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Foreword

Dear Fellow Dipterists and Friends,

We have worked heavily on the organization of the 8th International Symposium on Syrphidae (ISS8), and we want to summarize here all the available information for your convenience. Anyway, the following information is posted on our website: www.iss8.zfmk.de

The Organizing Committee

Welcome

We cordially invite you to attend the 8th International Symposium on Syrphidae (ISS8). In this occasion, the ISS8 will take place in the heart of Europe, in the historic town of Monschau (Germany) from 4th to 8th of June 2015. After the great time we had in Novosibirsk (Russia), the people voted to have a symposium which reflects a look back to the original model of this symposium: the engagement that stimulates new research collaborations and the delight of sharing experiences on Syrphidae.

With this in mind, the Organizing Committee searched for a venue where besides convenience, participants can share ideas with others, to keep contact with collaborators, to know at first-hand about new research results on Syrphidae, and to argue about the future of this discipline.

Location

Monschau preserves the magic of the old German cities with many half-timbered houses and narrow streets, which have remained nearly unchanged for 300 years. Located in the middle of the Eifel region of western Germany, in the narrow valley of the Rur River, the city of Monschau offers nature and culture and it is a popular destination for tourists.

For further information, please visit: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monschau> and <http://www.monschau.de/tourist-information/index.php>

Abstract submission

Abstract are required for both oral and poster presentations. They must be submitted by email to syrphidae8@gmail.com. The deadline for abstract submission is **April 15th 2015**. Only registered delegates can submit abstracts.

A layout of an abstract is provided in our website. Please follow this style. Avoid using references as much as possible; references should be used only if necessary. Each abstract has a limit of 300 words.



Oral presentations will be 15 minutes long including 3 minutes for discussion. A digital file in Microsoft PowerPoint, saved as .ppt or .pptx (compatible with PowerPoint 2010), must be uploaded to the computer in the morning (before the Opening) or just after lunch (before the beginning of the session). Files should be named with the presenter's first and last name and the day of the week (Friday, Saturday or Sunday).

Posters have to be in A0 format (841 mm x 1189 mm). They must be mounted by the presenters on the corresponding poster boards provided by the organizers. Poster boards and mounting materials will be available in the meeting room.

