



International Union for the Study of Social Insects

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Welcome to the June IUSSI newsletter. The main focus of this newsletter is to allow everyone to check their section details, to update you on the Encyclopedia of Social Insects, and to advertise (social) insect meetings or other meetings that might be of interest to our membership.

The North American section has established a placeholder webpage for the 2022 IUSSI Conference in San Diego: <http://iussi.cyberbee.net/iussi-2022/>. Bookmark the page if you want to stay informed.

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Enjoy your summer if you are in the Northern hemisphere; we poor sods in the Southern hemisphere will muddle through (we hope).

Financial report covering the period January 1 – December 20, 2018

I am republishing the financial report below, as it has since been approved by the Financial Subcommittee. Because I was too late preparing the report last year, I could not have it approved in time before the December newsletter came out.

Accounting December 20, 2018

	Savings	Checking	Total
Beginning Balance	\$162,480.86	\$2,098.87	\$164,579.73
INCOME			
Review articles			\$ 9,631.11
Annual income			\$ 49,400.63
Interest			\$ 17.28
Total			\$59,049.02
EXPENSES			
Best paper award			-\$ 1,000.00
Government fees			-\$ 100.00
Review articles			-\$ 1,290.00
Office			-\$ 1,200.00
Service charges			-\$ 580.00
Grants to sections			-\$ 133,339.85
Grants to non-IUSSI			-\$ 3,689.46
Other expenses IUSSI2018			-\$ 14,239.34
Contribution to SINNERS			-\$ 750.00
Total			-\$ 156,188.65
Ending Balance			\$67,440.10

Respectfully submitted,



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From Chris Starr

Encyclopedia of Social Insects

About a year and a half ago the IUSI contracted with *Insectes Sociaux*'s publisher, Springer, to produce a comprehensive, one-volume encyclopedia in the subject. This came after much discussion among colleagues and the IUSI secretariat of the scope and form that such a reference work should take. The bulk of the 182 richly-illustrated entries have now been submitted at least in draft, with a growing minority of them finalized for production. As an electronic work, the encyclopedia will be readily searchable, with easy links among related subjects. At this point we are uncommitted regarding a possible hard-copy edition.

As editor, it has been my policy from the start that this should be a true community project, with participation across the geographic and disciplinary breadth of the IUSI. This is seen not only in the roster of authors but also in the strong Advisory Panel of specialists that I was able to recruit.

It bears mention that the vision that the Advisory Panel and I have for the encyclopedia is evidently widely shared by the membership. This is seen, among other things, in the way many extremely busy colleagues -- who could reasonably excuse themselves because of other commitments -- have responded to the call. It is our hope and expectation that the final product will be one of which the IUSI can be proud and that will raise the profile of our discipline.

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(Social) Insect meetings

IUSSI meetings

The Andean-Caribbean Section of the IUSSI will meet in Quito, the capital of Ecuador on August 5-9, 2019. In previous years we have met in Colombia, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago and Venezuela, but never before in Ecuador. The venue is Escuela Politecnica Nacional in Quito. We will have a field trip to a megadiverse high altitude cloud forest. The third announcement and call for abstracts (in Spanish) can be found here:

<https://sites.google.com/site/iussiseccionbolivariana/home>

Abstract submission is now closed, but we are a small and friendly venue, so we can arrange last minute submissions. Our main working language is Spanish but posters and talks in Portuguese and English are also welcome. Please write to david.donosov@gmail.com for information requests regarding accommodation, or any other questions you may have.

IUSSI North American Section Business Meeting @ESA-Vancouver

2020 IUSSI-NAS break-out meeting (<http://iussi.cyberbee.net/iussi-nas-2020-break-out-meeting/>)

- Southwest Research Station, Portal, AZ **Oct 16-18, 2020**
- Sarah Bengston and Anna Dornhaus leading the way

30th meeting of the **IUSSI French section** (Avignon, France) 28-30 August 2019, <https://colloque.inra.fr/insectes-sociaux2019/>

The next **European meeting of the International Union for the Study of Social Insects (EU-IUSSI)** will be held in Toulouse, France, on 24-26 Aug 2020 at the University Paul Sabatier. We hope to fill this conference with many great talks and posters, and this will only be possible with contributions from symposium organizers. Therefore, we would like to announce that the call for symposia is now open.

Like for previous editions, the three days of conference will be organized with topic symposia and open sessions. We aim to cover a broad range of emerging as well as classical topics, and preference will be given to symposia that are not restricted to only one taxon. Each symposium should contain four invited talks (one long talk and three short). The sessions will then be completed with a number of non-invited talks (short) selected from the spontaneous abstract submissions. The length of long and short talks will be adjusted depending on the number of abstract submission received. If your symposium is accepted, you will commit to select speakers from the submitted abstracts and chair the session during the meeting.

The proposals will be evaluated by the scientific committee of the meeting, which contains representatives from all the active European sections of the IUSSI: Serge Aron, Cristina

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Castracani, Sylvia Cremer, Claire Detrain, Patrizia D’Ettore, Christoph Grüter, Juergen Heinze, Elli Leadbeater, Tom Wenseelers.

If you would like to organize a symposium, please send your proposal (symposium title, name and address of organizers, 300 word summary, names of invited speakers) before the 30th of September 2019 to mathieu.lihoreau@univ-tlse3.fr. It is highly recommended that the task is shared by at least two organizers, ideally from different institutes.

<http://insectessociaux.wpweb.fr/call-for-symposia-eu-iussi-2020-toulouse-deadline-30-09-19/>

Other meetings

- XIV Congreso Internacional de Mirmecologia organized by the Iberian Association of Myrmecology (AIM), Chefchaouen (Morocco), 18-20 July 2019, <http://www.mirmiberica.org/node/660> (registration deadline 23 June 2019)

- 8th Central European Workshop of Myrmecology (Regensburg, Germany), 27-29 September 2019, https://www.uni-regensburg.de/Fakultaeten/nat_Fak_III/Cewm2019/ (registration deadline 30 June 2019)