



ISoP Newsletter

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Welcome to the first ISoP Newsletter and apologies for the delay in sending anything out. This first posting is really just to follow up to get you started and to thank those who commented on the idea. It is not going to have any particular format so it can be used as a forum for posting any information you want to pass on to the “lousy” community about our little parasitic friends – and possibly also their non-parasitic cousins in the rest of the Psocodea. If there is something you would like to include please send it to me at ian@insectresearch.com and I shall either include it in the next newsletter or else, if it is big or urgent I shall send it out as a separate standalone item.

Bibliographies

Thanks to Vince Smith for reminding us when I first suggested doing this that <http://phthiraptera.info/biblio> is still functioning and hopefully will remain as a repository for you all for years to come. That literature list is an excellent and valuable tool and I for one really appreciate all the work Vince has put into it. My idea for listing the most recent publications was designed to help those of you who have from time to time said they would like to keep abreast of the latest developments. Not everyone has time to work their way through bibliographic search engines, and of course a lot of lesser known publications don't always (if ever) feature on them. I am amazed at the number of papers I regularly discover by accident while trawling for something else in an obscure part of the web so it would be nice if they could be brought to our colleagues' attention and a wider audience

much sooner. With this issue I have included a list of all the publications I have found from 2015. I am sure there are others hidden in the literature, and of course not all are accessible online. If you find something I have missed please bring it to my attention.

Meetings

If you know of, or are running, any meeting involving lice please let me know about that also. There are often local meetings around the world that show how interesting and important lice are, and it would be good to get the word out about them. There may even be opportunities to attend for some of you. So, either notices of forthcoming events or even reports of what went on can be included.

Meetings last year included the **Second European Liceworld Seminar**, 10-11 September 2015, in Copenhagen. From the programme page you can see that several of our regular friends and colleagues from both sides of the Atlantic were presenting <http://www.liceworld.com/seminar/program.htm>. This meeting was not just for louse experts but brought together health care professionals involved in human louse management as physicians, nurses, and pharmacists to provide up to date discussion of practical issues of louse control, including developments in products for louse management. There was even a presentation on archaeology. We hope there will be another of these meetings soon, provided Kim Larsen can find the time and energy.

Upcoming events - 2016

There are two meetings that I am aware of this year.

First is the 8th Swiss Head Lice Summit, to be held on 11th August at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Basel, organised and sponsored by Mundipharma Medical Company. This meeting provides a forum for Swiss public health staff working in schools and the community to come together to discuss lice and catch up on new developments in louse control.

The second meeting is the annual summit to be held 2nd to 4th November at the Marriott Hotel in the Research Park at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City for clinic owners working with Lice Clinics of America. In a similar way to the Basel meeting this summit aims to bring some of the latest information about lice biology and control to those people working at the “sharp end” of dealing with lice on a day to day basis.

6th International Conference on Phthiraptera

ICP6 will be held in Brno, Czech Republic in 2018. Oldřich Sychra and his colleagues have been working hard to confirm a venue and obtain the best rates for the next ICP, which is now in just two years.

The dates currently in the schedule are Saturday 9th June (for the Welcome reception) through to Friday 15th June (departure day) 2018. The venue is scheduled for the Best Western Premier Hotel International, which is a 4* hotel with several meeting room spaces and good accommodation (<http://www.hotelinternational.cz/en/>).

See accompanying “draft” poster. The aim is to have a schedule following along similar lines to ICP5.

Olda and colleagues in the Czech Republic hope to have a website built and going live sometime in September. A separate notification will be sent out when this happens so you can make plans for joining the conference well in advance.

Phthirapteran publication list 2015

See accompanying document.