

## XV Congress of European Mycologists

Russia, St Petersburg 16-21 September 2007

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## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear colleague,

It is a great honour to announce that the XV Congress of European Mycologists [XVCEM] will be held in <u>St Petersburg</u>, Russia, 16-21 September 2007.

The principal organizer of the Congress is the **Komarov Botanical Institute** of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The Congress is being organized under the auspices of the <u>European Mycological Association</u>, with close co-operation of several other organizations, including the All-Russian Institute of Plant Protection, the Lomonosov Moscow State University and the National Academy of Mycology.

For the first time the Congress of European Mycologists will have an extended format as a meeting of the European Mycological Association, which was established during the XIVCEM. As a result it will be possible to present European Mycology in its full variety.

The Preliminary Scientific Programme of the XVCEM will accordingly include symposia, workshops and round tables on the following topics:

- Fungal systematics and taxonomy;
- · Fungal genomics;
- · Development mycology (morphology, cytology, biochemistry, physiology of fungi);
- · Plant-fungus interactions (lichen-forming, ecto- and endomycorrhizal, endophytic fungi);
- Phytopathogenic fungi;
- Mycogeography and population mycology;
- Fungi in ecosystems;
- Fungal diversity and conservation;
- · Fungal biotechnology, mushroom cultivation, medicinal mycology.

An open meeting of the ECCF will take place during the Congress, and the following satellite symposia are planned:

- · Medical mycology;
- · Toxigenic micromycetes in Europe;
- · Centenary of the Jaczewski Laboratory of Mycology & Phytopathology.

Several invited plenary meeting lectures will be included in the programme. Pre- and post-Congress tours, a one-day mycological excursion, exhibitions and a cultural programme during the Congress will also be arranged. The programme is opened for discussion. Ideas and suggestions for topics and contents of symposia, workshops, round tables, satellite symposia, etc., and for cultural events during the Congress will be most welcome.

## XVCEM Organizing Committee:

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The language of the Congress is English. The basic location of the Congress is Park inn Pulkovskaya. Management support and technical service of the Congress is handled by PCO Monomax, Ltd. For preliminary registration, please click <a href="here">here</a>. We will regularly update the Congress website and distribute the further information by e-mail.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we hope that the coming Congress will be an exiting and productive mycological event, and we look forward to seeing you in St Petersburg in September 2007.

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