



## International scientific conference "Non-marine snails and slugs: from extinction to invasion"

Riga, Latvia  
25–28 August 2020

### First announcement

You are cordially invited to the forthcoming conference that will take place from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 in Riga, Latvia.

The aim of the meeting is to bring together the latest advances in research on the non-marine snails and slugs, and to provide an opportunity for exchange information and ideas and stimulate joint research and collaboration.

#### Scope

##### **Taxonomy**

- Classic and molecular identification
- Cryptic species
- Phylogeny
- Genome sequencing

##### **Biodiversity**

- Distribution
- Conservation
- Biogeography
- Phylogeography

##### **Natural enemies and parasites**

- Nematodes and other parasites
- Biological control

##### **Snail farming**

##### **Biology and ecology**

- Bionomics, phenology
- Role in ecosystems
- Reproductive strategies
- Relations to other organisms

##### **Invasive species and pests**

- Emerging invasive species
- Problems with invasions and pests
- Quarantine species
- Restriction and management

##### **Citizen Science & gastropod research**

- Citizen involvement
- Quality of Citizen Science

##### **Fossil diversity**

#### Official language

English is the official language of the conference.



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### Organisers

**Institute of Horticulture**



In cooperation with

**Latvian Malacological Society**



### Organising committee

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### Scientific committee

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### Preliminary programme

#### Monday, **August 24**

Arrival and accommodation

#### Tuesday, **August 25**

Morning registration\*  
Opening  
Announcements  
Sessions of presentations

#### Wednesday, **August 26**

Sessions of presentations

#### Thursday, **August 27**

Sessions of presentations

#### Friday, **August 28**

Technical tour (field excursions)\*

[highly invasive slug species: *Krynockillus melanocephalus* in wild, habitat of protected *Vertigo* species included in European Union Directive, bogs and interesting landscapes of Latvia]

\* More detailed information on all events organised in frames of the conference will be available in the later announcements. All events will start in morning. For that reason please do not plan your arrival in September 8. If you will participate in *Technical tour*, please do not plan your flights back to home in this day.

### Venue

Venue place will be announced in the later announcements.





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### Participation fee (calculated in EUR)\*

	Early registration	Late registration
Ordinary fee	375	425
Fee for students**	325	375

\* Invoices for the payment to each participant will be sent via e-mail after receiving the registration form.

\*\* Document confirming the full-time student status required

### Accommodation

We are looking for friendly hotels for the conference participants. More information on accommodation possibilities will be in the Second announcement.

### Registration

Please, fill out the enclosed registration form and send it to:

*arturs.stalazs@llu.lv*



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### **Presentations**

The conference will include oral and poster presentations.

Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes for presentation, including time for discussion.

Posters must be in size no exceeding A0 (841 × 1189 mm), portrait alignment.

### **Invited speakers**

Invited speakers are planned. More information will be in next announcements.

### **Abstracts**

Presentations will be accepted only if Abstracts will be submitted until **8 July 2020**. Without characterising Abstracts presentations will not be accepted.

### **Manuscripts**

Submitted papers will be peer-reviewed by international experts and published, after journal editorial board acceptance, in a special issue(s) of the scientific journal(s). More information and instructions will be provided in the later announcements.



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### Travel

**By bus** for European participants — International Bus Station is situated in Riga centre, and is close to many hotels which can be reached by walking or by public transport, if hotels not close to city centre.

**By airplane** — Riga International Airport is situated 13 km from centre of Riga city. Website of the airport: <http://www.riga-airport.com/en/main/main>.

**Travel from Airport to centre of Riga city** — for travelling from airport to Riga regular public bus traffic (city bus line number 22), several private bus lines and taxi services are available. For use of city transport lines, the special tickets should be obtained at news-stalls situated in airport building. City transport tickets are available for particular number of drives, and, when you are inside transport, for each drive activation of ticket is necessary. There is also possibility to buy (by cash) the ticket at bus driver, but then ticket price is higher. More information on city transport lines is available at *Rīgas Satiksme* website <https://www.rigassatiksme.lv/en/>.



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### Important dates

Next Announcement	9 March 2020
Closing date for early-bird registration and of registration fee	8 May 2020
Closing date for submission of abstracts	8 July 2020
Closing date for late registration and of registration fee	8 July 2020
Final programme and other information	3 August 2020
Submission of manuscript	31 August 2020

**For details regarding workshop please contact:**

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Conference website:

<http://www.darzkopibasinstituts.lv/en/international-scientific-conference-non-marine-snails-and-slugs-from-extinction-to-invasion>