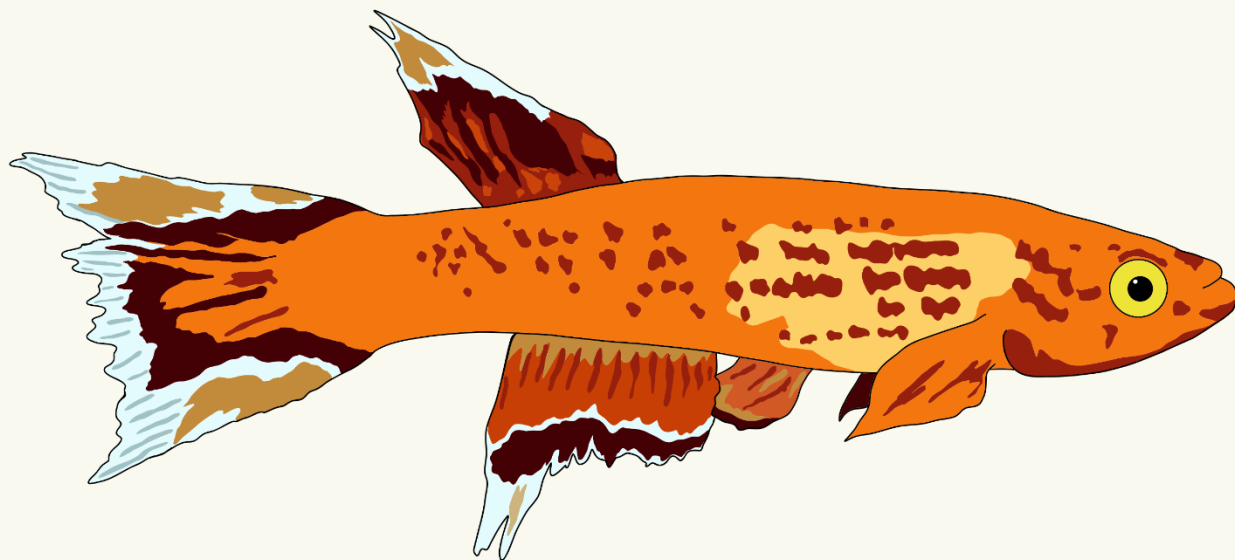


XXXI Convención SEK 2026

Los peces que nacen con la lluvia



Ayuntamiento de Colmenar Viejo y
la Sociedad Española de Killis (SEK)

8, 9 Y 10 DE MAYO

ENTRADA LIBRE

Centro Cultural Pablo Neruda
Calle del Real 40
28770 Colmenar Viejo (Madrid)



The XXXI Convention of the Spanish Killifish Society (SEK) will be held in Colmenar Viejo (Madrid) on 8, 9 and 10 May (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).

Thanks to the collaboration of the Colmenar Viejo Town Council, the Convention will take place at the Pablo Neruda Cultural Centre, located at Calle Real No. 40, 28770 Colmenar Viejo (Madrid).



Colmenar Viejo is a town in the north-west of the Madrid region, surrounded by pastures of holm oaks and ash trees.

An open town since ancient times, it was a stopping place between Alcalá de Henares and Segovia. Located at the foot of the Sierra de Guadarrama, part of its territory belongs to the Upper Manzanares Basin Regional Park.

Known for its quarries, from which granite was extracted to build monuments such as Almudena Cathedral and the Valley of the Fallen, quarrying and livestock farming were pillars of its economy.



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1. PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 8 MAY 2026

4:00 pm. Exhibition opens.

7:00 pm. Deadline for reception of fish not pre-registered.

8:00 pm. Closing of the exhibition.

9:00 pm. Informal dinner for convention attendees. La Parrilla de Colmenar Restaurant

SATURDAY 9 MAY 2026

10:00 am. Exhibition opens.

11:00 am. Deadline for reception of pre-registered fish.

12:00 pm. SEK members' meeting (members only).

