

**XVII International Symposium on Zygaenidae
6–9 October 2020, Karlsruhe (Germany)**

First announcement

The XVII International Symposium on Zygaenidae will take place in

**Karlsruhe (Baden-Württemberg, Germany)
from 6–9 October 2020.**

It will be organised by the Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde Karlsruhe and the Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein Karlsruhe (Dr Robert Trusch). The scientific coordinator is Axel Hofmann. The meeting will take place in Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde Karlsruhe (SMNK), Erbprinzenstraße 13, 76133 Karlsruhe, Germany.

The meeting will start on Tuesday evening, 6 October 2020, with welcome addresses by Professor Dr Norbert Lenz (Director of the Museum) and Dr Robert Trusch (Chairman of the Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein Karlsruhe) followed by an introductory lecture by Axel Hofmann (“Zygaenology 1828–2020 – Review and Outlook”).

Main topics

1. Zygaenidae as bio-indicators
2. Biology, ecology and distribution of Zygaenidae
3. Molecular DNA results, taxonomy and systematics of Zygaenidae
4. Reports on field studies
5. Presentation of new publications.

All participants are asked for lectures (one or more; shorter or longer) and to provide a preliminary title for each of their lectures, preferably by 28 February 2020; a short summary for the Abstracts should reach us not later than 30 June 2020. For any further information, please contact Axel Hofmann (Tel.: 0049 7247 9542636; hofmann@abl-freiburg.de).

More detailed information about the meeting, the topics and the preliminary time schedule will be provided in the second announcement in January 2020.

Hotels: The Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde Karlsruhe (Erbprinzenstraße 13, 76133 Karlsruhe) is situated in the centre of the city. Nearby recommended hotels are Novotel Hotel Karlsruhe City, ALFAhotel - Karlsruhe-City, Hotel Erbprinzenhof Karlsruhe; moreover, further hotels of various categories are available in short distances. Please organize your own bookings; let us know if help is needed.

Arrivals: International airports (Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Baden-Baden) are in approx. one-hour-distance (by train to Karlsruhe Hauptbahnhof). The train connections are excellent from France (with the TGV), south (via Basel), north (via Frankfurt) and from east (via München). By car take the Autobahn A5 or A8.

We are looking forward to meeting you all again in one year,

Yours

Axel Hofmann, Dr Robert Trusch.