



The Polish Mycological Society and European Mycological Association extend a warm invitation to all the participants across Europe and the whole globe to attend the 18th Congress of European Mycologists which is going to be held September, 16th-21st 2019 in Warsaw and Białowieża, Poland. The congress will include prompt keynote presentations, talks, poster presentations on fungal biodiversity, genomics, metabolomics, evolution, phytopathology, fungal conservation. We will discuss different strategies for bioremediation and biocontrol. Special emphasis will be put on applying basic science and molecular techniques from diverse areas of mycology use towards solving biomedical problems.

Meeting overview

The venue of the meeting will be The Old University Library, a convention center of the University of Warsaw located in the old part of the city, easily accessed by public transportation and at short walking distance from restaurants, cafes and hotels.

On September 18th we will relocate by buses to Białowieża – the heart of the most famous deciduous primeval forest in Europe. We will be hosted by Białowieża hotels and the convention center of Białowieża National Park. Due to space constraints, attendance will be limited to 300 participants, on a first-come, first-served basis.

The official program, beginning on Monday, September 16th, will largely follow the traditional organization of a CEM meeting: it will consist of plenary sessions and two parallel sessions during the 2 days in Warsaw, and 2 days in Białowieża. We propose also forest excursion with the possibility of fungi specimens collection. In Białowieża, a special laboratory with microscopic staff will be prepared for individual work and available for every participant. In Białowieża we will also visit the Bison Reserve and BNP Reserve – the part of the forest which is most natural and undisturbed by human activity.

We expect to have approximately 60 oral presentations as part of a diverse array of symposia selected by our Scientific Committee consisting of session leaders. The poster session will take place in Warsaw, on the second and third day of the congress.

During the Warsaw part of the congress the EMA general assembly will take place.

In Warsaw we will have the possibility to listen to a Chopin concert and visit the exhibition of fungal pictures taken by both amateur and professional Polish photographers. The exhibition titled “Fungi – masterpieces of art made by nature” prepared by the Polish Mycological Society and Silesian Botanic Garden will be held in the Faculty of Sculpture of the Polish Academy of Fine Arts.

The conference dinner will take place on the evening of Friday, September 20th, at the Żubrówka Hotel in Białowieża. The Institute of Forestry Research which will be our host will offer us famous local food (and special drinks – some of them with rare and aromatic grass).

On the occasion of the XVIII Congress of European Mycologists we have the ambition for Warsaw to become a great showcase for the study of mycology. As such, several outreach activities, aimed at the general public, will take place in the city during the congress. A special open lecture about forensic mycology will be prepared and presented by Patricia Wiltshire known in Europe as the Queen of forensic science. It will take place in Nicolaus Copernicus Center – the biggest educational center in Warsaw. An exhibition in the NCC space about the biodiversity of dead wood is also planned.

The call for contributed presentations is now open. Proposals will be evaluated by sessions organizers (see Scientific Committee). Session organizers will favor a diversity of presenters and must be thanked for their huge, difficult and essential work in selecting abstracts for this meeting.

Because of the cap on the total number of participants for our conference (300), registration will be closed once this number is reached. There will be a period where presenters will have priority to register. However, after that registration is open for all and we will apply a first-come, first served rule.

This site will be updated as soon as relevant information becomes available. Visit it regularly!

We look forward to seeing you in Warsaw and Białowieża

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