

Welcome to the

# FIRST INTERNATIONAL RAGWEED CONFERENCE

September 10 - September 13, 2008, Budapest, Hungary

<http://www.nki.hu/ragweed/>

## Organizers

Plant Protection Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences  
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

organized jointly with the

## 2nd International Symposium INTRACTABLE WEEDS AND PLANT INVADERS

September 14 - September 18, 2008, Osijek, Croatia

<http://www.tera.hr/ewrs-osijek-2008/>

### Conference venue for the First International Ragweed Conference

Main building of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Roosevelt ter 9, Budapest



This building is situated in the heart of Budapest directly beside the river Danube, at the bridgehead of the Chain Bridge (the oldest Danube bridge of Budapest), on the Pest side. It can be reached by metro line No. 2 (red line). Please, get off at the “Kossuth ter” station (here is situated the House of Parliament). From here you can take a pleasant walk along the

Danube (*ca.* 5 min to the south, “downstream”) to the symposium venue. Alternatively, at the “Kossuth ter” station you can take the tram No. 2 to the symposium venue (1<sup>st</sup> stop: “Roosevelt ter”).

The symposium site is in walking distance (*ca.* 10 min) also from the metro station “Deak ter” (this downtown station is the crossing point of all the three metro lines of Budapest).

Website of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences: <http://www.mta.hu>

### **Preliminary programme:**

#### **Wednesday, September 10, 2008**

17:00–19:00 Arrival, registration

19:00–21:00 Get-together and welcome reception

#### **Thursday, September 11, 2008**

9:00–12:20 Morning scientific session

12:20–13:40 Lunch break

13:40–17:20 Afternoon scientific session

19:30–22:00 Conference dinner

#### **Friday, September 12, 2008**

9:00–12:00 Morning scientific session

12:00–13:40 Lunch break

13:40–16:00 Afternoon scientific session

16:00–17:00 Poster session

17:00–19:00 Round-table discussion on the ragweed problem

#### **Saturday, September 13, 2008**

10:00 - 18:00 (approximately):

Scientific excursion, including lunch, and transfer to Osijek, Croatia

→ A detailed program is available on the conference web site

### **Invited speakers**

*Christian Bohren, ACW, Nyon, Switzerland*

*Lorenzo Cecchi, University of Florence, Florence, Italy*

*Bruno Chauvel, INRA, Dijon, France*

*Anna Erdei, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary*

*Chantal Dechamp, AFEDA, Lyon, France*

*Rachel McFadyen, CRC, Brisbane, Australia*

*Sergey Ya. Reznik, Zoological Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia*

*Baruch Rubin, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rehovot, Israel*

*Hyeon-Dong Shin, Korea University, Seoul, Korea*

*Jacqui A. Shykoff, University of Paris/CNRS, France*

*Edita Stefanic, J.J. Strossmayer University, Osijek, Croatia*

*Michel Thibaudon, RNSA, Lyon, France*

*Alan K. Watson, McGill University, Montreal, Canada*

*Lewis H. Ziska, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD, USA*

*Toby Yaacoby, PPIS, Bet Dagan, Israel*

In addition to lectures and posters, round-table discussions, a student paper competition and a field trip will also be included in the program of the two conferences to make it as interactive and as efficient as possible. The main goals are to provide up-to-date information on the following topics:

- ecology, genetics, spread, pollen production and other aspects of the biology of ragweed
- control methods of this noxious weed in agricultural fields, ruderal areas, natural reserves, and other places
- allergy and asthma caused by its highly allergenic pollen.

### **Registration fees**

Regular registration (to be received via bank transfer by 31 August): € 350.00

On-Site Registration: € 400.00

Student Registration: € 250.00

Accompanying Person Registration: € 120.00

Registration fee includes the get-together party, three luncheons, book of abstracts including the list of participants, the conference dinner, and the excursion.

### **The conference fees are payable**

*- by check made payable to*

Plant Protection Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Address: Herman Otto ut 15, 1022 Budapest, Hungary

or

*- by bank transfer to*

Account holder: Plant Protection Institute, Herman Otto ut 15, H-1022 Budapest, Hungary

Name of the bank: Hungarian National Bank

Address of the bank: H-1054 Budapest, Szabadság tér 15, Hungary

International Bank Account Number (IBAN code): HU40 1003 2000 0173 0762 0000 0000

Swift code: MANEHUHB

The deadline for the receipt of the regular registration fee is 30th May. Please let us know in advance if you need an invoice for your payment.

The fee should reach the conference account in full. Please make sure that all banking fees are charged to you and not to the conference.

When transferring the fee to the conference bank account, please make sure that **your name is clearly indicated** in the message field, particularly if your institution is the payer, otherwise it will be impossible to connect the payment to you.

<b>Cancellation:</b>	Before 15 July	80% refund
	After 15 July	No refund

## **Transportation**

### **From the airport to your hotel**

At the airport we suggest you to take a shuttle bus (Minibus Service, fixed price, approx. 10 €) that will take you anywhere in Budapest. There is also a regular bus (line No. 200, timetable: [www.bkv.hu/busz/200vissza.html](http://www.bkv.hu/busz/200vissza.html)) to the terminal of the metro line No. 3 (blue line). Taxi drivers often tend to request exorbitant prices. If you take a taxi, ask for the fare in advance. When you will leave Budapest you can also order a Minibus to your hotel to take you to the airport.

