



European Society of Arachnology

General Assembly 2024: Annual Report

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Code of conduct

Principles of the Universal ethical code for scientists: **Rigour, Respect, Responsibility**

Members are responsible to act in such a way as to uphold the subject, the profession or the society itself

Individuals should always **feel able to approach members of the council** with concerns about conduct



Current council members

President	Gabriele Uhl	(Greifswald)
Vice-president	Sara Goodacre	(Nottingham)
Treasurer	Christian Kropf	(Basel)
Vice treasurer	Holger Frick	(Liechtenstein)
Membership secretary	Jason Dunlop	(Berlin)
Communication secretary	Maria Chatzaki	(Alexandroupolis)
Newsletter	Marco Isaia	(Turin)
Newsletter	Elena Piano	(Turin)
Webmaster	Matjaž Gregorič	(Ljubljana)
Social media	Vladislav Ivanov	(Trier)
+ the congress organizer	Julien Pétillon	(Rennes)



Holger will leave the council

No applications
came in

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Renewal of call end of 2024 and next Election 2025 in Zadar



Honorary members of ESA



Christa Deeleman-Reinhold
(Netherlands)

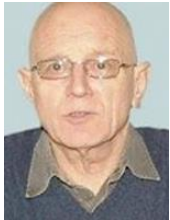


Wolfgang Nentwig
(Basel)

Bertrand Krafft
(France)



Torbjorn Kronestedt
(Sweden)



Christo Deltshev
(Bulgaria)



Søren Toft
(Denmark)

Yael Lubin
(Israel)



Jerzy Prószyński
(Poland)



Peter van Helsdingen
(Netherlands)



Seppo Koponen
(Finland)



Rudy Jocqué
(Belgium)

Robert Bosmans
(Belgium)



Roland Stockmann
(France)



Jörg Wunderlich
(Germany)





New honorary member Christine Rollard

Doctor of Science 1987 in Rennes

*"La biocénose associée aux aranéides, en landes armoricaines:
étude des relations insectes-araignées »*

*The biocoenosis associated with the Araneids in the Armorican area:
a study of insect-spider relationships.*



Armorica between Seine and Loire
Asterix Galic village in Aremorica (Armoricae)

Majestix recommends the area for its lovely countryside and healthy food which would attract a lot of tourists
(Asterix chez les Belges)





Christine Rollard



1988: Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle Paris

Department of "Origin & Evolution" Unit ISYEB

(Institute of Systematics, Evolution, Biodiversity) / Zoology Section (Arthropods)

- Curator in charge of the Spider Collection
- Research: Systematics, Ecology and Faunistics
- over 100 scientific publications

- Lectures
- Field courses / excursions
- Field work in many geographical areas from Corsica to Guadeloup





Christine Rollard



Community service

Currently

Member of numerous national or regional scientific councils in France

- president of the **OPIE** (Office pour les insectes et leur environnement)
- **AsFrA** (Association française d'Arachnologie) 2006 president

Previously

- treasurer and secretary of the **SEA** from 1994 to ? Société Européenne d'Arachnologie

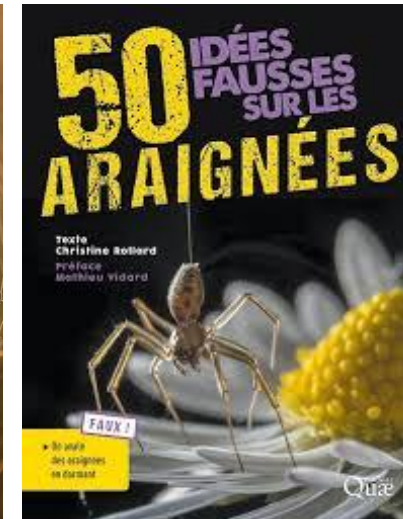
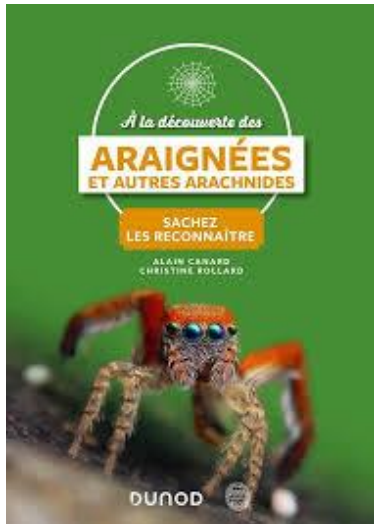
Scientific curator of an exhibition on Spiders "Au fil des araignées"

October 2011-July 2012 at the Museum, since then travelling exhibition.





Christine Rollard



Promoting knowledge and appreciation of spiders in the public



Honorary member Christine Rollard



national distinction: Chevalière de l'ordre national de la Légion d'honneur
«Knight» of the Legion of Honour (May 2012)





Christine Rollard



European distinction: honorary member of the ESA (2024). Congratulation!



New honorary member Jochen Martens





Jochen Martens

Life time research devoted to organismic zoology

systematist and taxonomist with a strong focus on

- Natural history of the Himalayas
- Avian systematics and their vocal repertoires
- Opilionid taxonomy & systematics

Nearly annual travels to the mountain regions of Asia

80 trips to 27 Countries....





Jochen Martens

PhD 1968:

taxonomic-systematic of harvestman *Ischyropsalis*

1975 Habilitation thesis

taxonomic-systematic study of tits in the Himalayas.

1979 Professor of zoology, University of Mainz,
systematic zoology

many scientific research papers

~ 200 ornithological topics

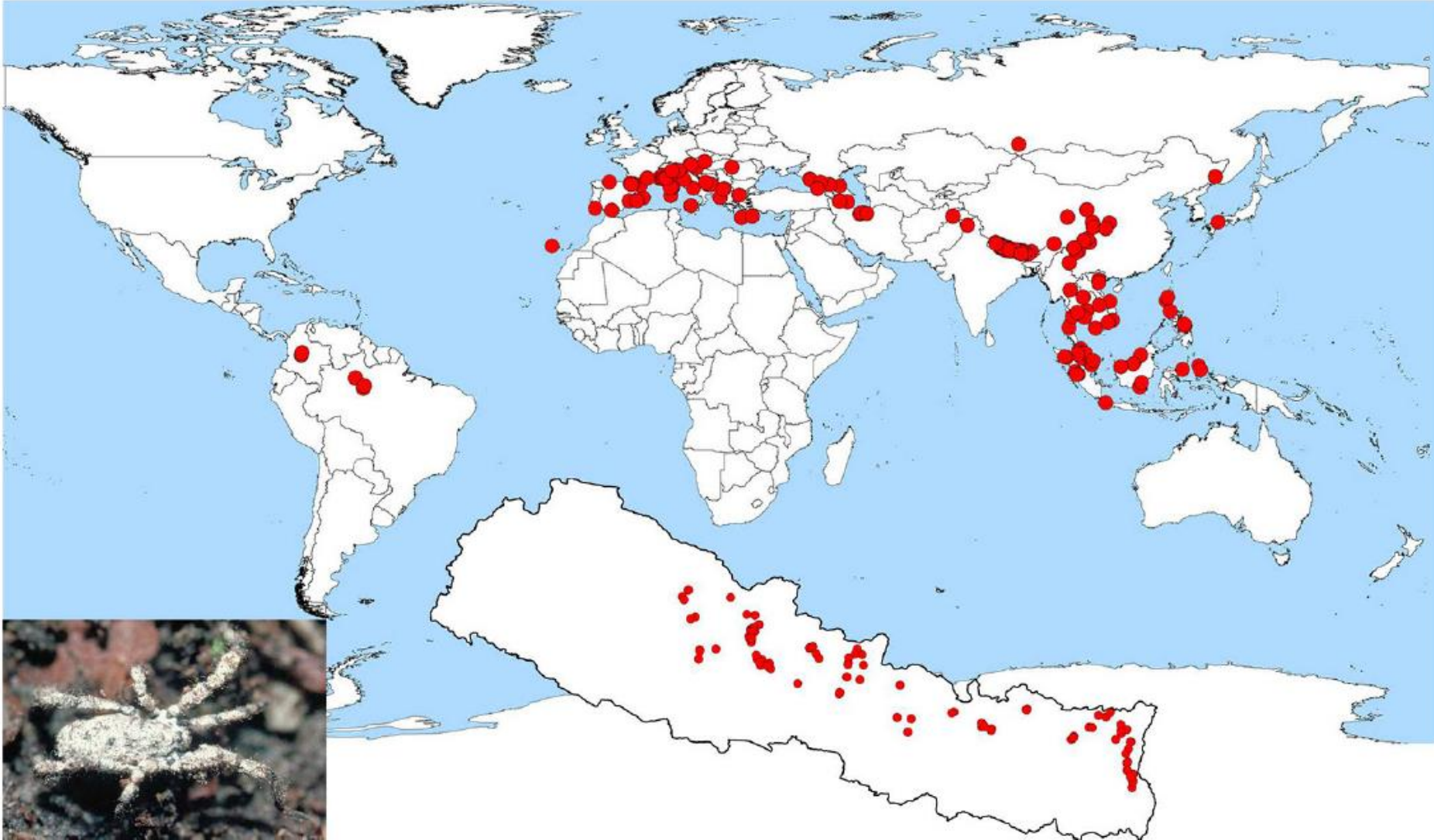
~ 120 on arthropods (mainly harvestmen), described 250 harvestmen species

