



Dear colleagues!

We are pleased to announce the second circular of the 27<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Arachnology (<http://ezlab.zrc-sazu.si/eca2012>), to be held from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Please check our website regularly for updates.

The online registration for the congress has now closed. We are delighted to announce 146 currently registered participants from 38 countries. However, if there are any of you still interested in participating, but haven't registered, please contact us as soon as possible ([info.eca27@gmail.com](mailto:info.eca27@gmail.com)). All next circulars will only be sent to the registered participants.

We would like to remind you that the payment deadline for regular fees is 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012. Please follow the instructions on your online-generated bill for payments. Please abide by this deadline in order to qualify for regular fees. Any payment after this deadline will incur late fees, no exception. Payment on spot will be possible in cash (euros only).

We offered to help you with accommodation reservation, and many of you took that opportunity. This service is now no longer available. You may consult our website for options if you have no reservation. Should you wait any longer, you risk having no accommodation close to the congress venue.

Although the above deadlines are fixed, we are pleased to announce an extension to the abstract submission deadline, which is now 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012.

## Abstracts

Please submit your abstracts for both oral presentations and posters. Abstracts must be in English, and written using Times New Roman size 12, single spaced, with 2.5 cm margins. Please omit any other style indentation. Abstracts must not exceed 500 words. Please submit the abstract in one of the formats .docx, .doc, .rtf or .txt. Please name the files as “abstract\_last name of first author.docx/rtf/txt” and submit them on email to [info.eca27@gmail.com](mailto:info.eca27@gmail.com) with the subject line “Abstract”.

## Symposia

At this point, we are not planning particular symposia with the exception below, but will rather group the presentations into logical topical sessions.

We are planning to organize a symposium on **DNA barcoding**, as a part of the regular program. The reasons are that the method is quickly gaining popularity in several fields from taxonomy to conservation, and that a number of ongoing European and international initiatives are ongoing, including newly funded ones. As the community would gain through consolidating these efforts, we will provide a venue for presentations and discussions on this topic within the ECA. We envision a number of topical presentations about 20 min each, which will introduce the method, the rationale, and certain novel approaches to barcoding, which will be followed by shorter 10 min presentations of individual ongoing projects.

## Deadlines

Student grant applications	closed
Registration	closed
Hotel reservation	closed
Payment	1-June
Abstract submission	1-July

## Congress fees

	Fee (→ 1 June)	Late fee (2 June →)
Regular fee	280 €	320 €
ESA member fee*	250 €	290 €
Reduced fee	170 €	190 €
Accompanying person	100 €	140 €

The congress fee includes:

- Participation in the opening ceremony with drinks and snacks
- Congress dinner
- Coffee, tea, refreshments, snacks during coffee breaks
- Congress bag with information material, notebook, pen, and some other useless items
- Abstract book
- Congress proceedings printed subsequently

## Tentative program

	Sunday 2-Sep	Monday 3-Sep	Tuesday 4-Sep	Wednesday 5-Sep	Thursday 6-Sep	Friday 7-Sep
Oral presentations		x	x	x	x	
Student competition talks		x	x	x		
Poster session			x	x		
Congress dinner					x	
Excursion						x
ESA meeting and closing ceremony					x	
Social event	x	x	x	x	x	x

In the third circular, we will supply the full congress program as well as detailed information about student grantees, getting to the venue/hotels from the airport or by car, about parking possibilities in Ljubljana, excursions offered and social events, and other useful information.

Please feel free to contact us for any further information at [info.eca27@gmail.com](mailto:info.eca27@gmail.com).

With best regards,

Matjaž Kuntner and the organizing committee