

# **XVII EUROPEAN CARABIDOLOGISTS MEETING**

Dear Carabidologists, friends and colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the 17th European Carabidologists Meeting will take place from September 20-25, 2015, in hotel Zora in Primošten, Croatia. After a very nice meeting in Prague, with plenty of interesting presentations in a friendly atmosphere, we hope to offer you attractive scientific and social programs, wrapped in the typical Mediterranean spirit of Dalmatia.

This meeting is being organized for the first time in Croatia, by the Croatian Ecological Society and Association BIOM, supported by the Department of Biology at the Faculty of Science, Zagreb and under the auspice of the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia.

We will take you to a small and authentic Mediterranean town of Primošten located in the Šibenik-Knin County, near Šibenik. Formerly it was an island that had been connected to the mainland by the small wooden bridge. It is known for the nearby vineyards where the famous Babić red wine is produced. Here, you can enjoy beautiful views of „škoji“, small Adriatic islands such as Smokvica, Maslinovik, etc.

In the Šibenik-Knin County, situated in the middle of Dalmatia, you will experience the Mediterranean lifestyle and typical karst landscape with pristine nature and a wealth of cultural and historical landmarks, from prehistoric and Roman settlements to medieval and Renaissance fortresses. In addition you can visit Krka National Park with the beautiful Krka River, flowing from the Dinaric Alps toward the Adriatic Sea, creating unique waterfalls in karst, such as Skradinski Buk, with tuffa barriers, as well as the historic town of Šibenik, placed in the estuary of Krka River. The motto of the 17th ECM, “Learning about carabid habits and habitats – a continuous process in a continuously changing environment”, aims to highlight the continuous research on carabid beetles across Europe and beyond, in various types of habitats in relation to rapid environmental changes in the last decades, such as climate change, land use change, habitat degradations, various anthropogenic pressures etc... . However, our invitation does not restrict to these themes only, thus all aspects of carabidology are more than welcome.

We cordially invite all scientists studying carabid beetles to participate and contribute to the quality of this traditional scientific symposium.

During the congress, participants can present their results through oral and poster presentations, and participate in all meeting activities, as well as in the field trip which will be held in Krka National park.

We look forward to your response and to welcoming you in Primošten, Šibenik-Knin County, in September 2015.

17th ECM Organisational Committee

# VENUE

The meeting will be held in the Zora\*\*\*\*/\*\*\*\*\* hotel in town Primošten (<http://www.hotelzora-adriatic.com/en/hotel-zora>) in „Kravata“ hotel conference room (<http://www.hotelzora-adriatic.com/en/congresses>). The conference facilities include a modern conference hall for up to 200 participants which will assure maximum comfort for the attendees. The hotel is located 500 m from the centre of Primošten and 50 m away from the sea. Primošten is far from the nearby Šibenik by cca.10 minutes driving along the coast, towards south. It is located in Šibenik–Knin County that is in the Middle Dalmatia. The Organiser will provide free Wi-Fi internet access from the conference room to all participants during the meeting.

## HOW TO GET HERE

- Position: GPS N 43°35' 21.29" E 15°55' 15.59", near Šibenik, Middle Adriatic, Croatia
- For more details see <http://www.hotelzora-adriatic.com/en/get-primosten>.

The most convenient option to reach Primošten is to flying to **Split Airport** (SPU), 44 km away from Primošten. Complimentary shuttle service to/from the Hotel is provided. Car rental facilities are also available at the airport. Other options for travel are flying into **Zadar Airport** (ZAD), 93 km away or flying to Zagreb and then reach the Primošten by plane, bus or car.

- **TRANSFER FROM/TO THE AIRPORT TO/FROM THE HOTEL**

The hotel Zora will organise the transfer from/to the Split and Zadar Airports!

If you are interested, for the transfer, please, fill the reservation form for the transfer from/to the airport provided on our web site and send filled reservation form on fax no. +385 22 571 120 or e mail: [ivana.toric@adriatic.com](mailto:ivana.toric@adriatic.com). The hotel will make the list of the participants, to fill the vans according to the arrivals and departures in order to reduce the price of transfer and AT LEASTES one week before your arrival you will be contacted and informed about the transport details, such as the meeting time and the meeting point. As for the departure, the schedule will be displayed at the information board in the hotel lobby or conference center or will be available at the hotel reception desk.