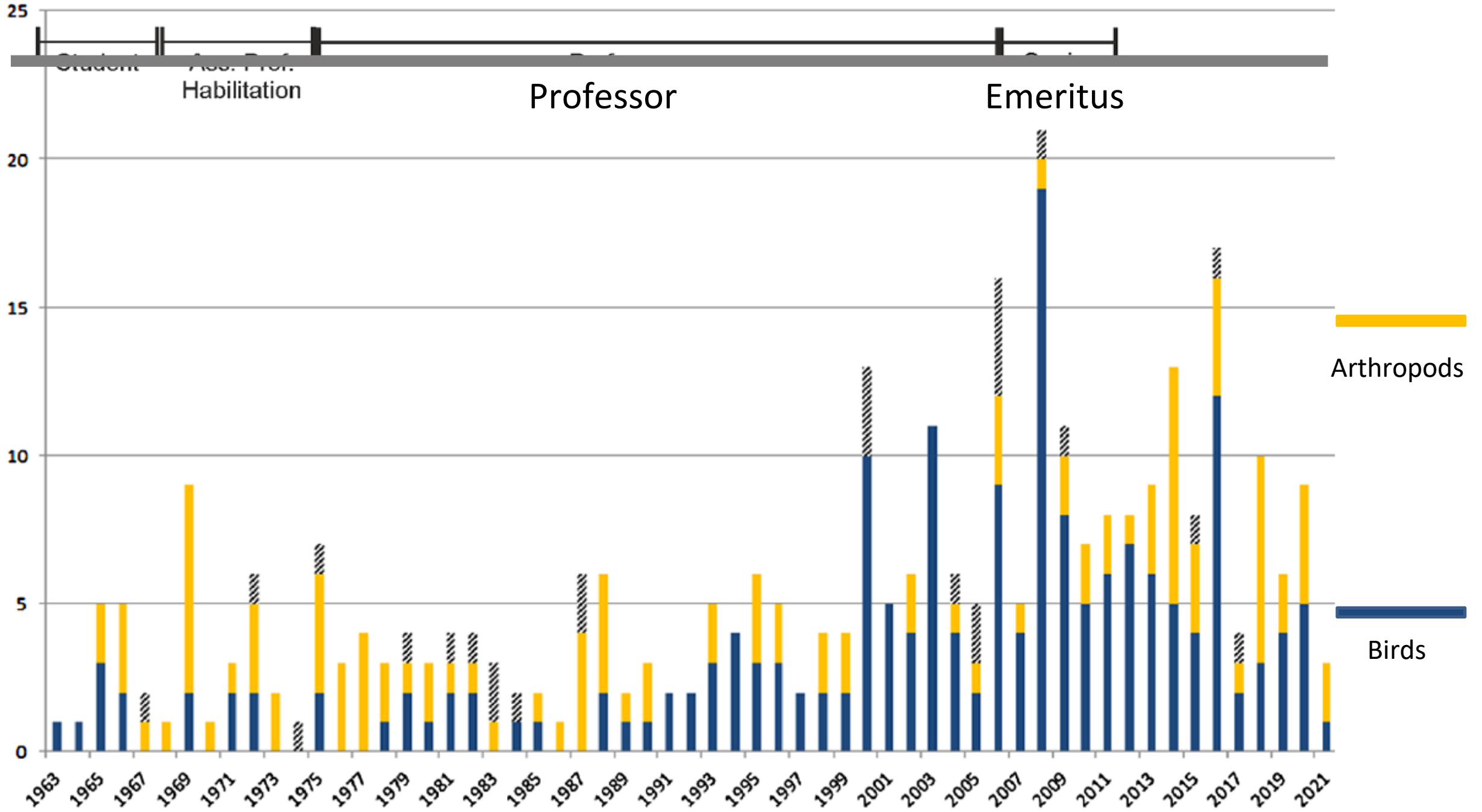
3 books





Localities from where Jochen Martens described species





Congratulations on the
honorary ESA
membership



On the occasion of his 65th anniversary
with Festschrift



Membership Secretary's report

Jason A. Dunlop, Berlin



- back in 2021 we had ca. 300 members
- as of August 24th, 2024 we currently have:

404 members from 60 different countries

- an increase of more than 100 people in 3 years
- as in previous years, several students joined recently (conference effect?) and there are now numerous non-European members, especially from Asia and the USA





Membership Secretary's report

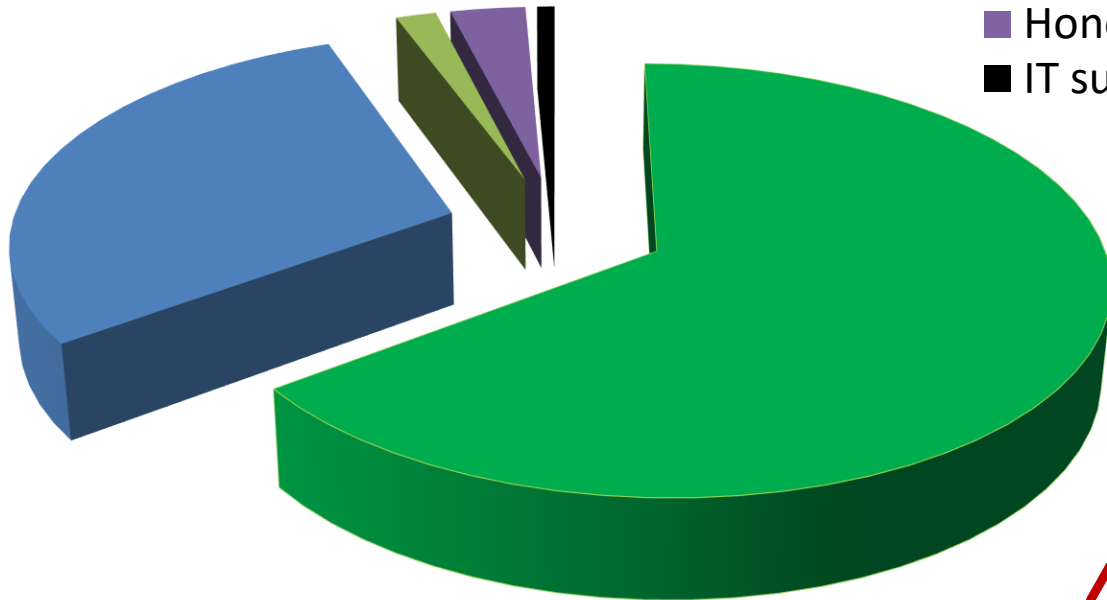
Jason A. Dunlop, Berlin



Membership details

ESA members by type

- Regular 264 (65%)
- Student 120 (29%)
- Waived 7 (2%)
- Honorary 13 (4%)
- IT support: 3



