

Welcome to the

IRS 2022 INTERNATIONAL RAGWEED SOCIETY CONFERENCE

RAGWEED: A SUCCESSFUL STORY –
Tackling Ragweed: a multidisciplinary and international approach

September 8-10, 2022, Budapest, Hungary

Organizer:

International Ragweed Society

Local organizing committee:

University of Szeged
Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
National Public Health Center
Eötvös Loránd University
Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Ecological Research Center
Hungarian Weed Research Society
Dr. Miklós Ujvárosi Foundation for the Weed-Free Environment

Head of the local organizing committee

University of Szeged

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International Association for Aerobiology (IAA)

and

European Aerobiology Society (EAS)



Main topics:

The main goals are to provide up-to-date information on the following topics:

- Phenology
- Distribution of ragweed species
- Ragweed and climate change
- Ragweed and air pollution
- Aerobiology: expansion, pollen spread, pollen transport, monitoring (classical and real time), forecasting
- Health aspects (allergens: impact, diagnosis, therapy, etc.)
- Agricultural impacts
- Economic costs
- Management and control methods (chemical, physical, biological, cultural, integrated, etc.)
- Communication about ragweed
- Legislation and regulations (local, regional, national, international), invasive alien species
- Authorities and institutions: local, regional, national, European, international

Oral presentations and posters will be accepted.

Conference venue: <http://internationalragweedsociety.org/irs2022budapest/>

The conference will be held at the National Public Health Center in Budapest, Hungary.

Address: Albert Flórián út 2-6, H-1097 Budapest, Hungary.



Location of the conference

How do I get from the airport to the conference venue?

We recommend using public transportation when traveling to the congress venue. When you travel directly from the airport, take bus 200E at the airport (the bus stop is located between Terminal 2A and Terminal 2B) and travel until you reach the final station (Kőbánya-Kispest). Then take metro line 3 (M3) until Nagyvárad tér, where National Public Health Center is located. Total time between airport and congress venue is cca. 50 min. If you come from the city center, then reach Nagyvárad tér (metro M3), then there is only a 2-3 min walk from the underground station to the workshop venue. Due to the reconstruction works carried out recently on metro line 3, you might have to take replacement bus (M3).

You can enter the National Public Health Center through the gray building located in Nagyváradi tér 2. ('T' building). Please indicate at the reception that you arrived to the IRS congress meeting and they will let you in. The workshop is located in the 'T' building on the ground floor. Signs will help you to find the conference hall.

Budapest

The capital of Hungary, known by many as the "Pearl of the Danube", is undoubtedly one of the most beautifully located cities in the world. The River Danube runs through the middle of the metropolis of two million, dividing hilly Buda with its narrow-cobbled streets and mixture of mediaeval and neo-classical buildings from the flat area of Pest with its wide boulevards. The picturesque panorama offered by the river and its bridges, the Parliament building, the imposing Royal Castle, the Fishermen's Bastion and the impressive Danube Embankment led UNESCO to place this site on the World Heritage list.

Visitors will find side by side the remains of fortresses and buildings from Roman times, still-functioning Turkish baths, Gothic and Baroque buildings, and the incredibly rich Art Nouveau architectural heritage. There is no other capital city in the world which can boast close to 100 thermal springs and 12 medicinal baths, where 19 million gallons of thermal water rise to the surface each day.

It is a city where the pleasing harmony of different architectural styles and superb structures, the cafés, gastronomy and culture are combined with the legendary Hungarian hospitality, blending into an unforgettable experience for visitors.

Budapest is the venue for numerous congresses, international meetings, sports competitions and cultural events, with its developed infrastructure, elegant shops and modern hotels. Budapest's cultural life is widely renowned, with more than 20 theatres and also ample to explore!



Getting to Budapest

It is very easy to get to Budapest by plane, there are several airlines offering direct flight from several countries. Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport is the international airport serving the Hungarian capital city. The airport is located about 16 km southeast of the center of Budapest.



Route: Liszt Ferenc Airport - bus 200E - metro M3 - Nagyvárud tér (conference venue)

How do I get from the airport to the city center?

a) From the airport through the conference venue to the city center

You can reach the city center by public transport (bus 200E and 100E). Bus 200E operates day and night between Terminal 2 and Kőbánya-Kispest M3 station, where you should transfer to M3 to reach Nagyvárud tér metro station. (This is the nearest metro station to the conference venue.) You can purchase your two tickets at the machine located at the bus stop. One single ticket costs 350 HUF (1 EUR). Take metro M3 station from Nagyvárud tér to the city centre.

b) From the airport directly to the city center

Direct shuttle service 100E operates between the airport and Deák Ferenc tér. Passengers require a special ticket for bus 100E: the airport shuttlebus single tickets costs 900 HUF (3 EUR). You can find further information on the use of public transportation from the airport [here](#).

c) By taxi to the city center

You can reach the city center by taxi. Reservations can be made in person at the Fótaxi booths located at the exits at Terminals 2A and 2B. At the taxi rank in front of the stands, taxis are parking continuously waiting for passengers.

d) By taxi to the conference venue

The taxi drive from the airport to the workshop venue cost about 6000 HUF (18 EUR). In Hungary, the taxi decree regulates the price of taxis at a fixed tariff of 300 HUF/km (0.95 EUR/km), in addition to a one-off basic fee of 700 HUF (2.2 EUR) and a waiting fee.

