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Call for Synthesis Working Group, Postdoc, and Sabbatical Proposals

- **Deadline: 15th February 2017 (13:47/1:47 PM CET)**
- Start date of projects: Summer 2017 or later
- Working and meeting place is iDiv in Leipzig (https://www.idiv.de)
- Projects must be synthetic; lab or field work is not funded
- Each proposal needs a minimum of one iDiv member as participant or as Co-PI/PI (see https://www.idiv.de/research/idiv_member_groups.html). sDiv encourages all candidates to be pro-active with communicating with suitable project partners and iDiv members (ask sDiv coordinator Marten.Winter@idiv.de for help).
- Please see the full programme description for important details and the proposal templates: **www.idiv.de/sdiv/calls**
- All topics and questions related to synthesizing biodiversity research are welcome. However, three strategic areas from which we would particularly welcome proposals include: "N*ext generation mechanistic biodiversity modelling*", "*Scaling up the relationship between biodiversity and ecosystem function*", and "*Comparing/contrasting patterns of microbial biodiversity with those known from macro-organisms*".

Working Groups:

- Meetings: 2-3 times over 24 months.
- Working group proposals may include associated postdoc but this request needs a compelling justification (see below).
- Working group proposals can be initiated by anyone in the greater scientific community (i.e., not just iDiv members, but see General Info about member involvement).

Postdocs:

- Postdoc duration: 24 months (possible extension until September 2020, with review)
- Postdoc options:

  Individual Postdoc:
  - Self-initiated, proposing own project in collaboration with iDiv mentors. Postdoc applicants need not to be currently associated with iDiv.
  - iDiv mentor-initiated, proposing collaborative iDiv project, with postdoc candidate to be identified after award.

  Working Group Postdoc:
  - Working group initiated, postdoc's role is associated directly with working group project, see above.

Sabbaticals:

- Sabbatical duration: 1-12 months, either one continuous stay or may be divided into several stays.
- Sabbatical applicants should contact sDiv coordinator Marten.Winter@idiv.de for more details.

sDiv is the synthesis centre of iDiv, the **German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research** (**iDiv**) Halle - Jena – Leipzig. iDiv's main mission is to promote **theory-driven synthesis and data-driven theory** in biodiversity sciences and to provide the **scientific foundations for the sustainable management of biodiversity**. sDiv supports this mission by ensuring close collaboration between theoreticians, empiricists, and practitioners inside and outside of iDiv, by fostering the establishment and maintenance of networks within the scientific community across the world.