student numbers doubled

male 62%
female 38%
gender ratio has got better

**404 active members
+ the 3 IT support accounts**

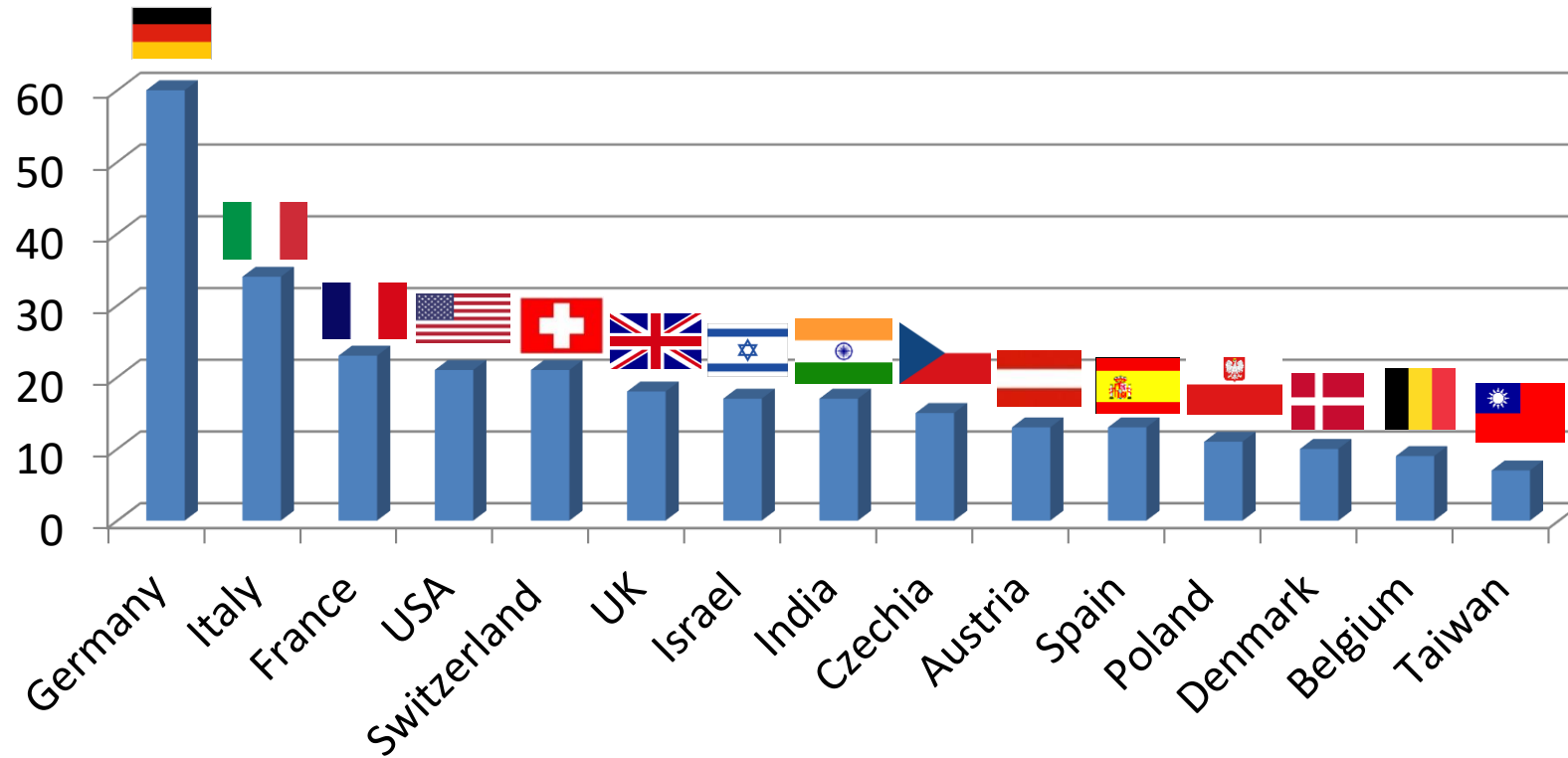


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Membership by country



other countries have
6 members or less



European Society of Arachnology GA 2024:
Deceased members/arachnologists

Ole BOEGGILD

Marcel Raymond CRUVEILLIER

Hieronymous DASTYCH

Miroslav KRUMPEL

André LEETZ

Manfred MORITZ

David NELLIST

Rainar NITZSCHE

Franz RENNER

Juan Antonio ZARAGOZA



European Society of Arachnology
GA 2024: **Treasurer's report**



Christian Kropf

More details to come.....



Payment by bank transfer

Payment by bank transfer

None at the moment but in progress

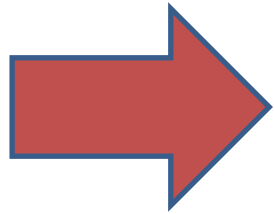
Please indicate for which year(s) the membership fee is being paid.
All bank charges are to be paid by the member.

Payment with PayPal

Please select the kind of membership below and enter the year for which you pay in the

Christian.kropf@bs.ch

To cover the transaction costs of PayPal, the fees are slightly higher than the mere membership fees.





since 2014 via
Natural History Museum Bern



Welcome to the

World Spider Catalog Version 25.5

18'000 PDFs

Currently **52'192** accepted species included

[Introduction](#)

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WSC 1150 sessions per day
SoE 450 sessions per day

