



NW European IUSSI Newsletter: October  
2021

## NWE-IUSSI Winter meeting in Oxford on the 17th of December!



Mark your calendars for the NWE IUSSI Winter meeting!

We are excited to be hosting the 2021 NWIUSSI Winter Meeting on Friday 17th December. Due to Zoology currently residing in temporary accommodation whilst our new laboratory is being built, this meeting is being held in the Department of Plant Sciences. We will have the usual array of talks, a poster session and coffee breaks. Following the success of last year's online meeting, the current plan is to have blended talk sessions where presentations are broadcast online so that people can watch if they are unable to attend.

More details will follow closer to the time regarding abstract submission.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Oxford!

Chris Pull



## November program for the European Congress of the IUSSI (2020) virtual symposium series



The EU-IUSSI 2021 virtual symposium series continues in November, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 to 15:00 (UK time).

Details about the program can be found here: <https://eu-iussi2020.sciencesconf.org/> and a brief overview is included below.

There are no registration fees, but please register in the «my registration» page (name, email, affiliations) to make sure you receive the zoom links (these will also be shared through IUSSI section mailing lists).

We hope you will be many to join!

The Toulouse team, and the European IUSSI sections.

### **November program**

02/11: Understanding social insect pollination: behavioural and genetic approaches

Organisers: Simon Tierney, Olivia Bernauer, Michael Garratt, Anders Nielsen

04/11: Symbionts of social insects

Organisers: Amélie Cabirol, Philipp Engel

11/11: Nutritional homeostasis in social insects

Organisers: Sara Arganda, Audrey Dussutour, Sara Leonhardt

11/11: Diversity, plasticity and evolution of communication in insect societies (part II)

Organisers: Luca Pietro Casacci, Alessandro Cini, Volker Nehring

## Relaunch of the African Section of the IUSSI



Dear colleagues,

Eusocial greetings to you. We are happy to announce that the long-awaited African Section of the IUSSI is about to be re-launched. Currently, we have social insect researchers from 10 African countries who are very enthusiastic to provide a strong African voice to the IUSSI.

The online inauguration symposium of our section will take place on November 25th (CAT 10:00 am – 6:30 pm) and we are looking forward to a lively symposium. Please find more information here: <https://africaniussi.wordpress.com/>.

We are eagerly awaiting fruitful discussions and new collaborations with members of the other sections latest at the international IUSSI congress in San Diego! If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us through our [africaniussi@up.ac.za](mailto:africaniussi@up.ac.za) email.

Many greetings on behalf of the African IUSSI,

Robin Crewe, Yusuf Abdullahi, Christian Pirk and Anja Buttstedt



## 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](mailto:elizabeth.bates@cornwall.ac.uk)) for details and if you wish to volunteer!

## 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 IUSI Twitter account



[The NW IUSI 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 [@IUSI\\_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](mailto: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>.

Note that if you are a 2020 member, then your membership fee for 2021 is already covered!



## 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 [mpoulsen \[at\] bio.ku.dk](mailto:mpoulsen@bio.ku.dk) and we will add them to the newsletter. We also run the INSECTSmal 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/INSECTSmal.htm> and send any information to be included (or subscription requests) to [INSECTS \[at\] bio.ku.dk](mailto:INSECTS@bio.ku.dk).

## Questions? Contact Us!

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please mail to [mpoulsen \[at\] bio.ku.dk](mailto:mpoulsen@bio.ku.dk).