- The prices for one way transfer:

SPLIT AIRPORT – HOTEL ZORA: 60,00 EUR for one-way transfer\*

ZADAR AIRPORT – HOTEL ZORA: 130,00 EUR for one-way transfer\*

\* Depending of the number of persons per transfer, price per person / transfer can vary from 60,00 EUR (with only one passenger in the van) to 16,00 EUR (with 8 passengers in the van) from airport Split and 130,00 (for just one person) to 34,00 EUR per person / transfer from airport Zadar. Final price of transfer will be sent by sales department after finalizing transfer list.

- **PUBLIC TRANSPORT FROM SPLIT AIRPORT TO PRIMOŠTEN**

Split Airport is located at the very exit from the town of Kastela, towards Trogir. It is at 20 km distance from Split, and at 6 km from Trogir.

Close to **Split Airport** there is a bus stop of line No. 37 “PROMET” company (Split – Trogir; Trogir – Split) heading to **Trogir** (last stop is Trogir Bus Terminal; cca 20 min driving).

Price: cca 20-25 HRK for 1 person + 5 HRK for luggage; Information: [www.promet-split.hr](http://www.promet-split.hr)

Bus timetable Split-Trogir and Trogir-Split (line 37 PROMET bus) can be checked on our web site.

From **Trogir Bus Terminal** to **Primošten** departures are every 30 to 60 minutes from Peron 9. Prices: cca 25 – 30 HRK + luggage (depending on the bus company).

- **TRANSPORT FROM ZAGREB AIRPORT TO PRIMOŠTEN**

If you are coming by plane at the **Zagreb airport**, the easiest way to get to Primošten is to take the shuttle transfer from the Zagreb airport to the bus station in the city centre and then use the intercity bus to Primošten, or the shuttle from the Zagreb Airport to the Split Airport. You can find the schedule of the airport shuttle at <http://www.plesoprijevoz.hr/schedulezg.htm>, and you can check the bus lines from Zagreb Bus Station towards Primošten at <http://www.akz.hr>.

- **BY CAR**

If you are coming by car from **Zagreb** the easiest way to get to Zora Hotel is to take highway (A1) and take the exit Šibenik. Then drive on the road E 65 for 30 km to Primošten. From Split (60 km): E 65 direction Zadar/Šibenik to Primošten.

- **USEFULL LINKS**

- Split airport <http://www.split-airport.hr/>
- Zadar airport <http://www.zadar-airport.hr/en>
- Zagreb airport [www.zagreb-airport.hr/en/](http://www.zagreb-airport.hr/en/)
- Dubrovnik airport <http://www.airport-dubrovnik.hr/index.php/en/>
- Zagreb airport shuttle <http://www.plesoprijevoz.hr/schedulezg.htm>
- Bus Terminal in Split <http://www.ak-split.hr/>
- Bus Terminal in Zadar <http://www.liburnija-zadar.hr/>
- Bus Terminal in Zagreb <http://www.akz.hr>
- Bus terminals in Croatia <http://www.autobusni-kolodvor.com/en/default.aspx>

## ACCOMMODATION

We have secured a significantly discounted room rates at the Zora Hotel, the venue for the conference. The room rates go for example for half board from 230 to 535 HRK (including breakfast, dinner and VAT) plus SOJOURN tax (7 HRK per person per day) which provide excellent value for money for a hotel 50 m away from the sea in this part of season, and parking is free for conference attendees staying at the hotel. We recommend reserving a room as early as possible, because the number of rooms available at this rate is limited. The rooms can be reserved at <http://www.hotelzora-adriatic.com/en/> by using promotional code that will be provided upon registration. Students pavilions can't be reserved via web sites therefore those interested in pavilions should mail to [ivana.toric@adriatic.com](mailto:ivana.toric@adriatic.com) to arrange accommodation. For all additional requests, or problems during the reservation process, please contact Hotel directly via their web site.

During the booking process, it is presumed that all participants who will book the night on September 23<sup>rd</sup> when it is mid-excursion will participate in it, and therefore there is no need

for lunch and dinner in the hotel. For participants who will book the night on September 24th when it is Conference Dinner, there is no need for dinner as a part of accommodation services. For those reasons during the booking process, those meals are not going to be booked, even if you choose half-board or full board (that will be applied for rest of the days). However, if you for any reason would like to book some of those meals, you should write it down in a text box for special requests and comments during the booking process.

A post-conference tour of regional highlights and Plitvice lakes National Park will be made available from 8 am on Saturday till 8 pm on Sunday, September 27, 2015. Payment for this tour will be made in cash at the conference registration desk. During the post-conference tour, we will stay in the hotel Zora, the venue of the conference. Therefore, you can book the same hotel for these days also.

