

# 21<sup>st</sup> European Congress of Lepidopterology Campobasso, Italy June 3-7 2019



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Announcement

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The University of Molise, Campobasso (Italy), and the Council of Societas Europaea Lepidopterologica (SEL) invite all SEL members, and non members, to the **21<sup>st</sup> European Congress of Lepidopterology**, to be held in Campobasso, Italy, June 3-7 2019.

### How and when to register?

Registration is open and must be completed online at the congress' website: <http://www.sel2019conference.com/>

### Dates and fees

Date	Registration/Activity	Fees
1 April 2019	Early registration online at website address above	€ 150/200/125
1 April 2019 onwards	Late registration	€ 200/250/150
15 April 2019	Abstract submission deadline	
Whole period	Accompanying person	€ 50/person
Whole period	Post Congress trip to Pompeii June 7 2019	€ 50/person

**NOTE: The Early bird deadline has been postponed two weeks!!**

Registration fees are for: *SEL and LepSoc Members/non-members/students* respectively.

Registration fees include: participation, congress material and abstracts program, coffee breaks, lunches, congress dinner, half-day field excursion, certificate of participation.

### Payment

Payment can be completed as bank transfer (details at <http://www.sel2019conference.com/>), or at the registration desk upon arrival in cash (EURO only) or by Credit Card.

### Venue

The Congress will take place at the University of Molise, Campobasso. Detailed information on how to get to Campobasso and the University of Molise can be found at: <http://www.sel2019conference.com/>

### Accommodation and meals

Campobasso hosts a wide range of accommodation possibilities, six of which are listed at the Congress' website (<http://www.sel2019conference.com/>). Participants are requested to book their own accommodation either through the Di Paola Agency (when you fill in the form on the site) or through direct contact with the accommodation that we suggest, alternatively you can search on the internet for other B&B's or airbnb opportunities. Lunch is included in the registration fee, but participants are requested to organize dinner themselves.

### Preliminary program

Monday 3 June	15.00 - 19.00	Welcome reception and opening of the Congress
Tuesday 4 June	8.30 - 18.30	Oral presentations and Poster session
	20.30	Congress Dinner
Wednesday 5 June	8.30 - 13.00	Oral presentations and Poster session
	14.00	Half-day excursion to Campitello Matese
Thursday 6 June	8.30 - 16.00	Oral presentations and Poster session
	16.00 - 18.30	General meeting
	18.30 - 19.30	Closing remarks
Friday 7 June	7.00 - 16.30	Post congress excursion to Pompeii
	16.30 - 18.30	Back to Campobasso or Roma

### **Scientific program**

See below for details.

The deadline for submitting abstracts for oral presentations and posters is April 15, 2019.

### **Student competition**

Students (BSc, MSs and PhD) are invited to enter their presentations into the Students' competitions (one for poster presentations and one for oral presentations). Please indicate if you are a student who wish to enter the competition when you register your talk.

### **Social Program open to Accompanying persons**

Monday 3 June, 15.00 - 19.00 – Welcome reception

Tuesday 4 June, 20.30 - Congress Dinner

Wednesday 5 June, 14.00 - Half-day excursion to Campitello Matese

Friday 7 June, 7.00 - 16.30 - Post congress excursion to Pompeii

Other activities for accompanying persons will be organized by Agenzia di Paola Viaggi, including Visit of Campobasso town, Visit of Termoli, Visit of Alto Molise (see Congress' website).

### **Mid-week excursion**

A half-day mid-week excursion to the subalpine Campitello Matese area Wednesday 5 June 2019 is included in the registration fee.

### **Congress Dinner**

The Congress Dinner will be held on Tuesday 4 June 2019 at Piana dei Mulini Farmhouse. It is included in the registration fee (extra drinks not included).