Scorpiones Catalog coming soon



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Catalog



Araneae

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Pseudoscorpiones

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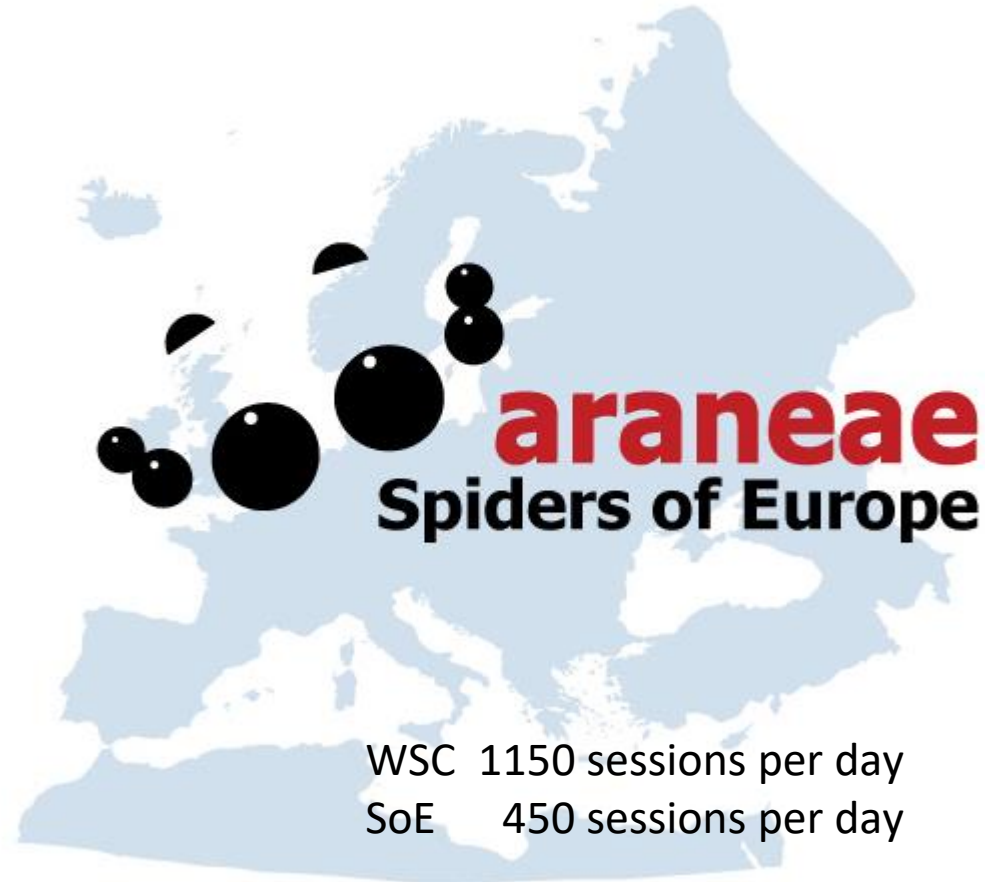
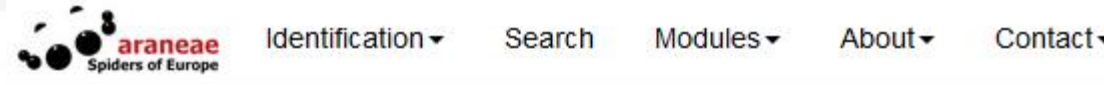
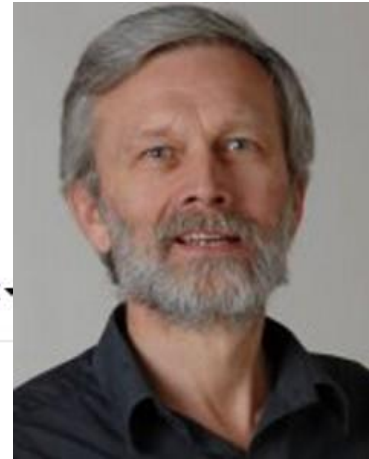
Catalog

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Who does what?

World Spider Catalog

Organizing Board

Theo Blick

Yvonne Kranz-Baltensperger

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Wolfgang Nentwig

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Mark Harvey (Pseudoscorpions)

Spiders of Europe

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Where does financial support come from ?

American Arachnological Society
AraBel
Arachnologische Gesellschaft
Asian Society / Shuqiang Li
Association Française d'Arachnologie
Aracnofilia Associazione Italiana di Aracnologia
British Arachnological Society
European Society of Arachnology
Grupo Iberico de Aracnologia/Sociedad Entomologica Aragonesa
International Society of Arachnology
Natural History Museum Basel
Natural History Museum Bern
University of Torino

Royalties from books

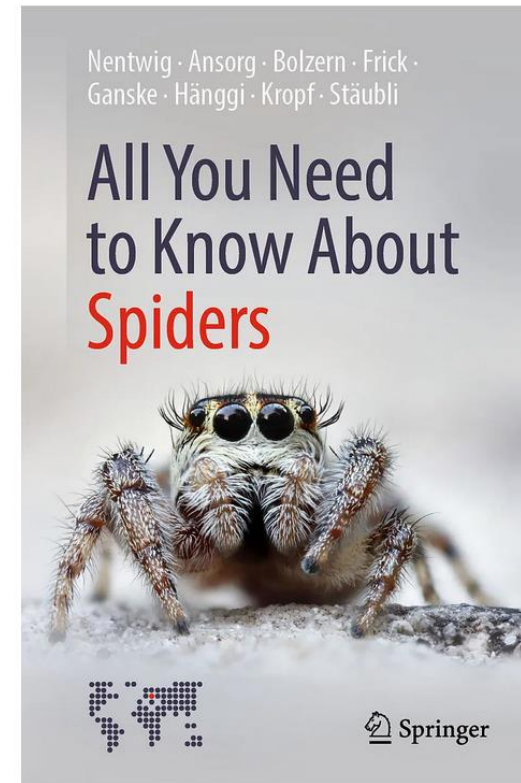


Association for the Promotion
of Spider Research

Costs for server
infrastructure
and salaries

Annual budget
45'000 CHF/€

Guaranteed by
NMBE until 2031





GA 2024: Projects and support

European Arachnid Biodiversity Research

2014/2015 Greece

2018/2019 Cyprus

2022/2023 Kosovo

Support of Donard Geci's faunistic work
on the spider fauna of Kosovo

University of Prishtina, Halil Ibrahim lab

- Find his report on ESA homepage

https://www.european-arachnology.org/esa/?page_id=682

- ESA as platform for increased visibility
- Media outreach
- Support with consumables





GA 2024: call for EABR

European Arachnid Biodiversity Research 2024/2025 Ukraine



Spider and harvestman diversity of the Steppe Ecosystem of Ukraine

- **Nina Polchaninova**, ass. prof., V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, project coordinator
- **Olga Deli**, ass. prof., I.I. Mechnikov Odesa National University
- **Anastasiia Iosypchek**, PhD student, V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, Kherson State University
- **Ruslan Nerush**, bachelor/master student, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Project aims:

- **spider and harvestman fauna**, habitat preferences, and distribution of rare species in the steppe habitats of Central and Southwestern Ukraine.
- assess the **impact of human economic activities** (deforestation and mining industry) on the steppe arthropods
- **Science Kids Project**: Lectures for children about spider diversity, steppe ecosystems



GA 2024: congress and student support

- Financial support for local organizers of the congresses

Amount: 2000 Euro

- Student prizes for 3 talks and 3 posters

Amount: 600 Euro



GA 2024: Website stats

Traffic:

- 16,600 visitors
- 83,400 visits

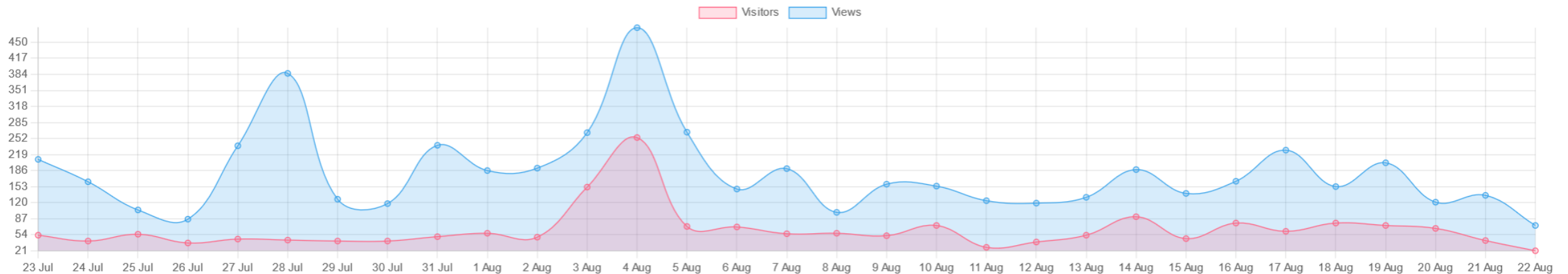
Top 5 pages:

