



FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

**TENTH INTERNATIONAL
HELMINTHOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM**

HELMINTHS, HELMINTHOSES AND ENVIRONMENT



September 9 - 14, 2007

Stará Lesná, High Tatras, Slovak Republic

Organized by

**the Parasitological Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences,
Košice and Slovak Parasitological Society at the SAS**

DEAR COLLEAGUES,

The Parasitological Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and the Slovak Parasitological Society at the SAS have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the 10th International Helminthological Symposium which will be held at the Congress Center Academia, Stará Lesná, in the High Tatras, Slovakia, September 9-14, 2007.

The scientific program will encompass issues relevant for parasitologists, covering a broad range of topics. As traditionally, the scientific program will be supplemented with a social program through which we would like to acquaint you with the genuine nature and history of Slovakia.

We are looking forward to your active participation and wishing you a pleasant journey to the High Tatras.

Yours sincerely,

The Organizing Committee

IMPORTANT NOTES

Deadlines

Registration and Accommodation form
Abstract submission
Registration fee

May 31, 2007

May 31, 2007

May 31, 2007

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SYMPOSIUM VENUE

All scientific and social programme of the symposium (lectures, poster presentations, registration, welcome party and banquet) will be held at the Congress Centre ACADEMIA, situated in Stará Lesná, a village at the foothill of the Lomnický Peak in the eastern part of the High Tatras. The Congress Centre is located in a beautiful natural scenery surrounded by woods and meadowlands. The High Tatras are a central part of the Tatras National Park, the oldest and largest national park in the Slovak Republic. The High Tatras comprise 24 mountain peaks higher than 2500 m above sea level and are the only mountain range of an Alpine character in the Inner West Carpathians.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the symposium is English. No provision of simultaneous translation is envisaged.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The symposium will be organized into oral presentations and poster sessions. The following topics will be addressed:

- Morphology, Taxonomy, Biodiversity
- Phylogeny and Evolution
- Host and Parasite Diversity
- Immune Responses and Pathology
- Molecular Biology and Biochemistry
- Ecology and Behaviour
- Parasite Control and Drug Resistance
- Parasitic Zoonoses
- Ichthyoparasitology
- Parasites of Wildlife and Domestic Animals
- Plant Parasitic Nematodes
- Miscellaneous

The following guest speakers confirmed to date:

Morphology, Taxonomy and Biodiversity

Prof. Tomáš Scholz

Institute of Parasitology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Morphology, Taxonomy and Biodiversity / Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

Dr. Boyko B. Georgiev

Parasite Biodiversity Group, Central Laboratory of General Ecology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Morphology, Taxonomy and Biodiversity / Phylogeny and Evolution / Parasites of Wildlife and Domestic Animals

Dr. Vasyl Tkach

Department of Biology, University of North Dakota

Phylogeny and Evolution

Prof. Zdzisław Świdorski

The Witold Stefański Institute of Parasitology of the Polish Academy of Sciences

Molecular Biology and Biochemistry / Phylogeny and Evolution

Dr. Peter D. Olson

Department of Zoology, The Natural History Museum, London

Host and Parasite Diversity / Parasites of Wildlife and Domestic Animals

Assoc. Prof. Bożena Moskwa

The Witold Stefański Institute of Parasitology of the Polish Academy of Sciences

Immune Responses and Pathology

Dr. Bahram Sayyaf Dezfuli

Department of Biology, University of Ferrara

Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

Assoc. Prof. Stefano D'Amelio

Department of Public Health Sciences, University of Rome „La Sapienza“

Parasitic Zoonoses

Dr. Thomas Romig

Institute for Zoology, University of Hohenheim

Ichthyoparasitology

Dr. František Moravec

Institute of Parasitology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 9

Registration	16.00-22.00
Welcome Party	19.00-21.00

Monday, September 10

Registration	8.00-18.00
Opening ceremony	9.30-10.00
Oral sessions	10.00-12.00
Oral sessions	14.00-17.00
Poster sessions	10.00-17.00

Tuesday, September 11

Registration	8.00-18.00
Oral sessions	9.00-12.00
Oral sessions	14.00-17.00
Poster sessions	9.00-17.00

Wednesday, September 12

Whole-Day Sightseeing Tour	9.00-17.00
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Thursday, September 13

Oral sessions	9.00-12.00
Oral sessions	14.00-17.00
Poster sessions	9.00-17.00
Banquet	19.00-22.00

Friday, September 14

Oral sessions	9.00-12.00
Closing ceremony	12.00-12.30

ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Guest speakers will be allotted 25 minutes for their presentation and 5 minutes for discussion. Oral sessions will be 10 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion. LCD (data projector) connected to PC; slide and overhead projectors will be available. All PC's support PowerPoint files and usually movie formats (*.avi, *.mpg).

Posters should not be larger than 0.90 m in width and 0.90 m in height. Authors will be requested to be available at posters at the time indicated in the program to explain their data and answer questions.