Hotel offers three kinds of rooms with discounted rates. Here is the example of prices for a half board (including VAT):

Prices per person per night in HRK (breakfast and dinner included)	Premier club room (****) HRK	Comfort room (***) HRK	Students pavilions (**) HRK
Double room (single occupancy)	535	450	299
Double room	395	335	230

\*Plus sojourn tax (7 HRK per person/day) not included

\*For the full board accommodation (including breakfast, lunch and dinner) additional 76 HRK per person per day will be charged.

Please note that number of rooms available at this rate is limited and will be booked on the *first come first served basis*.

## PRIMOŠTEN

Primošten is a small town. Formerly it was an island connected to the mainland by the small wooden bridge. The name Primošten means bridged. Life in Primošten dates back from 7th century BC, with the continuous evidence of settlements till nowadays. It is known for the nearby vineyards where the famous red wine Babić is produced. Here, you can enjoy beautiful views of „škoji“, small Adriatic islands such as Smokvica, Maslinovik, nice beaches and the spirit of authentic Mediterranean life. For more details please refer to the official website of the Primošten Tourist Board <http://www.tz-primosten.hr/index.php?lang=en>.

# REGISTRATION

Online registration form is available at <http://17ecm.biom.hr/registration/>.

People having difficulties with online form can download registration form and sent to [slucija@biol.pmf](mailto:slucija@biol.pmf) or [17ecm@ekolosko-drustvo.hr](mailto:17ecm@ekolosko-drustvo.hr).

The form is tested and works with Adobe Reader, Evince (Linux), Okular (Linux), Foxit Reader and built-in pdf reader in Chrome Browser.

## PAYMENT DETAILS

- **Account owner:** Hrvatsko ekološko društvo
- **Address:** Rooseveltov trg 6, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia
- **VAT number:** 64844457666
- **IBAN (account number):** HR1823600001101583068
- **Bank Name:** Zagrebačka banka d.d. Trg bana Josipa Jelačića 10, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia
- **SWIFT(BIC):** ZABAHR2X
- **Payment description:** 17ECM –Your surname and name

## REGISTRATION FEES

	Early Bird (before May 31, 2015) EUR/HRK	Standard (after May 31, 2015 and before August 31, 2015) EUR/HRK	Late (after August 31, 2015) EUR/HRK
<b>Regular</b> (CONFERENCE DINNER INCLUDED)	<b>270 / 2085</b>	<b>295 / 2280</b>	<b>330 / 2550</b>
<b>Student</b> (CONFERENCE DINNER INCLUDED)	<b>190 / 1470</b>	<b>215 / 1660</b>	<b>250 / 1930</b>
<b>Accompanying person</b> (CONFERENCE DINNER INCLUDED)	<b>160 / 1235</b>	<b>185 / 1430</b>	<b>220 / 1700</b>
<b>One-day*</b>	<b>80 / 620</b>	<b>80 / 620</b>	<b>100 / 775</b>
<b>Conference dinner</b> (option for One day registration on Thursday)	<b>50 / 390</b>	<b>50 / 390</b>	

\*conference dinner is not included and One day fee is not applicable on Wednesday (September 23, 2015) for mid-excursion.

**The costs of your bank charges are not included in the conference fee, and must be at your own expense.**

Please note that **early registration rates** (270 EUR for regular attendees, 190 EUR for students and 160 EUR for accompanying guests) are available until May 31, 2015.

**For regular attendees and students** registration includes tea/coffee breaks during morning and afternoon sessions, opening reception (Monday 21, 2015), mid-excursion with lunch and dinner included (Wednesday 23, 2015) and the Conference Banquet (Thursday 24, 2015), conference bag with congress material including book of abstracts.

**Accompanying guests:** If you have a guest that would like to attend the social events (opening reception, mid-conference tour and banquet) please add the accompanying guest full name in the box provided in the registration form.

**One day fee** includes accession to one-day sessions, coffee/tea breaks, conference bag, book of abstracts and conference proceedings. It is not applicable on Wednesday on the 23rd of September, and the conference dinner is not included in price.

## **CANCELLATION**

To cancel the registration, please contact the organiser immediately. By July 1, 2015 a full refund will be given, less the costs of the bank. By August 31, 2015 a 50% refund will be given. After August 31, 2015 or for no –show at the conference no refund will be possible, unfortunately. In the case of cancellation, the abstracts will not be published in the proceedings.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Contributors are encouraged to submit their abstracts for oral and poster presentations.

