

## **SEK BILBAO 2016 - XXIII CONVENTION**

The XXIII Sociedad Española de Killis (SEK) Convention will be held in **Bilbao** on **April 29 and 30, and May 1, 2016**.

Bilbao is a city in the North of Spain, with a population of 350,000 citizen, located next to the Cantabric Sea.

Bilbao has many touristic highlights (Museo Guggenheim, Palacio Euskalduna, Museo Marítimo, Alhóndiga, Museo de Bellas Artes, Casco Viejo, Mercado de la Ribera, Catedral de Santiago, Gran Vía, Puente Zubizuri, Biblioteca Foral, Parque de Doña Casilda, Ría de Bilbao, Monte Artxanda, ...) and is known for its cuisine.

The Bilbao airport has direct flights with many European cities (Amsterdam, Bruselas, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Lisboa, Londres, Manchester, Munich, París, Praga, Roma, Zurich, ...).

Bilbao is only 1 hour and a half away from the French frontier by highway.

The Convention will be held at the **Museo Marítimo Ría de Bilbao**  
Muelle Ramón de la Sota, 1  
48013 Bilbao

[www.museomaritimobilbao.org](http://www.museomaritimobilbao.org)

GPS coordinates: 43.266329, -2.946213

### **Killifish competition**

The competition categories will be:

- Group I: Callopanchax, Fundulopanchax, Gularopanchax, Paludopanchax, Paraphyosemion & Raddaella.
- Group II: Archiaphyosemion, Mesoaphyosemion (Callirium group) & Scriptaphyosemion.
- Group III: Aphyosemion & Mesoaphyosemion (except for Callirium group).
- Group IV: Chromaphyosemion, Diapteron & Kathetys.
- Group V: Aphyoplatys, Aplocheilus, Epiplatys, Episemion & Pachypanchax.
- Group VI: Small Rivulus.
- Group VII: Big Rivulus.
- Group VIII: Fundulosoma & Nothobranchius.
- Group IX: South American annuals.
- Group X: Aphanis.
- Group XI: Other genres, including Oryzias genre.

The fishes for the competition need to be at the Convention before 7 pm on Friday April 29.

The allowed modalities are: couples, trios (1 male and 2 females), inverse trios (1 female and 2 males) and breeding groups (3 couples or 2 trios).

Killifish preinscription (by e-mail: [sek2016@killis.es](mailto:sek2016@killis.es)) is recommended, detailing breeder's name, association, species and populations.

You can send your killifish for the competition to:

**Aquamail**

**Amaia, 21**

**48930 Las Arenas – Getxo**

**Spain**

There will be 3 prizes per group and 1 prize for the best breeding group in each group. All the killifish will become property of the SEK and will be sold at the public auction on Sunday May 1.

### **Photography competition**

Photos that reflect the activities and everything surrounding the killi-world. The presentation deadline is April 3, 2016.

Any adult who is a member of any killifish association can participate, presenting a limit of up to 3 photos without any signature, name or author identification.

The photos must be sent, by e-mail, to [sek2016@killis.es](mailto:sek2016@killis.es)

The photo size will be 20x30 cm, color, either horizontal or vertical, in digital format. The maximum size allowed for each photo is 5 MB. We recommend a minimum digital resolution of 300 ppp and RGB mode.

The pictures must be original and exclusive to the author and they must never have been awarded at any photography competition, as well as be free from copyrights. Photomontages or digitally altered pictures will not be allowed.

The photos will be printed by the organization. The photographs will become property of the SEK, which will be allowed to use, reproduce, exhibit or spread them, mentioning the author.

You must send the photos as an attachment, by e-mail, using a text file with:

- Title of each photo, linked to the name of the corresponding file.
- Brief explanation of each photo. It's recommended to mention if the picture is vertical or horizontal, and any other information to facilitate to the proper exhibition of the photo.
- Author information: name, association, country and e-mail address.

The best photography of the exhibition will be awarded.

