



NEWSLETTER OF THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF PARASITOLOGISTS N°8

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This newsletter, issued every 6 months, maintains contact with member societies & circulates important information. Please contact us for comments & suggestions!

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Some words of the EFP President:



Newsletter N°8 is published ahead of the usual June date because I want to strongly emphasise the importance of participation by many European parasitologists in the next EMOP in Turku, Finland.

Turku is a delightful city on the southwest coast of Finland and was founded at the end of the 13th century, making it the oldest city in Finland. Turku was designated the European Capital of Culture for 2011 and is surrounded by a beautiful archipelago, one of the largest in the world...

EMOP will be organized in the downtown campus of Turku University where there is a long tradition of studying Parasites as a Parasitological Institute was founded there in 1963 with the main goal of eradicating *Diphyllobothrium latum* from Finland...

It is the first time that an EMOP is organized so far in the North and it will be a good opportunity to discuss Arctic Parasitology and Global warming... But do not be afraid, the weather in Turku in July is very similar to the weather of a lot of European cities or regions with open air swimming pools...

During the next EMOP, a new EFP board will be elected; the venue of EMOP 13 in 2020 will be decided. The general assembly will discuss the important issues concerning Parasitology in Europe and do not hesitate to contact me if you want to put some special questions to the Agenda.

One of the aims of the EFP is to attract students to these European Multicolloquia to allow them to present their work, meet colleagues and constitute a

network... **The EFP will offer 30 grants to students covering the registration fees.**

The EFP also organize a competition between young scientists (less than 35 years) to offer them **5 Young Scientists Awards**. The YSA recipients will receive a 400 euros prize, refunding of registration fees, diploma and medal). All details for the grants and the Young Scientist Award competition, organized by Thomas Romig Thomas.Romig@uni-hohenheim.de are given on the EMOP web pages (see below).

Science and Culture are our daily response to barbarity and terrorism. Even more today than yesterday, we must continue to carry out our missions: search, understand, learn, teach, transmit...

See you all at EMOP 12!

Jean Dupouy-Camet

Of note, citizens of countries which have not paid the EFP fee payments cannot receive any YSA and/or grants! To vote to the general assembly, EFP members should have paid their fees to the EFP. If needed contact our treasurer Edoardo Pozio edoardo.pozio@iss.it

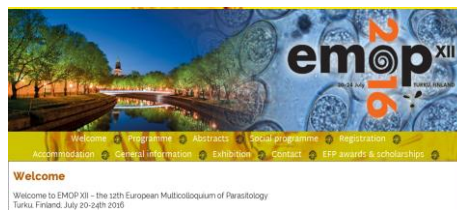
Lab Times Publication analysis 2007-2013 in Parasitology !

The Lab Times published its usual analysis of national ranking of publications in Parasitology. They used "Thomson Reuters' Web of Science database for publication analysis and the numbers for the nations' ranking is based on so-called "expert journals", as it's impossible to retrieve parasitologically-themed papers from multi-disciplinary journals, like Nature or Science.... For the top 30 most-cited authors, however, all journals and papers were permitted, no matter where they had been published".

The results are: "Worldwide, European parasitologists published more articles, gathering more citations, than their US peers. But the citation-per-article ratio, once again, argues for the colleagues from across the pond (13.3 vs. 16.0). In third spot is not one of the usual suspects like Australia or China but Brazil".

http://www.labtimes.org/labtimes/ranking/2015_03/index.lasso

Highlights of EMOP12 20-24 July 2016, Turku, Finland <http://congress.utu.fi/emop2016>



Deadline to submit abstracts: end of March

Please, also notice the organization of the **1st International Parasite Film Festival**.

<http://congress.utu.fi/emop2016/festival.php>

10 applicants from low-income countries will be waived of registration fees

Plenary speakers:

E. Hoberg, USA: Arctic systems in the Quaternary, Ecological collision and faunal mosaics, consequences of a wobbling climate in a warming world

G. Valkiūnas, Lithuania: Malaria and related parasites of wildlife: Pathogenicity and mortality caused in avian hosts and blood-sucking insects

A. Rizzoli, Italy: What next in research on ticks and tick-borne pathogens?

M. Kamppinen, Finland: Parasites, culture and the ethics of mutual benefit

P. Neumann, Switzerland: Long live the colony: honey bee defense mechanisms against parasites

S. Mattiucci, Italy: Anisakid nematodes and anisakidosis: Where are we now?

L. Huldén, Finland: Is it risky to eat bugs?

D. Jørgensen, Sweden: Are parasites forever?

Symposia:

Thursday, 21 July	Friday, 22 July
Nordenskiöld symposium on Arctic parasitology Chairpersons: Kirill Galaktionov and Antti Oksanen	Aquatic parasitology Chairpersons: Hanna Hartikainen and Jouni Taskinen
Malaria, leishmaniosis and other vector-transmitted parasitoses Chairpersons: Gediminas Valkiūnas and Sauli Laaksonen	Biology of ticks and tick-borne pathogens Chairpersons: Annapaola Rizzoli and Eva Kallio
Clinical medical parasitology Chairpersons: Akinwale Efunshile and Jean Dupouy-Camet	Public health Chairpersons: Joke van der Giessen
Veterinary parasitology Chairpersons: Anu Näreaho	Echinococcosis, taeniosis and cysticercosis Chairpersons: Thomas Romig and Uffe Christian Braae
Alien species in parasitology Chairpersons: Horst Taraschewski and Urmas Saarma	Parasites of bees and other insects Chairpersons: Peter Neumann
Development, differentiation and gene expression of parasitic organisms Chairpersons: Bruce Conn and Staffan Svärd	Drug resistance Chairpersons: Jacques Cabaret and Eva Tydén
	Molecular and immunological host-parasite interactions Chairpersons: Hossein Yousofi Darani and Jørgen Kurtzjals

Saturday, 23 July	Sunday, 24 July
IAFWP symposium on food- and waterborne parasites Chairpersons: Alvin Gajadhar, Ray Gamble and Brian Lassen	Wildlife parasitology Chairpersons: Epp Moks and Antti Sukura
Ectoparasites Chairpersons: Lena Huldén	Epidemiology of parasite infections Chairpersons: Yong Yil Chai and Pikka Jokelainen
GnosisGIS: 2nd European symposium on parasites and geospatial health Chairpersons: Laura Rinaldi and Robert Bergquist	Taxonomy and phylogenetics Chairpersons: Shokoofeh Shamsi and Steven Nadler
5th KE Mott symposium on schistosomes and flukes Chairpersons: Santi Mas Coma and David Rollison	Parasites in population ecology Chairpersons: Nicola Ferrari and Otso Huitu
Host-parasite coevolution Chairpersons: Eric Hoberg and Serge Morand	Parasites and congenital infections Chairpersons: Isabelle Villena and Arvid Ugglä
Parasite conservation Chairpersons: TBA	Recent advances in parasitology Chairpersons: Nina Hafer
Paleoparasitology and historical issues Chairpersons: Fabrizio Bruschi and Gholamreza Mowlavi	

Social Programme

Get-together party: Wednesday, 20 July 2016 at 18.00 University of Turku (congress venue) The welcoming toast will be offered by the City of Turku.

Congress dinner: Saturday, 23 July 2016 at 19.00 Brewery Restaurant Koulu, a beautiful neo-renaissance house built in 1889 and formerly a school. Nowadays Koulu is the largest brewery restaurant in Finland.

Numerous excursions, visits and cruises are also available...

Jean Dupouy-Camet & Celia Holland