/11/2017 to 29/11/2017**

Program: **Eva de la Gardie**



## PRESENTATION

[Dr. Ulf Johansson](#) is a curator at the [Swedish Museum of Natural History](#) at the [Zoology Department](#). He is responsible for the collections of birds (research skins, skeletons and eggs) and for loans and visiting researchers in these collections. He teaches bird evolution and their biogeographical history at Stockholm University ([SU](#)) and at the [NABIS program](#) (Nordic Academy of Biodiversity and Systematics studies). He obtained his PhD from SU in 2003.

## ACTIVITIES IN FRANCE

Ulf Johansson's mobility to France and the [Institut de Systématique, Évolution, Biodiversité UMR 7205](#) and the National Museum of Natural History ([MNHN](#)) was mainly aimed at collecting data on the geographical origin of birds and collaborate with [Dr. Jérôme Fuchs](#) to analyze this data. The two also discussed future collaborations on bird genomics.

During the trip, Johansson had the chance to meet with [Dr. Ben Warren](#), curator of birds at MNHN. They discussed Indian Ocean birds and tropicbirds. On top of that, he also travelled to Montpellier to exchange views with researchers in fields related to his recent work on tropicbirds, among others [Dr. Pierre-Henri Fabre](#) and [Dr. Benoît Nabholz](#) (Institute of Evolutionary Science Montpellier [ISEM](#) at the [University of Montpellier](#)). Johansson is interesting in collecting blood samples from tropicbirds around the world for his research project. It was thus key for Johanssen to extend his network of research colleagues in this field.