



NW European IUSSI Newsletter: April 2021

Cast your vote for the nominee for General Secretary of the IUSSI



As Madeleine Beekman mentioned in the latest IUSSI newsletter, it is time to begin to think of candidates to take over as General Secretary after the International IUSSI Congress in San Diego in 2022, where nominations will be presented.

Prof. Mark Brown has kindly volunteered to take on this task, but in order to assure maximum transparency and a democratic process, please indicate in this GoogleForm before May 15th 2021 if you support that the section nominates Mark:

<https://forms.gle/SWH95gfpX8fzMJtWA>

The result of the vote will be posted in the May newsletter.

Looking for science communicators!



The NWE IUSSI Social Media Committee needs you! Would you be able to either step up and volunteer to tweet on behalf of the IUSSI?

We are looking for things like:

- Take-over by a student (Masters or PhD) about their research. They send several tweets on behalf of our IUSSI account, with the purpose to show what it is to be a social insect researcher.
- Tales from the past. Anecdotes from previous meetings, or history. Maybe interview your VIP and share it via multiple tweets over the year?
- Regular retweeting of sister groups (the North American IUSSI, the Brazil section, etc).

Let us know your ideas!

Contact Liz (elizabeth.bates [at] cornwall.ac.uk) for details and if you wish to volunteer!

Join the SI-NET Slack channel!



The North American Section of the IUSSI recently started the SI-NET Slack channel as a global social insect networking tool for sharing new research, for discussions, and for distribution of graduate, postdoctoral and faculty opportunities.

You can join here: https://social-insect-network.slack.com/join/shared_invite/zt-fzz7a47r-jNq9BRaeeOeuUEALbpsW~g#/

The NWE IUSSI Slack that was started by the extended committee prior to the online winter meeting in December will remain alive, but the committee has decided that it will be prioritised for use during future meetings.

The questionnaire we circulated a while ago did not prompt enough responses for the extended committee to obtain a good basis for prioritisation of section activities and funds.

We have therefore decided to re-circulate the questionnaire and encourage that you take a couple of minutes to share your thoughts on the aspects we inquire about, as they will be important for shaping the section future.

With very little effort, this is your chance to help shape the section, as we will act on member preferences in the months to come.

Please fill in the form by end the of April via this link: <https://forms.gle/cRE3PJL5gnC6de6t8>

Thanks in advance for your help and ideas!

Get involved in the section extended committee



The extended committee works closely with the officers to improve our section activities and presence on SoMe platforms.

Being on the committee is a excellent networking opportunity, so we encourage PhD students and postdocs to consider joining the committee and getting engaged.

Contact Liz Bates ([elizabeth.bates \[at\] cornwall.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.bates@cornwall.ac.uk)) for more information.

The NWE IUSSI Twitter account



[The NW IUSSI Twitter](#) account already has almost 500 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. Use our twitter handle [@IUSSI_NWES](#)

2) Whether you use Twitter or not, feel free to send us material (such as an event or a recent publication on 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 (£10 for students, £20 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



Vacancies can be found 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.

Questions? Contact Us!

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