



Dear colleagues,

on behalf of the Organization Committee I would like to cordially invite you to participate on the 16<sup>th</sup> European Carabidologists Meeting, which will take place in Prague, Czech Republic, in **September 22-27, 2013**.

The topic of the meeting is **“Carabid and Man – Can we live together”**. This topic reflects the variety of interactions that occur between carabid beetles and humans. Organizers thus hope in receiving high quality contributions related to the main topic, including the role of carabid beetles within the food webs, ecosystem services provided by carabid beetles to humans, success stories of landscape and habitat management to restore, conserve and promote carabid populations, conservation management of threatened species, studies on carabid population dynamics, genetics and dispersal, bioindication and biodiversity surveys, ecology and life history of carabid beetles and their life stages. Methodological issues related to carabid sampling, novel or innovative techniques for their examinations and data analysis will be especially welcome. Contributions that do not fall within these broad mantinels would also be gladly accepted given that carabid beetles will be the study organisms.

We would like to bring together specialists from different fields of high quality research and build a friendly atmosphere that will be creative, stimulating and enriching to all participants, as typical for these meetings in the past.

Come and experience this warm and friendly atmosphere, and experience Indian summer in Prague, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, and in the surrounding countryside.

See you all in Prague next year,

Pavel Saska  
Head of the Organization Committee



### Scientific contributions

Contributors are encouraged to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations. These must be in good English. Contributions with insufficient level of English may be rejected. Participants that do not wish to present any contributions can also register for the meeting. Guidelines for abstract preparation will be published at the time when registration opens. The book of abstracts will be provided to all regular and student participants on site.

The conference proceedings will most likely be published in the European Journal of Entomology. This journal is published by the Entomological Institute of the Czech Academy of Science and Czech Entomological Society, and is a traditional means of communication for entomologists worldwide. Currently its Thomson-Reuters Impact Factor is 1.061. We would like to produce high quality proceedings so the submitted papers will be subjected to the review process as standard paper submitted to EJE. In order to assure rapid publication of the proceedings (2014), manuscripts will have to be submitted before the end of October 2013. The guidelines for the manuscript preparation and the scope of the journal can be found on the web of the journal <http://www.eje.cz/>.

### Invited lectures

We are pleased to announce three honourable and respected researchers that accepted our invitation to give plenary lectures during the meeting:

Jonathan Lundgren (USDA-ARS, Brookings, SD, USA): **Complex interactions among seeds and the carabids that eat them**

John Holland (Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust, Fordingbridge, UK): **The spatial dynamics of carabid beetles from field to landscape and the implications for biocontrol of crop pests**

Andrea Di Giulio (Universita Roma Tre, Rome, Italy): **Morpho-functional and behavioral studies on the flanged bombardier beetles (Coleoptera: Carabidae: Paussinae)**

### Important dates

The **registration** application and **abstract submission** will open on February 1, 2013. The early bird registration and **payment** will be closed on May 31, 2013, and the registration, abstract submission and payment will be closed on July 15, 2013.

The **program** will be compiled during July 2013 and published on the web and in the final circular.

The official program of the **meeting** will start on September 22, 2013, and will be closed on September 27, 2013.



## XVIth European Carabidologists Meeting

### Registration Fee

	Early Bird (before May 31, 2013) EUR / CZK	Standard (After May 31, 2013 and before July 15, 2013) EUR / CZK
Regular	260 / 6500	285 / 7125
Student	150 / 3750	180 / 4500
One-day fee *	75 / 1875	75 / 1875
Accompanying person	150 / 3750	200 / 5000

The regular and student registration fee and that for accompanying persons will have to be paid before July 15, 2013 via bank transfer. Payment on site will not be possible. The conference fee may be a subject of change in case of unexpected fluctuation of the CZK/EUR conversion rate during the time of publishing this circular and start of the registration.

\* This option will be available also after the regular registration will be closed.

The fee includes:

*Regular and Student:* accession to sessions, coffee breaks, conference bag, book of abstracts, conference proceedings, field excursion with dinner, welcome drink, conference dinner.

*One-day:* accession to sessions, coffee breaks, conference bag, book of abstracts, conference proceedings.

*Accompanying:* field excursion with dinner, welcome drink, conference dinner.

### Program outline

September 22, 2013 (Su) – registration (evening);

September 23, 2013 (Mo) – registration (morning), opening ceremony, presentations, field excursion – optional, welcome drink;

September 24, 2013 (Tu) – presentations;

September 25, 2013 (We) – field excursion to the Protected Landscape Area of the České Středohoří Mtns;

September 26, 2013 (Th) – presentations, conference dinner;

September 27, 2013 (Fr) – presentations, closing ceremony.

### Field excursion

During the whole day field excursion we will visit the Protected Landscape Area of the České Středohoří Mtns. It is located ca. 60 km NW of Prague and represents one of the most picturesque sceneries in the Czech Republic. It is an area of volcanic hills and short mountain ranges, with high diversity of habitats valuable for nature conservation. E.U. project LIFE+



for management of steppe habitats will be presented by the workers of the PLA administration. The historical city of Litoměřice will also be visited.

#### Conference Website

All important information about the meeting can be found on the conference website <http://europeancarabidology.eu>, which is being regularly updated with new information. For your convenience you can take an advantage of pre-registration in order to automatically receive up-to-date information about the progress in organization.

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