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Call for Abstracts*

CEFORM

2nd

*Central European Forum
for Microbiology*

Organised by the Hungarian Society for Microbiology,
the Croatian Microbiological Society, and the Foundation
of the Hungarian Society for Microbiology

Hosted by the Hungarian Society for Microbiology

October 7–9, 2009

Hotel Helikon, Keszthely,
Lake Balaton, Hungary

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Presidium of the Hungarian Society for Microbiology and the Croatian Microbiological Society we would like to invite you to attend the 2nd Central European Forum for Microbiology (October 7-9, 2009) organized by the Hungarian Society for Microbiology with the help of the Croatian Microbiological Society and the Foundation of the Hungarian Society for Microbiology at Hotel Helikon, Keszthely on the coast of Lake Balaton (Hungary). This year is Charles Darwin's birth's and Joseph Haydn's death's bi-centenary, which makes us an opportunity to weave the scientific content of the conference around evolution, and enjoy the music of the baroque master at the social events of the congress.

The 1st Central European Forum for Microbiology (CEFORM) held at the same place in 2005 attracted participants from Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia and Slovenia. We hope that the 2nd CEFORM will appeal to even more colleagues than the previous one and will be a superb meeting in the beautiful west gate of Lake Balaton.

The official language of the Congress is English. The program will cover all major branches of microbiology and will include invited plenary lectures, introductory lectures (15 + 5 min), lectures (10 + 5 min), short lectures (7 + 3 min) and poster sessions.

We are looking forward to see you at the Congress and we hope that you will find it a stimulating scientific event and a happy personal experience.

János Minárovits

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Hungarian Society for Microbiology

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Preliminary Program

Agricultural Microbiology

Soil-plant-animal-microbe interactions in crop production
Forest microbiology
Bio-indication and bio-sensorics, soil quality parameters
Biotization, soil- and rhizotechnology
Monitoring and simulation models

Bacteriology

Molecular biology and physiology of bacteria
Human and veterinary pathogens and pathogenesis
Traditional and molecular diagnostic methods, epidemiology, vaccination
Genetic background and mechanisms of antimicrobial resistance
Bacteriophages

Environmental Microbiology

Systematics, phylogeny and evolution of microorganisms
Metabolic, structural and genetic diversity of microbial communities
Microbes and surfaces, interactions with microbes, plants, animals
Microbial life in extreme and unexplored habitats
Biodegradation, bioremediation, waste and wastewater treatment
Microbial contribution to biogeochemical processes, microbially-influenced global changes

Food Microbiology

- Improvement of microbiological safety of foods
- Food safety and agricultural base material production
- Mushroom cultivation
- Pro- and synbiotics
- Microbiological risk assessment / predictive microbiology
- Rapid and molecular methods in food quality assessment

Immunology and Parasitology

- Infection and immunity
- Immunogenetics, immundiagnosics
- Control of infectious diseases: vaccination
- Host-pathogen interactions
- New and emerging parasitic diseases
- Helminthology, and protozoal diseases, taxonomic questions of parasites

Industrial Microbiology

- Microbial fermentation processes, bioconversions and biotransformations
- Microbial processes for food, beverages, aroma and feed
- Directed evolution of enzymes for applied biocatalysis
- Physiological and molecular basis of metabolite overproduction
- Bioreactor design, modelling, non-microbial fermentation processes

Mycology

- Evolution and systematics of fungi
- Physiology, genetics and molecular biology of fungi
- Fungi as pathogens, epidemiology
- Diagnostic methods in mycology, epidemiology
- The organisation of the fungal genome, taxonomy of yeasts and fungi
- Applied mycology

Virology

- All aspects of human, animal and plant viruses
- Evolution of viruses, molecular virology, tumour inducing viruses
- Pathogenesis of virus diseases, virus-host interaction
- Diagnostics and epidemiology of viral diseases
- Vaccination and therapy, bioterrorism

Special Symposium

- International Symposium on Transforming Viruses and Neoplasia (ISTVAN 2009; *in memoriam Dr. István Földes*)

Call for Papers and Abstract Submission

Language

The official language of the Congress is English.

Call for Papers

Papers related to any topic covered by the sessions of the congress will be considered. Please use the homepage of the Hungarian Society for Microbiology (www.mmt.org.hu) for registration and abstract submission. Authors should express their preference for oral (introductory lecture, lecture, short lecture) or poster presentation. There are limited numbers of oral presentations, therefore the abstracts submitted as an introductory lecture may be converted to a shorter presentation and intended oral presentations may be converted to posters. All authors concerned will be notified. (If you are unwilling to make poster presentation please indicate it in the space provided!) Speakers at introductory lectures will have 20 minutes, at lectures 15 minutes, whereas at short lectures 10 minutes which includes questions and discussion. The time limit will be strictly kept, whenever reasonable. Standard audio-visual equipment provided will include PC + video projector, 5 x 5 cm slide projector, and overhead projector. Please indicate your special needs (e.g. two video-projectors) in the space provided on the registration form by clicking on the appropriate box.

Posters will be displayed for three full days. Adhesive, etc. for poster affixation will be provided. Poster sessions will be scheduled in the morning and late in the afternoon. During the Poster Session authors of posters are requested to be present at their posters at the time specified in the program. This will give all congress delegates the opportunity for questions and discussion. Poster displays should be self-explanatory even in the absence of authors. Posters should not exceed a size of 85 cm (width) x 120 cm (height) (standing A0 format).

