

Welcome to the

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY AND TOXICOLOGY



September 20-22, 2011, Budapest, Hungary

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To keep up with the news please visit our website from time to time:

<http://www.internationalragweedsociety.org/Agri-EnvTox/ICAECT2011Budapest.html>

Conference topics

1. PESTICIDES AND FERTILIZERS
2. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
3. GENETICALLY MODIFIED CROPS
4. INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS, PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS (POPs)
5. PHYTOREMEDIATION
6. RAGWEED POLLEN ALLERGY

Conference chairs

Prof. John E. Casida
(University of California, Berkeley, USA)

Prof. Tamas Nemeth
(General Secretary, HAS, Hungary)

Local Organizing Committee

Prof. Tamas Komives
(Plant Protection Institute, HAS, Hungary)

Dr. Attila Anton
(Research Institute of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, HAS, Hungary)

Dr. Andras Szekacs
(Plant Protection Institute, HAS, Hungary)

As Organizers, we gladly announce that eminent scientists accepted our invitation to chair each conference topic. Scheduled key lecturers* include

1. PESTICIDES AND FERTILIZERS

John E. Casida (University of California at Berkeley, USA). Pest toxicology: the primary mechanisms of pesticide action

Alexandra ter Halle (Université Blaise Pascal, France) Photodegradation of pesticides on crops: a dissipation path often overlooked

2. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Peter Schröder (German Research Center for Environmental Health, Germany) Agriculture: best practices to reduce environmental impact

3. GENETICALLY MODIFIED CROPS

Gilles-Eric Séralini (University of Caen, France). Cellular effects of GM corn varieties on mammals

John Huppatz (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Canberra, Australia) Genetically modified crops – science, politics and perception

4. INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS, PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS (POPs)

Loretta Li (University of Vancouver, Canada). Effects of amendments on the phytoavailability of metals in contaminated soils

5. PHYTOREMEDIATION

Qing Li (University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA). Biomass production of five biofuel crops and phytotoxicity to seed germination and early growth of nine plants grown in polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons heavily contaminated soil

Tomás Macek (University of Prague, Czech Republic). Phytoremediation of soils polluted with chlorinated hydrocarbons

Jean-Paul Switzgubel (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland). Accumulation of pollutants and plant wellness: bottleneck or key to successful phytoremediation.

6. RAGWEED POLLEN ALLERGY

Michel Thibaudon (Institute of Aerobiology, France). Aerobiological aspects of the spread of common ragweed in Europe

*Note: The final program of the conference is subject to changes according to the number of registered participants in the topics. Conference Topics will be held as separate sections if participation is sufficient. The number of participants is limited to 90.

Conference site

The main building of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS)
H-1051 Budapest, Szechenyi Square (formerly Roosevelt Square) 9, Hungary

Important Deadlines

Abstract submission: **June 30, 2011****

Acceptance of participation: **July 15, 2011**

**Note: Abstract submission form is to be downloadable from
<http://www.nki.hu/en/images/stories/conferences/RegistrationForm.doc> and
<http://www.nki.hu/en/images/stories/conferences/SampleAbstract.doc>
Send Abstracts by E-mail to abit@nki.hu

Preliminary programme

Monday, September 19, 2011

16:00–19:00 Arrival, registration
19:00–21:00 Get-together and welcome reception

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

9:00-12:20 Morning scientific session
12:20-14:00 Lunch break
14:00-17:50 Afternoon scientific session
19:30-22:00 Conference dinner

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

9:00-12:00 Morning scientific session
12:00-14:00 Lunch break
14:00-18:00 Afternoon scientific session
18:00-19:30 Poster viewing

Thursday, September 22, 2006

9:00-16:00 approx. Scientific excursion including lunch

Registration fees

€ 350.- Early registration (before July 31, 2011)

€ 400.- Registration after July 31, 2011

€ 250.- Student Registration

€ 120.- Accompanying Person Registration

Registration fee includes: get-together party, three luncheons, book of abstracts, list of participants, the conference dinner and the excursion.

The workshop fees are payable

- *by check made payable to*

Hungarian Plant Protection Society

Address: Herman Otto ut 15, 1022 Budapest, Hungary

or

- *by bank transfer to*

Account holder: Hungarian Plant Protection Society, Herman Otto ut 15, 1022 Budapest, Hungary

Name of the bank: FHB Commercial Bank LTD

International Bank Account Number: HU65-18100002-00216228-21010012

Swift code: FHKBHUHB

Please, send us your registration fee until the end of July. **The fee should reach the workshop account in full.** Please, note that all bank charges and exchange fees must be paid by the sending party. When transferring the fee to the workshop bank account, please, make sure that **your name is clearly indicated** in the message field, particularly if your institution is the payer.