- Proceedings
- Conferences
- New members
- 2023 SOTY



Matjaž Gregorič

Daily Traffic Trend ⓘ





GA 2022: **Website stats**

Acknowledgements:

- Alex Strauss (website)
- Christoph Hörweg (SOTY)
- Peter van Helsdingen (Fauna Europaea)
- Theo Blick & Samuel Zschokke (Taxonomic news)

Missing - updates needed:

- early society history
- updates on national species lists



Matjaž Gregorič



European Society of Arachnology

GA 2024: social media



Vladislav Ivanov

facebook

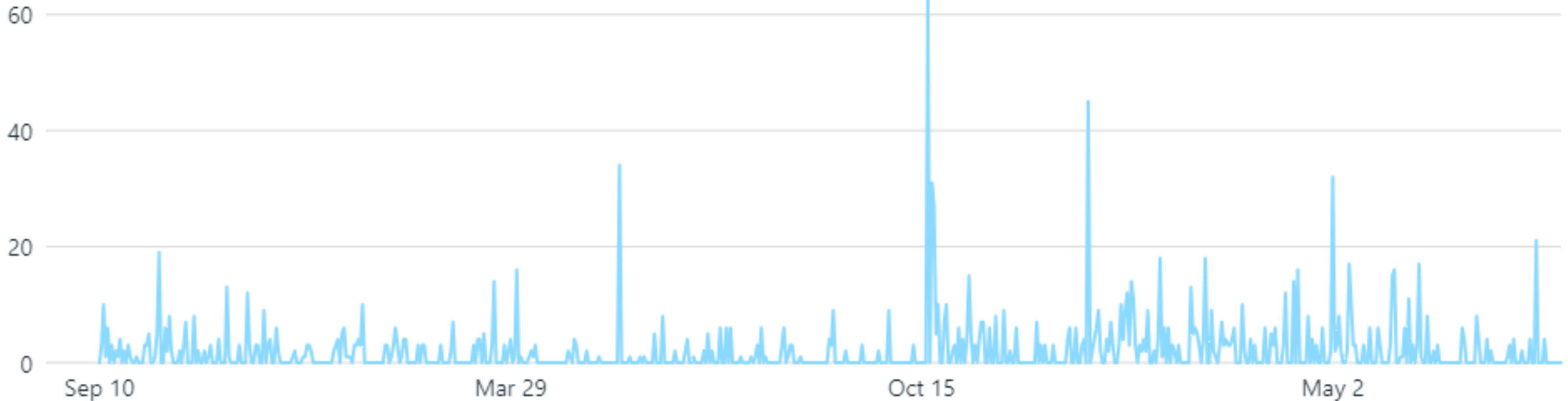
Visits

Facebook visits ⓘ

1.5K ↑ 2.9K%



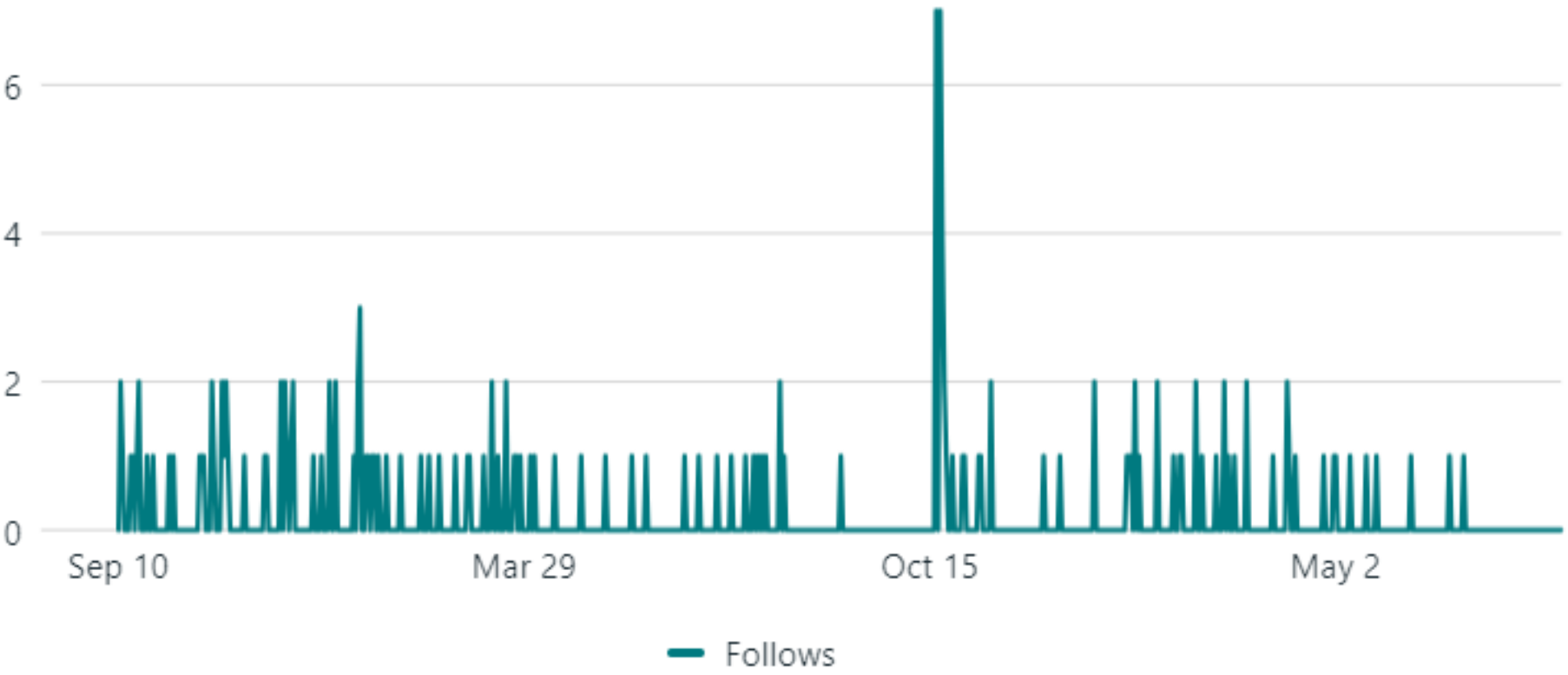
visits 2022-2024





Follows ⓘ
156 ↑ 31.1%

Facebook followers 2022-2024



Followers breakdown

Sep 10, 2022 – Aug 21, 2024

Unfollows ⓘ

9 ↓ 65.4%

Net follows ⓘ

147 ↑ 58.1%

Followers ⓘ

Lifetime

1,495



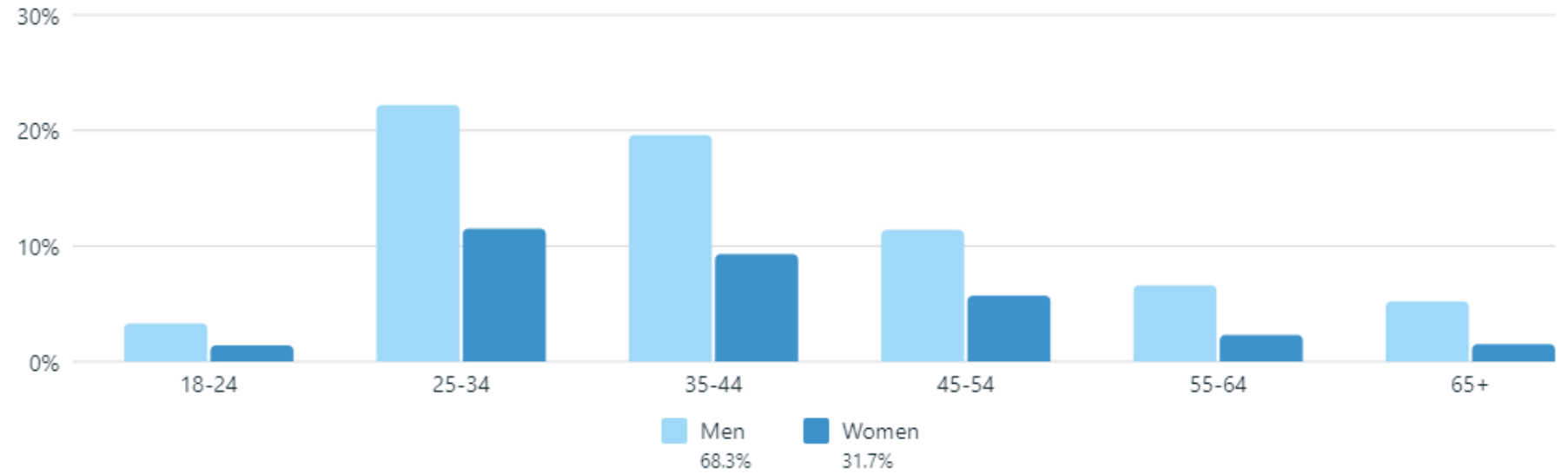
Facebook demographics 2024

Followers ⓘ

Lifetime

1,495

Age & gender ⓘ



Top cities

Cairo, Cairo Governorate, Egypt



Mexico City, Distrito Federal, Mexico



Bogotá, Distrito Especial, Colombia



Istanbul, Istanbul Province, Turkey



Prague, Czech Republic



Top countries

United States



United Kingdom



France



Italy



Mexico





Increase in number of accounts following



Social media platforms

Facebook

- active
- 1500 followers

**We will focus on Facebook
from now on**



Twitter

- Not active
- 515 followers
- Few posts





GA 2024: Newsletter

Started in 2011, 8 issues (2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2022)

The last newsletter was published in November 2022, following the congress organized by Greifswald.

We will publish another newsletter following this year's meeting. Comments and contributions to the newsletter are very welcome.

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Newsletter of the European Society of Arachnology, (8) 2022

