



8th International Symposium on Syrphidae

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Monschau (Germany)

The 8th International Symposium on Syrphidae 2015 - 1st Circular - February 20th 2014

Welcome

Dear Fellow Dipterists and Friends,

We cordially invite you to attend the 8th International Symposium on Syrphidae (ISS8). In this occasion, the ISS8 will take place in the heart of Europe, in the historic town of Monschau (Germany) from 4th to 8th of June 2015. After the great time we had in Novosibirsk (Russia), the people voted to have a symposium which reflects a look back to the original model of this symposium: the engagement that stimulates new research collaborations and the delight of sharing experiences on Syrphidae.

This information is also posted on the www.syrphidae.com, www.nadsdiptera.org, and www.diptera.info.

Location

Monschau preserves the magic of the old German cities with many half-timbered houses and narrow streets, which have remained nearly unchanged for 300 years. Located in the middle of the Eifel region of western Germany, in the narrow valley of the Rur River, the city of Monschau offers nature and culture and it is a popular destination for tourists.

For further information, please visit: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monschau> and <http://www.monschau.de/tourist-information/index.php>

The symposium will be held in the Carat Hotel with its pleasant and distinguished atmosphere. All the sessions and accommodation will be in the Carat Hotel, for which the organizers have a special price.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.carathotel.de/start/>

Transport

Monschau is literally in the middle of the continental Europe, bordering with Belgium and not far away from Luxembourg. Due to its privileged location, there are many ways to get there.

If you come by car, you only have to follow your GPS system and use the Catar Hotel address:

Laufenstraße 82
52156 Monschau
Germany

If you fly, you should know that the nearest major airport is Maastricht Aachen Airport (MST / EHBK). This airport has international flights from Maastricht (Netherlands) and is 84 km from the center of Monschau (Germany).

Another major airport is Cologne-Bonn Airport (CGN / EDDK), which has international and domestic flights from Cologne, and is 101 km from Monschau.

Transport from Zoologisches Forschungsmuseum Alexander Koenig (ZFMK), in Bonn (Germany) to Monschau and vice versa will be organized. This transport will leave on June 4th from Bonn and will come back to Bonn on 8th June. Bonn city is easy to reach by train from Cologne-Bonn Airport or from Düsseldorf International Airport (DUS / EDDL). Please visit the website of the Deutsche Bahn for further details: <http://www.deutschebahn.com/en/start.html>

Registration

Registration fee will be estimated based on the available funds. Further details will be posted soon.

At this time, we ask you to complete and return the 'interest form' to receive further information about the ISS8 and to assist us in planning ahead for the symposium.

This is very important for us to plan better the symposium and to raise funds, which will help students and colleagues to come, as well as to have a lower registration fee.

Preliminary Program

The scientific program will include different sessions on: Faunistics and Biogeography; Systematics and Phylogenetics; Biology and Ecology; Accelerated Biodiversity Assessment and Conservation; and Integrated Pest Management and Biocontrol. Below you can find a preliminary schedule of the ISS8.

Day / Time	Thursday June 4 th	Friday June 5 th	Saturday June 6 th	Sunday June 7 th	Monday June 8 th
8:30 - 9:00		Opening	Opening	Opening	Excursion
9:00 - 12:30		Symposium	Symposium	Symposium	
12:30 - 13:30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
14:00 - 17:00	Arrival	Symposium	Symposium	Symposium	
17:00 - 19:00	Registration				
19:30 - 21:30	Welcome Dinner		Banquet		

Excursion

On Monday June 8th 2015, and after we leave Monschau, we will organize a field excursion most probably to the Eifel National Park (<http://www.nationalpark-eifel.de/go/eifel/german.html>). Further details (excursion fee and final places) will be posted soon.

Accommodation and meals

We chose the Carat Hotel in Monschau to have the ISS8 and they gave us special prices for this event. The Organizing Committee strongly suggests taking advantage of this deal and stay with us at the Carat Hotel.

Listed prices include:

- 4 nights in the Carat Hotel (June 4th to June 8th 2015).
- Breakfast and lunch of three days (June 5th to June 7th 2015).
- The Welcome dinner on the arrival day (Thursday June 4th 2015).
- The last day breakfast (June 8th 2015).
- Free use of the swimming pool and sauna.

Please note that beverages are not included. There are two days with dinner on your own and with the possibility to try the German *cuisine* in the city of Monschau or stay in the hotel, where a buffet and/or a menu are also available.

Possible dietary requirements should be clearly stated on the registration form.

Stay in a single room: 346 euros/person

Stay in a double (twin) room: 297 euros/person

Stay in a triple room: 256 euros/person

The number of triple rooms is limited and we cannot guarantee their availability for all the requests.

Money

The currency in Germany is the Euro. For those of you who need to pay the registration fee, or the excursion fee, we kindly ask you to pay this in Euros. We can't accept foreign currency.

Payments

Further details will be posted soon.

Travel support funds

Based on the available funds, our intention is to provide travel support grants and reduced student fees. Further details will be posted soon.

Connectivity

Further details will be posted soon.

Weather

It is impossible to make a prognostic, but average temperatures range from 8 °C during the night to usually 20 °C during the day. Please note that evenings and nights can be quite cool. Remind to bring mosquito repellent, just in case.

Abstract submission

Submission will be opened later this year. Further details will be posted soon.

Presentation

Further details will be posted soon.

Important dates

Summary of most important dates:

Until July 31st 2014: Registration of interest

June 4th - 7th 2015: Symposium ISS8

June 8th 2015: Field excursion

For questions or suggestions you can reach us at:

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We invite you to attend the ISS8 and contribute to the scientific program by presenting your research. Come and meet colleagues, get informed, exchange ideas, and have fun!

We look forward to meeting you all in Monschau.

Best regards,

Björn Rulik & Ximo Mengual
The Organizing committee