

**DAY 0**

**DAY 1**

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Sunday

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**26 July 2026**

**27 July 2026**

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8.00 – 9.00 a.m. / **REGISTRATION\*\*\***

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9.00 – 9.30 a.m.  
**OPENING**

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
9.00 – 9.45 a.m.  
KEYNOTE INVITED  
**Pavel Skaloud**  
Two worlds, one symbiosis: Ecological and evolutionary parallels in lichens and corals

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
9.30 – 10.15 a.m.  
KEYNOTE INVITED  
**Nina Gunde-Cimerman**  
Lichenoid partnerships at the limits of life: from extreme environments to engineered consortia

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
9.45 – 10.30 a.m.  
**SYSTEMATICS AND BIOLOGY M (I) – Symbiotic synergy: unravelling photobiont-mycobiont dynamics in lichen biology**  
*Pavel Skaloud, Jolanta Miadlikovska, William Sanders, Nicolas Magain*

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
9.00 – 9.45 a.m.  
KEYNOTE INVITED  
**Theo Llewellyn**  
The evolution of anthraquinones as adaptive traits in lichens

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
9.00 – 9.45 a.m.  
KEYNOTE INVITED  
**Daniel Stanton**  
Lichen ecophysiology in a changing world: insights from ecosystem ecology

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
9.00 – 9.45 a.m.  
KEYNOTE INVITED  
**Gulnara Tagirdzhanova**  
Proteins secreted by the mycobiont of Xanthoria parietina and their role in the lichen symbiosis

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
9.45 – 10.30 a.m.  
**ECOLGY O – Advancing lichen monitoring for sustainable cities and ecosystems**  
*Tim Claerhout, Silvana Munzi, Bernardo Rocha, Laurens Sparrius*

Lecture Hall 1A, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
9.45 – 10.30 a.m.  
**GENOMICS B – Unveiling genomic complexity in lichens: from differentiation to symbiotic interactions**  
*Edgar Wong, Fernando Fernandez-Mendoza, Steve Leavitt*

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
9.45 – 10.30 a.m.  
**SYSTEMATICS AND BIOLOGY L – Lichen diversity on specialized substrates**  
*Erik Moeller, Antoine Simon*

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
9.45 – 10.30 a.m.  
**SYSTEMATICS AND BIOLOGY N – Lichen-associated fungi: recent advances and challenges in their biology, interaction, diversity and systematics**  
*Valerii Darmostuk, Andreas Frisch, Ana M. Millanes, Ave Suija, Mats Wedin*

10.30 – 11.00 a.m. / **coffee break**

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Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
11.00 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.  
**GENOMICS A – From genes to molecules: genomics, biosynthesis, and biochemistry**  
*Garima Singh, Paul D'Agostino*

Lecture Hall 1A, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
**SYSTEMATICS G – Looking East: Paleotropical lichens – state of the art and future prospects**  
*Gothamie Weerakoon, Bibiana Moncada*

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
**SYSTEMATICS AND BIOLOGY M (I) – Symbiotic synergy: unravelling photobiont-mycobiont dynamics in lichen biology**  
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Lecture Hall 1A, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
**SYSTEMATICS K – Leveraging historical lichen specimens for modern collections-based research**  
*Manuela Dal Forno, Cecile Gueidan*

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
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Lecture Hall 1A, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
**BIOLOGY AND -OMICS E – Lichen organismal composition: from recognition to function**  
*Toby Spribille, Veera Tuovinen*

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
**SYSTEMATICS AND BIOLOGY L – Lichen diversity on specialized substrates**  
*Erik Moeller, Antoine Simon*

Lecture Hall 1A, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
**ECOLGY Q – LichenScapes: Lichen landscapes from miniature to global**  
*Robert Luecking, Klara Scharnagl*

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
11.00 – 12.30 a.m.  
**SYSTEMATICS AND BIOLOGY N – Lichen-associated fungi: recent advances and challenges in their biology, interaction, diversity and systematics**  
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Galleria Kanizsa, Main Building A – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
1.00 – 2.00 p.m. / **lunch break**

Galleria Kanizsa, Main Building A – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
12.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. / **lunch break**

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Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
2.00 – 3.30 p.m.  
**GENOMICS D – From barcode to “blueprint”: what is in a species of lichens?**  
*Pradeep Kumar Divakar, Felix Grewe, Martin Grube*

