



"Crossing borders: a world of nematode diversity and impact to discover"



ICN 2020 Date Change

The Seventh International Congress of Nematology meeting dates have been rescheduled due to the coronavirus situation. **The ICN 2020 will be held 8-13 November 2020 at the conference centre of Antibes Juan-Les-Pins (France).**

We regret the inevitable problems with travel plans. However, the high risk of flight and visa restrictions imposed by countries, companies and universities, and the possibility of post-congress quarantine for some returning delegates, would greatly restrict the opportunities for many colleagues worldwide to attend this major nematology congress. Springtime conferences throughout France are being rescheduled, and the opportunity to postpone rather than possibly cancel the congress must be taken now while alternative opportunities are still available. By November there will be more certainty about travel conditions and hopefully few if any restrictions on travel.

The scientific program is complete and will be maintained as nearly as possible in its current form, but with revised dates. The program will be available on **20 March on the ICN 2020 website** (<https://www.icn2020antibes.com/>). At that time letters of acceptance will be sent to all participants regarding their presentations. Registrants should not contact ICN 2020 at this time. Alpha Visa is adjusting the meeting arrangements and will contact all registrants regarding their registrations and hotel arrangements and tours. Registrants who made their own hotel reservations should change those as soon as possible.

At this time, registration for the Seventh International Congress of Nematology is seven hundred and seventy nematologists from 60 countries, including 100 student and early career scientist bursary recipients. The scientific program comprises 32 concurrent sessions with 288 oral presentations, 12 workshops, 12 keynote speakers, and two large poster sessions with more than 350 presentations. The mid-meeting excursions will provide outstanding opportunities to explore the splendid nature and the amazing culture of the French Riviera.

From time to time the rewards and excitement of nematology meetings come not just from the science, reunions, new friendships, and new surroundings. Memorable nematology meetings have been held during hurricanes, local epidemics and even political revolutions. So update your calendar, and be sure to be part of a remarkable week of science and fellowship.

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