



NEWSLETTER August 2021

The 26th International Congress of Entomology in Helsinki, Finland, will take place in **July 2022**

Dear Entomologist, Dear Participant,

COVID19 pandemic

The continuing COVID19 pandemic and associated restrictions to international travel and organization of physical meetings shows that once again, the decision by the local organizing committee (LOC) of ICE2020Helsinki to postpone the 26th ICE until July 2022 was the only possibility to assure that an in-person meeting of world entomologists can take place as soon as the prevailing conditions will allow.

It has become clear that the COVID19 will not go away, but that we have to learn to live with it. What gives us confidence for July 2022 is the fact that vaccination programs have progressed so that many of our participants already are fully vaccinated, and most of us will be vaccinated by the time of the congress. The LOC will monitor carefully the global and local health situation, and we will adhere to the regulations and recommendations by the health authorities while implementing the congress programme in July 2022.

New venue

We are aware that the postponement of the congress by an additional year from 2021 to 2022 has brought to all of us great challenges. For us organizers these have been complicated. One major challenge has been that we have to change the venue of the congress: our original venue – the Finlandia Hall – will be closed because of renovation for two years (2022-2023) and therefore is not available for our congress in July 2022. The new venue is MESSUKESKUS Helsinki Expo and Convention Centre. Messukeskus Helsinki is the largest venue in Finland, and is constantly developing. Messukeskus is known to be compact, easy to move around and a venue full of good experiences! The professional teamwork with the locals, city of Helsinki, hotels and devoted English speaking staff, ensures an unforgettable congress for ICE in Messukeskus.

Messukeskus can be reached by three tram lines, local trains, direct train from the airport, taxis and naturally also with busses. The train connection from the airport directly to the venue started in 2015. Messukeskus is located 3 km from the central railway station (5 min

by train) and 16 km from the airport. Distances are short also time wise as Helsinki is a compact city with a very efficient public transportation.

More information about the new venue is available at the ICE2022Helsinki website www.ice2020helsinki.fi

New service provider for registration and abstract submission

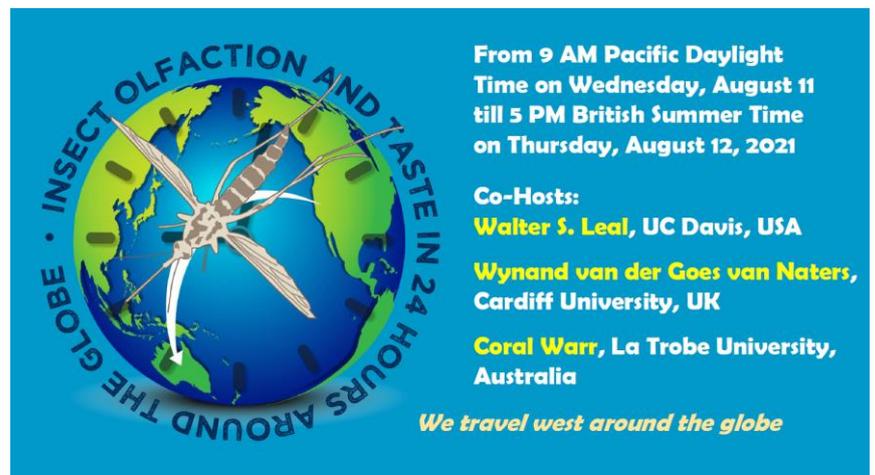
The contract with our previous service provider (Peerage of Science Oy) to handle registrations and abstract submissions for participants attending ICE2020Helsinki ran out in July 2021, and was not renewed. We contracted a new service provider (DataPrisma Oy), and had to transfer and convert all information about our participants and the submitted abstracts and symposia to the congress management system of DataPrisma Oy. This was a huge task, which took several months to complete. The new registration and abstract submission and management system is operational since mid-July 2021: new participants are welcome to register, and to submit presentation abstracts with the new system. There may still be inconsistencies, but please be patient, all submitted data is safe and will be organized correctly. We will be communicating with you if we need to check anything.

“Warm-up” for ICE2022: Symposium on Insect Olfaction and Taste in 24 Hours Around the Globe (August 11-12, 2021).

We encourage all ICE2022 participants to join the virtual symposium on insect olfaction and taste NEXT WEEK. The text below has been provided by prof. Walter S. Leal.

This virtual symposium starts on Wed (Aug. 11) at 9 AM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), continues from 10 AM to 6 PM Australia Eastern Standard Time (AEST), and from 9 AM to 5 PM British Summer Time (BST). All presentations will be live, but the entire symposium will be recorded and a link shared with all registrants. Registration is required but it is fee-free:

<https://bit.ly/37cfSsp>



We now have 1136 participants from 66 countries. Given the high demand, the virtual room was upgraded to 1,000 participants. Register now and join us on Aug. 11-12 to learn the latest on insect chemosensation.

Keynote speakers: John Hildebrand, Josefina del Marmol, Jon Clardy, Richard Benton, Greg Jefferis, Leslie Vosshall, Ke Dong, Zain Syed, Jeff Riffell, Sylvia Anton, Frederic Marion-Poll, Anupama Dahanukar, Marcus Stensmyr, Melissa Jordan, Guirong Wang, and Silke Sachse.

Contributed presentations by: Hany Dweck, Ilona Grunwald Kadow, Chris Potter, Jessica Zung, Ben Matthews, Sharon Hill, Mario Pannunzi, Naoko Toshima, Mahmut Demir, Erika Plettner, David Heckel, Zepeng Yao, Carolina Reisenman, Yael Grosjean, Preeti Sareen, Craig Montell, Pinky Kain, Xi Chu, Bente Berg, Kosuke Tateishi, Hidehiro Watanabe, Jayaprakas C. A., Emmanuelle Jacquin-Joly, Walter S. Leal, Ani Agnihotri, Jason Pitts, Paul Szyszka, Yinliang Wang, Chen-Zhu Wang, Julia Mariette, Jonathan Bohbot, Helena Rushby,

Teruyuki Matsunaga, Nobuaki Tanaka, Paul Cunningham, Ben Paffhausen, and Danila Kolesov

We wish all entomologists around the world a safe and healthy year ahead,
and we look forward to welcoming you all to Helsinki in 2022.

Sincerely yours, Heikki Hokkanen
President of the ICE2022Helsinki Organizing Committee



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