International scientific conference
"Non-marine snails and slugs: from extinction to invasion"

Riga, Latvia
25–28 August 2020

First announcement

You are cordially invited to the forthcoming conference that will take place from 25th to 28th of August 2020 in Riga, Latvia.

The aim of the meeting is to bring together the latest advances in research on the non-marine snails and slugs, and to provide an opportunity for exchange information and ideas and stimulate joint research and collaboration.

Scope

Taxonomy
• Classic and molecular identification
• Cryptic species
• Phylogeny
• Genome sequencing

Biodiversity
• Distribution
• Conservation
• Biogeography
• Phylogeography

Natural enemies and parasites
• Nematodes and other parasites
• Biological control

Biology and ecology
• Bionomics, phenology
• Role in ecosystems
• Reproductive strategies
• Relations to other organisms

Invasive species and pests
• Emerging invasive species
• Problems with invasions and pests
• Quarantine species
• Restriction and management

Citizen Science & gastropod research
• Citizen involvement
• Quality of Citizen Science

Snail farming

Fossil diversity

Official language

English is the official language of the conference.

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Organisers

Institute of Horticulture

In cooperation with

Latvian Malacological Society

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Preliminary programme

Monday, August 24
Arrival and accommodation

Tuesday, August 25
Morning registration*
Opening
Announcements
Sessions of presentations

Wednesday, August 26
Sessions of presentations

Thursday, August 27
Sessions of presentations

Friday, August 28
Technical tour (field excursions)*

[highly invasive slug species: Krynickillus melanocephalus in wild, habitat of protected Vertigo species included in European Union Directive, bogs and interesting landscapes of Latvia]

* More detailed information on all events organised in frames of the conference will be available in the later announcements. All events will start in morning. For that reason please do not plan your arrival in August 25. If you will participate in Technical tour, please do not plan your flights back to home in this day.

Venue

Venue place will be announced in the later announcements.
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**Participation fee** (calculated in EUR)*

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* Invoices for the payment to each participant will be sent via e-mail after receiving the registration form.  
** Document confirming the full-time student status required

**Accommodation**

We are looking for friendly hotels for the conference participants. More information on accommodation possibilities will be in the Second announcement.

**Registration**

Please, fill out the enclosed registration form and send it to:

arturs.stalazs@llu.lv
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Presentations

The conference will include oral and poster presentations.

Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes for presentation, including time for discussion.

Posters must be in size no exceeding A0 (841 × 1189 mm), portrait alignment.

Invited speakers

Invited speakers are planned. More information will be in next announcements.

Abstracts

Presentations will be accepted only if Abstracts will be submitted until 8 July 2020. Without characterising Abstracts presentations will not be accepted.

Manuscripts

Submitted papers will be peer-reviewed by international experts and published, after journal editorial board acceptance, in a special issue(s) of the scientific journal(s). More information and instructions will be provided in the later announcements.

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Travel

By bus for European participants — International Bus Station is situated in Riga centre, and is close to many hotels which can be reached by walking or by public transport, if hotels not close to city centre.


Travel from Airport to centre of Riga city — for travelling from airport to Riga regular public bus traffic (city bus line number 22), several private bus lines and taxi services are available. For use of city transport lines, the special tickets should be obtained at news-stalls situated in airport building. City transport tickets are available for particular number of drives, and, when you are inside transport, for each drive activation of ticket is necessary. There is also possibility to buy (by cash) the ticket at bus driver, but then ticket price is higher. More information on city transport lines is available at Rigas Satiksme website https://www.rigassatiksme.lv/en/.
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Important dates

Next Announcement 9 March 2020
Closing date for early-bird registration and of registration fee 8 May 2020
Closing date for submission of abstracts 8 July 2020
Closing date for late registration and of registration fee 8 July 2020
Final programme and other information 3 August 2020
Submission of manuscript 31 August 2020

For details regarding workshop please contact:
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Malacological knowledge in Latvia — 240 years

1778–2018

In 1778 Jakob Benjamin Fischer published his work Versuch einer Naturgeschichte von Livland
[Description of natural history of Livonia]

In this book he lists 17 names of mollusc taxa
for territory of former Livonia — now Vidzeme region of Latvia,
and southern part of Estonia

You are kindly invited to Latvia
to celebrate this historically important anniversary!