Note that Taxi drivers often tend to request exorbitant prices. If you take a taxi, ask for the fare in advance.

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 in Budapest:

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. Daily ticket / one-way ticket 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.

You can use [BKK Futár](#) to plan your trip in Budapest.

Please contact the conference secretariat for further information:

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Preliminary programme:

Thursday, September 8, 2022

Lunch at the conference venue

14:00: Opening ceremony

14:15–14:45 Keynote lecture 1

14:45–16:00 Scientific session 1 (5 talks)

Coffee break

16:30–17:30 Scientific session 2 (4 talks)

17:30–18:30 Poster session with drinks

Evening: Conference dinner

Friday, September 9, 2022

8:30–9:00 Keynote lecture 2

9:00–10:30 Scientific session 3 (6 talks)

Coffee break

11:00–12:45 Scientific session 4 (7 talks)

Lunch at the conference venue

14:00–14:30 Keynote lecture 3

14:30–16:00 Scientific session 5 (6 talks)

Coffee break

16:30–17:30 Stakeholder meeting (in Hungarian)

The *Ambrosia* situation in Pannonian Biogeographical Region today and in the future

17:30: Farewell with drinks

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Post-conference tour

A visit to the BOTANICAL GARDEN, Budapest

→ The detailed program is also available on the conference web site:
<http://internationalragweedsociety.org/irs2022budapest/>

Invited speakers

Lewis H. Ziska, Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health, New York, NY, USA

Heinz Mueller-Schaerer, University of Fribourg, Fribourg, Switzerland

James M. Bullock, NERC Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Wallingford, OX10 8BB UK

Agenda:

- October 2021: first call for abstract
- January 2022: second call for abstract
- March 2022: last call for abstract
- 1st of April 2022: deadline for abstract
- **April and May 2022: examination of the abstracts by the scientific committee**
- End of May: proposal of program
- April 2022: registration call
- June 2022: registration call
- July 2022: registration call
- **August 2022: late registration**

Registration fees:

Regular registration (to be received by 31 May 2022): € 300.00

International Ragweed Society (IRS) members: € 150.00

On-Site Registration: € 350.00

Student Registration: € 200.00

Accompanying Person Registration: € 120.00

Registration fee includes two luncheons, the conference dinner, three coffee breaks, drinks at the poster session, the farewell with drinks, the book of abstracts including the list of participants, and the visit to the Botanical Garden, Budapest.

The conference fees are payable

By bank transfer to

Account holder: Foundation for Agricultural Modernization and Rural Development

Address of the account holder: H-6800 Hódmezővásárhely, Andrássy út 15, Hungary

Name of the bank: K&H Bank Zrt.

Address of the bank: H-1095 Budapest, Lechner Ödön fasor 9, Hungary

IBAN: HU09 1040 0559 4951 5655 5450 1018

SWIFT/BIC: OKHBHUHB

The deadline for the receipt of the regular registration fee is 31st 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.

When transferring the registration fee, please indicate the name, address and other necessary details of the conference participant, as we will issue an invoice for each payment.

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| Cancellation policy: | Before 15 July | 80% refund |
| | After 15 July | No refund |

Conference abstracts will be published in the journal **Ecocycles**.

Accommodation:

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

Recommended hotels:

*Hunguest Hotel Millennium****

1089 Budapest, Üllői út 94-98.

Tel: +36 1 477 8000

Email: hotelmillennium@hunguesthotels.hu

This hotel is the closest to the conference venue.

Di Verdi Imperial Hotel****

Taly Kálmán u. 43.·Tel: +36 1 609 8370

<https://www.verdigrandhotel.com/hotel/verdi-grand-hotel/>

*Mercure Budapest Castle Hill*****

1013 Budapest, Krisztina körút 41-43.

Tel: +36 1 488-8100

Fax: +36 1 488-8178

E-mail: h1688@accor.com

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/1688/index.en.shtml>

*Ibis Budapest Centrum Hotel****

1092 Budapest, Ráday utca 6.

Tel: +36 1 456-4100

Fax: +36 1 456-4116

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/2078/index.en.shtml>

E-mail: h2078@accor.com

Single room:

Double room:

Apartment (4-5 persons):

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

*Hotel Orion Várkert****

1013 Budapest, Döbrentei utca 13.

Tel: +36 1 356-8583

Fax: + 36 1 375-5418

E-mail: orionhot@t-online.hu

<https://www.hotelorion.hu/>

Single room:

Double room:

Apartment (4-5 persons):

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

*Medos Hotel Budapest****

1061 Budapest, Jókai tér 9.

Tel: +36 1 374-3001

Fax: +36 1 332-4316

E-mail: reservation@medoszhotel.hu

<https://medoszhotel.hu/>

Single room:

Double room:

Apartment (4-5 persons):

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

*Hotel Griff Junior**

1113 Budapest, Bartók Béla út 152.

Tel: +36 1 203-2398

Fax: +36 1 203-1255

<https://www.hotelnet.hu/hu/hotelgriffjunior/>

Single room:

Double room:

Apartment (4-5 persons):

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