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Abstract prepared as MS word document may be submitted on-line or send by e-mail to Lucija Šerić Jelaska ([slucija@biol.pmf.hr](mailto:slucija@biol.pmf.hr)). At submission, please indicate your preferred method of presentation. You can use MS word template provided <http://17ecm.biom.hr/abstract-submission/>. Abstracts will be printed in the Book of Abstracts that will be available also as pdf on the conference web site.

Authors who submit abstracts for presentation are NOT automatically registered for the congress.

**Presenting author of each abstract has to register as a participant and set the payment, or the abstract will not be included in the Conference Programme and Book of Abstracts.**

**Deadline for abstract submission has been extended: July 15, 2015**

### GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts must be written in English and should contain title (Times New Roman 12 Bold), authors' names and addresses (Times New Roman 12) and the main body of abstracts with stated aims, methods, results and conclusions of the study, all in one paragraph (Times New Roman 12). Please, underline the name of the presenting author. The overall text should not exceed 250 words, and single spacing in the text should be used. Contributions with insufficient level of English or information provided about the study may be rejected following the recommendations of the Scientific Committee. Depending on the number of participants, it may not be possible to accept all the submitted oral presentations, and some of them will have to be presented as posters, in which case the authors will be informed. Please, note that the Organizer will not provide any language editing of the abstracts.

Save your abstract as a word document, indicate your preferred method of presentation and submit online or email Lucija Šerić Jelaska ([slucija@biol.pmf.hr](mailto:slucija@biol.pmf.hr)).

## **ABSTRACT EXAMPLE**

### **17th European Carabidologist Meeting**

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Keywords: (up to five keywords)

## **ORAL PRESENTATION**

Oral presentations are scheduled for a total of 20 minutes of which 15 minutes is allocated for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions. To ensure the smooth running of the oral sessions, presentations should be either emailed ahead of time, or uploaded at the conference venue. We recommend Power Point (.ppt, .pptx) or Acrobat (.pdf) file formats for presentation. The Organiser will provide free Wi-Fi Internet access from the conference room for all participants during the meeting, therefore you can even access your presentations from the web. Anyway, in the case of eventual problems with the connection, we recommend having your presentation on a USB flash drive as a backup. Authors are kindly asked to keep their presentations within a given time limit.

**Language:** English

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTER PREPARATION**

All posters will be displayed in the Kravata Conference Room for the whole duration of the meeting. Posters should be a maximum size of A0 (841 x 1189 mm; 33.1 x 46.8 in) and should be prepared in portrait format (shorter edge horizontal) – authors are kindly asked not to exceed the poster size.

Presenters are asked to attend their posters during the poster sessions in time indicated in the final Program of the Meeting. Posters must be removed on Friday before 17:00. We can't guarantee for the Posters left on boards after the meeting.

We will provide poster boards and the means to attach posters to the boards. Please ensure that your poster is displayed on the board as indicated in the programme (*note that numbers may have changed since the draft programme appeared online*).

**Language:** English



## PROCEEDINGS

The conference proceedings will be published in the **Bulletin of Entomological Research** or **Periodicum Biologorum**, depending on the appropriateness of the subject matter of the papers for BER and PB and in accordance with the scope of each journal.

**The Bulletin of Entomological Research** is published by Cambridge University and has a long history, since 1910, of publishing globally relevant entomological research. It is an internationally recognised journal with a distinguished Impact Factor of 1.985.

For more information on the Bulletin please visit

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=BER>.

**Periodicum Biologorum** is the journal of Croatian Natural Science Society established in 1885. It is indexed in ISI Web of Science, publishing all aspects of biology.

You can see on-line back issues at <http://hrcak.srce.hr/pb>.

We would like to produce high quality proceedings and therefore the papers submitted will be subjected to the same review process as standard papers submitted to BER and PB.



# IMPORTANT DATES

Don't miss any upcoming important dates and deadlines! Subscribe to our newsletter!

