Forthcoming events

2007

January 21–24 Eilat, Israel	5th European Conference on Computational Biology (ECCB '06) www.eccb06.org
March 31 – April 3 Munich, Germany	17th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases www.eccmid-icc.org
March 31 – April 4 Glasgow, Scotland	Annual Meeting of the Society for Experimental Biology www.sebiology.org
July 10–14 Milwaukee, WI USA	20th North American Symbiotic Nitrogen Fixation Conference www.marquette.edu/NASNFC
August 19–24 Daegu, Korea	International Congress of Insect Biotechnology and Industry (ICIBI 2007) www.icibi2007.com

SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM ON SYMBIOSIS

Sponsored in part by the ISS at the Society for Experimental Biology Annual Meeting, Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow, Scotland, March 31 – April 4, 2007

A special symbiosis symposium sponsored in part by the International Symbiosis Society will be held in Glasgow, Scotland as part of the Annual Meeting of the Society for Experimental Biology (SEB). The session is being organised by ISS members Bruce Osborne, Angela Douglas, Tom Wilkinson, as well as Derek Mitchell and Julie Scholes. This is the first symbiosis session at the SEB since the early seventies and is likely to draw considerable interest. ISS members can register at a significantly reduced rate that normally only applies to SEB members.

Around twenty invited speakers have already agreed to participate; they include Phil Poole (Reading, UK), Roger Finlay (Upsala, Sweden), Chris Howe (Cambridge, UK), Martin Bidartondo (Imperial College, UK), Birgitta Bergman (Stockholm, Sweden), Monika Bright (Vienna, Austria), Tom Miller (UC Riverside), Rusty Rodriguez (University of Washington, US), Jouko Rikkinen (University of Helsinki, Finland), Bruce Osborne (Dublin) and Angela Douglas (University of York, UK). The talks will be grouped within 5 major themes:

- o Metabolic interactions and exchanges,
- o Evolution and phylogeny,
- o Partnership regulation and "cheating,"
- o Functional diversity and,
- o Genome interactions

Coverage will also include symbioses from across the phyla, and selected papers will be published in a special issue of the *Journal of Experimental Botany*. The symposium will also feature contributed oral and poster presentations.

For symposium information, on-line registration (reduced for ISS members) and paper/poster submissions, access http://www.sebiology.org (click on SEB meetings). Accommodation at a reduced cost can also be booked through this site.

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