



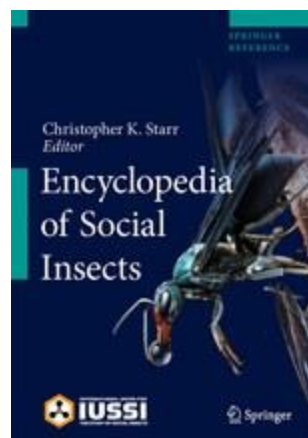
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IUSSI Encyclopedia - additional copies



For those wanting to order additional copies of the IUSSI encyclopedia, Springer has advised that they will only organise one copy at a reduced price; any addition copies need to be order via their website here:

<https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783030281014>



Online Animal Behaviour conference



Valentin Cheval, a postdoc at the University of York, UK and member of the NWIUSSI section, is organising an international online conference in animal behavior, to be held on the 20th and 21st of August. Two plenary speakers are studying social insects (<http://animalbehaviour.live>).

Citizen Science special issue announcement



We were asked to share the following message by Dr. Cristina Castracani: -----
----- Dear Colleagues,

We are launching a Special Issue for the journal /Insects/ (IF: 2.139) and we are writing to ask you if you would be willing to contribute either an article or a review for the issue:

Special Issue: The Citizen Science Approach for Expanding the Research on Insects

Website: https://www.mdpi.com/journal/insects/special_issues/citizen_science_insects

Deadline: 28 February 2021.

This Special Issue aims at collecting recent contributions of citizen science applied to insects and other arthropods in various fields including: conservation and monitoring of species, biodiversity assessments, physiology, ecology, behavior, pest management, parasitology, sustainable development and human dimension.

Given your expertise in this topic, we would like to invite you to contribute to the Special Issue by submitting articles that, we believe, would greatly enhance the impact for the Issue. You may, of course, identify potential co-authors who you believe would facilitate the writing process and bring complementary perspectives to your contribution. Feel free to spread this message to other colleagues.

According to journal's procedures, the deadline (28.02.2021) is the closing time for receiving papers, but they are separately published in this Special Issue. So you can send the paper anytime and once the manuscript is accepted, it will be published online soon. Generally, the acceptance to publication

is undertaken in 3.5 days. Manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision provided to authors approximately 17.6 days after submission (median values for papers published in this journal in the second half of 2019). Details could be found at:

<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mdpi.com%2Fjournal%2Finsects&data=02%7C01%7Ccrisrina.castracani%40unipr.it%7C2941e239a0f1447da97008d80eb28d32%7Cbb064bc5b7a841ecbabad7beb3faeb1c%7C0%7C0%7C637275507753676936&data=X6MLvPaQfBFIWxqWB5m1I%2BTIfgizCesmF3casRy2r%2Fk%3D&reserved=0>.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you are willing to contribute such a chapter. If so, we would be happy to provide you with an outline for the content of the issue once we have had responses from other invited authors. We look forward to hearing from you soon and hope you will be willing to contribute.

If you can propose a provisional title, the names of co-authors and whether you would submit a review or an original article, please let us know.

Kind regards,

Dr. Cristina Castracani

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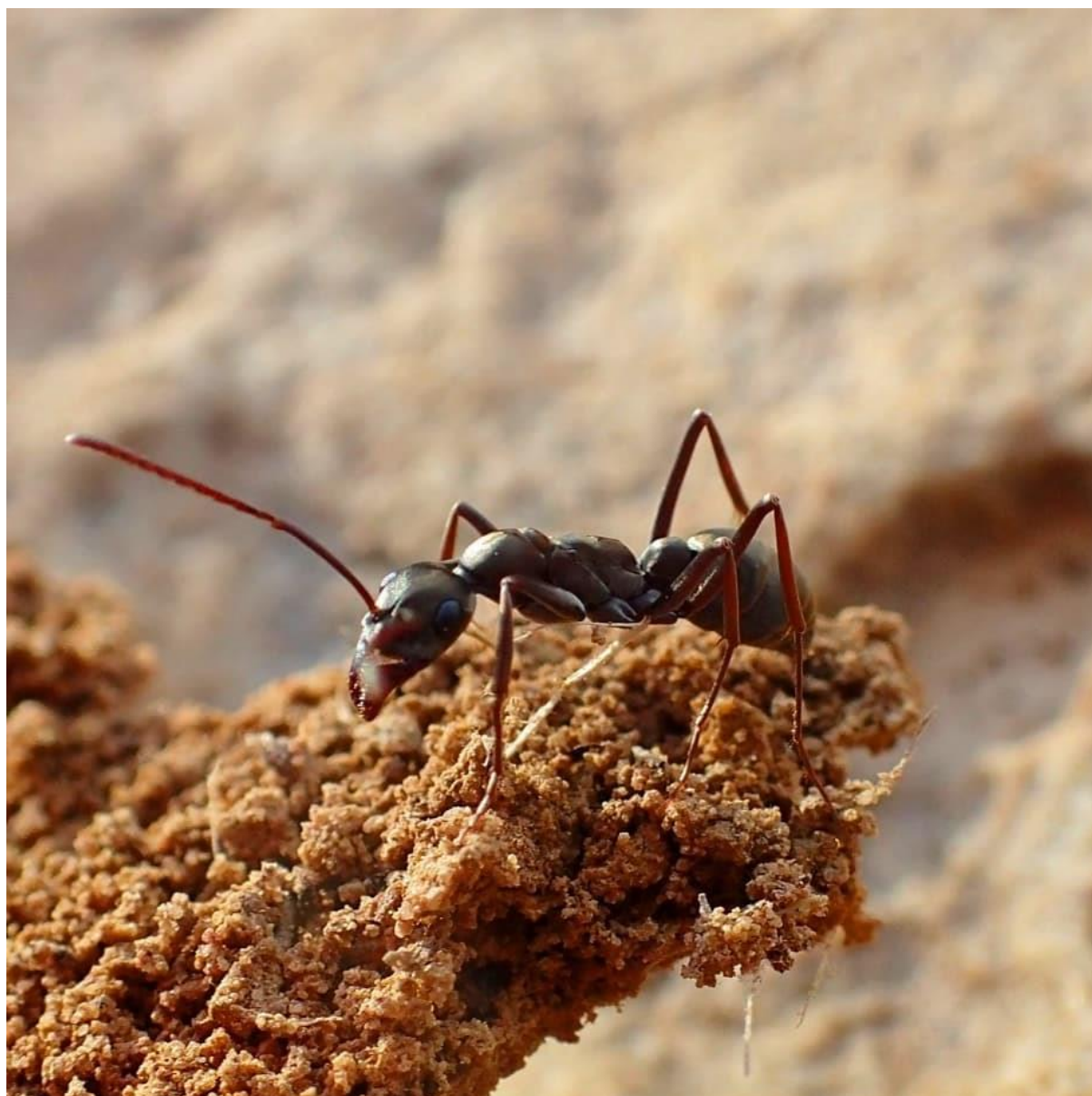
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Reminder: EU-IUSSI 2020 will be 22-25th of August 2021



