



20th - 25th August 2017

On behalf of the organising committee, we are delighted to send our second circular with further information about the 30th European Congress of Arachnology, which will be hosted by the University of Nottingham, UK, from the 20th -25th August 2017. All the information in this circular is also available on our website: <https://saragoodacre.wixsite.com/eca-2017>, which will be updated regularly between now and the congress.



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PLENARY SPEAKERS

We are delighted to confirm the following guest speakers:

Professor Fritz Vollrath, University of Oxford
Professor Yael Lubin, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Dr. Cristina Tuni, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich
Dr. Alistair McGregor, University of Oxford Brookes

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS NOW OPEN

We are pleased now to be able to open our pre-registration and to make a call for abstracts (full registration will open in March). Please use the 'pre-registration' link on our website, or send an email to ecanotts2017@gmail.com with the following information:

Email header: **ECA-2017 Pre-registration**

Email message: **Name, Institution, Proposed talk or poster title** (e.g. "Talk: proposed title..." or "Poster: proposed title...") and if possible an **abstract**.

SPECIAL SYMPOSIA

If you are interested to propose a symposium in a specific area, please also use the pre-registration facility to send us this suggestion:

Email header: **ECA-2017 Pre-registration & proposed symposium**

Email message: **Name, Institution, Proposed symposium title and abstract if you would intend to speak at the symposium yourself**

FILM FESTIVAL

We are also accepting submissions for our premier evening showing! If you have an Arachno-Film to showcase (no more than 15 minutes long), please also use the pre-registration facility to let us know:

Email header: **ECA-2017 Film Fest**

Email message: **Name (s), Institution(s), Proposed film title and abstract, length**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

CONFERENCE FORMAT & REGISTRATION The overall format will be the same as in previous years with arrival on the evening of the 20th August. There will be 2 days of talks (21st, 22nd August), an excursion day (23rd August), and 2 further days of talks (24th and 25th August).

VENUE The Congress will take place at University Park, which is the University of Nottingham's main campus.



ACCOMMODATION

will be on the main University Park campus, in Hugh Stewart Hall of Residence (single rooms with shared facilities only). There will also be accommodation available in the Orchard Hotel, which is also situated on the campus and close to the conference venue.



TRAVEL TO NOTTINGHAM

The closest airport is East Midlands but several other airports are a straightforward train ride away. Nottingham railway station is a 20-minute bus/tram journey away from University Park or a ten-minute taxi ride. Detailed information about travel can be found on the congress website <https://saragoodacre.wixsite.com/eca-2017>.

EXCURSIONS

The congress excursion will take place on 23rd August. The options will likely feature a trip to Sherwood Forest (home of Robin Hood, the legendary archer who features in our congress logo), visit to the historic 'Clumber Park', which is owned by the National Trust, and a tour of Nottingham city attractions. Details are currently being finalised and will be published on the website once complete.



ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAM

Accompanying persons will be given the opportunity to engage in a program of activities during the days of the conference talks and to participate in the conference excursion. Details are currently being finalised for this program and will be made available on the website once complete.

We very much hope that you will come to our event and we look forward to meeting you in August!

On behalf of the Organising Committee

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