2:00 pm. Exhibition closes.

4:30 pm. Lecture (the room will only be opened for lecture attendees).

"How I Breed Killifish and Other Aquarium Fish as a Hobbyist and Commercially" by Roman Stefanko.

Roman, a member of CZKA, has had a long career in fishkeeping, although he has only been involved in the world of killifish for the past 10 years. Even so, this has not prevented him from winning the European Killifish Competition (CEK) in 2022, 2023 and 2024.



8:00 pm. Exhibition closes.

9:00 pm. Dinner and awards ceremony for convention attendees.

SUNDAY 10 MAY 2026

8:00 am. Dismantling and removal of the Exhibition.

11:00 am. Fish sale. In the auditorium.

2:00 pm. Closing and farewell aperitif.



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1. KILLIFISH COMPETITION

The competition categories will be:

- Group I: Callopanchax, Fundulopanchax, Gularopanchax, Paludopanchax, Paraphyosemion and Raddaella
- Group II: Archiaphyosemion, Mesoaphyosemion (Callirium Group) and Scriptaphyosemion.
- Group III: Aphyosemion and Mesoaphyosemion (except the Callirium Group)
- Group IV: Chromaphyosemion, Diapteron and Kathetys.
- Group V: Aphyoplatys, Aplocheilus, Epiplatys, Episemion and Pachypanchax.
- Group VI: Rivulus.
- Group VII: Fundulosoma and Nothobranchius.
- Group VIII: South American annuals.
- Group IX: Aphanis.
- Group X: Other genera, including the genus Oryzias.

Fish entered in the competition must be registered no later than 3:00 pm on Tuesday 5 May by email to inscripcion@sekweb.org, stating the breeder's name, association, membership number, group, species, population and group composition (pair, trio or breeding group). inscripcion@sekweb.org

They must be delivered to the Convention before 11:00 am on Saturday 9 May. Pairs, trios (1 male and 2 females), reverse trios (1 female and 2 males) and breeding groups (3 pairs or 2 trios) will be accepted.

Killifish may also be sent in for the competition; in that case, please notify shipments to inscripcion@sekweb.org. inscripcion@sekweb.org

Three prizes will be awarded per group, as well as one prize in each group for the best breeding group. All fish will become the property of SEK.



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2. SEK PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2026

1. THEME OF THE COMPETITION

The theme of the photography competition is: KILLIFISH, "THE FISH THAT ARE BORN WITH THE RAIN". We are looking for photographs that reflect the activity and everything related to the world of killifish.

2. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

The submission period will remain open until 10 April 2026. NO PHOTOGRAPH RECEIVED AFTER THIS DEADLINE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

3. ELIGIBILITY

All persons over 18 years of age, of any nationality and country of residence, who belong to SEK or to any other national or international killifish association may participate, with a maximum of three entries per author.

4. SIZE, SUBMISSION, SELECTION AND TECHNIQUE

Submitted photographs must not bear any signature and/or the name of the author that could identify the work. For all entries submitted to the competition, it is essential to send the photographs in JPEG format to the following email address: concursofotos@sekweb.org

Photographs must be submitted digitally (this is the only accepted method of submission).

Entries must be submitted in JPEG format, measuring 20 x 30 cm (horizontal or vertical). Maximum file size: 5 MB. We recommend a minimum digital resolution of 300 dpi and RGB mode. Originals that do not comply with these requirements may be excluded from the competition.

Photographs must be submitted in colour, must be original and exclusive to the author, must not have received prizes in any photographic competition, and must be free of any rights that may be claimed by third parties.

Photomontages or photographs digitally altered in such a way that their original message or image has been changed using editing software will not be accepted.

However, photographs with adjustments to brightness, tone, contrast, etc. (the usual post-processing adjustments) used to improve image quality will be accepted.

Elements or visual effects that are not part of the original image will not be allowed.

