

A historical overview of two international congresses of special interest to heteropterists and a brief report on their latest meetings

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Abstract:

A brief overview of European Hemiptera Congresses and International Heteropterists' Society Meetings is given.

Kurzfassung:

Es wird ein kurzer Überblick über die europäischen Hemiptera-Kongresse und die Treffen der International Heteropterists' Society gegeben.

Among the offer of entomological congresses and meetings held worldwide, two are of special interest to the European heteropterists: the **European Hemiptera Congresses** and the **International Heteropterists' Society Meetings**, both held in 1998 for the first time.

European Hemiptera Congresses

In 1983 prof. ATHANASIOS (SAKIS) DROSOPoulos (Athens, GR) organized in Mikrolimni, Greece, the 1st "International Congress concerning the Rhynchota fauna of Balkan and adjacent regions" followed by four others organized by himself or by prof. MATIJA GOGALA (Ljubljana, SLO) and held in 1986, 1989, 1992, 1995 in various locations in Greece and Yugoslavia/Slovenia.

Subsequently, considering the wide participation of scholars, DROSOPoulos and GOGALA decided to start a new series called European Hemiptera Congress (EHC), which is also held (normally) every three years.

Since 1998, when the First EHC took place in the small seaside resort of Amaliapolis, Greece, the Hemiptera congresses were the following:

- 1st EHC in Amaliapolis, Greece (07.-11.09.1998),
- 2nd EHC in Fiesa, Slovenia (20.-23.06.2001),
- 3rd EHC in St. Petersburg, Russia (08.-11.06.2004),
- 4th EHC in Ivrea, Italy (10.-14.09.2007),
- 5th EHC in Velence, Hungary (31.08.-04.09.2009),
- 6th EHC in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria (25.-29.06.2012),
- 7th EHC in Seggau (Graz), Austria (19.-24.07.2015),
- 8th EHC in Zawiercie, Poland (24.-29.06.2018); see group photo with list of names.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2021 in Southern Moravia, Czech Republic organized by dr. PETR KMENT, PETR BAŇAŘ and IGOR MALENOVSKY.

You can browse an album of photos taken during the 8th EHC at

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/q3iEWfek9BpGNdKc7>

International Heteropterists' Society Meetings

The International Heteropterists' Society, incorporated as a non-profit organization in the city of Washington D.C. (USA) in 1997, held its first meeting in 1998 in New York City when its bylaws was approved by the attending members.

As read on its website, *the broad objectives of the International Heteropterists' Society (IHS) are to promote systematic, biogeographic, and biological studies of Heteroptera and to cultivate cooperative research among heteropterists throughout the world. The Society is organized and operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes.*

The bylaws of the IHS is available at the following page:

ihsmyspecies.info/content/international-heteropterists%20%99-society-bylaws
while minutes of the meetings are found at:

ihs.myspecies.info/content/meetings
 and information about membership at:
ihs.myspecies.info/content/membership-information

The Society holds a meeting every four years and, since its establishment, there have been 6 meetings:

- 1st IHS Meeting in New York, USA (14.-18.07.1998),
- 2nd IHS Meeting in St. Petersburg, Russia (16.-21.07.2002),
- 3rd IHS Meeting in Wageningen, The Netherlands (17.-22.07.2006),
- 4th IHS Meeting in Tianjin, China (12.-17.07.2010),
- 5th IHS Meeting in Washington D.C., USA (21.-25.07.2014) and
- 6th IHS Meeting in La Plata, Argentina (03.-07.12.2018); see group photo with list of names.