Lecture Hall 1A, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
2.00 – 3.30 p.m.  
**ECOPHYSIOLOGY U – From morphology to molecules: a functional and multiscale journey into the lichen symbiosis**  
*Fabio Candotto Carniel, Ilse Kranner*

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
2.00 – 3.30 p.m.  
**SYSTEMATICS AND BIOLOGY M (II) – Symbiotic synergy: unravelling photobiont-mycobiont dynamics in lichen biology**  
*Pavel Skaloud, Jolanta Miadlikovska, William Sanders, Nicolas Magain*

Lecture Hall 1A, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
2.00 – 3.30 p.m.  
**V – Lichens from different perspectives: bridging rediscovered ideas and emerging concepts**  
*Daniel Stanton, Paolo Giordani, Theo Llewellyn*

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
2.00 – 3.30 p.m.  
**ECOLGY R – Lichens in the Anthropocene**  
*Pilar Hurtado Aragüés, Christopher J. Ellis*

Lecture Hall 1A, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
2.00 – 3.30 p.m.  
**LICHEN AND MONUMENTS T – Lichens in cultural heritage: evaluating threats and conservation measures**  
*Asuncion de los Rios Murillo, Sergio E. Favero-Longo*

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**CLOSING CEREMONY**  
(and prices)

3.30 – 4.00 p.m. / **POSTER** (group 1)

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Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
4.30 – 5.30 p.m.  
**SYSTEMATICS H – Lecideoid lichens in the era of integrative taxonomy**  
*Ulrike Ruprecht, Christian Printzen*

Lecture Hall 1A, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
4.30 – 5.30 p.m.  
**GENOMICS (+ BIOLOGY AND -OMICS) C – Deciphering lichenevolution and function: experimental and meta-omics perspective**  
*Adam Flakus, Francesco Dal Grande*

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
4.30 – 5.30 p.m.  
**ECOLGY P – Dispersal of lichenised organisms – from mechanisms to consequences**  
*Niko Johansson, Silke Werth*

Lecture Hall 1A, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
4.30 – 5.45 p.m.  
**SYSTEMATICS J – Evolution and systematics of lichens in the Neotropics**  
*Marcela E. da Silva Caceres, Pamela Rodriguez-Flakus*

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
4.30 – 5.30 p.m.  
**SYSTEMATICS I – Advances in research on Cladoniaceae**  
*Raquel Pino-Bodas, Jana Steinova*

Lecture Hall 1A, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
4.30 – 5.30 p.m.  
**ECOLGY S – Lichen responses to environmental change in high mountain environments**  
*Rebecca Yahr, Holger Thuess*

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
4.30 – 6.30 p.m.  
**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
(Ed. H3 – Main Hall)

6.00 – 9.00 p.m.  
**WELCOME RECEPTION & REGISTRATION**

Lecture Hall 1A, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
5.30 – 7.30 p.m.  
**WORKSHOP 1**  
The evolving landscape of fungal biosynthetic gene clusters analysis: tools, trends, and perspectives  
*Garima Singh, Ester Gaya, Milton Drott*

Lecture Hall 1A, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
5.30 – 7.30 p.m.  
**POSTER** (group 1)

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5.30 – 6.30 p.m.  
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Lecture Hall 1A, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
5.30 – 7.30 p.m.  
**POSTER** (group 2)

Lecture Hall 1A, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
5.30 – 7.30 p.m.  
**WORKSHOP 4**  
Vetted occurrence data for red-list assessments – a novel approach to review raw specimen records for ranking of species rarity and distribution  
*Frank Bungartz*

Main Hall, Building H3 – Ground floor  
5.30 – 7.30 p.m.  
**ROUND TABLE**

Lecture Hall 1B, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
5.30 – 7.30 p.m.  
**WORKSHOP 2**  
From data to discovery: overcoming analytical hurdles in lichen omics  
*Philipp Resl, Julia Gerasimova*

Lecture Hall 1B, Building H3 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
5.30 – 7.30 p.m.  
**WORKSHOP 3**  
Verrucariaceae: recent advances in taxonomy, systematics and evolution  
*Cécile Gueidan, Holger Thüs*

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7.30 p.m. / **SOCIAL DINNER** (including IAL awards)