The photographs will be printed in 20 x 30 format and mounted for the competition-exhibition to be held during the convention. Mounting and printing will be the responsibility of SEK. Each work must be named with consecutive numbers followed by the file extension. (Example: "Australe1.JPEG", "Australe2.JPEG", ...)

5. PRIZE

A single prize will be awarded to the best photograph in the competition, taking into account technique (image quality), composition, visual impact, originality, etc.



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6. PRESENTATION OF THE PRIZE

The prize will be presented at the SEK convention during the gala dinner on 9 May, after the jury's decision has been made public together with the name of the author of the winning work.

7. JURY AND SELECTION OF WINNERS

The jury will be made up of 3 people connected with the world of photography and killifish. The jury's decision will be final and will be based on the artistic quality of the works, their creative value, innovation and technical difficulty, as well as their original relationship with the proposed theme and the way in which the reproduced reality is treated. The jury's decision will be made public on 9 May.

8. OWNERSHIP AND SUBSEQUENT USE OF THE WORKS

The submitted photographs may be used by SEK for reproduction, exhibition, projection and/or dissemination, with express mention of the author of the work, for the promotion of SEK and the work it carries out (magazines, studies, exhibitions), without obtaining any financial gain from them, while copyright remains with its rightful owners.

9. SPECIFIC TERMS

The winning photograph will be displayed on the SEK website. SEK may organise a virtual or physical exhibition with the selected photographs, announcing the exhibition of the works in advance on its website. Participation in the competition implies acceptance of these rules.

For any questions or enquiries, please contact concursofotos@sekweb.org

3. DINNERS

La Parrilla de Colmenar Restaurant
Calle de Madrid No. 2, 28770 Colmenar Viejo (Madrid)

DINNER - FRIDAY 8 MAY

Two drinks: beer, water, soft drinks or wine.

To share:

- Pepper and tuna belly salad
- Calamari
- Ham croquettes
- Pork shoulder with potatoes
- Battered prawns



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Dessert: subject to availability

Price: EUR 31 per person

DINNER - SATURDAY 9 MAY

Two drinks: beer, water, soft drinks or wine.

Starters to share:

- Chorizo in cider
- Wild green asparagus with ham
- Broken eggs with baby eels and prawns

Main course to choose from:

- Grilled swordfish with baby eels
- Grilled red-meat entrecote
- Hake fillets in homemade marinade
- Grilled beef sirloin

Dessert: cake with ice cream

Price: EUR 41 per person

If anyone has any food allergy or intolerance, please contact us at convencion@sekweb.org and we will send you the alternative menu. convencion@sekweb.org

CHILDREN'S MENU

At both dinners there are two possible children's menus (all include bread, a drink and homemade dessert):

Children's menu 1: Price EUR 14

Choose one single main dish:

- Chicken breast
- Cuban-style rice
- Hamburger
- Chicken fingers
- Pork loin



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Children's menu 2: Price EUR 17

- First course: calamari and croquettes
- Second course to choose from:
 - ✓ Milk-fed lamb chops
 - ✓ Beef steak
 - ✓ Veal escalope

PAYMENT AND BOOKING

Payments by bank transfer:

Account holder: Sociedad Española de

Killis IBAN: ES90 2048 0003 6734 0400

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SWIFT/BIC: CECAESMM048 (for payments from outside Spain)

Please state in the payment reference: names of the attendees and the dinners being booked

Payments by PayPal:

Account: tesorero@sekweb.org

PayPal payments must be increased by 5% to cover the fee charged by PayPal, and payment must be made using the "Pay for goods or services" option.

DO NOT use the "Send money to friends or family" option in PayPal

Once payment has been made, send an email to convencion@sekweb.org stating the names of the attendees, the date of payment and the payment method (so that it can be verified), as well as the chosen menu options. Important: confirmation that the booking has been accepted is always sent within a few days; if you do not receive confirmation, please resend the email. convencion@sekweb.org

Booking and payment must be completed before 28 April by email.

