



5th Meeting of the European Sections of the IUSSI (EUROIUSSI 2012)

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to keep you informed about the main features of the 5th meeting of the European Sections of the IUSSI that will be held in Montecatini Terme (Tuscany, Italy) from 26 to 30 August 2012 organized by the Italian Section of the IUSSI and by the Accademia Nazionale Italiana di Entomologia.

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The locality.

Montecatini Terme is an Italian district of 21,000 inhabitants within the province of Pistoia in Tuscany. The most important centre in Valdinievole. The town is located at the eastern end of Piana di Lucca and has a strong vocation for tourism. 40 kilometres from Florence, and just a stone's throw away from Lucca and Pistoia, and from Siena and Pisa, delightful Northern Tuscan cities (see more at [http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montecatini Terme](http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montecatini_Terme)). MT is half a way from the airports of Florence and Pisa and is easily reached by train, bus or by car.

The Venue

The meeting will be held at the Hotel Tuscany Inn (<http://www.hoteltuscanyinn.com/en/>), a modern structure at a walking distance from the centre of the city. The conference centre has 3 rooms with adjustable walls that allow the organization of events from 10 to a maximum of 380

people.

Accommodation

Meeting participants will be accommodated at the Hotel Tuscany Inn (hotel rates will be of course lower with respect to the official ones) or will choose an accommodation in a set of other hotels and "pensioni" which can be found at a 10 min walking distance from the venue.

The program

The program of the meeting will be organized in four days starting from the afternoon of the 26 August until the farewell lunch of the 30 August. The rough timetable will be as follows.

26 AUG	27 AUG	28 AUG	29 AUG	30 AUG
15.00 - Registration 19.00 - Welcome Party	8.50 – Welcome & Introduction 9.00 - Plenary Lecture 10.00 - Coffee Break 10.30 - Parallel Sessions 13.00 - lunch 14.30 - parallel Sessions 16.30 - coffee break 17.00 - parallel sessions 18.00 - Poster Session with Aperitif 19.30 - free time	9.00 - Plenary Lecture 10.00 - Coffee Break 10.30 - Parallel Sessions 13.00 - lunch 14.30 - parallel Sessions 17.00 - free time	9.00 - Plenary Lecture 10.00 - Coffee Break 10.30 - Parallel Sessions 13.00 - lunch 14.30 - parallel Sessions 16.30 - coffee break 17.00 - parallel sessions 18.00 - Poster session 19.30 - free time 20.00 - Social Dinner	9.00 - Plenary Lecture 10.00 - Coffee Break 10.30 - Parallel Sessions 13.00 - Farewell lunch-

Plenary Lectures

There will be 4 plenary lectures, all kept by young but already well known researchers in the field of insect sociality

Madeleine Beekman (University of Sidney)

Patrizia D'Ettorre (Università Paris 13)

Sylvia Cremer (IST Austria)

AmyToth (Iowa State University)

All of them have already accepted the invitation

The Sessions

The Managing Board of the Italian Section proposes 8 sessions, which cover a great variety of

arguments. The 8th session focuses on “Basic research on Honeybees and applicative outputs” also to fulfil the requests of great part of the members of the Italian Section who actually work on honeybees’ biology.

- 1. Social behaviour and collective processes in social insects**
- 2. Mating systems, dispersion and population structure**
- 3. Disease, immunity, symbionts and social parasites**
- 4. Biodiversity, community ecology, invasion biology and impact on human affairs**
- 5. Chemical ecology**
- 6. Genes, genomes and social behaviour**
- 7. Functional morphology and systematics**
- 8. Basic research on honeybees and applicative outputs**

Oral contributions

There will be two parallel lines of oral sessions; we foresee almost 120 oral contributions of 15+5 min but the total time allocated for each session will be decided by the Organizing Committee only after the receipt of the abstracts; then the referents for each session will decide about the time to deliver to the various contributions.

Posters

Two poster sessions will take place in the late afternoon of the 27 and 29 August.

Web Site

A website of the Meeting is under construction. We count to have it working in about two months.

First circular

A first circular with instructions for registration and abstracts submission will be ready to be sent to the members of all European Sections at the time of the website activation.

Further information will be supplied in future updates

I take the opportunity to thank again all the members of the various committees and the invited speakers for having kindly accepted our invitation and to send a warm regard to all the European Sections.

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(President of the Italian Section of the IUSSI)

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