



ISoP Newsletter October 2017

My apologies to everyone for the delay in writing to you all this summer. Most years the period from June through to September is my busiest time of year and this year has been no exception. So time slipped by and, despite giving myself reminders regularly, I have only just managed to get around to writing again.

I do have one excuse in that I wanted to bring you all up to date with progress with preparations for ICP6 but, for some of the summer period at least, Olda Sychra and Dana Cernovska, the Events Co-ordinator from Longaro s.r.o. who is managing the logistics, have both been away.

6th International Conference on Phthiraptera

The website for ICP6 (<http://www.conferenceicp6.eu/>) is now more or less fully functioning, showing invited Keynote speakers and the sponsoring companies who have committed to supporting the meeting so far.

The latest updates to the conference website now include a hyperlink opening the Microsoft Word template for submitting a poster abstract. So if you are planning on presenting at Brno you now have something to work with as an encouragement to put your plans on paper. But also there is plenty of time to think about what you want to submit because abstract submission is open until 30th April 2018. Please adhere to the templating format, which makes reviewer's work much easier, and submit to info@longaro.cz. I am not sure of the

arrangements for oral presentation abstract submission yet. So keep watching the website for updates.

For those of you who are early birds, registration opens on 1st November, so you need to decide whether you want to save some money on the conference fee or if plans are fluid risk paying more later.

There is currently no fixed date for the end of early bird registration... but it will come.

Updating what I wrote previously, both links to the conference hotel websites are now functioning correctly.

<https://www.hotelinternational.cz/> and <https://www.continentalbrno.cz/>.

Both hotel websites have versions in Czech, English, and German.

Publishing ICP6

For previous International Conferences on Phthiraptera there has been no plan to publish papers submitted and presented at the conferences. The organising committee for ICP4 in Turkey decided to publish a copy of the list of presentations and abstracts (see:

<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/14309801/proceedingsicp4-pdficp4org-fourth-international-conference->) and a

similar listing for ICP3 still can be found on phthiraptera.info at:

<http://phthiraptera.info/content/icp3-programm>. However, the listings for the other conferences no longer exist, unless you are able to purchase a copy of the print publication of the First Conference (The

Control of Lice and Louse-Borne Diseases. Scientific Publication 263. PAHO/WHO, Washington, D.C., 1973).

There is no formal intention to publish presentations from ICP6 but some of you may be interested in a new opportunity to draw together a collection from a conference on a “landing page” using *PeerJ Preprints*. For those who have not yet met *PeerJ* this Open Access journal has a preprint server where drafts or nearly complete papers can be pre-published and from where publication can be either launched into *PeerJ* itself or another suitable journal. *PeerJ* also has an attractive rate of article processing charges and membership fees. If any of you are interested in using this service, further details can be found at <https://peerj.com/blog/post/54500700950/the-7-reasons-why-peerj-is-the-right-publisher-for-your-next-conference-or-symposia/>.

Phthirapteran publication list 2016

This list has continued to grow throughout 2017 as more publications from various parts of the world make it onto the web search engines. No doubt there will still be some 2016 articles appearing in 2018. Just as an indication of how long some papers take to show in the (accessible) public domain, how about this one for longevity that appeared at the top of the search list on PubMed with the search term “lice” <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=lice> just a couple of days before writing:

“Friedmann M. Notes on human lice. Indian Medical Gazette 1942 Mar; 77(3): 146-148” – Yes that is really 1942!

It shows even PubMed can take just a little bit longer to get around and do things sometimes.

Anyway, the 2016 listing is definitely the longest yet, which shows that not only are more and more people developing an interest in lice of all types but also that some of our friends and colleagues are becoming more prolific in publishing their work.

Feedback

Some of you were kind enough to send feedback after previous *Newsletters*. All comments are welcome and if any of you have ideas that you would like circulated via the *Newsletter* please just drop me an e-mail (ian@insectresearch.com). I hope to be more on the ball for the next one so until then my best wishes for a lousy few months.