Legend for the group photograph of the 8th EHC held in Zawiercie, Poland

1: H. DINÇ	20: N. KASZYCA	39: Ł. DEPA	57: M. GRUWELL
2: E. DEMIREL	21: F. MOZAFFARIAN	40: A. WYGLENDA	58: K. DEN BIEMAN
3: F. FARACI	22: F. LING	41: A. NOWIŃSKA	59: R. SVATOPLUK
4: Y. ZHANG	23: A. BRYSZ	42: M. KALANDYK-KoŁDZIEJCZYK	60: G. PRODANOVIC
5: E. GUILBERT	24: P. WĘGIEREK	43: J. DROHOJOWSKA	61: A. TORMA
6: A. CARAPEZZA	25: O. PETROVIC-OBRADOVIC	44: B. FRANIELCZYK-PIETYRA	62: A. HELDEN
7: M. NAVARRO GONZÁLEZ	26: C. FAVRET	45: R. DURAK	63: S. BUGA
8: Y.-H. WANG	27: F. MADRIGAL HERRERA	46: D. DMITRIEV	64: G. RAKAUSKIENÉ
9: P.-P. CHEN	28: F. CHÉROT	47: D. ŚWIERCZEWSKI	65: A. TASZAKOWSKI
10: P. KMENT	29: P. BAÑAŘ	48: M. WILSON	66: R. RAKAUSKAS
11: S. LILIYA	30: A. STROIŃSKI	49: A. SOULIER-PERKINS	67: M. WALCZAK
12: M. VAŠIČEK	31: E. KONDOROSY	50: T. BOURGOIN	68: J. DANILOV
13: V. GNEZDILOV	32: A. RAMSAY	51: M. WEBB	69: A. STEKOLSHCHIKOV
14: A. HERCZEK	33: M. BŘEZÍKOVÁ	52: X. WANG	70: E. GANDRABUR
15: V. TRIVELLONE	34: E. HUBER	53: W. HOLZINGER	71: I. MALENOVSKÝ
16: J. BROŽEK	35: D. JERINIĆ-PRODANOVIC	54: J. SZWEDO	72: V. HARTUNG
17: A. KOCOREK	36: J. ŠEAT	55: K. WIECZOREK	73: Ö. ŞENOL
18: J. CZAJA	37: V. HEMALA	56: E. KONDOROSY	
19: J. KRAKOWSKA	38: M. GOULA		



Legend for the group photograph of the 6th IHS Meeting held in La Plata, Argentina

1: R. GARROUSTE	18: T.J. HENRY	35: A. SILVA DA PAULA	52: F.F.F. MOREIRA
2: Y. WU	19: PABLO M. DEL LAPÉ	36: E. MINGHETTI	53: A. BOUT
3: Y. ZHAO	20: F. STEFANELLO	37: F.M. BIANCHI	54: J.E. EGER
4: L.N. SANT'ANA	21: G. DEL LAPÉ	38: P.K. MASONICK	55: S. BUNDY
5: C.L. RODRIGUES	22: J. GRAZIA	39: B. AUKEEMA	56: R.T. SCHUH
6: C. DALE	23: Y. ZHANG	40: V. HARTUNG	57: A.G. WHEELER
7: A. WALLNER	24: Z. YE	41: W.S. HWANG	58: C.F. SCHWERTNER
8: M. CECILIA MELO	25: E.A. JOAQUIM	42: M. FORTMAN	59: M. ROCA-CUSACHS
9: V. CASTRO-HUERTAS	26: F. CHÉROT	43: R.W. SITES	60: J. KIM
10: W. DA SILVA COSTA	27: T. BAN	44: J.E. MCPHERSON	61: S. ROTH
11: F. FARACI	28: J. ZAHNISER	45: W. BU	62: C. WEIRAUCH
12: A.A. NAMYATOVA	29: J.-C. STREITO	46: F. KONSTANTINOV	63: B. GENEVCIUS
13: H.R. GIL-SANTANA	30: L. OLIVERA	47: M.R. PAIM	64: A. CORREIA
14: D. REYNOSO-VELASCO	31: P.S. VARELA	48: T. POSTLE	65: J. LEAVENGOOD
15: P.L. MITCHELL	32: S.I. MONTEMAYOR	49: T. MORAES	66: J.F. ESQUIVEL
16: R.J. PACKAUSKAS	33: K.L. MENARD	50: R. BRUGNERA	67: R. CARRENHO
17: P. KMENT	34: G. COCHA	51: L.A. CAMPOS	

The next meeting is scheduled for 2022 in Barcelona, Spain organized by prof. MARTA GOULA.

To avoid repeating here information on the main events occurred during the meetings, I refer you to the link of the minutes indicated above.

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