**The newsletter of the
European Society of Arachnology**
November 2022, No. 8

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Marco Isaia



Elena Piano



GA 2022: **Early Career Newsletter (EarlCNews)**

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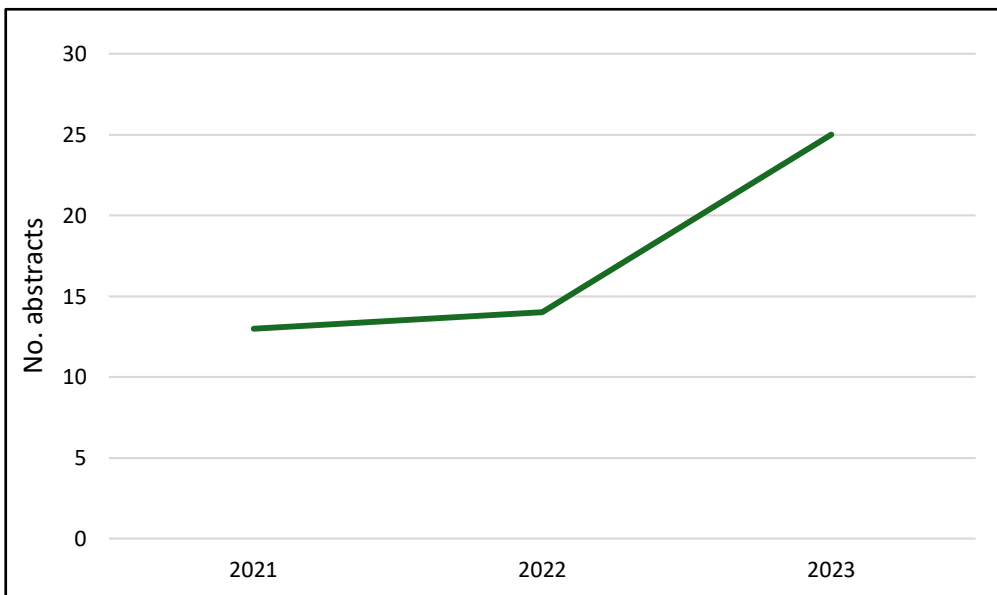
Elena Piano

The concept behind this initiative: opportunity for **young researchers** to **become more visible** in the scientific community.

Publish abstracts of recent thesis on all levels (Bachelor, Master, Doctoral)



Marco Isaia



Next abstract call will open at beginning of
December 2024...
stay tuned!

Call will be send to members via email



GA 2024: Congress Proceedings

Proceedings of the Rennes Congress
will be published in the journal
Arachnologische Mitteilungen/Arachnology Letters

Congress participants are welcome to submit their oral or poster contribution to the Congress Proceedings.

These will be published as an issue or a section of an issue of Arachnologische Mitteilungen | Arachnology Letters during the following year (2025) and will be available online.

When preparing the manuscript, please, follow the Guidelines for Authors of this journal. See ECA website.

Guest editor: Julien Petillon

Submission deadline November 1, 2024

More information will follow by email from Julien



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Konrad
Wiśniewski



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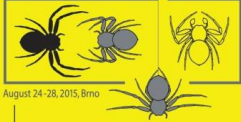
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since the 2009 congress the Proceedings have been published in the journal

open access journal, peer reviewed



GA 2024: Next conferences

Save the date

2025	35 th ECA	Zadar, Croatia
2026		<i>ICA India</i>
2027	36 th ECA	??
2028	37 th ECA	??
2029		<i>ICA</i>

