



NW European IUSSI Newsletter: May
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Plenary suggestions for IUSSI 2022



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



The membership has been heard and 95% of the received votes were in favour of the nomination of Prof. Mark Brown to serve as General Secretary of the IUSSI.

We will let Madeleine Beekman know of this result and the official nomination will then be presented in San Diego in 2022.

We have received an e-mail from Jennifer Fewell and Stephen Pratt, who are organizing the IUSSI meeting in San Diego next year:

We are emailing to solicit suggestions for **Plenary talks** and the **Keynote address**, for the upcoming 2022 IUSSI Congress in San Diego. The North American Section will select from the nominations, hoping to achieve a balance of taxonomic and topical areas, as well as a diversity of speaker backgrounds and career stages. Could your section briefly tell us: Who would you love to hear from at the meeting and why?

Could you also remind everyone that the **May 31 deadline for symposium proposals** is coming up fast! We are hoping for many proposal submissions from all of the sections in order to reach our goal of a diverse and representative program.

Finally, we are working on registration and meeting costs, which will be available soon. The meeting will be hybrid, with opportunity for virtual and in-person presentations. Registration costs are not yet set, but we expect them to be similar in range to prior years, with a discount for student registrations.

We look forward to working with you on planning the meeting, and to seeing you in San Diego 2022.

Jennifer Fewell

Stephen Pratt

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.

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 mpoulsen [at] bio.ku.dk.