



NEWSLETTER January 2021

The 26th International Congress of Entomology in Helsinki, Finland, has been postponed until **July 2022**

Dear Entomologist, Dear Participant,

The continuing covid-19 pandemic in key countries and regions such as the USA, Latin America, UK, Germany, etc. is forcing us to postpone the 26th International Congress of Entomology in Helsinki, Finland, by another year: the new dates are **18-23 July 2022**. Rest assured: these are the final dates, and we will not postpone the congress further.

After sending out our December 2020 Newsletter we conducted a comprehensive survey among our Scientific Advisory Board and many other key organizing partners around the globe, concerning the covid-19 situation in their countries, and institutional policies for travels. The result does not leave any other reasonable option than postponement of the congress until 2022: Only 6% of participants, who have registered to participate in the congress, believe that they will get a permit to travel to Helsinki to the congress in July this year. Two out of three (66%) of participants **would NOT get a permit** to travel, and the rest say that it depends on the development of the pandemic in their home country, and in Finland. Information about the covid-19 infection numbers is available on the internet.

Vast majority of participants are not expected to get **vaccinated** against covid-19 before **summer or autumn of the current year**.

Replacing a physical meeting with a fully on-line virtual meeting fulfils only partially the objectives of an international congress of entomology: for many participants meeting colleagues and networking is an equally important reason to attend, to excellent science and participating in presentations about the latest developments in entomology. We wish to offer our participants the **possibility of a safe physical congress** – after two years of lockdown and not meeting colleagues. This should be an additional incentive to participate in the event in summer of 2022 in Helsinki.

We will send additional details as soon as possible and will continue our registration transfer and other policies as indicated previously, till 2022.

Looking forward to welcoming you all to Helsinki in 2022.

Sincerely yours, Heikki Hokkanen
President of the ICE2022Helsinki Organizing Committee

