

INTECOL 2013

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

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to be held at ExCel Centre, London, UK



British Ecological Society

Introduction

Ecology: Into the next 100 years is a major international ecological meeting which combines the 11th INTECOL Congress with the British Ecological Society's (BES) centenary celebrations. INTECOL and the BES are inviting the world's ecologists to London in 2013 to look towards the future of our science. We are working hard to make this Congress exciting, innovative, momentous and fun with lots of opportunities to meet new people and gain new perspectives. We hope you share our enthusiasm and want to get involved.

The theme of the Congress is **advancing ecology and making it count**. This reflects the ambition of both INTECOL and the BES to present outstanding ecology that truly moves the science forward. The Congress is the centre piece of the Society's Festival of Ecology centenary celebrations.

Programme

The Congress programme will include ten world class plenary speakers, symposia featuring major keynote lectures, workshops, submitted abstract sessions and extended poster slots. Other features include innovative ways for presenting and communicating science, and a programme structured so there are many opportunities to network. This Congress will give delegates a new perspective on a wide range of ecological topics and help establish new collaborative partnerships.

Plenary speakers

We are delighted to confirm the following plenary speakers and their chosen topics:

Joel Cohen, Abby Rockefeller Mauzé Professor, Rockefeller University, USA: Human microbe interactions

Sandra Diaz, Professor of Community and Ecosystems Ecology, Córdoba National University, Argentina: Functional role of biodiversity

Nancy Grimm, Professor of Life Sciences, Arizona State University, USA: Urban ecosystems and ecology

Ilkka Hanski, Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Helsinki, Finland: Spatial ecology

Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, Director for the Centre of Marine Studies, University of Queensland, Australia: Ocean acidification

Georgina Mace, Director of the Centre for Population Biology, Imperial College London, UK: Biodiversity and conservation

Martin Nowak, Director, Programme for Evolutionary Dynamics, Harvard University: Evolution of cooperation and eusociality

Susan Trumbore, Director, Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry, Germany: Carbon cycle under global change.

In addition the BES lecture, which focuses on policy and ecology will be followed by a panel debate by a group of eminent ecologists.



Call for Symposium proposals

We invite proposals for Congress Symposia. Symposia will be a cornerstone of the scientific programme and will have a high profile at the meeting. We are especially keen to receive proposals which focus on the future direction of ecology and present cutting edge, world class science with a broad relevance.

Each two hour Symposia comprise a keynote speaker, up to five other invited speakers and facilitated debate/question and answer session. The keynote speaker should have a high profile in their field and their talk should be forward looking; this will provide a framework for the rest of the talks in the Symposium.

For more information on submitting a symposium proposal please go to <http://www.intecol2013.org/>. If you wish to discuss your proposal before submission please email intecol@britishecologicalsociety.org.

The deadline for submission is 30 November 2011 and the Organising Committee will decide on successful symposium proposals by March 2012.

Workshop proposals

We will be running a wide range of specialist workshops at the Congress to encourage active participation by delegates. The call for workshop proposals will go out in 2012; if you wish to discuss a proposal for a workshop please email intecol@britishecologicalsociety.org.

Submitted abstracts

Abstracts for talks and posters can be submitted from mid 2012 until February 2013.

Social programme

There will be a wide range of social events for delegates including a conference dinner and a 100th birthday party for the BES.

Tours, accompanying persons programme and childcare

A number of pre Congress tours are planned around interesting ecosystems within easy reach of London. There will also be a programme of day visits to some of the world class tourist sites in London for accompanying persons. The Congress will be family friendly with an onsite crèche and programme of science-themed day visits for older children.

Location and accommodation

The Congress will be held at the International Conference Centre at ExCeL in London which has an historic waterside location and will be a prominent site for the 2012 London Olympics and Paralympics. Public transport links are excellent, the journey to central London is just 25 minutes.

There is a wide choice of 3 to 5 star hotels within a short walking distance of the venue plus university halls of residence 15 minutes away by easy and regular public transport. Accommodation rates offered to Congress delegates will be great value for money.

London is one of the most vibrant and exciting cities in the world. It has some of the finest museums and galleries including the British Museum, the Natural History Museum, the Science Museum and the Tate Modern, which all have free entry. The London Eye gives fabulous views across the city and you can discover 900 years of history at the Tower of London. London's theatre district is world famous and music lovers will be spoilt for choice.

Travel

Travelling to London could not be easier. The city is served by Heathrow, Gatwick, London City, Stansted and Luton airports with cost-effective, no frills airlines such as Ryanair or Easyjet flying into most of them. ExCel is only a few minutes from London City airport, which can be reached from many European cities. Eurostar provides high speed rail links to continental Europe. Moving around London is quick and easy via the London Underground system.

Sponsorship and exhibition

INTECOL 2013 will bring together 2,000 academics and professionals from the global ecology community in what promises to be a dynamic networking environment. To register your interest as a potential sponsor or exhibitor, please email: sales@intecol2013. You will be added to the mailing list and a prospectus, detailing the range of sponsorship opportunities on offer, will be sent to you once these are available.

Website

Keep up to date with programme developments and other Congress news by visiting the website at <http://www.intecol2013.org> and sign up for our regular newsletter.

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