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The abstracts should be submitted electronically by May 31, 2007. They will be printed in the Abstract Book, which will be given to each registered participant at the beginning of the symposium. Use the attached Abstract Form and please follow the guidelines. **Abstracts will not be accepted unless the Registration Fee is paid before May 31, 2007.**

- ✓ Authors presenting abstracts must be registered participants.
- ✓ Abstracts should be written in Times New Roman font (11 pt), in single-spaced lines.
- ✓ Maximum size of abstract is 16.5 cm (height) by 17 cm (width).
- ✓ Title should be typed in **bold** and in CAPITALS.
- ✓ Skip one line and type names of authors with indication of their affiliations by superscript numbers as presented below. The name of presenting author must be underlined.
- ✓ On the next line, type institution, city and country of authors.
- ✓ Skip one line and then present text of abstract with alignment on both sides.
- ✓ Please, use standard abbreviations and symbols wherever possible. Use italics for species and generic names.
- ✓ Content of abstract should be concise and informative, including aim of the study, brief methodology, results and conclusion.
- ✓ Abstracts must be submitted electronically in MS Word, via e-mail (as attachment) at tatry2007@saske.sk.

EFFICACY OF ALBENDAZOLE AND POLYSORBATE 80 IN MICE INFECTED WITH *TRICHINELLA SPIRALIS*

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The treatment of human *Trichinella* infection with benzimidazoles is not extremely effective because of low water solubility and the consequent poor absorption in the intestinal lumen and low systemic availability, especially when the muscle larvae become encapsulated. We attempted to increase the absorption of albendazole (Al) by preparing a suspension in polysorbate 80 (P80); the efficacy of this solution was evaluated and compared to that of albendazole alone and P80 alone. Swiss CD-1 mice were infected with 100 larvae/mouse of *Trichinella spiralis* and treated twice a day for 14 days with Al+P80 (Al, 15 mg/kg/day in 0.0022% of P80), albendazole (Al, 15 mg/kg/day), or P80 (0.0022%).....

REGISTRATION FEE

Registration Fee	before May 31, 2007	after May 31, 2007
Active member	300 Euro	350 Euro
Student*	150 Euro	200 Euro
Accompanying person	150 Euro	200 Euro

*proof of student status is required (letter from university)

Payment of registration fee has to be made in Euros by bank transfer to the following account:

✓ **Payments from Slovakia**

Account No. 0082132786/0900

✓ **Payments outside of Slovakia**

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Please, indicate your name in Details of Payment (or Information for Beneficiary).

Registration fee includes:

Active Members and Students:

Admission to the symposium, Programme and Abstracts book, coffee/tea breaks, Welcome Party, Banquet, Sightseeing Tour.

Accompanying Persons:

Welcome Party, Banquet, Sightseeing Tour, Visit of the High Tatras with a Guide.

ACCOMMODATION

The Congress Centre ACADEMIA provides double and single rooms and offers daily services. The conference, registration, welcome party and banquet will take place at the Congress Centre. Rooms have been allocated for participants. However, since the number of rooms is limited (25 rooms), it is advisable to make your reservation as early as possible. Room reservations will be made on a first-come first-served basis. Another 2 hotels, Horizont and Kontakt, are in very near distance from Congress Centre. Hotel Kontakt also provides relax center "Vital world". **Please note that the accommodation in these hotels will be booked only for those participants who paid conference fee before May 31, 2007.**

Hotel	website	Single/night *(price/person)	Double/night *(price/person)
Hotel Horizont	http://www.hotelsatel.com/horizont/en/	1460,-SKK	1060,-SKK
Hotel Kontakt	http://www.hotelkontakt.sk/?lang=en	3710,-SKK	2760,-SKK
CC Academia	http://www.hotelacademia.sk/en/index.html	600,-SKK	430,-SKK

*local fee and breakfast are included
Exchange rate 1 EUR = 33.39 SKK (12. 4. 2007)

Participants who prefer private family-type accommodation in family houses and villas and want to book accommodation by themselves, can find useful information at <http://www.centraleuropetravel.com/slovakia/accommodation/1-stara-lesna/>. Please note that the apartments are about 30-minute walk from The Congress Centre Academia.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Climate

The weather in September is usually pleasant and dry. Indian summer is typical for this period in the High Tatras. However, extreme climate changes, as documented all around the world, might change the weather unpredictably. Warm sweater, jacket and umbrella are recommended. For mountain lovers, also trekking shoes are advised.

Insurance

Participants should arrange health and travel insurance prior to departure. The registration fees DO NOT include provision for the insurance of participants against personal accidents, sickness, theft or property damage. This applies to any event held during the symposium period. Participants are advised to arrange any insurance they consider necessary.

