



The 9th International Symposium on Syrphidae - 2017

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Welcome

Dear Fellow Dipterists and Friends,

It is a great pleasure to invite you to attend the 9th International Symposium on Syrphidae (ISS9). Taking place for the first time in the Neotropical Region, the ISS9 will be held in Curitiba (Brazil) from 28th August to 1st September 2017. We are sure it will be an excellent opportunity to establish new research collaborations and share experiences on Syrphidae.

This information is also available at www.syrphidae.com and www.diptera.info.

Location

[Curitiba](#) is located in the South Region of Brazil and most of its inhabitants are of northern European descent. It is an important cultural, political, and economic centre in Latin America. Although Curitiba holds a population of 2 million inhabitants, it is managed to preserve its mid size town atmosphere. It was founded by the Portuguese over 300 years ago and settled by immigrants (such as Italians, Polish, Ukrainians, Germans, and Japanese). The name "Curitiba" comes from the Tupi words *kurí tyba* (= many pine seeds), due to the large number of pinecones of Paraná pines (*Araucaria angustifolia*) occurring in the region by the time of its foundation.

The ISS9 will be held in the [Hotel la Dolce Vita](#) located in a preserved region of rich nature, close to the "[Serra do Mar](#)", 40 km away from Curitiba's metropolitan area.

Further details about prices and booking will be announced soon.



Transport

Curitiba is served by the [Afonso Pena International Airport](#) and the Symposium venue is located about 18 Km from the airport.

If you are coming to Curitiba from abroad there are flights from all the larger capitals (São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Brasília and Porto Alegre). The easiest way is to take a flight to São Paulo ([São Paulo International Airport](#) - GRU) with a connection flight to Curitiba (CWB).

Registration and Travel support funds

Registration fee and travel support grants will be estimated based on the available funds.

At this time, we would like to ask you to complete and return a 'Registration of interest' to receive further information about the ISS9 and to assist us in planning the symposium.

Abstract submission and presentation

Submission of abstracts will be opened in early 2017. Further details will be announced soon.

Preliminary Program

Following the previous Symposium, the scientific program will include sessions on Faunistics and Biogeography; Systematics and Phylogenetics; Biology and Ecology; Biodiversity Assessment and Conservation; and Integrated Pest Management and Biocontrol.

Below you will find a preliminary schedule of the ISS9.



Day / Time	Monday August 28 th	Tuesday August 29 th	Wednesday August 30 th	Thursday August 31 st	Friday September 1 st
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	Dinner	Banquet	Dinner	

Important dates

Until 15th August 2016: Registration of interest

28th – 31st August 2017: Symposium

1st September: Excursion

Excursion

We are still planning the best option for an excursion. As soon as we have the itinerary, it will be announced.

Weather

Curitiba has a mild humid temperate climate with warm summers and no dry season. The months of August/September are characterized by *gradually falling* daily high temperatures, with daily highs ranging from 20°C to 23°C over the course of the months, exceeding 26°C or dropping below 16°C only one day in ten (Source: <https://weatherspark.com/averages/33386/9/Curitiba-Parana-Brazil>).



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We cordially invite you to attend the ISS9 and contribute to the scientific program by presenting your research. Come and meet colleagues from all over the world, exchange ideas, develop collaborations and enjoy!

We look forward to meeting you all in Curitiba.

Best regards,

Mírian Morales & Luciane Marinoni

The Organizing committee