Cancellation:	<i>Before August 15</i>	80% refund
	<i>After August 15</i>	No refund

About the conference site



The main building is situated in the heart of Budapest directly beside the river Danube, at the bridgehead of the Chain Bridge (the oldest Danube bridge of Budapest), on the Pest side. It can be reached by metro line No. 2 (red line). Get off at the "Kossuth tér" station (the House of Parliament is situated here on Kossuth tér) and walk down the street along the Danube that will take you right to the corner of the imposing neo-renaissance building of the HAS. Alternatively, at the "Kossuth tér" station you can take the tram No. 2 also along the river to the symposium venue (1st stop: "Széchenyi tér" - formerly "Roosevelt tér").

Website of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences: <http://mta.hu/english/>

Transportation

From the airport to your hotel

At the airport we suggest you to take a shuttle bus (Minibus Service, fixed price, approx. 10 €) that will take you anywhere in Budapest. There is also a regular bus (line No. 200, timetable: <http://www.bkv.hu/busz/200evissza.html>) to the terminal of the metro line No. 3 (blue line). Taxi drivers often tend to request exorbitant prices. If you take a taxi, ask for the fare in advance. When you will leave Budapest you can also order a Minibus to your hotel to take you to the airport.

More information on the web: <http://www.bud.hu/english/transport>

Arrival by train

There are three major international railway stations in Budapest. All of them are in the city centre and within easy reach of the hotels either by public transportation or by taxi.

Public transportation

Budapest has a well-organized, extended public transport system. You can travel only with a pre-purchased travel pass or a ticket (you need to validate it when starting your trip). Tickets can be purchased at metro stations, newspaper kiosks, tobacco shops etc. Uniform single tickets can be used for buses, trams and metro.

More information on the web: <http://www.bkv.hu/en/>

Accommodation

Participants are asked to reserve their hotel rooms individually. Since there is a great demand for hotels in September, please book your accommodation as soon as possible.

Recommended hotels

Hotel Mercure Budapest Buda

1013 Budapest, Krisztina korut 41-43.

Tel: +36 1 488-8100

<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-1688-mercure-budapest-buda/index.shtml>

Please, refer to the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and to the symposium when reserving your room, since the Academy has a special agreement with this hotel. The invited speakers will also be lodged here.

Hotel Victoria

1011 Bem rakpart 11.

Tel: +36-1-457-8080

<http://www.victoria.hu/>

Located in the centre of Budapest on the Buda side near the Chain Bridge, on the bank of the Danube.

<http://www.ohb.hu/victoria/index.en.html>

Ibis Budapest Centrum Hotel

1092 Budapest, Raday utca 6.

Tel.: +36 1 456-4100

<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-2078-ibis-budapest-centrum/index.shtml>

Centrally located hotel in a street packed with music pubs, restaurants, cafes.

Best Western Hotel Orion

1013 Budapest, Dobrentei utca 13.

Tel.: +36 1 356-8583, +36 1 356-8983

<http://best-western-hotel-orion.h-rez.com/index.htm?lbl=ggl-en>

Nice hotel in a quiet, elegant area on the Buda side, close to the Castle district.

Hotel Medosz

1061 Budapest, Jokai ter 9.

Tel.: +36 1 353-1700, 374-3001

<http://www.medoszhotel.hu>

Located in a lively downtown square with a lot of bars, cafes, restaurants and nightlife.

Panda Hotel

1026 Pasareti ut 133.

Tel.: +36 1 275-0133

<http://www.budapesthotelpanda.hu/>

Situated in the green residential area of Buda, close to the Plant Protection Institute. The conference venue can be reached in about 45 minutes.

More hotel information: <http://www.ohb.hu/index.en.html>

<http://www.budapesthotelreservation.hu/index.EN.php>

<http://www.budapesthotels.com/index.asp?langver=hu>

Miscellaneous

General information about Hungary

<http://www.hungary.com/> (don't miss the short movie!)

Budapest (what to see, history, museums, map)

<http://www.iit.bme.hu/hungary/budapest/>

Visas: entry visas are not required for citizens of the EU countries and the USA. For more information about entry visa to Hungary, please check the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

http://www.kulugyminiszterium.hu/kum/en/bal/consular_services/Entry_of_Foreigners_to_Hungary/

Currency: local currency in Hungary is Forint (HUF). For all services, in shops, restaurants, taxis etc. only local money is accepted. Credit cards are accepted in hotels, many shops and restaurants.

Weather: in September we usually enjoy sunny and warm end-of-summer weather with occasional rainy days.

Electricity: the voltage in Hungary is 220/240 V, 50 Hz. The electrical outlet sockets are the standard European two round pin system.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact us:

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We are looking forward to welcoming you in Budapest.

Best regards,
The Conference Organizers