Scientific Program

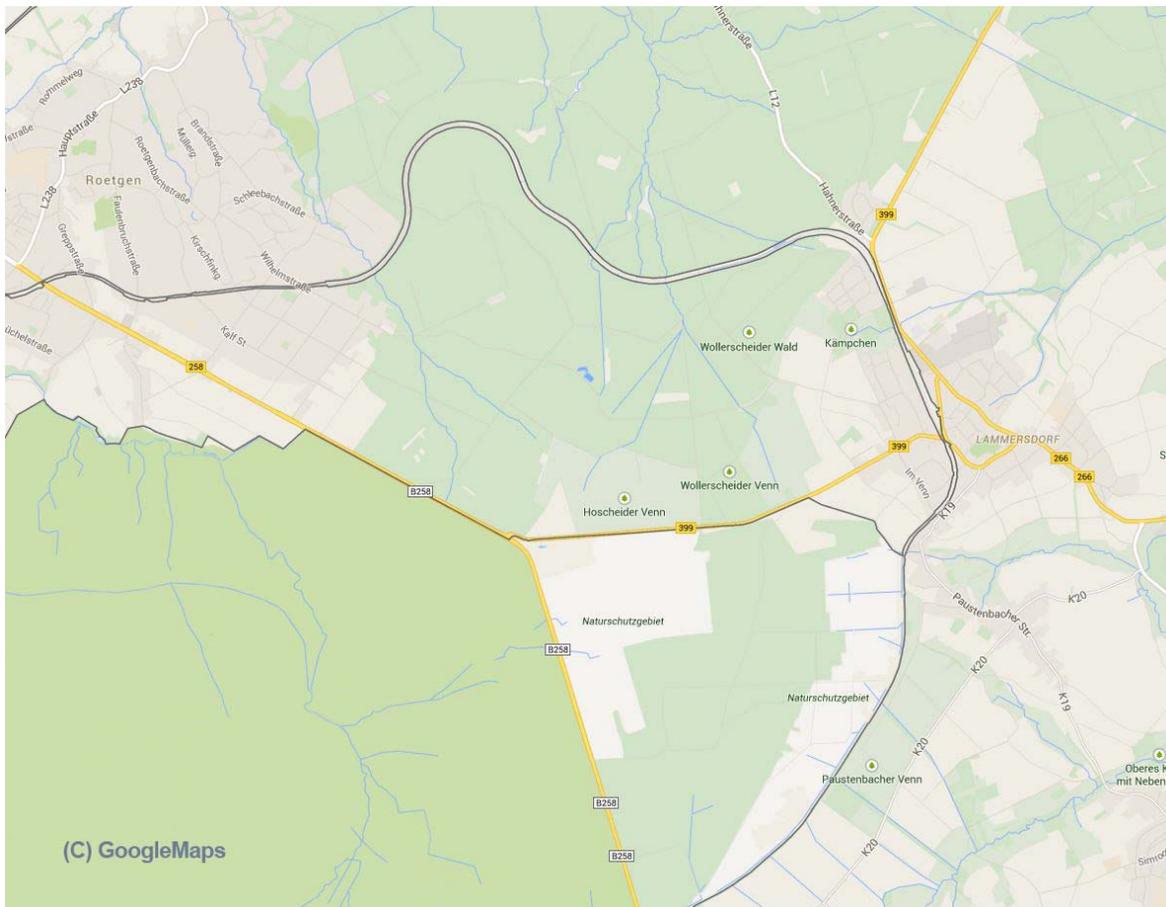
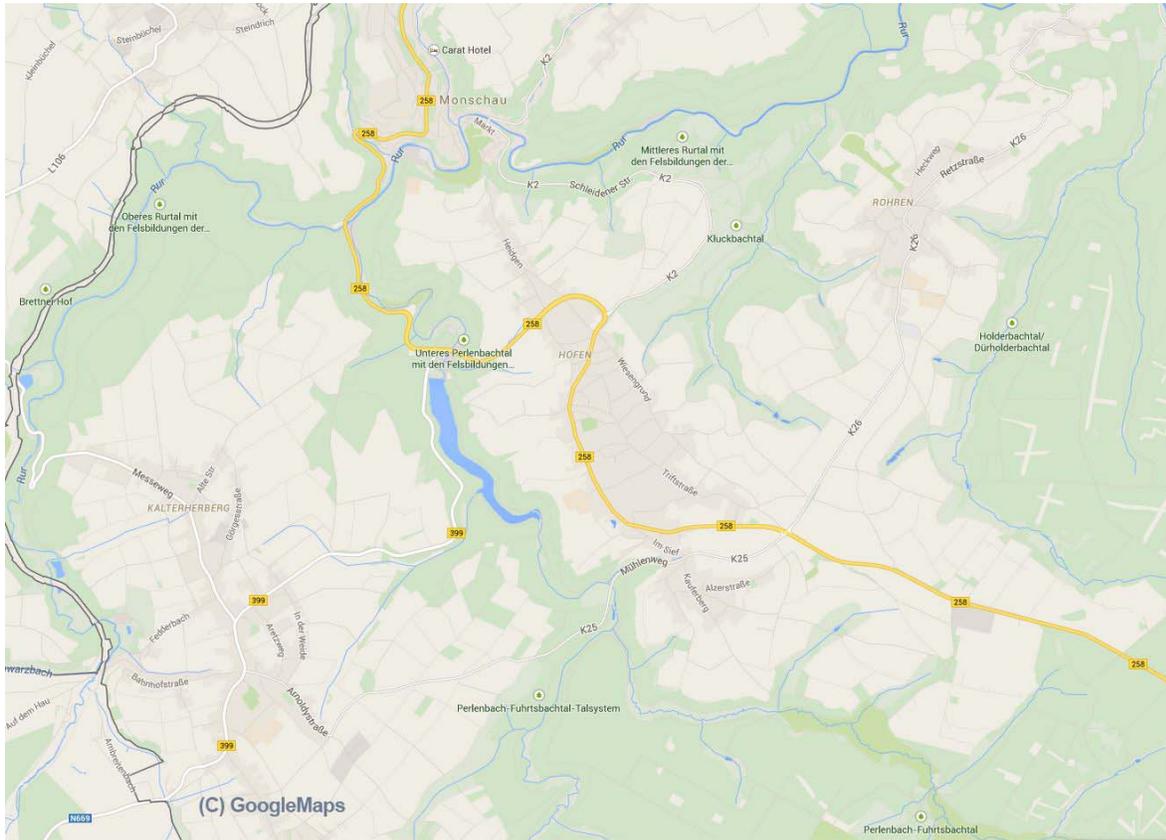
The scientific program will include different sessions on: Faunistics and Biogeography (A); Phylogenetics and DNA barcoding (B); Integrated Pest Management, Biology, Ecology and Conservation (C); and Systematics and Taxonomy (D). Below you can find a preliminary schedule of the ISS8.