## Hotels and hostels

Bilbao offers a wide variety of accommodations.  
The nearest hotels (about 5 minutes on foot from the Convention) are:

Hotel Meliá Bilbao (5 stars)  
[www.melia.com/es/hoteles/espana/bilbao/melia-bilbao/index.html](http://www.melia.com/es/hoteles/espana/bilbao/melia-bilbao/index.html)

Hotel NH Collection Villa de Bilbao (4 stars)  
[www.nh-hoteles.es/hotel/nh-collection-villa-de-bilbao](http://www.nh-hoteles.es/hotel/nh-collection-villa-de-bilbao)

Hotel Hesperia Zubialde (4 stars)  
[www.hesperia.es/hotel/hesperia-zubialde](http://www.hesperia.es/hotel/hesperia-zubialde)

Hotel Ilunion Bilbao (3 stars)  
[www.ilunionbilbao.com](http://www.ilunionbilbao.com)

Hotel NH Bilbao Deusto (3 stars)  
[www.nh-hoteles.es/hotel/nh-bilbao-deusto](http://www.nh-hoteles.es/hotel/nh-bilbao-deusto)

If you travel by car, some interesting suggestions (due to their economic price and good quality) are:

Hotel Ibis Budget Bilbao Barakaldo (10 minutes by car)  
[www.ibis.com/es/hotel-3702-ibis-budget-bilbao-barakaldo/index.shtml](http://www.ibis.com/es/hotel-3702-ibis-budget-bilbao-barakaldo/index.shtml)

Hotel Ibis Budget Arrigorriaga (15 minutes by car)  
[www.ibis.com/es/hotel-3707-ibis-budget-bilbao-arrigorriaga/index.shtml](http://www.ibis.com/es/hotel-3707-ibis-budget-bilbao-arrigorriaga/index.shtml)

And for the youngest attendants, who accept sharing a bedroom, there are several very economic hostels near the Convention:

Moon Hostel Bio  
[www.moonhostelbio.com](http://www.moonhostelbio.com)

Pil Pil Hostel Bilbao  
[www.pilpilhostel.com](http://www.pilpilhostel.com)

Bilbao Akelarre Hostel  
[www.bilbaoakelarrehostel.com](http://www.bilbaoakelarrehostel.com)

Botxo Gallery Youth Hostel  
[www.botxogallery.com](http://www.botxogallery.com)

Other accommodation options: [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com)

## Schedule

### Friday, April 29, 2016

11:00	Opening of the XXIII SEK Convention & killifish exhibition.
11:00	Various activities & trips.
19:00	Closure of the killifish reception for the competition.
20:00	Closure of the exhibition room.
20:30	Boat trip with dinner based on "pintxos", through the Bilbao River (Mandatory pre-registration and payment before April 17. Price, with dinner included: 20 €) *

### Saturday, April 30, 2016

10:00	Opening of the exhibition.
10:00	Judgment of killifish for the competition.
12:00	SEK Members' General Meeting.
17:00	Conference-projection: "Lampeyes - An aquarium full of life", by Ralph Bayer (President of the DKG).
20:00	Exhibition closure.
20:30	Departure by bus to touristic tour on the way to dinner.
22:00	Celebratory dinner and awards ceremony: Restaurante El León (Mandatory pre-registration and payment before April 17. Price, with bus tour included: 30 €) *
All day long	Killifish exhibition at the exhibition hall. Little market of killifish related products Guided visits at the "Museo Marítimo Ría de Bilbao", on demand.

### Sunday, May 1, 2016

08:00	Dismantling of the Convention and bottling of the killifish.
10:00	Auction of all the exhibited killifish.
13:30	Closure of the Convention and "txakoli & pintxos" (courtesy of SEK) for all the Convention attendants.

\* Inscriptions by e-mail to [sek2016@killis.es](mailto:sek2016@killis.es)

More information at [www.sekweb.org](http://www.sekweb.org)