4. TOURISM

The municipality of Colmenar Viejo, located in the mountains of Madrid, offers major tourist attractions.

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A must-see is the Basilica of the Assumption of Our Lady, a Gothic church with an impressive bell tower and a magnificent main altarpiece. Inside it is the Museum of Sacred Art.

SURROUNDINGS: Royal Monastery of San Lorenzo de El Escorial

Located on the southern slope of Mount Abantos at an altitude of 1,028 metres in the Sierra de Guadarrama, it enjoys outstanding scenic value. Since 2 November 1984, the Royal Monastery of San Lorenzo de El Escorial has been included on the World Heritage List.

A complex that includes a royal palace, a basilica, a pantheon, a library, a school and a monastery. The basilica is the burial place of the kings of Spain, and the monastery - founded by monks of the Order of Saint Jerome - is currently occupied by friars of the Order of Saint Augustine. Built by King Philip II in the second half of the 16th century, it is one of the most distinctive Renaissance architectural complexes in Spain and Europe.

MADRID

Less than 45 minutes away by car, Madrid, the capital of Spain, is home to museums of worldwide importance, notably the Prado Museum, the Reina Sofía National Museum Art Centre and the Thyssen-Bornemisza National Museum. In 2021, the Paseo of The Prado and Buen Retiro, a landscape of arts and sciences, were included on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

As the capital of the kingdom since 1561, it has left its mark on the city with impressive palaces such as the Royal Palace, dreamlike gardens such as El Retiro Park or the Sabatini Gardens, as well as monuments such as Puerta de Alcalá. In a city with so much history, a walk through the old quarter, Plaza Mayor or Puerta del Sol is essential.

Madrid is a dynamic, modern city that warmly welcomes visitors.



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5. ACCOMMODATION

Gran Hostal Restaurante El Chiscón, by telephone, stating that the booking is for the killifish convention.

Hostel details:

Telephone: 918452847

Address: Calle de los Frailes, 91, 28770 Colmenar Viejo, Madrid

Dates: Friday 8 and Saturday 9 (one or two nights, depending on your plans)

Gran Hostal El Chiscón is located in the centre of Colmenar Viejo, a 5-minute walk from the town hall, the bullring and the Basilica of the Assumption of Our Lady. The establishment has a 24-hour reception, a free Wi-Fi area and free parking.

All rooms have air conditioning, heating, a flat-screen TV, wardrobe and private bathroom with bathtub.

Luggage storage is available on site. El Chiscón is 30 minutes by car from central Madrid and is next to a bus stop with connections to the train station and Plaza de Castilla in Madrid.

The rooms have a full bathroom, heating, air conditioning, telephone and television. We also offer 24-hour reception, a safe and free Wi-Fi in common areas.

Single Room:

Rate: EUR 50.00 Includes VAT and buffet breakfast

Double Room:

2 twin beds or one double bed.

Rate: EUR 70.00 Includes VAT and buffet breakfast



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6. HOW TO GET THERE

Due to its proximity to Madrid, this city is always used as the main point of reference for travel directions.

BY CAR:

M-40

Continue on the M-607

BY AIR:

Arrival at Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas International Airport

<https://www.aena.es/es/adolfo-suarez-madrid-barajas.html>

Options for reaching Colmenar Viejo from the airport:

- ✓ Car hire at the airport itself
- ✓ Public transport:
 - Metro line 8 from the Airport to Nuevos Ministerios
 - At Nuevos Ministerios, take Cercanías line C4B to Colmenar Viejo station
 - From the station, take Urban Bus Line 1 or a taxi (a short and convenient journey)
- ✓ Taxi
- ✓ Cabify, Uber or Bolt

BY CERCANÍAS TRAIN:

Take Cercanías line C4B Parla - Colmenar Viejo in the direction of Colmenar Viejo to Colmenar Viejo station. It can be boarded at Atocha, Sol and Nuevos Ministerios stations. From the station, take Urban Bus Line 1 or a taxi (a short and convenient journey)



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