### **Post Congress excursion**

A full post Congress excursion to the **UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pompeii** will be held on Friday 7 June 2019 for an additional cost of € 50/person. This includes bus transportation, entrance fee and lunch. After the excursion, busses will bring participants either to Roma airport or back to Campobasso.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Collecting**

In the area surrounding the Congress, the collection of insects does not require special permits.

The collections made in protected areas and Parks can only be carried out after receiving appropriate permits.

### **Climate and weather**

Molise enjoys a warm and temperate climate with significant rainfall throughout the year. In Campobasso the average temperature in June is around 20 °C. But it is always prudent to check the local forecast before you go.

### **Currency**

Italy is part of the European EURO Zone, and Euro is the used currency. ATMs are common in cities and towns, but may be scarce in rural areas. Major credit cards are accepted in most stores and restaurants, but it is recommended that visitors carry sufficient supply of cash.

### **Visa**

Italy belongs to the European Union, so visitors from member states do not need visa. Visitors from other countries should check visa requirements with their local Italian embassy before registering. An invitation letter can be provided after registration and send to the participants.

## **SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS**

The SEL council has some funds available to support members who would like to attend the SEL conference but have insufficient funds themselves. Grants are awarded to individuals to cover expenses associated with transport, registration, hotel, meals, poster printing, etc. SEL cannot afford to pay the full costs, but will try to use the funds in the best possible way. These grants are competitive and reviewed by a panel. Any submitted applications without all the required documents listed below will not be considered. All grantees are required to give a presentation (poster or talk). We especially encourage applications from students and amateurs, who lack financial means to attend the congress.

### Required elements for grant consideration

The following documents MUST be included in the application in a single pdf file: 1) Letter of motivation including a statement as to why attendance of the SEL conference is considered important for the applicant's career and/or activities. Max 1 A4 page. 2) Short CV 3) Title of the proposed presentation including an abstract following the guidelines found at the registration page. 4) A short budget plan, including all expected expenses and other potential sources of subsidy. Include the amount of money that you need from SEL. SEL subsidies will most likely be in the range of EUR 300-500 maximum.

### Submission and important dates

All applications should be written in English and submitted before: **15 March 2019**. Final decision and notification before: **10 April 2019**. All applications should be sent to the general Secretary, Carlos Lopez Vaamonde, carlos.lopezvaamonde@inra.fr

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

SEL Council is happy to present the overall outline of the scientific program for the **21<sup>st</sup> European Congress of Lepidopterology** in Campobasso, Italy.

We think that the program is interesting and broad, and will appeal to all lepidopterists, whether amateur or professional.

We are proud to announce the following key-note speakers:

Peter Witzgall (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences): **Chemical ecology of Lepidoptera**

Atsushi Kawakita (University of Tokyo): **Pollination and Lepidoptera-plant interactions**

Geoff Martin (Natural History Museum London): **Digitisation of Lepidoptera collections**

Jürg Schmid (Ilanz, Switzerland): **Alpine Lepidoptera life histories**

The program is comprised by (at least) the following symposia and workshops:

1. Diversity of Italian Lepidoptera (organiser Alberto Zilli)
2. Chemical ecology and multitrophic interactions (organisers Pasquale Trematerra – Antonio De Cristofaro)
3. Collections and digitisation (organiser Geoff Martin)
4. Lepidoptera-plant interactions (organiser Carlos Lopez-Vaamonde)
5. Evolutionary History of Lepidoptera (organiser Jadranka Rota)
6. Online observation platforms and portals (organiser Jurriën van Deijk)

Congress participants are encouraged to submit their presentations to a specific symposium. However, In addition to the symposia and workshops listed above, the program also has a session with short, *three-minutes presentations for brief communications* on all topics, as well as plenty room for ordinary *20 minute talks* on subject which do not fit into the symposia and workshops, and a *poster session* for poster presentations.

Small changes in this program are still possible.

Please don't forget that the deadline for submission of your abstract is 15 April!

