

NIMBioS Working Group: *Ecology of Niche Variation* – Meeting Schedule July 27- July 29

July 27

- 8:00 Breakfast provided at NIMBioS
- 9:00 Welcome Presentation, NIMBioS Leadership Team
- 9:15 Overview of working group goals and schedule - D. Bolnick
Empirical patterns of niche variation.
How might it matter to ecological dynamics?
- 9:45 Participants introduce themselves
(Please be prepared to spend 5 minutes introducing yourself and your research interests to the rest of the group. PowerPoint is available.)
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:45 Participant introductions, continued
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Group brainstorming to identify interesting questions to pursue
- 3:30 Coffee Break
- 3:45 Brainstorming continued
- 4:30 Identify most exciting focal questions, and form sub-groups
- 5:00 Beer/wine/snacks reception at NIMBioS
- 6:30- Dinner at local restaurants

July 28

- 8:00 Breakfast provided at NIMBioS
- 9:00 Subgroup work
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:45 Subgroup work
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Subgroup work
- 3:30 Coffee break
- 3:45 Reconvene full group, present ideas from subgroup meetings
- 5:00 Dinner at local restaurants

July 29

- 8:00 Breakfast provided at NIMBioS
- 9:00 Full group meets to discuss proposed directions of subgroups
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:45 Full group discussion, continued
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Subgroups meet to plan specific objectives, division of labor, and timeline for achieving the objectives
- 3:30 Coffee break
- 3:45 Discuss scheduling and goals for remaining two meetings
- 5:00 End of first working group meeting