Please remember that special insurance is required for mountain tourism. The participants who plan to do trekking in the High Tatras are strongly advised to arrange

EXTRA insurance. The whole-day sightseeing tour and accompanied person programme will not require an extra insurance.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

City **Poprad** (15 km from Stará Lesná) is the closest gateway to the High Tatras (see map at <http://www.european-union-eu.com/slovakia/map.htm>). The participants are recommended to arrange travel, either by plane, bus or train, to Poprad from which a **shuttle service** will be provided to the Stará Lesná during the whole period of the conference, i.e. from **Sunday, September 9, from 16.00 till Friday September 14th till 13.00**. Before and after this time, the participants have to get from Poprad to Stará Lesná with Tatra Electric Railway http://www.mestskadoprava.net/index.php?mod=static_pages_view&page_id=30 or <http://www.tldtatry.sk/> or local diesel train. You can find all local train connections at <http://www.zsr.sk>. There is a train stop in Stará Lesná, about 30-minute walk from the ACADEMIA Conference Centre. The schematic map of High Tatras is on <http://www.hotelsatel.com/img/en/shared/maps/transportation.gif>.

There are international airports located in Bratislava (www.letiskobratislava.sk), Košice (www.airportkosice.sk) and Poprad (www.airport-poprad) The **airport in Poprad-Tatry** offers regular domestic links from/to **Bratislava** and international flights from/to **London** (2 flights weekly). Effective of March 2007, you can also travel by plane to **Poprad** (International Airport) from **Prague** through **Sliac**. The regular flights will be provided by the Central Connect Airlines (CCA) in cooperation with the Czech Airlines (CSA) <http://www.centralconnectairlines.eu/>, <http://www.csa.cz/>.

Poprad is also very well connected with two Slovak biggest cities – Bratislava and Košice – by railways and buses. There are several bus, fast and IC train connections from Bratislava (340 km) and Košice (100 km). For more information please check <http://www.zsr.sk> and <http://www.eurolines.sk>.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

Sunday, September 9

Welcome Party at the Congress Center Academia 19.00-21.00

Wednesday, September 12

Whole-Day Sightseeing Tour 9.00-17.00

The whole-day trip provides you the possibility to discover one of the most beautiful regions of Slovakia, which will fascinate you by the unspoiled beauty of its nature, a vivid impression of the folk culture, traditional architecture and daily life of rural Slovakia.

Thursday, September 13

PROGRAM FOR REGISTERED ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Walking tours in the High Tatras with a Guide

The Tatras National Park (TANAP), Slovakia's first national park, originated in 1949. It is dedicated to conserving the unique alpine and sub alpine ecosystems found in these mountains, among which are the tallest peaks in Europe between the Alps and the Caucasus.

Once covered by glaciers, which left behind over 100 mountain lakes ('pleso' in Slovak), these mountains are home to over 1300 species of plants, about 40 of which are unexampled elsewhere. Chamois, brown bears, lynx, eagles, wolves and marmots are some of the 170 species of vertebrates dwelling here.

Visit of the TANAP museum

The Museum of the Tatras National Park features exhibits describing the region's natural history, history and ethnography. Founded in 1957, the museum focuses on the character of the mountains' environment, the issues of protecting that environment and the human story of life in the Tatras. The natural history displays guide the visitor through the geology, flora and fauna of the region, while the other exhibits explain the way of life of those who have dwelt here, showing their customs, arts and history. Projection of the films dedicated to High Tatra's mystery is included.

Trip to the Spiš Castle, added to the UNESCO list of the world's natural and cultural heritage (for minimum of 6 persons).

The most monumental architectural site in Slovakia and the largest castle in central Europe. The rock the castle stands on was inhabited already 40 000 years ago. There are expositions of history of the colonization of the castle hill, of middle age judiciary and art.

REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION FORM

Please, return electronically before May 31, 2007.

Important note: The reservation of accommodation in the Congress Centre Academia, Kontakt and Horizont hotels will be made only after the conference fee is paid.

Title
First name, middle initials
Surname
Institution
Street
Postcode
City
Country
Telephone
Fax
E-mail
Accompanying person
Hotel selection Congress Centre <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel Kontakt <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel Horizont <input type="checkbox"/>
Day of arrival
Day of departure
No. of nights
Type of room
I want to share a room with
I wish to book accommodation by myself Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Please, complete this form and return by **May 31, 2007**, via e-mail: tatry2007@saske.sk, or fax: ++421 55 6331414.

Title	
First name, middle initials	
Surname	
Title of abstract	
Authors	
Presenting author	

I wish to submit my presentation within the following topic (two topic preferences are also possible to fill up):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Phylogeny and Evolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Parasitic Zoonoses |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Molecular Biology and Biochemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Parasitic Nematodes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecology and Behaviour | <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous |

Presentation preference:

Oral Presentation Poster Presentation

ABSTRACT FORM

Please, copy your abstract to the designated space below.

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