Day / Time	Thursday June 4 th	Friday June 5 th	Saturday June 6 th	Sunday June 7 th	Monday June 8 th
8:00 - 9:00		Registration Desk			Departure Carat Hotel
9:00 - 9:15		Opening	Opening	Opening	Excursion Eifel region
9:15 - 11:00		Symposium (A)	Symposium (B)	Symposium (D)	
11:00 - 11:20		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
11:20 - 12:20		Symposium (A)	Symposium (C)	Symposium (D)	
12:30 - 13:30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
14:00 - 17:00		Symposium (A)	Symposium (C)	Symposium (D)	
17:00 - 18:00	Arrival	Poster session	Poster session	Closing remarks	Arrival to Bonn
17:00 - 19:00	Registration Desk				
19:30 - 21:30	Welcome Dinner		Banquet		

Excursion

On Monday June 8th 2015, and after we leave Monschau around 9 am, we will do a field excursion to several Nature Reserves (NSG) in the vicinity. In the morning, we plan to visit the NSG 'Perlenbach-Fuhrtsbachtal-Talsystem' and the NSG 'Oberes Rurtal mit den Felsbildungen der Ehrensteinley'.

After lunch (lunch package provided by the Carat Hotel), we plan to visit the NSG 'Hoscheider Venn mit Quellgebieten des Dreilaeger und Schleebaches'. Around 5 pm we will drive back to Bonn.





Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to participate in the excursion on Monday 8.6.2015. The excursion bus (buses) leaves at 9 am from the congress hotel and arrives ca. 7 pm to Bonn city. Participants must bring their entire luggage with them. Please arrange your own accommodation if staying additional night(s) in Bonn.

The Organizing Committee has requested collecting permits to the German authorities and collecting will be permitted. There is no additional cost for the field excursion due to the DFG funding. This means that the participation in this event is free.

Social Events

On Thursday June 4th at Carat Hotel, there will be a **Welcome Dinner** for all the participants staying with us at the Carat Hotel at 7:30 pm.

The **Symposium Banquet** will be held at Carat Hotel on Saturday June 6th. This time the Banquet is a special menu buffet that must be booked separately. The cost of the Banquet is **25 euros** and drinks are not included. Please check the Banquet menu in our website.

Registration

The registration for the ISS8 will start on January 5th 2015. The **deadline** for the Symposium registration will be **April 30th 2015**. Please mark this date in your calendar if you like to attend to the ISS8.

The registration fee for the ISS8 is **45 euros**. The registration fee must be paid before the deadline (**April 30th 2015**) to the following bank account:

Bank name: Sparkasse Köln Bonn

IBAN: DE96 3705 0198 1931 1784 77

SWIFT (BIC): COLSDE33

Beneficiary: ZFMK Stiftung

Subject: **[your name]** ISS8 fee

You can use your online banking for convenience or the bank of your preference to do the wire transfer.

Please keep in mind that the payment of the registration fee is, for us, a binding agreement. No cancellation and/or money return will be possible after the registration deadline.

The funding provided by the DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) made possible this low registration fee. The registration fee covers the admission to all sessions during the symposium and the delegate package, including printed abstract volume.



Accommodation

The symposium will be held in the Carat Hotel (<http://www.carathotel.de/start/>) with its pleasant and distinguished atmosphere. All the sessions and accommodation will be in the Carat Hotel, for which the organizers have a special offer.