### Symposium "Evolutionary history of Lepidoptera: from fossils to genomes"

By *Jadranka Rota*

In this symposium we would like to focus on higher-level Lepidoptera phylogenetics and phylogenomics as well as using trees for understanding the evolution of Lepidoptera, especially focusing on timing of divergence using fossils and patterns in diversification of different groups. The list of speakers below includes people who have agreed to come and give the listed presentations.

**Nicolas Chazot**, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

Diversification of Nymphalidae butterflies: insights from a species-level phylogeny

**Andrea Chiochio**, Lund University, Sweden

Diversification of butterflies and moths from the time of dinosaurs to present day: a supertree approach

**Marianne Espeland**, Zoological Research Museum Alexander Koenig, Germany

Advancing Lepidoptera phylogenetics: Sequencing hundreds of genes from hundred year old museum material

**Maria Heikkilä**, University of Helsinki, Finland

Estimating the age of Lepidoptera with fossils meeting strict quality criteria – preliminary results

**Jadranka Rota**, Lund University, Sweden

Diversification dynamics in metalmark moths (Choreutidae): did long-distance dispersals lead to higher diversification rates?

**Niklas Wahlberg**, Lund University, Sweden

Manually curated data: the next step in Lepidoptera phylogenomics?

### **Dear Attendees into the XXI European Congress of Lepidopterology**

As announced earlier, we will have a “3 Min. talks” session in the next congress. Here some hints as rules to this session:  
The topic of these 3 Min. Talks may be one of the following themes:

- Introduction and announcement of a new project
- Introduction of a new taxa
- Invitation for collaboration
- Advertising new events
- any other topic that can be addressed in three minutes

The presentation will need to adhere to the following format:

1. The presentation is limited to 180 seconds,
  2. There is no extra time for question and all discussions should be continue after the session,
  - 2) You should prepare maximum three slides (ideally just one slide!),
  - 3) If you are presenting on newly described taxa, state to which superfamily and family the new taxon belongs to, explain the etymology, show the taxon distribution on a map and some photographs of the habitat of the new taxon if possible.
- When registering, please mention that you are going to have three min. talk (and not ordinary 15 Min talk).

**Note: this is mandatory for all poster presenters!**

### **Invitation to the General Meeting of the Societas Europaea Lepidopterologica on June 6, 2019 in Campobasso, Italy Invitation à l'Assemblée Générale de la Societas Europaea Lepidopterologica du 6 juin 2019 à Campobasso en Italie Einladung zur Generalversammlung der Societas Europaea Lepidopterologica am 6 Juni 2019 in Campobasso, Italien**

*Carlos Lopez-Vaamonde, SEL General Secretary; carlos.lopezvaamonde@inra.fr*

#### **Invitation to the General Meeting of the SEL 2019**

All SEL members are cordially invited to attend an Ordinary SEL General Meeting due to take place on Thursday 6 June 2019 at the University of Molise, Campobasso, Italy. The meeting is planned to begin at 4.00 p.m. and Council proposes the following agenda.

Members unable to attend the General Meeting are referred to paragraph 3 of section 4 in the SEL statutes (available on website) concerning postal votes.

This invitation is published on March 1, 2019, according to the SEL Statutes, paragraph 4.

#### **Agenda**

1. Opening, welcome
2. Report of the SEL Council
3. Report of the Treasurer
4. Auditor's Report
5. Report of the Editor
6. Report of Committee Chairmen
7. Council proposals
8. Discharge of Council, Auditors, and Committee Chairmen
9. Appointment of Election Leader
10. Election of Council members
11. Election of Committee chairmen
12. Election of auditors
13. A SEL Field Congress: North Macedonia, 2020
14. The XXII SEL Congress, in Estonia, 2021
15. Members' proposals
16. Nomination and election of honorary members
17. Any other business

**Item 7.** Council proposes to modernise the Statutes and Bye Laws, in order to follow more current practices, and allow more flexibility. As the German text of the Statutes must follow rather strict rules according to German law, we suggest to do this in two steps. Firstly, in this meeting we discuss the changes to be made and then council prepares the final texts for voting during the following GM. Details of our proposals will be sent later.

