

ISE XI

11th International Symposium on Enchytraeidae
Haus Ohrbeck, Georgsmarienhütte
near Osnabrück
Germany
July 25-27, 2014.



Dear colleagues, dear all,

All the best for 2014! It's time to start preparing for the 11th International Symposium on Enchytraeidae (ISE XI), to be held this year at "Haus Ohrbeck" in Georgsmarienhütte near Osnabrück, Germany, July 25-27, 2014. With this circular we provide information and deadlines.

Enchytraeids?

Enchytraeids or 'potworms' are small relatives of earthworms distributed worldwide. Most of the species are soil-dwelling but some live in aquatic sediments. The symposium has a traditional focus on taxonomy and applied soil ecology, but actually it covers all aspects of the biology of enchytraeids, including developmental biology, physiology, phylogeny, and ecotoxicology. The symposium intends to be an occasion to share and to discuss new findings and views about these interesting worms while promoting a friendly interaction among experts, newcomers, or any other kind of participant. There is no better way to familiarize with this animal group!

Schedule and contents

The symposium starts with supper on Thursday July 24th at 18:15 and ends with lunch on Sunday July 27th. Sessions begin on Friday morning after registration and they include oral and poster presentations. However, other forms of sharing knowledge and ideas are welcome, for example roundtable discussions. If you have a suggestion, please let us know! A precise schedule will be fixed later. There will be lots of time to study the worms under the microscope, dead or alive, weird or unknown forms, or just the ordinary species, and to discuss taxonomic peculiarities. We are grateful to the Zoology Department of the University Osnabrück for providing stereolupes and microscopes. On Saturday afternoon we may have a guided tour downtown Osnabrück or some sightseeing in the country.

Location

Haus Ohrbeck is an acknowledged residential adult education center of the Land Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony), run by the Catholic Diocese of Osnabrück and the Franciscan Order. Here symposium sessions, room and board will comfortably be all under the same roof, and at a very reasonable price. Besides, Haus Ohrbeck is situated in a beautiful and relaxing rural landscape but also close to the city of Osnabrück with its famous historical center and good shopping opportunities.

Price

For a full stay Haus Ohrbeck charges altogether (i.e. meals included) between € 194,- and € 230,- depending on the room (single/double, with/without shower). Participants that do not stay overnight pay € 139,- for the meals. We will have four daily meals, breakfast, lunch, coffee+cakes ("Kaffee und Kuchen"), and supper. Vegetarian meals at request. An additional € 20,- will cover expenses of the symposium organization. Payment on arrival.

How to travel

The Airport Münster-Osnabrück is nearby and has a shuttle service to Osnabrück city. From there a regular bus service connects with Haus Ohrbeck. Coming by car you leave highway A30 at junction 17 in direction Sutthausen / Holzhausen / Hagen following the traffic signs to "Haus Ohrbeck". Postal address of Haus Ohrbeck: Am Boberg 10, 49124 Georgsmarienhütte.

Registration

If you intend to participate, please send us an informal Email with the following information:

- 1) Name
- 2) Affiliation
- 3) Oral/poster presentation(s) Yes or No
- 4) Provisional title(s) of presentation(s)
- 5) Specifications (e.g. if you don't wish to stay full time, if you want to participate without having a room, if you prefer vegetarian meals)

Please register as soon as possible, but no later than **March 1st**. We would like to have the abstracts with the definite title by **May 15th**. Information updates will be published on <http://ect.de/>.

Best wishes,

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P.S. We would appreciate if you could forward this announcement to other interested people. By the way, the three most recent volumes of the Newsletter on Enchytraeidae are accessible here:

http://www.senckenberg.de/root/index.php?page_id=16645

http://www.ti.bund.de/no_cache/de/startseite/thuenen-publikationen/thuenen-report/thuenen-report-detailseite/Bestellartikel/newsletter-on-enchytraeidae-no-12-proceedings-of-the-9th-international-symposium-on-enchytraeidae.html

http://www.senckenberg.de/root/index.php?page_id=11043

Last but not least:

To which species may the worm up right belong? Its length is about 2 mm. Considering a recent publication, the answer is not as easy as it may seem.