

First Circular and Call for Abstracts

CEFOM
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Forum
for Microbiology



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October 16–18, 2013

Hotel Helikon, Keszthely, Lake Balaton, Hungary

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Presidium of the Hungarian Society for Microbiology (HSM), the Croatian Microbiological Society (CMS) and the Slovenian Microbiological Society (SMS) we would like to invite you to attend the 4th Central European Forum for Microbiology (October 16–18, 2013) organized by the Hungarian Society for Microbiology with the help of the Croatian Microbiological Society, Slovenian Microbiological Society, and the Foundation of the Hungarian Society for Microbiology at Hotel Helikon, Keszthely on the coast of Lake Balaton (Hungary).

This year is John Snow's and Richard Wagner's birth's bi-centenary, which makes us an opportunity to weave the scientific content of the conference around epidemiology, and microbiological indication of contamination, and enjoy the music of the master of operas at the social events of the Congress.

The 1st and 2nd Central European Forum for Microbiology (CEFORM) held at the same place in 2005, and 2009 attracted participants from Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia and Slovenia. We hope that the 4th CEFORM will appeal to even more colleagues than the previous ones and will be a superb meeting in the beautiful west gate of Lake Balaton.

The official language of the Congress is English. The program will cover all major branches of microbiology and will include invited plenary lectures, introductory lectures (15 + 5 min), lectures (7 + 3 min) and poster sessions.

We are looking forward to see you at the Congress and we hope that you will find it a stimulating scientific event and a happy personal experience.

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Preliminary Scientific Program

Agricultural Microbiology

- | Soil-plant-animal-microbe interactions in crop production
- | Forest microbiology
- | Bio-indication and bio-sensorics, soil quality parameters
- | Biotization, soil- and rhizotechnology
- | Monitoring and simulation models

Bacteriology

- | Molecular biology and physiology of bacteria
- | Human and veterinary pathogens and pathogenesis
- | Traditional and molecular diagnostic methods, epidemiology, vacci-
nation
- | Genetic background and mechanisms of antimicrobial resistance
- | Bacteriophages

Environmental Microbiology

- | Systematics, phylogeny and evolution of microorganisms
- | Metabolic, structural and genetic diversity of microbial communities
- | Microbes and surfaces, interactions with microbes, plants, animals
- | Microbial life in extreme and unexplored habitats
- | Biodegradation, bioremediation, waste and waste water treatment
- | Microbial contribution to biogeochemical processes, microbially-influenced global changes

Food Microbiology

- | Improving and ensuring microbiological safety of foods
- | Microbiological safety in the agri-food chain
- | Pro- and synbiotics
- | Microbiological risk assessment / predictive microbiology
- | Rapid and molecular methods in food safety assessment
- | Mushroom cultivation

Immunology and Parasitology

- | Infection and immunity
- | Immunogenetics, immundiagnosics
- | Control of infectious diseases: vaccination
- | Host-pathogen interactions
- | New and emerging parasitic diseases
- | Helminthology, and protozoal diseases, taxonomic questions of parasites

Industrial Microbiology

- | Microbial fermentation processes, bioconversions and biotransformations
- | Microbial processes for food, beverages, aroma and feed
- | Directed evolution of enzymes for applied biocatalysis
- | Physiological and molecular basis of metabolite overproduction
- | Bioreactor design, modelling, non-microbial fermentation processes

Mycology

- | Evolution and systematics of fungi
- | Physiology, genetics and molecular biology of fungi

- | Fungi as pathogens, epidemiology
- | Diagnostic methods in mycology, epidemiology
- | The organisation of the fungal genome, taxonomy of yeasts and fungi
- | Applied mycology

Virology

- | All aspects of human, animal and plant viruses
- | Evolution of viruses, molecular virology, tumour inducing viruses
- | Pathogenesis of virus diseases, virus-host interaction
- | Diagnostics and epidemiology of viral diseases
- | Vaccination and therapy, bioterrorism

Call for Papers and Abstract Submission

Language

The official language of the Congress is English.

Call for Papers

Papers related to any topic covered by the sessions of the congress will be considered. Please use the homepage of the Hungarian Society for Microbiology (www.mmt.org.hu) for registration and abstract submission. Authors should express their preference for oral (introductory lecture, lecture) or poster presentation. There are limited numbers of oral presentations, therefore the abstracts submitted as an introductory lecture may be converted to a shorter presentation and intended oral presentations may be converted to posters. All authors concerned will be notified. (If you are unwilling to make poster presentation please indicate it in the space provided!) Speakers at introductory lectures will have 20 minutes, at lectures 10 minutes, which includes questions and discussion. The time limit will be strictly kept, whenever reasonable.

Standard audio-visual equipment provided will include PC + video projector. Please indicate your special needs (e.g. two video-projectors) in the space provided on the registration form by clicking on the appropriate box. Posters will be displayed for three full days. Adhesive, etc. for poster affixation will be provided. Poster sessions will be scheduled in the late morning / early afternoon. During the Poster Session, authors of posters are requested to be present at their posters at the time specified in the program. This will give all congress delegates the opportunity for questions and discus-

sion. Poster displays should be self-explanatory even in the absence of authors. Posters should not exceed a size of 85 cm (width) x 120 cm (height) (standing A0 format).

