

# Newsletter

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## Invitation to participate in the XIX Congress of European Mycologists

*Dear Mycologists,*

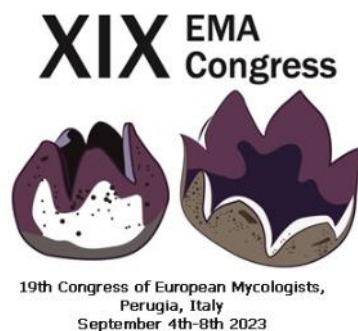
It is my great pleasure to invite you to the XIX Congress of European Mycologists, which will be held from 4 to 8 of September 2023 in Perugia, Italy. The Congress is organised under the auspices of the European Mycological Association by the Italian Botanical Society (Società Botanica Italiana) and University of Perugia (Università degli Studi di Perugia). Italy, a country of great fungal diversity, with such icons as *Tuber magnatum* and *Amanita caesarea*, and gorgeous mycological history with Micheli, Saccardo and Bresadola, hosts the Congress of European Mycologists for the second time – after the VIII CEM held in 1981 in Bologna.

Since 1956 and the first CEM in Brussels, this conference continuously brings together young and established scientists from various fields of mycology, and from countries all over Europe and beyond, to present their latest results, to exchange new ideas and to step forward collaboration. The [scientific programmes of the Congresses](#) always reflected mainstream and emerging topics in mycology, important both from fungal and human perspective.

The XIX CEM in Perugia will not be different in this respect. It will address the themes that place fungi and mycology in the front-line of science in a world that faces catastrophic changes both in ecological and humanitarian sense – violated climate, habitat loss, species extinctions, lack of water and global food crisis, human migrations, pandemics, and war. Fungi are one of the least known and most vulnerable

groups of organisms, involved in key interactions and global ecological cycles, whose diversity should be urgently studied and protected. On the other hand, some fungi pose threats to human health and wellbeing worldwide as pathogens and destroyers. But finally, their incredible diversity and plasticity gives us hope for new drugs, healthy food and useful materials, and for biodegradation and bio-transformation capacities that may rescue our environment.

The XIX CEM will offer 4 keynote lectures, 11 thematic sessions, poster sessions, and a workshop. One of the afternoon sessions will be special. It is my great pleasure to invite all young Mycologists – students and young researchers, to take part in the session Mycology by Young Scientists. You are the future of European mycology; the stage will be yours!



19th Congress of European Mycologists,  
Perugia, Italy  
September 4th-8th 2023

The XIX Congress will be accompanied by two special pre-congress (September 3<sup>rd</sup>) and post-congress (September 9<sup>th</sup>) open meetings, both of great importance for European mycology. Please, [check the programme](#) and feel cordially invited to both.

The [European Mycological Association](#), established at the XIV CEM in Crimea, Ukraine, in 2003, a proud initiator and co-organizer of the Congresses since that time, will celebrate its 20th anniversary at the XIX CEM in Perugia this year. Let us make this Congress memorable for its scientific value, as well as for social meaning. As EMA President, it is a great honour and pleasure to invite all of you to participate.

*Izabela Kalucka*

President of the European Mycological Association

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Preparing for the XIX Congress of European Mycologists, September 4-8<sup>th</sup> 2023, Perugia, Italy*



## Young mycologists contest

The Congress organizers offer a ***special Congress fee of 200 EUR*** for the two best students/young researchers who will be the contest winners.

Applicants should be current EMA members (Student or Ordinary), born after 1987 and, if with a PhD, one obtained not before 2019.

Each applicant must be the first author of a presentation for the Mycology by Young Scientists session, or to a poster session.

If a winner has already paid a regular Congress fee, the amount above 200 EUR will be discounted.

The deadline for sending applications is March 25<sup>th</sup>, and the results will be announced on the 28<sup>th</sup> on the

EMA website and facebook group.

