



International Symposium

Ecology of Aphidophaga 11

Perugia - Italy, 19-24 September 2010

1st CIRCULAR

The 11th International Symposium on “Ecology of Aphidophaga” will be held in Perugia, Italy from 19th to 24th September 2010. The Opening Ceremony and all sessions will be held in the Great Hall of the Agricultural Faculty of Perugia University located in magnificent St. Peter’s Abbey, with the University Rector, Faculty Dean and Local Authorities present.

This is the first time that Ecology of Aphidophaga will be held in Italy and we are grateful to the Scientific Committee of Aphidophaga and the International Organization of Biological Control (IOBC) for choosing Perugia University, Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences as the venue for the 11th Symposium. We are also grateful to the IOBC for supporting the meeting.

Site

Perugia is the capital of the Umbria Region, situated in the centre of Italy, half way between Florence and Rome. It was founded by Etruscans and Romans and is characterized by mediaeval and renaissance monuments. Perugia University is one of the oldest Italian Universities and, in 2008, celebrated 700 years of didactic and research activities.

Conveners

Prof. Carlo Ricci, University of Perugia – Italy, Local Organiser

Dr. J.P. Michaud, Kansas State University – USA, Chair of Working Group “Ecology of Aphidophaga”

Dr. Kris Giles, Oklahoma State University – USA

Dr. Nickolas G. Kavallieratos, Benaki Phytopathological Institute – Greece

Prof. Wolfgang Weisser, Jena University – Germany

The Symposium will be dedicated to Prof. Michael E. N. Majerus who died prematurely on 27 January, 2009. Professor of Ecology at Clare College Cambridge (United Kingdom), he was a gifted geneticist and widely renowned for his work on moths and ladybirds and a spirited defender of Darwin and his theory of natural selection. Prof. Majerus will be given a special commemoration including presentation of a Memorial medal.

Symposium themes

The purpose of Aphidophaga is to provide an international forum for the presentation and discussion of research on organisms contributing to the mortality of aphids (Hemiptera: Aphididae). Acceptable topics include the following:

- Intraguild interactions

- Food relations
- Behaviour
- Chemical ecology
- Seasonal adaptation
- Voltinism and diapause
- Population dynamics
- Modelling
- Systematics and Morphology
- Phylogeny
- Distribution in habitats
- Parasitoids and pathogens of aphidophaga
- Impact of aphidophaga on aphid populations
- Non-aphid food of aphidophaga
- Parasitoids of aphids
- Pathogens of aphids
- Invasive aphidophaga
- Tritrophic interactions

The Symposium programme will include invited plenary lectures (20 min each), submitted oral presentations (15 min each) and concurrent poster sessions. All submissions should be accompanied by an abstract and are subject to approval by the convenors. An abstract book of all contributions will be distributed to all registered participants. Only the abstracts of registered participants will be printed in the book. Proposals for organized symposia on special topics will be considered upon request.

Welcome dinner

All participants are invited to a welcome dinner at 21:00 hrs on the 19th September. More details will be provided in the second circular.

Concert

In collaboration with the Sagra Musicale Umbra Festival, participants are invited to attend a concert in St. Peter's Abbey.

Congress Excursion on September 22nd

There will be an organized tour to Assisi. Expert guides will take us to visit the principal monuments. More details will be provided in the second circular.

Official Banquet

All participants are invited to a official banquet at 21:00 hrs on the 23rd September. Details will be provided in the second circular.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be available in various hotels, ranging from 2-stars to 5-stars, near the Symposium venue at special rates for participants. Students or others interested may request more economical accommodation in a student hostel. More details on accommodation alternatives will be given in the second circular.

Registration fees

Registration for participants is 300 euro and includes: Admission to Scientific Sessions, Congress Material (Programme, Abstract Book, Congress Bag, etc), Welcome Dinner (Sunday), Coffee breaks, Lunches during the Congress (September 20th, 21st, 23rd, 24th) and Congress Excursion on 22nd September with lunch included. Registration for guests accompanying participants is 150 euro and includes: Welcome dinner (Sunday), Congress Excursion on 22nd September with lunch, Guide tours.

Student grants

The scientific committee has decided that 4000 euro offered by IOBC will be used for 7 student travel grants (3 of 800 euro each for non-Europeans, and 4 of 400 euro each for Europeans). Applicants must be under the age of 35 and members of IOBC in good standing. Membership information is available at:

<http://www.unipa.it/iobc/view.php?pg=membership>

Reimbursement is limited to travel and accommodation expenses.

Application forms will be available on the web site in the near future.

Perugia tours

At 17:30 each day there will be a guided tour to touristic sites in Perugia. More details will be provided in the second circular.

Declaration of interest in participation

Completed forms should be sent by e-mail to aphidophaga@agr.unipg.it before 31 January 2010.

Proceedings

The Proceedings of the Symposium will be published in a special issue of the European Journal of Entomology. All articles will be peer-reviewed.

Registration and hotel information will be provided in the second circular that will be distributed in early January, 2010, along with detailed travel information on how to reach Perugia by air, motorway and rail. All information will also be posted on the website.

www.aphidophaga11.unipg.it

We hope that the forthcoming Symposium will interest you and look forward to welcoming you to Perugia. Please forward this message to all colleagues who may be interested.

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