August 30 - September 5

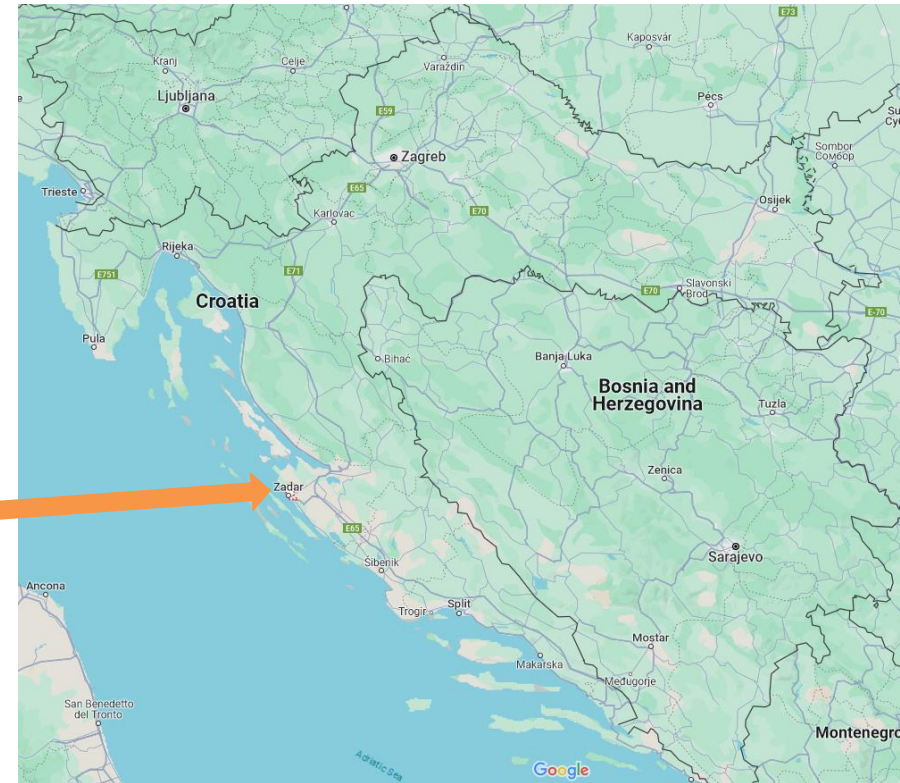
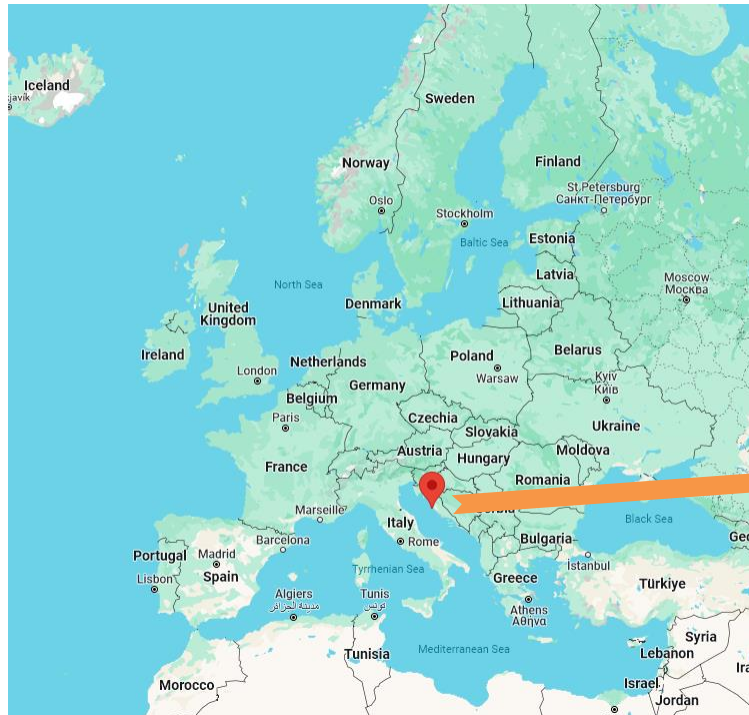
Trier, Germany might be an option
other proposals?

Martina Pavlek
invites to the

35th European Congress of Arachnology

31. August- 5. September 2025

Zadar, Croatia





Zadar

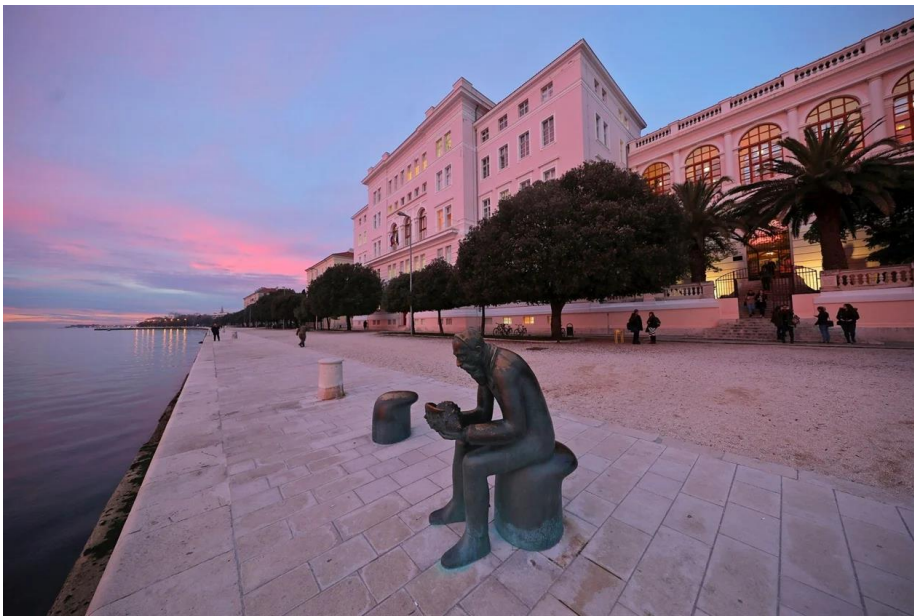
- 9th century BC Liburni settlement
- 48th BC Romann foundation
- today: population of 75 000
- cultural, commercial, industrial, educational centre



University of Zadar

1396. Dominican *Studium generale* -> *Universitas Jadertina*
today: 27 university departments with 6000 students

Venue:
Historical building in the old town



Venue:

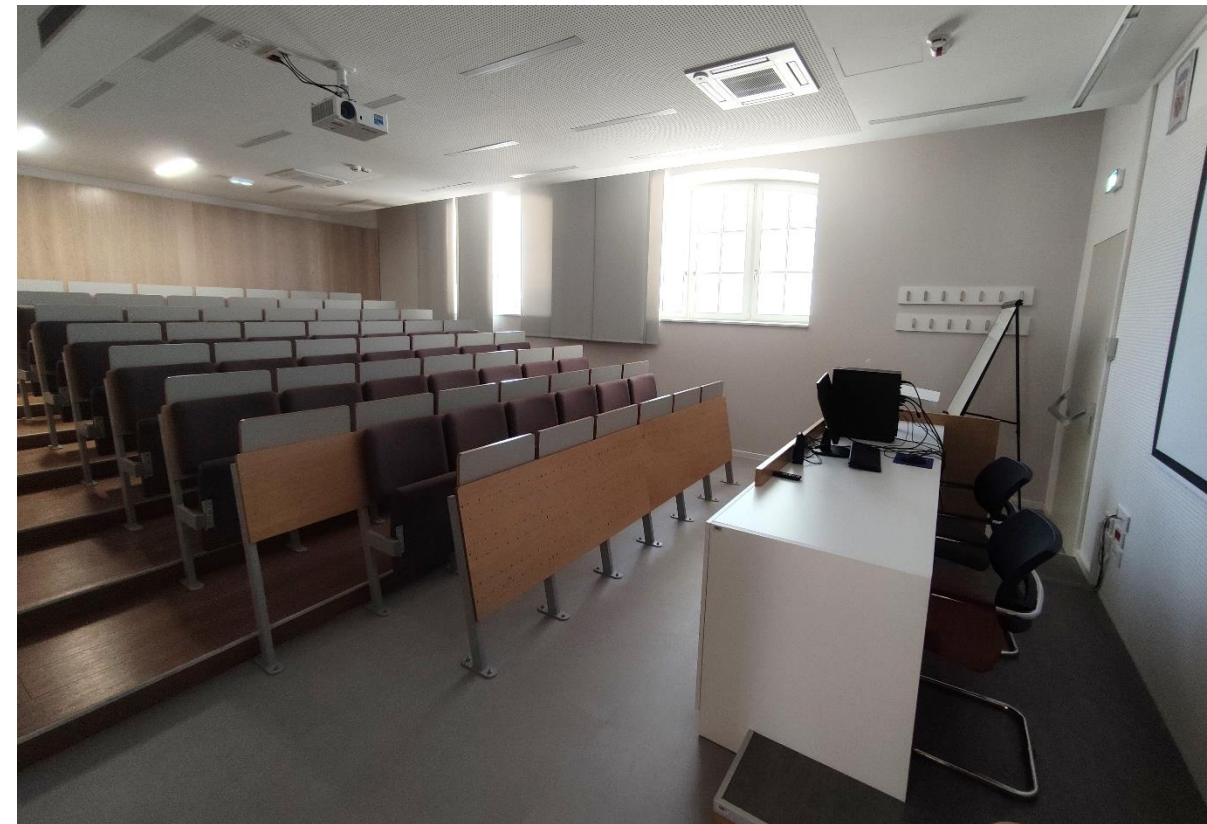
Historical building In the old town

One large room for > 200 participants



spacious hall
for poster session

2 smaller rooms for 50 participants



Excursions:

