



NW European IUSSI Newsletter:  
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## Important IUSSI membership details



In order for students to apply for funding to attend the international IUSSI meeting, students have to have been a member for at least one year prior to the application deadline. However, students beginning their studies in October 2019 and registering as a member in October will pay their 2020 fees, and still be counted as being a member since 2019.

Two perks:

- Members receive a discount when registering for the winter meeting in London (Dec 16th).
- Students that register this October, are then eligible to apply for travel-funding for the EURO IUSSI 2020 in Toulouse, France.

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>.

## Tales from the lab: Copenhagen Culture Night



The Department of Biology at the University of Copenhagen has just participated in a large event called Kulturnat ('culture night'). Each year, More than 250 museums, theatres, libraries and other places throughout the city welcome the public during Copenhagen's biggest annual one-day event. Every year we do our best to disseminate our research to the public, from small kids to pensioners.

This year, the public live foraging leaf-cutting ants, the magnificent corpulence of a termite queen, live bumble bees, and even learn about the enigmatic lives of tardigrades. Attendance was great with an estimated more than 1500 visitors to our stands. Here are some pictures of the event.



1 - *Morten Schjøtt and Ruyan Li demonstrating how a leaf-cutting ant colony works.*



2 - **Maria Kamilari** showing off live tardigrades and their amazing ability to withstand extreme environments.



3 - **Pol Lannes** telling about the life histories of ants from around the world.



4 - **Henning Bang Madsen's** stand showing Danish bees (and a live bumblebee colony) was particularly well visited, thanks to his small army of helpers and free posters and postcards.



5 - Our section secretary, **Michael Poulsen**, together with **Leandro Guimaraes** and **Rob Murphy**, explaining all about fungus-growing termites.

## Winter meeting 2019



This year's winter meeting will be organized by Seirian Sumner and Paul Eggleton. It will be a one day meeting taking place on the **16th of December** at the **Natural History Museum London**. More information will be available soon! Each winter meeting is a great opportunity to see and/or present talks, and afterwards grab a beer to meet your fellow scientists.

## Current job opportunities



**Current vacancies on the section web site:** <http://www.iuss.org/NWEurope/vacancies.htm>:

[PhD: Self-assembly in weaver ants, Macquarie, Australia](#)

[PhD & Research Associates: Social Insect Collective Behaviour, Macquarie & Monash, Australia](#)

[MSc: Weaver ants as natural pest control, Sabah, Malaysia](#)

[The London NERC Doctoral Training Partnership](#)

[PhD: Bee-Plant Interactions, Munich](#)

[Postdoc: Bee-Plant Interactions, Munich](#)

[Post-doctoral Researcher: Bee biology, Jiangxi Agricultural University](#)

[PhD Positions: Epigenome-to-Phenome of Bumble Bee Thermal Tolerance, Alabama](#)

[PhDs in ecology and evolution, University of Lausanne, Switzerland](#)

[PhD studentships, IST, Austria](#)

Do you have Ph.D. or Postdoc positions coming up? Mail [nbos \[at\] bio.ku.dk](mailto:nbos@bio.ku.dk) and we will add them to the next 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.iuss.org/NWEurope/INSECTSmal.htm> and send any information to be included (or subscription requests) to [INSECTS \[at\] bio.ku.dk](mailto:INSECTS@bio.ku.dk)

Looking for pictures...



We thought it would be fun to enrich the newsletter with lots of social insect pictures. If you have pretty pictures to share, please send a link to [nbos \[at\] bio.ku.dk](mailto:nbos@bio.ku.dk) and they might just be used for the next newsletter. Credits will be given of course!

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