

EVOLUTION MEGALAB NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 9 FEBRUARY 2009

Thank you to everyone who submitted news for this issue. If you have any news that you would like to be included in a future issue, please email it to Jenny at j.p.worthington@open.ac.uk by the 20th of the month

PROJECT UPDATES

UPDATED WEBSITE

As you are all aware we released the updated version of the website in February. The most significant changes made were:

- Alteration and addition of new content to the website
- Accommodating countries where more than one language is spoken

We appreciate the extra time and effort you have given to the project as a result of these changes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the work you have put into this project from the beginning and hope you agree that its going to be something to be proud of.

PDFS

We are working on uploading the pdfs at the moment. When creating the file names for the pdfs, special characters unfortunately cannot be used. This is due to a technical issue that has only just come to light and cannot be resolved.

WEBSITE STATISTICS

From the end of March I will be sending out monthly reports to each country outlining the web statistics for that month. I hope you will find this of use.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

LOCALISED CONTENT

Two pages on the website can be customised for each country; these pages

are 'Learn more' and 'Teachers' resources'. If you would like these pages appearing on your countries version of the website can you please send me the following:

- The text you would like appearing on the website (due to technical reasons these pages cannot be translated in the normal way). The pages can include web links, images etc.
- Any documents you would like linking to.

SUPPORT EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have not done so already can you please confirm what email address you would like using as the support email address for your country

PRESS CONTACT

If you have not done so already can you please confirm who you would like as the press contact for your country.



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NEWS

MEGALAB ON TV

Word is getting out about the MegaLab!

- In Germany on the 10th February the MegaLab appeared on the TV show "Quarks & Co"
- In Switzerland on the 12th February the MegaLab appeared on Swiss TV. The film can be viewed here (please scroll down to 'Schnecken-Aktion im Darwin-Jahr'):

<http://www.sf.tv/sendungen/einstein/sendung.php?docid=20090212>

SWITZERLAND

BirdLife Switzerland which promotes Evolution MegaLab in Switzerland has created an additional website:

http://www.birdlife.ch/d/projekte_evolution_megalab.html

On this website regional news (excursions, exhibitions, addresses of experts, interesting findings) will be presented at regular intervals.

ITALY

A website has been developed for people interested in the MegaLab in Italy:

<http://www.unife.it/dipartimento/biologia-evoluzione/emi/>

This website provides additional support to the project with a PowerPoint presentation, a list of regional snail experts who agreed to help interested people and schools etc.



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