

MEES.C5 Zoological Excursion

Arthropods of the Mediterranean

Croatia or Italy

18.–25. May 2024

Since the introduction of the Euro, the prices for accommodation in Croatia have unfortunately gone up quite a bit. Therefore, it is not yet clear whether we will go to Croatia or Italy. In Italy we would go to a campsite near Perugia and use so-called “mobile homes” as accommodation. The habitats and arthropods are very similar in both destinations.

The costs will be in the range of 150 to 250 € per person.

If you go along, you will study and collect a group of arthropods. The following taxa will be considered:

- Spiders and scorpions (Araneae, Scorpiones)
- Centipedes and millipedes (Myriapoda)
- Cicadas and bugs (Hemiptera)
- Praying mantises, cockroaches, termites, webspinners, grasshoppers, earwigs (Mantodea, Blattoptera, Isoptera, Embioptera, Orthoptera, Dermaptera)
- Hymenoptera, e.g. ants, wasps, digger wasps, bees (Hymenoptera: Formicidae, Vespidae, Sphecidae, Anthophila)
- Beetles, e.g. long-horned beetles, ground beetles or Scarabs (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae, Carabidae, Scarabaeoidea)
- Flies, e.g. robber flies or hoverflies (Diptera: Asilidae, Syrphidae)
- Butterflies and moths (Lepidoptera)

On site you will give a talk about your chosen group and on return you will identify the animals in more detail (this is not possible on site as we can only take a limited number of stereomicroscopes). A species list is expected.

Registration deadline: 31. December 2023

Available places: 12

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Empusa fasciata (Mantodea), Croatia, May 2023, © H. Pohl.



Mantispa aphavexelte (Neuroptera), Italy, September 2023, © H. Pohl.