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Dear Fellow Hemipterologists, colleagues and friends!

After a long hiatus since the wonderful last European Hemiptera Congress organised by the Department of Zoology of the University of Silesia in 2018 in Zawiercie, Poland, we are pleased to finally present the

9th European Hemiptera Congress

which will take place

from June 25 to July 1, 2023, in Kurdějov, South Moravia, Czech Republic.

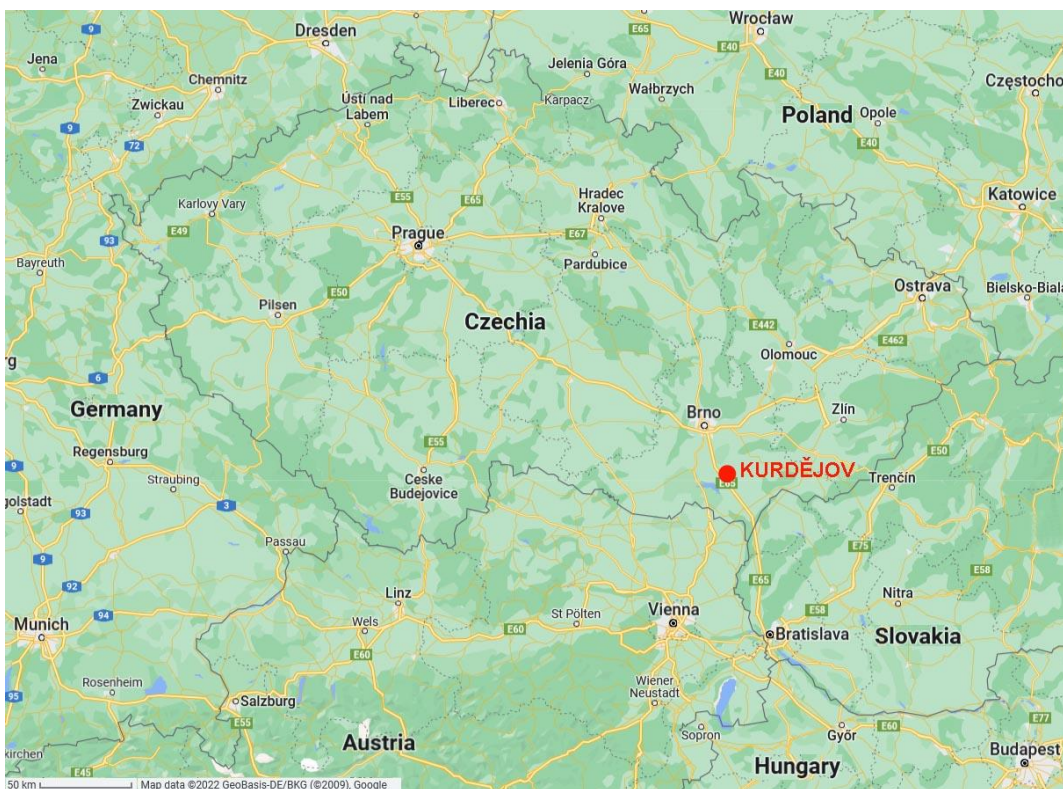
The congress is jointly organised by the Department of Botany and Zoology of the Faculty of Science, Masaryk University in Brno, the Department of Entomology of the Moravian Museum in Brno, and the Department of Entomology of the National Museum in Prague, Czech Republic.

The European Hemiptera Congress (EHC 9) will accept scientific contributions (oral presentations and posters) on all groups of Hemiptera, covering all aspects of research, including systematics, taxonomy, phylogeny, morphology, physiology, molecular biology, cytology, ethology, bioacoustics, biotremology, ecology, conservation biology, biogeography, faunistics, palaeontology, applied research on pests, bioinformatics, and collection management. EHC 9 will immediately follow the **29th Central European Auchenorrhyncha Meeting (CEAM)** co-organised by the "Arbeitskreis Zikadenkunde, e.V." and held at the same venue from June 23 to 25, 2023. Both EHC 9 and CEAM are planned as face-to-face meetings (i.e. not virtual online or hybrid meetings).

We are currently preparing a congress website. In the meantime, we would like to share with you the basic information if you are planning to attend the EHC 9.

Travel information

Kurdějov (48°57'24"N, 16°45'45"E) is a small village in SE Czechia, 35 km south of the city of Brno and 2 km NE of the town of Hustopeče. It is located near (2 km) the D2/E56 highway between Brno and Bratislava and is easily accessible by car. The nearest international airports are in Vienna (125 km), Bratislava (120 km), Prague (250 km), Katowice (300 km) and Budapest (330 km) and provide connections to most major European or world destinations. The small airport in Brno (35 km) is served by Ryanair, which offers regular flights from London/Stansted. International trains from Austria, Germany, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia stop at Břeclav (30 km) and Brno stations. From there, Kurdějov can be reached by local buses or trains in one hour, but we will try to arrange a pick-up service for you from these stations if possible.



Congress venue

The congress will be held at the **Kurdějov Hotel** (<https://www.hotelkurdejov.cz/>; website currently in Czech only) which offers a nice congress hall and comfortable accommodations for up to 200 people, as well as other facilities. Kurdějov is located in a landscape typical of South Moravia, consisting of small hills, vineyards, fields, orchards and remnants of Pannonian dry grasslands and thermophilous oak forests with their species-rich plant and insect communities, which offer interesting opportunities for excursions and Hemiptera collecting within walking distance from the hotel. Directly in front of the hotel, there is a fortified church with underground galleries from the 16th century. In the middle of the congress, we organise a trip to the nearby Biosphere Reserve "Pálava" with its limestone rocks, castle ruins and

prehistoric settlements or to the Cultural Landscape "Lednice–Valtice" with castles, parks and ponds.



A view of the village of Kurdějov (<https://cs.wikipedia.org/>, RomanM82, CC BY-SA 4.0)

Registration and congress fees

Registration will be available from January 2023. The congress fee includes the entire scientific programme, lunches, dinners, coffee breaks and the congress trip. Abstracts for talks and posters should be submitted by April 30, 2023 (more information will be available later on the congress website).

Registration fees (in EUR)	till 30 April 2023	after 30 April 2023
Regular fee	390	420
Students	360	390
Accompanying persons	300	330

Accommodation

Accommodation should be booked and paid for separately. For your comfort, we recommend accommodation at the Kurdějov Hotel. The prices offered to us for the congress are the following (in Czech crowns – CZK, including breakfast, all rooms are equipped with bathroom and toilet):

Double room (2 persons/night): 2080 CZK (83 EUR)

Double room (1 person/night): 1800 CZK (72 EUR)

Double room with one extra bed (3 persons/night): 2670 CZK (107 EUR)

To book rooms, you can use the hotel's e-mail address, phone or web contact form: info@hotelkurdejov.cz, +420 519 411 381, <https://www.hotelkurdejov.cz/kontakt>. Please indicate that you are booking accommodation for EHC 9.

Some other accommodation options are available in the village, or (by car) in the surrounding area, e.g. in the town of Hustopeče. Their capacity is limited. Please note e.g. <https://www.booking.com> or <https://www.airbnb.cz/>.

We hope to see you at the EHC 9 congress next year!

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