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## Overview of the Congress Programme

### Sessions

(The | separates parallel sessions)

FUNGAL DIVERSITY & INTERACTIONS

FUNGAL OMICS | MYCOSYLVI-CULTURE

FUNGI IN CHANGING ECOSYSTEMS

FUNGAL CONSERVATION | EMERGING PATHOGENIC FUNGI  
MEDICINAL FUNGI

MYCOLOGY BY YOUNG SCIENTISTS

FUNGI IN BIOECONOMY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY | CULTIVATION OF FUNGI

### Workshop

FUNGAL DATA MANAGEMENT & OPEN SCIENCE

### Pre-Congress Meeting

(September 3<sup>rd</sup>)

IUCN SSC Specialist Group Meeting: Redlisting of Mediterranean fungal species (report during the FUNGAL CONSERVATION session, followed by an ECCF Open Discussion Forum)

### Post-Congress Meeting

(September 9<sup>th</sup>)

Mycological Groups & Societies in Europe: how can we cooperate?

### Excursions and visits

Collection of fungi at the Sacred Wood of Monteluco (Spoleto)

Urbani Tartufi Company

### Also:

Congress Dinner

EMA General Assembly

## Announcement of EMA awards

At the Congress, the EMA confers awards to distinguished mycologists

- \* **Honorary Membership**
- \* **Congress Medal**
- \* **Founders' Award**
- \* **Certificates of Excellence**

[Details on each of these awards, and the procedure to submit nominations, can be viewed at the EMA website.](#)

Please address nominations to the Secretary: [secretary@euromould.org](mailto:secretary@euromould.org)



## Membership fees

**To benefit from reduced Congress participation prices for EMA members, those admitted until 2022 must have paid their 2022 and 2023 association membership fees accordingly.**

**New members (admitted in 2023) need to pay only for 2023.**

**[Membership page with payment button](#)**



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## Planning ahead for the Congress

Perugia is linked by air to various cities in Italy and in Europe (UK, Belgium, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Albania and Romania), and by bus or train from Fiumicino airport (Rome).

The venue of the congress is the 4-star Hotel Giò, and it is also the [recommended accommodation for participants](#), with convenient

prices. [Preview of the Congress Centre](#).

Perugia lies in the "green heart" of Italy, its university attracts many foreign students, is a major center of medieval art, has a stunningly beautiful central area and is home of the Umbria Jazz Festival. The city is also a major producer of chocolates.

(adapted from [this wiki](#)). Visit the [official tourism website](#) (in Italian, English, Chinese and Russian).



## Proposals for the XX Congress of European Mycologists

The EMA is welcoming proposals for hosting the next Congress in 2027.

The tradition is to encourage proposals from countries that have not hosted a Congress previously ([check the list here](#)), however, all European countries will be equally considered.

Information to be sent:

- \* Country
- \* Name(s) and address(es) of contact person(s)
- \* Expected location and month of the Congress
- \* Brief description of actual and potential resources available for organizing the Congress
- \* Foreseeable plans for accommodation
- \* Other relevant factors.



Please submit your proposal to the Secretary by June 6<sup>th</sup>:

[secretary@euromould.org](mailto:secretary@euromould.org)

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*The European Mycological Association (EMA) is a regional not-for-profit and non party political association of individuals (amateur or professional) and organizations (public or private) with an interest in European fungi, including local, national and regional mycological groups and societies.*

*The EMA takes up the functions of the Congress of European Mycologists, and is recognized by the International Mycological Association. The Governing Committee of the EMA serves as the Committee for Fungi in Europe within the International Mycological Association. The Official Address of the EMA is that of the Secretary.*

## Snippets from our facebook group

On February, 2022, the EMA declared support for Ukrainian mycologists.

Using the tongue-in-cheek title Warring fungi produce new drugs for cancer and infectious disease, the Drug Discovery News website features new approaches in exploration of fungal genomes for the unveiling of new potential anticancer and anti-infection drugs.

Episode 1 of CONSIDERING FUNGI (Facilitating Habitat Formation in Boreal Forests). A video series by Lichenized Productions (Sweden).

Lichens: Toward a Minimal Resistance, a book by the French (Mycology-converted) philosopher, offers a unique blend of



perspectives on lichens (EMA members are eligible for a 20% discount, please contact the Secretary for details).

Smart organic farming undergraduate Hanan Morat (Häme University of Applied Sciences, Finland) seeking an internship to develop his studies in Mycology.

A new Kombucha/SCOBY-based Vegan Leather created by Selen Tavtin is now ready for a collaboration with European mycologists, to bring its production to industrial stages.