2024 Joint Meeting of the XVII International Conference on Ephemeroptera and XXI International Symposium on Plecoptera

First announcement

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The 2024 Joint Meeting of the XVII International Conference on Ephemeroptera and XXI International Symposium on Plecoptera will take place in Turin, Italy, from 21 - 26 July 2024. The conference will be held at the Dipartimento di Scienze della Vita e Biologia dei Sistemi (Department of Life Sciences and Systems Biology) of the Università di Torino (University of Turin, Italy), placed in the city centre and quite close to the airport and main railway station. Turin-Caselle International Airport is one of the best in Italy for efficiency and destinations served, but, alternatively, you can use the nearby airports (Malpensa, Linate, Orio al Serio). Turin is also accessible by train and car/bus considering its excellent railways and motorways networks.
A preliminary schedule of activities would be:

- Sunday: registration and welcome to the participants
- Monday: registration, oral and poster sessions. Evening cocktail party
- Tuesday: oral and poster sessions
- Wednesday: group field trip
- Thursday: oral and poster sessions. Social and awards banquet
- Friday: oral and poster sessions
- Saturday: after conference trip (optional, additional cost apply)

Wednesday's field trip will take place in the Alps, in the Monviso Natural Park area where the ALPSTREAM (Alpine Stream Research Center, Ostana) is located.
On this day two different itineraries will be organised at choice, one more aimed at tourist, cultural and landscape aspects (historic city of Saluzzo and Castello della Manta) and one more outdoor, with a walk around the Po source. There will be no restrictions regarding collecting insects and other invertebrates in the nearby mountain streams, ponds, and wetlands.
We are also planning to organise a series of cultural and recreational events and evening activities for participants and a plan of activities, visits, and excursions for accompanying people. We would like to open a space also dedicated to non-specialists but enthusiasts of mayflies and stoneflies: for example, fly fishermen (Turin hosts the oldest fly-fishing club in Italy).

Regarding the meeting proceedings, the editorial of the journal *Aquatic Insects* has been contacted for the possible submission of papers in a special issue dedicated to the congress. Further details about the program, student hostels and other accommodations, accompanying guest activities, post-conference trip, registration costs, availability of conference scholarships, call for abstract/papers and instructions for authors, and forms for conference registration (including those for accompanying guest) will be given in the second announcement (scheduled for September or October 2023) and the third announcement (scheduled for January or February 2024).

Please, if you wish to receive the next announcements, fill the attendance interest form at the following link:

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We hope to see you soon in Turin!