

THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON FUNGAL CONSERVATION

Muğla, Turkey - 11-15 November 2013

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The first Congress of this series (Córdoba, Spain, 2007) made fungal conservation a global issue, and the second (Whitby, England, 2009) prepared the way for forming the *International Society for Fungal Conservation*. With its exciting programme, this third Congress will build on those achievements. It will be the first meeting of our young Society, and the first time an *International Congress on Fungal Conservation* has been hosted outside Europe. Protecting fungi involves science, infrastructure and politics, so those topics provide the focus for this Congress. Scientific sessions will look at threats and their impact on fungi. Workshops will develop infrastructure by spreading the skills needed for fungal conservation. Round tables will be used to develop conservation policy and make plans to implement it. The goal is a global cadre of mycologists with the same vision of protecting fungi and with the necessary skills and experience to realize that vision.

Specific objectives

To promote fungal conservation by bringing mycologists and conservationists together so that they can:

- exchange experience and opinions;
- become familiar with the existing infrastructure for fungal conservation, particularly within the IUCN;
- explore political issues relating to fungal conservation;
- report on the status of fungal conservation in each region;
- review scientific work relevant to conservation, particularly in respect of threats to fungi;
- identify the challenges facing fungal conservation;
- develop infrastructure, policies and strategies to deal with those challenges;
- improve skills in publicising fungal conservation, in red listing, and in identifying important fungus areas;
- make formal awards recognizing achievements in fungal conservation.

Every effort will be made to keep the cost of participation to a minimum. The official language of the Congress will be English. The location of the Congress will be Gökova Bay, a small seaside resort about 20 km north of Marmaris in Muğla Province. In November, the climate is mild with some precipitation. There are international airports at Bodrum (60 km) and Dalaman (40 km).

If you are interested in participating, please fill in the following form (please type or use BLOCK CAPITALS) and return it to: congress@fungal-conservation.org

Personal Information: please fill in a separate form for each person coming

Title (Dr, Prof., Mr, Mrs etc.) **Full name**

Contact Information: please enter categories suitable for your address

Institution (department, laboratory etc.)

Street

Town / City **Postcode / zip code**

Province (county / département / Land / oblast' etc.) **Country**

E-mail address

Tel. **Mobile**

Congress Information

<input type="checkbox"/>	Please mark this box if you need a letter of invitation	If you wish to make a presentation at the Congress, looking at the options below, please circle your preferred type and, for a lecture or demonstration, the medium you propose to use					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please mark this box if you speak English AND another language well	Type of presentation	Lecture	Poster	Workshop	Round Table	Other
		Proposed medium	Overheads	Slides	Powerpoint	HTML	Other

Provisional Congress topics: Threats to fungi: climate change (1), habitat loss (2), persecution (3), pollution (4), exploitation (5); Infrastructure for fungal conservation (6); Species conservation (7); Ex situ conservation (8); Regional reports (9); Important fungus areas (10); Politics of fungal conservation (11); Presenting fungal conservation to the public (12); The red-listing process (13); Fund raising (14); Links to external organizations (15). If you wish to make a presentation, please indicate in this box an appropriate topic number, and indicate a provisional title below.

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