Dear colleagues and friends,

Given the progression of the coronavirus epidemics (COVID-19), the intensification of confinement measures in many parts of the world, and the lack of visibility about the end of the crisis, it now seems very difficult to maintain the organisation of the EU-IUSSI congress in Toulouse this August. Even after the end of specific confinement actions, probably at different times in different countries, it is likely that travels and human interactions will remain regulated for several months making it difficult to hold any meeting.

After discussing with delegates of all European sections and the International Union, we decided to postpone the congress to 22-25 of August 2021, hoping for better times. Plenary speakers, symposium organizers, and invited symposium speakers will be asked to contribute again, as in the initial plan.

Although many of you already submitted abstracts on the congress web site, normally no payment could have been done at this date. If you think you did so, please contact us (marie-angele.albouy@univ-tlse3.fr).

We are sure you will understand this difficult but important decision.

Please take care,

The organizing committee

Mathieu Lihoreau, Raphael Jeanson, Vincent Fourcassié, Marie-Ange Albouy, Aurore Avargues-Weber, Jean-Marc Devaud, Audrey Dussutour, Martin Giurfa, Tamara Gomez-Moracho, Christian Jost, Stéphane Kraus, Jean-Paul Lachaud, Gérard Latil, Coline Monchanin, Pierre Moretto, Guy Theraulaz, Séverine Trannoy and Antoine Wystrach.

The NW IUSI Twitter account



After two months of activity, The NW IUSI Twitter account already has ~140 followers, which is a great step in order to increase the number of people we reach with news and achievements of our society. The aim is to use this platform to communicate events, recent publications and news from the society to a wider audience.

As this is still the beginning:

1) If you are a Twitter user, please follow us so that we can follow you back. This will allow us to re-post your research/outreach activities as the society. You can also tag us in your posts if you want us to see it our handle is @IUSI_NWES

2) Whether you use Twitter or not, please feel free to send us material (such as an event or a recent publication related to social insects) you would like to see posted on Twitter. To do this please email the social media team iussi.nwes.socialmedia@gmail.com.

Become a NW IUSSI member!



Having a subscription to IUSSI is a great way to support the world of social insect research. Membership is cheap (£7.50 for students, £15 for full members). One additional perk of being a member is that it provides large discounts when registering for IUSSI conferences. Registrations can be done here: <http://www.iussi.org/NWEurope/subs.htm>.

Current job opportunities



Current vacancies on the section web site: <http://www.iussi.org/NWEurope/vacancies.htm>:

Do you have Ph.D. or Postdoc positions coming up? Email nbos [at] bio.ku.dk and we will add them to the newsletter. We also run the INSECTSmil mailing list, which distributes information about job and studentship opportunities, meetings, courses, and calls for information about social insects. See more on the section website: <http://www.iussi.org/NWEurope/INSECTSmil.htm> and send any information to be included (or subscription requests) to INSECTS [at] bio.ku.dk.

Looking for pictures!



Many of the pictures in this newsletter were contributed by Quentin Willot from Stellenbosch University, who kindly allowed us to choose freely from his portfolio. Have a look at his great work here: <https://www.picuki.com/profile/qwilltn>

If you have pretty pictures to share, please send a link to nbos [at] bio.ku.dk and they might just be used for the next newsletter. Credits will be given of course!

Questions? Contact Us!

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please mail to nbos [at] bio.ku.dk.