

Central European Section of the IUSI
International Union for the Study of Social Insects e.V.

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Dear members of the Central European Section of the IUSI,

in 2013 the 3rd International Meeting of the Central European Section was kindly hosted by Balint Marco and his group in Cluj Napoca, Romania from the 14th to the 18th of March. The excellent plenary talks were given by Nico Blüthgen (network interactions of social insects), Martin Beye (honeybee genomics) and Zoltan Barta (social evolution) and thus comprised a broad spectrum of topics.

Upcoming meetings of the IUSI

Upcoming this year is the **International IUSI meeting that will be held from 13th to 18th of July 2014 in Cairns, Australia. Deadline for abstract submission is 30th of January** – so do not miss it! Travel grants for students are again be available (see below for application process). Information on this meeting can be found on the following web-page: <http://www.iussi2014.com/index.html>. At this meeting the next general assembly of our section will take place to which I cordially invite you on behalf of the President of our section Judith Korb.

Student travel grants of Central European IUSSI – Application process

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for a travel grant students have to be members of the Central European Section. PhD-students or students (Master / Bachelor) can apply. This time we will include persons that have just finished their PhD (i.e. in 2014 before the meeting) as PhD-students in their last year or those that have just finished will be profit most as they can connect to potential supervisors for PostDoc positions.

What needs to be done?

Students should have an accepted contribution (at the time when the travel grant application is submitted a submitted contribution) at the respective conference (poster or talk) and need to be presenting author. Thus each student needs to have her/his own contribution to be eligible for funding; it will not be possible that two travel grants are awarded for the same presentation.

The application itself consists of a letter of motivation by the student, a short CV (including publication list), a list of the travel costs and the abstract for the contribution. The application should be send to Heike Feldhaar (feldhaar@uni-bayreuth.de) as a single pdf-file. The decision will be taken within three weeks by a committee consisting of Jan Oettler, Susanne Foitzik, Balint Marko, Volker Witte and Heike Feldhaar.

How much can be funded?

Funding is limited to a maximum of 50% of the total travel costs (including conference fees). For students from Eastern Europa (e.g. Romania) a maximum of up to 75% of the total travel costs may be funded. Please note that only we will only fund a maximum of 50% of the Early Bird Registration fee.

For the upcoming International IUSSI meeting in Australia, the deadline for application will beend of January.

Capitation fee

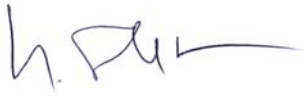
This year we will collect the capitation fees for 2014/2015. Please see the details for the bank account below. If you are already using the SEPA system you need to provide the IBAN.

Heike Feldhaar, Deutsche Kreditbank AG, Bank account (BLZ): 120 300 00, Account number: 1010274981; IBAN: DE29 1203 0000 1010 2749 81; BIC: BYLADEM1001

Capitation fees are as follows:

- Members from 'Western' European Countries, US 50,- €
- Members from 'Eastern' European Countries 10,- €
- Students, Unemployed 10,- €

With best wishes for 2014. I hope to see everyone in Australia!



Heike Feldhaar