Velebit Nature Park

Paklenica National Park

Krka National Park

Numerous cultural sites



Many options for accompanying persons

Reaching Zadar:

Zadar international Airport
13 km from the city center
City bus, shuttle, or taxi



Bus station if you fly to Zagreb, Split, Pula, Dubrovnik...
Ferry boat from Ancona (Italy)

Accommodation in Zadar:

Many options, touristic town, but **book on time!**

Special prices: Hotel Kolovare
20 min walk from the venue

Other hotels and hostels, many
private options near the venue



Possibility of student dormitory for students will be announced soon

Organizer: Martina Pavlek, martina.pavlek@gmail.com
Dora Hlebec, dora.hlebec@gmail.com

Welcome to Zadar 2025!



Alfred Hitchcock: „the most beautiful sunset in the world”





European Society of Arachnology General Assembly 2024:

- Questions
- Ideas
- Topics





ECA 2024 | Rennes

34th European Congress of Arachnology
August 20-26



European Society of
Arachnology

Marco Tolve
Ziva Vehovar
Zeana Ganem



Ondrej Vanek
Helena Rothova
Viktos Strestik



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Panagiotis Kontos



AMERICAN
ARACHNOLOGICAL
SOCIETY

Hsiang-Yun Lin
Rishikesh Tripathi

Student travel grants



European Society of Arachnology 2024: **student awards by ESA**

ESA Oral presentations

First prize

Second prize

Third prize.....

ESA Award
plus Pensoft voucher

ESA Poster presentations

First prize

Second prize

Third prize

ESA Award
plus Spider book from
British Arachnological
Society

Jury:

Scientific Committee
and Keynote speakers



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34th European Congress of Arachnology
August 20-26

Awards

Poster



ECA 2024 | Rennes

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August 20-26

Poster

3. place

Aleksandra

Rozumko



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August 20-26

Poster

2. place

Mattes Linde



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August 20-26

Poster

1. place

Leo Laborieux



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Awards

Short talks



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Talk

3. place

Carolina Ortiz

Movliav



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2. place

Yuri Simone



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Talk

1. place Hsiang-Yun Lin

Photo contest

Two categories:

- General
- Microscopy



Submission until the 10th of August



Results of the Photo contest



GENERAL

Results of public voting

Tomáš Hamřík



MICRO

Results of public voting

Sarah Karikó



GENERAL

Results of panel
of judges voting

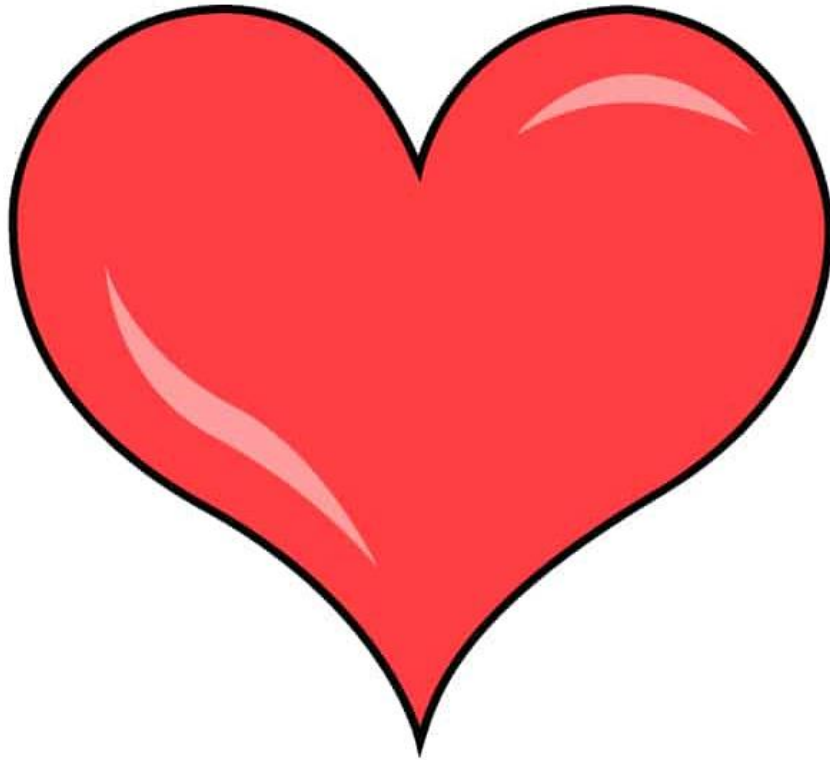
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MICRO

Results of panel
of judges voting

Fatemeh Hosseini



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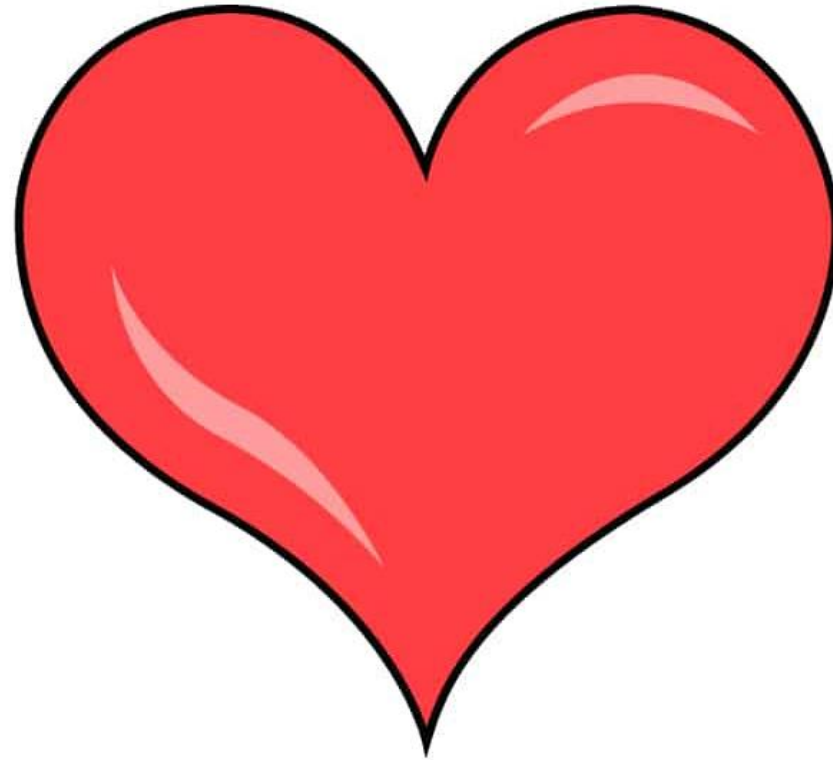
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