The Organizing Committee strongly suggests taking advantage of this deal and stay with us at the Carat Hotel. The following price list includes:

- 4 nights in the Carat Hotel (June 4th to June 8th 2015)
 - Breakfast (buffet) (4 days)
 - Two coffee breaks daily (3 days)
 - Lunch without drinks (3 days)
 - Welcome Dinner on Thursday June 4th
 - Free use of swimming pool and sauna
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- Stay in a **single** room: **306** euros/person
 - Stay in a **double** (twin) room: **256,50** euros/person
 - Stay in a **triple** room: **216** euros/person

The number of triple rooms is limited and we cannot guarantee their availability for all the requests.

Please note that beverages are not included for lunch. The Symposium Banquet is not included and should be booked separately.

The rooms can be paid directly at the Carat Hotel reception during the registration on Thursday June 4th. Cash and credit card are accepted.

Delegates, who would **not** like to stay at the Carat Hotel, must keep in mind that the registration fee does not include coffee breaks, lunches or the Welcome Dinner. The reason for this arrangement was that the Carat Hotel management included all those meals in the special offer (see above). We reiterate to take advantage of this special offer and stay with us at the Carat Hotel. In case a delegate would like to find other accommodation, please consider the following price list:

- Symposium package (2 coffee breaks and lunch for 3 days): 114 euros/person
- Welcome Dinner (04.06.2015): 19,90 euros/person



Meals

While staying at the Carat Hotel, all daily meals and coffee breaks are included except dinners. During dinner time, we invite all delegates to try the German *cuisine* in the city of Monschau or stay in the hotel, where a buffet and/or a menu are also available.

Possible dietary requirements should be clearly stated on the registration form.

Transport

Monschau is literally in the middle of the continental Europe, bordering with Belgium and not far away from Luxembourg. Due to its privileged location, there are many ways to get there.

If you come by car, you only have to follow your GPS system and use the Carat Hotel address:

Laufenstraße 82
52156 Monschau
Germany

If you fly, you should know that the nearest major airport is Maastricht Aachen Airport (MST / EHBK). This airport has international flights from Maastricht (Netherlands) and is 84 km from the center of Monschau (Germany).

Another major airport is Cologne-Bonn Airport (CGN / EDDK), which has international and domestic flights from Cologne, and is 101 km from Monschau. Another two other options are the Düsseldorf Airport (DUS / EDDL) and the International Frankfurt Airport (HHN / EDFH), which are connected to Bonn with train.

Transport from Zoologisches Forschungsmuseum Alexander Koenig (ZFMK), in Bonn (Germany), to Monschau and vice versa will be organized. A bus will leave from Bonn at 2 pm on June 4th and will come back to Bonn on 8th June around 7 pm. Bonn city is easy to reach by train from Cologne-Bonn Airport, from International Frankfurt Airport or from Düsseldorf International Airport. Please visit the website of the Deutsche Bahn for further details: <http://www.deutschebahn.com/en/start.html>

We ask you to provide your arrival details and to let us know if you will need place in any of these two buses from Bonn to Monschau and vice versa.

Parking

If you come by car, the Carat Hotel offers a parking place with the following rates:

- 1-2 days: 7 euros/day
- 3 or more days: 3 euros/day



Money

The currency in Germany is the **Euro**. For those of you who need to pay the registration fee, or the excursion fee, we kindly ask you to pay this in euros. We **cannot** accept foreign currency.

Payments

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Students – Travel support funds

Based on the available funds, our intention is to provide small travel support grants. To apply for these support funds, please send us (syrphidae8@gmail.com) an official letter on a university letterhead from your supervisor confirming your student status, together with your abstract.

Further details will be posted soon.

Connectivity

Internet access will be provided for all delegates. During the symposium, two laptops for common use will be available.

Weather

It is impossible to make a prognostic, but average temperatures range from 8 °C during the night to usually 21 °C during the day. Please note that evenings and nights can be quite cool and that the average rainfall probability is about 30%. Remind to bring mosquito repellent, just in case.

Important dates



January 5 th – April 30 th 2015	Registration
April 15 th 2015	Abstract submission deadline
June 4 th – 7 th 2015	Symposium ISS8
June 8 th 2015	Field excursion

For questions or suggestions you can reach us at:

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