Student poster presentations will be eligible for prizes. To compete in the awards a letter confirming student status must accompany the abstract submitted to the Congress Secretariat (e-mail: fotitkar@mmt.org.hu)!

The Abstract Book of the 15th International Congress of the Hungarian Society for Microbiology will be published as a supplement issue of *Acta Microbiologica et Immunologica Hungarica*. The abstract (including author/s/ + affiliation/s/ + address/es/ + text body) should not exceed 3500 characters. Please follow the instructions on the homepage (www.mmt.org.hu)!

Preliminary Schedule

October 6 (Tuesday)

afternoon from 6 p.m.	Arrival and registration
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October 7 (Wednesday)

morning from 7:30 a.m.	Arrival and registration
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from 10.30 a.m.	Opening ceremony, Manninger Memorial Session
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afternoon	Plenary Session
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evening	Congress Banquet
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October 8 (Thursday)

morning and early afternoon	Scientific sessions and poster presentations
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late afternoon and evening	Evening programme (optional)
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October 9 (Friday)

morning and early afternoon	Scientific sessions and poster presentations
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afternoon	Closing ceremony
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Participation and Fees

Congress Participants

Early registration fee	before July 30, 2009	150 EUR
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Registration fee	after July 30, 2009	200 EUR
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On site registration		250 EUR
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The registration fee includes participation at the scientific program, commercial exhibition and congress banquet at Castle Festetics, Keszthely (7 October), a congress bag, a supplementary issue of *Acta Microbiologica et Immunologica Hungarica* and coffee/refreshment tickets.

<i>Accompanying Persons</i>	Registration fee	100 EUR
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Accompanying persons are most welcome at the opening ceremony, congress banquet (7 October) and commercial exhibition. Their fee covers sightseeing at Keszthely or optional visit to Spa Hévíz (8 October).

Congress Venue and Accommodation

CEFORM will be held in Hotel Helikon (Balatonpart 5, 8360 Keszthely; www.danubiushotels.com/helikon). Rooms will be filled in order of registrations/payments.

Superior room with half board	single room	70 EUR/person/night
	double room	103 EUR/person/night
Standard room with half board	single room	58 EUR/person/night
	double room	93 EUR/room / night

The prices include breakfast, lunch, and the use of the hotel swimming pool, parking, and taxes.

Meals and Banquet

All meals will be arranged in the Restaurant of the Hotel Helikon on a buffet basis: 5-6 different main dishes (including vegetarian, etc.), soups and a broad selection of entrées, desserts are always at ones favour.

Meals (lunch/dinner) can be ordered separately at a price of 16 EUR.

Please indicate your choice at the website (www.mmt.org.hu)!

The congress banquet will be held in the Festetics Castle, Keszthely.

Evening program (optional)

The presentations will be followed by a short walk to Balaton Congress Center where the participants can enjoy the performance of the Budapest Dance Theater: "Flabergast - Chocolate"

Participation fee is 45 EUR.

Post Congress tour (optional)

The 10 hour bus tour includes the visit of Archabbey of Pannonhalma the sacred place for the Hungarians for more than a thousand years. Continues with lunch, and guided sightseeing to Győr, one of the richest towns in Hungary concerning listed monuments. (October 10)

Participation fee is 96 EUR.

Deadlines and Payment Information

Abstract submission deadline	July 30, 2009
Registration before	July 30, 2009
Payment of early registration fee before	July 30, 2009
Cancellation (with 20 % processing fee) before	August 30, 2009
No refund at cancellation after	August 30, 2009.

Please register at the homepage of the Hungarian Society for Microbiology (www.mmt.org.hu). Please follow the instructions on the homepage at submission of your registration/accommodation preferences.

Payments (registration fee, accommodation fee, optional meals, excursions, etc.) should be sent to Chemol Travel Ltd. Incoming & Congress Department (Deák Ferenc utca 10., Budapest, H-1052 Hungary; phone: +36-1-266-7032; fax: +36-1-266-7033; e-mail: incoming@chemoltravel.hu) by means of:

bank transfer to Hungarian Foreign Trade Bank (Váci utca 38., Budapest, H-1056 Hungary) account No. 10300002-50320164-26304880 (IBAN code: HU 30-10300002-50320164-26304880; SWIFT code: MKKB-HU-HB) with reference: 2nd CEFORM 2009.

Please do not forget to indicate the participants name on the remittance.

Credit card mail order

Please kindly note that all bank charges (if any) should be covered by the payee.

Cancellation

Registration cancellations must be made in written form to the Congress Secretariat.

Confirmation of Registration

Participants will receive an acknowledgement of their registration and abstract submission. **Please read carefully the acknowledging e-mail, and do not forget to confirm your registration and abstract submission! Registrations or abstract submissions not confirmed will not be processed!**

Reservations will be finalized and reconfirmed only after having received payment by Chemol Travel Ltd. A receipt will be placed in the Congress bag.

Letter of Invitation

If you require a letter of invitation please notify the Congress Secretariat. Invitation is only to assist participants to obtain travel grants, visa, etc. and does not imply any commitment of the Congress Administration to provide financial support.

Exhibitions/Sponsors

A commercial exhibition related to microbial diagnostics, research and biotechnology for laboratory suppliers, publishers, and consultants will be organized during the meeting. A sponsorship program ensures contributing organizations receive maximum exposure during the meeting. For further information please register at the homepage of the Hungarian Society for Microbiology (www.mmt.org.hu).