Student poster presentations will be eligible for prizes. To compete in the awards a letter confirming student status must accompany the abstract submitted.

The Abstract Book of the 4th Central European Forum for Microbiology will be published as a supplement issue of Acta Microbiologica et Immunologica Hungarica. The abstract (including author/s/ + affiliation/s/ + address/es/ + text body) should not exceed 3500 characters. Please follow the instructions on the homepage!

Participation and Fees

Congress Participants

	before July 30, 2013	after July 30, 2013
Registration fee	150.- EUR	200.- EUR
Registration fee for HSM members	115.- EUR	150.- EUR
Registration fee for university students	100.- EUR	120.- EUR
Registration fee for HSM member university students	75.- EUR	90.- EUR
On site registration		250.- EUR
On site registration for university students		170.- EUR
Registration fee for Manninger-fellows		50.- EUR

The registration fee includes participation at the scientific program, commercial exhibition and CEFORM Reception (October 17), a congress bag, a supplement issue of Acta Microbiologica et Immunologica Hungarica and coffee/refreshment tickets, farewell drink.

Accompanying Persons

	before July 30, 2013	after July 30, 2013
Registration fee	100.- EUR	150.- EUR

Accompanying persons are most welcome at the opening ceremony, CEFORM Reception (October 17) and commercial exhibition. Their fee covers sightseeing at Keszthely (October 18).

Congress Venue and Accommodation

CEFORM will be held in Hotel Helikon (8360 Keszthely, Balatonpart 5.; www.danubiushotels.com/helikon). Rooms will be filled in order of registrations/payments.

Superior room with half board	single room	52.- EUR/person/night
	double room	85.- EUR/person/night
Standard room with half board	single room	58.- EUR/person/night
	double room	93.- EUR/room/night

The prices include breakfast, lunch, and the use of the hotel swimming pool, parking and taxes.

Meals and Banquet

All meals will be arranged in the Restaurant of the Hotel Helikon on a buffet basis: 5-6 different main dishes (including vegetarian), soups and a broad selection of entrées, desserts are always at ones favour.

Meals (lunch/dinner) can be ordered separately at a price of 16 EUR. Please indicate your choice at the website (www.mmt.org.hu)! The reception will be held in Hotel Helikon.

Evening Programme (optional)

The presentations will be followed by a short walk to Festetics Palace where the participants can visit the Palace Museum and can enjoy the Wagner concert presented by the teachers of the Festetics György Conservatoire (October 16). Participation fee is 45 EUR.

Deadlines and Payment Information

Abstract submission deadline	July 30, 2013
Registration before	July 30, 2013
Payment of early registration fee before	July 30, 2013
Cancellation (with 20 % processing fee) before	August 30, 2013
No refund at cancellation after	August 30, 2013

Please register at the homepage of the Hungarian Society for Microbiology (www.mmt.org.hu). Please follow the instructions on the homepage at submission of your registration/accommodation preferences.

Payments (registration fee, accommodation fee, optional meals, excursions, etc.) should be sent to Weco Travel Ltd. Incoming & Congress De-

partment (Rumbach Sebestyén utca 19., Budapest, H-1075 Hungary; phone: +36-1-266-7032; fax: +36-1-266-7033; e-mail: mmt@chemoltravel.hu) by means of:

■ Bank transfer to Hungarian Foreign Trade Bank (Váci utca 38., Budapest, H-1056 Hungary). Account holder: Weco Travel Ltd., account No. 10300002-50320164-26304880 (IBAN code: HU 30-10300002-50320164-26304880; SWIFT code: MKKB-HU-HB) with reference: 4th CEFORM 2013. - Please do not forget to indicate the participants name on the remittance.

■ Credit card mail order

Please kindly note that all bank charges (if any) should be covered by the payee.

Cancellation

Registration cancellations must be made in written form to the Congress Secretariat.

Confirmation of Registration

Participants will receive an acknowledgement of their registration and abstract submission.

Reservations will be finalized and reconfirmed only after having received payment by Weco Travel Ltd. A receipt will be placed in the Congress bag.

Letter of Invitation

If you require a letter of invitation please notify the Congress Secretariat. Invitation is only to assist participants to obtain travel grants, visa, etc. and does not imply any commitment of the Congress Administration to provide financial support.

Exhibitions/Sponsors

A commercial exhibition related to microbial diagnostics, research and biotechnology for laboratory suppliers, publishers, and consultants will be organized during the meeting. A sponsorship program ensures contributing organisations receive maximum exposure during the meeting. For further information, please register at the homepage of the Hungarian Society for Microbiology (www.mmt.org.hu).

Preliminary Schedule

October 15, 2013
(Tuesday)

October 16, 2013
(Wednesday)

October 17, 2013
(Thursday)

October 18, 2013
(Friday)

afternoon from 6 p.m.	Arrival and registration
morning from 8:00 a.m. from 10.30 a.m.	Arrival and registration Opening ceremony, Manninger Memorial Session
afternoon	Plenary session – Tools in epidemiology in the 21 st century
evening	Evening programme
morning	Semi-plenary scientific sessions (lectures selected from the submitted abstracts)
late morning and early afternoon	Poster presentations
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afternoon	Scientific sessions
late afternoon	Closing ceremony and farewell drink