**Item 10.** Election of Council members. The 4-year term of Erik van Nieuwerkerken (president), Thomas Simonsen (Vice-President), Carlos Lopez-Vaamonde (General Secretary) and Hossein Rajaei (Membership secretary) ends. CLV wants to step

down as secretary, the others stand for re-election. Council proposes Marianne Espeland as candidate General Secretary. The 4-year term of Ordinary council members Joaquin Baixeras, Iva Mihoci and Pasquale Trematerra also ends and they cannot be immediately re-elected as Ordinary council members. Council proposes to elect the following new Ordinary council members: Carlos Lopez-Vaamonde, Toomas Tammaru and Enrique Garcia Barros.

**Item 12.** Election of auditor: The 4-year term of Rolf Mörntter ends, council is looking for a candidate to replace him.

**Item 15.** Members' proposals: any proposals by members are to be submitted in writing to the General Secretary, Dr. Carlos Lopez Vaamonde (email: [carlos.lopezvaamonde@inra.fr](mailto:carlos.lopezvaamonde@inra.fr)) by 1 May, 2019.

**Item 16.** Nomination and election of honorary members. Council nominates David Agassiz and Ole Karsholt as new honorary members.

## **Invitation à l'Assemblée Générale de la SEL 2019**

Tous les membres de la SEL sont cordialement invités à participer à l'Assemblée Générale ordinaire de la SEL qui se tiendra à 16h00, le 6 juin 2019 à l'Université de Molise, Campobasso en Italie.

L'ordre du jour établi par le Conseil est indiqué ci-dessous. Les membres qui ne pourraient pas participer à cette AG sont invités à se reporter au §3, section 4 des Statuts de la SEL, qui traite du vote par correspondance. Conformément aux statuts de la SEL (§4), cette convocation prend effet au 1 mars 2019.

### **Ordre du jour**

1. Ouverture
2. Rapport d'activités du Conseil
3. Rapport financier
4. Rapport des auditeurs comptables
5. Rapport de l'éditeur
6. Rapport du responsable des comités
7. Propositions du Conseil
8. Quitus aux Conseil, au trésorier et au responsable des comités
9. Désignation du superviseur des élections
10. Election des membres du Conseil
11. Election du responsable des comités
12. Election des auditeurs comptables
13. Un congrès sur le terrain : Macédoine du Nord, 2020
14. Le XXIIème congrès de la SEL en Estonie, en 2021
15. Propositions des membres.
16. Nomination et élection des membres honoraires
17. Autres sujets

**Item 7 .** « Propositions du Conseil ». Le Conseil propose de moderniser les statuts pour suivre des pratiques plus modernes et permettre plus de flexibilité. Comme le texte en allemand des Statuts doit suivre des règles strictes de la loi allemande nous suggérons de faire cela en deux étapes. Durant l'AG de 2019 nous discuterons les changements à faire et le Conseil préparera les textes finaux pour approbation à l'Assemblée Générale suivante. Les modifications proposées vous seront adressées plus tard.

**Item 10** « Élection des membres du Conseil » : Le mandat de 4 ans d' Erik van Nieuwerkerken (Président), de Thomas Simonsen (Vice-Président), de Carlos Lopez-Vaamonde (Secrétaire Général) et de Hossein Rajaei (Secrétaire aux membres) se termine. CLV veut quitter sa fonction de secrétaire, les autres se représentent pour leur poste. Le Conseil propose Marianne Espeland comme candidate au poste de Secrétaire Général. Le mandat de 4 ans de Joaquin Baixeras, de Iva Mihoci et de Pasquale Trematerra, membres ordinaires du Conseil, vient à échéance. Le Conseil propose Carlos Lopez-Vaamonde, Toomas Tammaru et Enrique Garcia Barros comme candidats.

