



NW European IUSSI Newsletter: January 2021

NWE IUSSI Winter Meeting was a big success!



Due to the pandemic, it was unfortunately not possible to meet up in person during the yearly winter meeting. However, due to a lovely and talented organizing committee, we were still able to have three days of great talks, posters and even social events! A combination of Zoom and Slack made sure that everyone could follow the presentations, but also allowed for private meetings and hangouts. It was great to see both many familiar and many new faces, showing that we continue to carry out vibrant social insect research across the section.

A huge thanks to the organizing committee that put the meeting together and made it run exceptionally smoothly. A special thanks to Emeline Favreau, who did a tremendous job on this, but has decided to step down from the Social Media Committee to focus on her research.

Being on the Social Media Committee is an excellent networking opportunity, so we encourage PhD students and postdocs to consider joining the committee to get engaged. Please contact Liz Bates (elizabeth.bates@cornwall.ac.uk) for more information.

Finally, thanks to keynote and contributed speakers and poster presenters, and to everyone for attending!

WINTER MEETING 2020 IUSI NORTH-WEST EUROPEAN SECTION
International Union for the Study of Social Insects

The online Winter Meeting of the NW IUSI will happen on **December 16th to 18th 2020**. It will bring our social insect community together, with contributed talks, posters, and social events.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Pusul Abdulah Ahmed
Chemical ecology of bees
- Ingo Arlt
Ant bioacoustics
- Sylvia Cremer
Ant social networks
- Andreas Schramm
Microevolution of host species
- Seinan Sumner
Wasp social genetics
- Lilakette Sundström
Social evolution in bees

REGISTRATION
Registration fee: £15 (£7.50 for students). This fee includes society membership for 2021.
Abstracts for a ten-minute talk or a flash poster presentation should be a maximum of 300 words.
Register here: www.iusi.org/NW/Europe/Winter2020.htm

Important dates
Registration and abstract submission deadline: November 15th

HUGE THANKS to....

- Valentin Lucheval
- Liz Bates
- Benjamin Schantz-Castion
- Henriette Sevotte
- Bitao Qiu
- Federico López-García
- Anishita Brahma
- Emeline Favreau
- Gabriel Hernandez-Garcia
- Josie Moraghan
- David Nash

Looking for *Tales from the lab!*



The pandemic has not been kind to many research projects, so it has been hard to find enough tales to fill the newsletter slots the past year. That said, it is a great avenue for sharing past stories and ongoing work, so if you would like to tell us about what is been happening in your lab lately, please contact Nick Bos (nbos at bio.ku.dk) and we will add it to a future newsletter!

The NWE IUSSI Twitter account



The NW IUSSI Twitter¹ account already has more than 400 followers, which is a great step in order to increase the number of people we reach with news and achievements of our society. The aim is to use this platform to communicate events, recent publications and news from the society to a wider audience.

As this is still the beginning:

1) If you are a Twitter user, please follow us so that we can follow you back. This will allow us to re-post your research/outreach activities as the society. You can also tag us in your posts if you want us to see it. Use our twitter handle @IUSSI_NWES

¹https://twitter.com/iussi_nwes

2) Whether you use Twitter or not, feel free to send us material (such as an event or a recent publication on social insects) you would like to see posted on Twitter. To do this please email the social media team iussi.nwes.socialmedia@gmail.com².

How to become a NWE IUSSI member



Having a subscription to IUSSI is a great way to support the world of social insect research. Membership is cheap (£7.50 for students, £15 for full members). One additional perk of being a member is that it provides large discounts when registering for IUSSI conferences. Registrations can be done here: <http://www.iussi.org/NWEurope/subs.htm> .

²<mailto:iussi.nwes.socialmedia@gmail.com>

Current job opportunities



Two positions (one PhD³, one Postdoctoral research assistant⁴) have opened in Prof. Martin Hasselmann's lab at the University of Hohenheim (Germany). For more information about his laboratory and research, please follow this link⁵.

More vacancies on the section web site: <http://www.iussi.org/NWEurope/vacancies.htm>:

Do you have Ph.D. or Postdoc positions coming up? Email nbos [at] bio.ku.dk and we will add them to the newsletter. We also run the INSECTSmal mailing list, which distributes information about job and studentship opportunities, meetings, courses, and calls for information about social insects. See more on the section website: <http://www.iussi.org/NWEurope/INSECTSmal.htm> and send any information to be included (or subscription requests) to INSECTS [at] bio.ku.dk.

³https://popgenomik.uni-hohenheim.de/fileadmin/einrichtungen/popgenomik/PhD-Position_LocalAdaptationHoneybees2021-4.pdf

⁴https://popgenomik.uni-hohenheim.de/fileadmin/einrichtungen/popgenomik/Research_Assistent_Announcement_2020.pdf

⁵<https://popgenomik.uni-hohenheim.de/en>

Looking for pictures!



The pictures in this newsletter were contributed by both Nick Bos, as well as Quentin Willot from Stellenbosch University, who kindly allowed us to choose freely from his portfolio. Have a look at his great work here: <https://www.picuki.com/profile/qwilltn>

If you have pretty pictures to share, please send a link to nbos [at] bio.ku.dk and they might just be used for the next newsletter. Credits will be given of course!

Questions? Contact Us!

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please mail to [nbos \[at\] bio.ku.dk](mailto:nbos@bio.ku.dk).