



NW European IUSSI Newsletter: October 2020

NWE IUSSI Winter Meeting



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International Union for the Study of Social Insects

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Yusuf Abdullatif Ahmed
Chemical ecology of bees
- Inge Ambrechts
Ant behaviour
- Silvia Cremer
Ant cooperation
- Andreas Schramm
Mechanisms of social systems
- Sebastian Sumner
How social plasticity
- Liselotte Sundström
World evolution in ants

REGISTRATION

Registration fee: €15 (€7.50 for students). This fee includes society membership for 2021.

Abstracts for a ten-minute talk or a flash poster presentation should be a maximum of 300 words.

Register here:
www.iussis.org/NWEurope/Winter2020.htm

Important dates:
Registration and abstract submission deadline: November 15th

Lovely documentary on honeypot ants



It's likely many people have already seen *Empire of the Desert Ants* (2011), a wonderful documentary on honeypot ants, from colony foundation to the death of the colony. But, just in case you haven't, make sure to check it out! <http://naturedocumentaries.org/2281/empire-desert-ants/>

The NWE IUSSI Twitter account



The NW IUSSI Twitter account already has more than 250 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 @IUSSI_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.

How to become a NWE 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!



The pictures in this newsletter were contributed by both Nick Bos, as well as 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](mailto:nbos@bio.ku.dk) and they might just be used for the next newsletter. Credits will be given of course!

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