**Item 12** « Election des auditeurs comptables » : Le mandat de 4 ans de Rolf Mörntter vient à terme, Le Conseil lui recherche un successeur.

**Item 15** « Propositions des membres ». Propositions ou suggestions de membres doivent être adressées par écrit au secrétaire général, Dr. Carlos Lopez Vaamonde, (courriel: [carlos.lopezvaamonde@inra.fr](mailto:carlos.lopezvaamonde@inra.fr)) avant le 1 mai 2019.

**Item 16.** « Nomination et élection des membres honoraires ». Le CA propose David Agassiz and Ole Karsholt comme membres d'honneur de la SEL.

## Einladung zur Generalversammlung der SEL 2019

Alle SEL-Mitglieder sind herzlich zur SEL-Generalversammlung eingeladen, die am Donnerstag, den 6. Juni 2019 im Molise's Universität, Campobasso, Italien, stattfinden wird. Der Veranstaltungsbeginn ist für 16.00 Uhr geplant. Der Vorstand schlägt die nachstehende Agenda vor. Mitglieder, die nicht an der Generalversammlung teilnehmen können, werden bezüglich Briefwahl auf Paragraph 4 Abschnitt 3 der SEL-Satzung verwiesen. Fristgerecht in Übereinstimmung mit den Statuten der SEL (§4:1) wird diese Einladung am 1. März 2019 veröffentlicht.

### Agenda

1. Eröffnung, Begrüßung
2. Bericht des SEL-Vorstandes
3. Bericht des Schatzmeisters
4. Bericht der Rechnungsprüfer
5. Bericht des Editors
6. Bericht des Vorsitzenden des Komitees
7. Vorschläge des Vorstandes
8. Entlastung des Vorstandes, der Rechnungsprüfer und der Komiteevorsitzenden
9. Ernennung des Wahlleiters
10. Wahl des Vorstandes
11. Wahl der Komiteevorsitzenden
12. Wahl der Rechnungsprüfer
13. Ein SEL Feldkongress: Nordmazedonien 2020
14. Der XXII. SEL-Kongress in Estland, 2021
15. Mitgliedervorschläge.
16. Ernennung von Ehrenmitgliedern
17. Weitere Diskussionspunkte.

### TOP 7. Vorschläge des Vorstandes ....

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**TOP 10.** Wahl der Vorstandsmitglieder. Die jeweils 4-jährige Amtszeit von Erik van Nieukerken (Präsident), Thomas Simonsen (Vizepräsident), Carlos Lopez-Vaamonde (Generalsekretär) and Hossein Rajaei (Mitgliedersekretär) enden. CLV möchte von seinen Amt zurücktreten und steht für eine Wiederwahl nicht zur Verfügung. Die Anderen stehen zur Wiederwahl. Die 4-jährige Amtszeit der Ordentliche Vorstandsmitglieder Joaquin Baixeras, Iva Mihoci und Pasquale Trematerra endet und sie können nicht wiedergewählt werden. Der Vorstand schlägt die Wahl folgender Ordentliche Vorstandmitglieder vor: Carlos Lopez Vaamonde, Toomas Tammaru und Enrique Garcia Barros.

**TOP 12.** Wahl der Rechnungsprüfer. Die 4-jährige Amtszeit von Rolf Mörtrter endet. Der Vorstand sucht noch ein Kandidat.

**TOP 15.** Mitgliedervorschläge. Jegliche Mitgliedervorschläge müssen bis zum 1. Mai 2019 in schriftlicher Form an den SEL-Generalsekretär Dr. Carlos Lopez Vaamonde (E-Mail: carlos.lopezvaamonde@inra.fr) geschickt werden.

**TOP 16.** Ernennung von Ehrenmitgliedern. Der Vorstand nominiert David Agassiz und Ole Karsholt als neue Ehrenmitglieder.