



## Paleontology in the 21st Century

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2. New interpretations of data resulting from applications of methods new to paleontology.
3. New databases (such as DNA and protein sequence databases) against which to compare data derived from fossils.
4. Advancing the understanding of tempo and mode in evolution.
5. The integration of paleontological perspectives into various disciplines (e.g. Biology, Ecology, Microbiology, Conservation biology, Developmental Biology, Molecular Biology, Genomics, and even Computer Science).
6. The recognition of long-term environmental change and organismal responses to it, as revealed from fossil and sedimentological data.
7. Novel insights into evolutionary relationships between living and extinct taxa.
8. Pathways of preservation and taphonomic modes, revealed through new biogeochemical analyses.
9. ...





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