More information on the web: <http://www.bud.hu/english/transport>

### **Arrival by train**

There are three major international railway stations in Budapest. All of them are in the city center and within easy reach of the hotels either by public transportation or by taxi.

### **Public transportation**

Budapest has a well-organized, extended public transport system. You can travel only with pre-purchased ticket or travel pass that you have to validate when starting your trip. Tickets can be purchased at metro stations, newspaper kiosks, tobacco shops etc. Uniform single tickets can be used for buses, trams and metro. You have to use new tickets when changing between metro lines.

## **Accommodation**

**Participants are kindly asked to reserve their hotel rooms individually** (except invited keynote speakers). Since there is a great demand for hotels in this highly touristic season, please book your accommodation as soon as possible.

### **Recommended hotels**

*(prices indicated below are approximate and are just for your information; please check the exact process directly with the hotels)*

*Hotel Mercure Budapest Buda\*\*\*\**

1013 Budapest, Krisztina körút 41-43.

Tel: +36 1 488-8100

Fax: +36 1 488-8178

E-mail: [h1688@accor.com](mailto:h1688@accor.com)

[http://www.accorhotels.com/accorhotels/fichehotel/gb/mer/1688/fiche\\_hotel.shtml](http://www.accorhotels.com/accorhotels/fichehotel/gb/mer/1688/fiche_hotel.shtml)

Single room: 98 EUR

Double room: 113 EUR

Please, refer to the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and to the conference when reserving your room, since the Academy has a special agreement with this hotel. The invited speakers will also be lodged here.

*Ibis Budapest Centrum Hotel\*\*\**

1092 Budapest, Ráday utca 6.

Tel.: +36 1 456-4100

Fax: +36 1 456-4116

[http://www.accorhotels.com/accorhotels/fichehotel/gb/ibi/2078/fiche\\_hotel.shtml](http://www.accorhotels.com/accorhotels/fichehotel/gb/ibi/2078/fiche_hotel.shtml)

E-mail: h2078@accor.com

Single or double room: 88 EUR

Breakfast: 8 EUR

Centrally located hotel in a street packed with music pubs, restaurants, cafes.

*Best Western Hotel Orion\*\*\**

1013 Budapest, Döbrentei utca 13.

Tel.: +36 1 356-8583, +36 1 356-8983

Fax: + 36 1 375-5418

E-mail: orionhot@axelero.hu

Single room: 95 EUR

Double room: 120 EUR

Nice hotel in a quiet, elegant area on the Buda side, close to the Castle district.

*Hotel Medosz\*\**

1061 Budapest, Jókai tér 9.

Tel.: +36 1 353-1700, 374-3001

Fax: +36 1 332-4316

E-mail: info@medoszhotel.hu

<http://www.medoszhotel.hu>

Single room: 55 EUR

Double room: 65 EUR

Apartment (4-5 persons): 93 EUR

Located in a lively downtown square with a lot of bars, cafes, restaurants and nightlife.

*Panda Hotel\*\**

1026 Pasaréti út 133.

Tel.: +36 1 275-0133

Fax: +36 1 394-1002

E-mail: panda@magnet.hu

<http://www.budapesthotelpanda.hu>

Single room: 50 EUR

Double room: 60 EUR

Apartment (3-4 persons): 70 EUR

Situated in the green residential area of Buda, close to the Plant Protection Institute. The conference venue can be reached in about 45 minutes.

*Hotel Griff Junior\**

1113 Budapest, Bartók Béla út 152.

Tel.: +36 1 203-2398

Fax: +36 1 203-1255

<http://www.gerandhotels.hu/griff.php>

Single room: 28 EUR

Double room: 38 EUR

Simple and economical accommodation, located out of the busy downtown. The conference venue is 45 minutes away from the hotel.

**More hotel information:** <http://www.ohb.hu>  
<http://www.budapesthotelreservation.hu>  
<http://www.budapesthotels.com>

## **Miscellaneous**

### **General information about Budapest (what to see, history, museums, maps)**

Please consult the following website: <http://www.iit.bme.hu/hungary/budapest/>

**Visas:** entry visas are not required for citizens of the EU countries and the USA. For more information about entry visa to Hungary, please contact the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Currency:** local currency in Hungary is Forint. For all services, in shops, restaurants, taxis etc. only local money is accepted. Credit cards are accepted in hotels, many shops and restaurants.

**Weather:** in September we usually enjoy sunny and warm end-of-summer weather with occasional rainy days.

**Electricity:** the voltage in Hungary is 220/240 V, 50 Hz. The electrical outlet sockets are the standard European two round pin system.

**If you have any request, please, do not hesitate to contact us: Dr. Levente Kiss, Phone 36-1-4877566, Fax 36-1-4877555, E-mail [lkiss@nki.hu](mailto:lkiss@nki.hu)**

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Budapest.

Best regards,  
Conference Organizers