Important Dates	Activities
July 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 17th ECM website launched and preregistration opened</li></ul>
December 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call for the proceedings to be published in <i>Bulletin of Entomological Research</i> and <i>Periodicum Biologorum</i> journals</li></ul>
February 20, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Registration and Abstract Submission open</li><li>• Hotel Reservations open (for registered attendees)</li></ul>
May 31, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early-bird Registration Deadline</li></ul>
July 10, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hotel Reservations Deadline (for registered attendees)</li></ul>
July 15, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abstract Submission Deadline and Payment Deadline for participants with the contributors</li></ul>
August 31, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Program Available</li><li>• Standard Registration Deadline</li></ul>
September 20-25, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• XVII European Carabidologists Meeting in Croatia</li></ul>
September 26-27, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Post-meeting excursion</li></ul>
November 30, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deadline for Paper submission to <i>Bulletin of Entomological Research</i> or <i>Periodicum Biologorum</i></li></ul>

## MID-MEETING EXCURSION

Mid-meeting excursion (September 23, 2015 on Wednesday) will be held in Krka National Park (<http://www.npkrka.hr/en/>), with the beautiful Krka River, flowing from the Dinaric Alps toward the Adriatic Sea, creating unique waterfalls in karst. Here you will visit Skradinski Buk waterfalls, with specific tuffa barriers, Visovac Island with the Franciscan monastery of Our Lady of Mercy dated from 1445, and Burnum archaeological collection. Mid-meeting excursion is included in the conference fee, providing National Park entrance fee, bus and boat transportations, lunch box as well as a traditional dinner in Etnoland Dalmati within the Park.

## POST-MEETING EXCURSION

A post-meeting tour will be arranged for participants willing to visit Plitvice lakes, one of the most impressive natural sites worldwide (UNESCO heritage site), and Brač Island, including the visit of ancient Split town, during September 26-27, 2015, following the Meeting.

Both days we will leave the hotel Zora in the morning (8 am) and come back to Primošten in the evening (around 8 pm), so you can stay in the same hotel over the weekend.

**PRICE:** 850 HRK / 110 EURO \*

**PRICE INCLUDE:** transportation (bus), ferry tickets, entrance to the National Park Plitvice, one lunch package and lunch on the farm.

\*Post-Meeting Tour should be indicated in online registration form and the payment will be processed at the registration desk.

### *Day 1 – Saturday, 26th September, 2015*

Primošten-Plitvice National Park-Primošten

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Plitvice lakes – *UNESCO World Heritage Centre*: Guided tour and sightseeing of Plitvice lakes including lunch break. <http://www.np-plitvicka-jezera.hr/en/>

### *Day 2 – Sunday, 27th September, 2015*

Primošten – Split – Brač Island – Primošten

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Split Town 1700 years old and *UNESCO World Heritage Centre*.
- Škrip – the 5000 years old small village.
- Vidova gora – the unique panoramic view from the highest peak of all the Adriatic islands.
- A phenomenon of nature „Zlatni rat -Golden Horn“ – the famous beach.
- Lunch on the family farm.
- On our way back visit of Trogir Town can be arranged – *UNESCO World Heritage Centre* as well.

## Useful information

### Visa Information

Croatia is an EU-country and entry visas are not required for EU-citizens and the most of European countries. Visa is also not required for Australia, Brazil, Canada, USA, etc. All citizens of the countries for which entry visas are requested according to Visa Regulations of the Republic of Croatia must, as a rule, obtain the visas abroad prior to the entry into the Republic of Croatia. The Conference Organizers will provide Invitation Letter to facilitate Visa issuing on request.

### Letter of invitation

Should you need an official “Letter of invitation” for any other reason, please let us know at your earliest convenience. When asking for the “Letter of invitation” please indicate the purpose.

### Certificate of attendance

“Certificates of attendance” will be provided at the registration.

### Confirmation of payment

A confirmation of payment will be e-mailed upon paying the fees. If requested it will be handed to each participant in hard copy at the reception desk.

### Conference badges

All registered participants will receive a name-badge upon registration. Please wear the badge during both scientific and social events.

### Local currency

Croatian local currency is Croatian Kuna (HRK). The current exchange rate between the Kuna and various world currencies can be found at the Croatian National Bank website. You can convert your currency to Kuna at every bank exposition, post offices, at the hotel or local exchange offices. Nevertheless, for some currency there might be difficulties in accepting it at exchange offices. However, major cards are accepted for payment, and can be used to redraw money in local currency at the ATM machines. Please do mind possible differences in the exchange rate that may occur between different money exchange service providers.

### Insurance and Liability

Participants are recommended to seek insurance coverage for health and accident, lost luggage and trip cancellation. The Organisers are not liable for any losses, injuries or other damages.

**Please email Lucija Šerić Jelaska ([slucija@biol.pmf.hr](mailto:slucija@biol.pmf.hr)) or Sven Jelaska ([sven@biol.pmf.hr](mailto:sven@biol.pmf.hr)) for any additional questions.**

Date: June 25, 2015