The challenges and opportunities of the molecular era for algal research and bioprospecting

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Congress dates (2017)
10 August Pre-congress excursion to Cracow and surroundings
13 August (Sunday) Registration (10:00), Opening Ceremony & Ice Breaker (18:00)
15 August (Monday) Plenary Lecture, Symposia, Oral Contributions, Poster Session
16 August (Wednesday) Workshops, Mid-Congress Excursions,
17 August (Thursday) Plenary Lecture, Symposia, Oral Contributions, Poster Session
18 August (Friday) Plenary Lecture, Symposia, Oral Contributions, Poster Session, Closing Ceremony, Congress Banquet
19 August (Saturday) IOC Meeting for IPC 12, Post-Congress Excursion along the Baltic Sea coast begins

* Public Holiday in Poland
Dear Phycologists, Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Four years after the last International Phycological Congress in Florida, it is our great pleasure and honour in inviting you to attend the 11th International Phycological Congress (IPC 11) in Szczecin, NW Poland, from Sunday 13th till Saturday 19th August 2017. The overarching theme of IPC 11 is The challenges and opportunities of the molecular era for algal research and bioprospecting. Seaweeds and microalgae have long been the subject of high-quality and multidisciplinary research, but they are also increasingly important for applied science, human welfare and the economy, including food and energy supply, health care, and innovative materials. Their importance in biogeochemical cycles, and hence in mediating climate change, is also increasingly being appreciated. IPC 11 is the first phycological congress to take place in Poland, the latest congress in a series stretching back to 1982, when the first IPC was held in St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada; Phycologists and all others interested in the algae, from throughout the world, are invited to participate in the Congress. IPC 11 is being held under the auspices of the City and University of Szczecin and the City Mayor, Mr. Piotr Krzystek, and the University Rector, Prof. Edward Włodarczyk, who have agreed to be Honorary Patrons of the Congress. IPC 11 is hosted by University of Szczecin, but is also supported by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), which includes representatives of the academic establishment, phycologists from other Polish Universities and the Polish Academy of Sciences; the Academy, represented by the W. Szafer Institute of Botany PAS, Cracow, has been actively involved in the IPC 11 organization. The scientific programme of the IPC 11 has been developed by an International Organizing Committee (IOC). Four plenary speakers have accepted the challenge to review diverse aspects of cutting edge phycology. In addition, following invitations to phycologists to organize scientifically attractive symposia, 14 special symposia have been selected and three or four of these will take place in parallel each day, offering a choice of topics for delegates, in fundamental and applied science. Contributed papers and posters are very important too, as always, and will be grouped into themed sessions.

The primary sponsor of the Congress is the International Phycological Society (IPS; However, all are welcome to attend, whether or not they are members of the Society. Indeed, other Phycological Societies, including the Phycological Society of America (PSA; http://www.psaalgae.org/) and British Phycological Society (http://www.brphycsoc.org/) are kindly offering some sponsorship to students and PhD students, who need to check the information on these Societies’ websites. IPS funding opportunities via the Paul C. Silva awards are described at http://www.intphycsoc.org/studentgrants.php. To use any of these funding opportunities students have to apply, filling in and submitting the application form accessible from the IPC 11 website.

We encourage you to consider attending IPC 11 in Szczecin. It is not only an excellent opportunity to participate in a great international scientific meeting, but could also be an occasion for a wonderful vacation for delegates and their families. All social events at the Congress can include family members, and arrangements for day-care services will be made for those who need it. We look forward to a fun and productive Congress in 2017!

Andrzej Witkowski & David G. Mann, Co-conveners of IPC 11
From the President of the International Phycological Society:

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the International Phycological Society to welcome you to the 11th International Phycological Congress in Szczecin. We are living in such an exciting time for phycology and this congress presents a wonderful forum for phycologists of all disciplines and from all countries to come together to exchange knowledge and ideas, form friendships and forge research collaborations at one of the foremost international phycological conferences. In this new age of discovery, the theme of the congress, Challenges of the molecular era for algal research and the promise of bioprospecting, is highly relevant. I want to thank the Local Organizing Committee and all the excellent work that it has done to put all the logistics in place. I also want to thank the chair and International Organizing Committee for all the work that they have undertaken to produce what promises to be an exciting scientific programme with a wide-ranging series of symposia with top invited speakers. I would like to invite you to participate in these lively and informative phycological discussions. As always, the IPS will offer the G.F. Papenfuss prize for best posters. If you are not already a member of IPS, I urge you to join and not only participate in a truly international society, but also take advantage of the reduced conference fees for IPS members.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Szczecin.

Best wishes,

Juliet Brodie,
President, International Phycological Society
IPC 11 Local Organizing Committee

**Convener:** Prof. Dr. Andrzej Witkowski (University of Szczecin)

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The organizational work of the Congress is being performed by the academicians, technicians, PhD students and students of the Faculty of Geosciences of the University of Szczecin, graciously helped by the administration staff of the University of Szczecin and with helpful support of fellow phycologists from other Universities in Poland and the Polish Academy of Sciences.

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IPC 11 Congress venue

All Congress events, including scientific sessions and social events, will be held in the Faculty of Humanities, University of Szczecin, Poland (www.usz.edu.pl).

Congress facilities: All activities will take place in one Building. This is the Congress Centre of the University of Szczecin, located at Krakowska 71-75, ca. 15 min. drive (5–6 km) from the city centre (see below for information about city transport and shuttles). The congress facilities will enable the organizers to host both lectures and poster sessions. The largest lecture theatre has ca. 750 seats, three smaller lecture theatres have 180 seats, each. In addition, there are a number of rooms with between ca. 50 and 100 seats. All rooms are equipped with multimedia and free WIFI is accessible in the whole building. As the Congress dates are planned during the semester break, the Congress Centre will be for the sole use of IPC participants

Congress Website
This circular and other important IPC 11 information can be found at: http://ipc11.intphycsoc.org/
Location overview

Szczecin
The city, situated by the River Odra, has a rich history, shaped over the centuries by different nations – from the early Slavs, through Brandenburg, Danes, Swedes, and French, to Prussians and Poles. Szczecin is the largest city in the Province of Western Pomerania and the historic capital of the Duchy of Pomerania, the former seat of the Griffin dynasty dukes. For centuries, despite its changeable political allegiances, the city was known as “Stettin”, which was changed to Szczecin after World War II. Szczecin has been an important economic, commercial, cultural and tourist hub. It is also a major academic centre, with several universities, including the University of Szczecin, West Pomeranian University of Technology and the Pomeranian Medical University.

Panoramic view of Szczecin seen from the Pomeranian Duke Castle tower

With its area of over 300 km², Szczecin is the third largest city in Poland. Nearly 40% of its area is covered by greenery, Lake Dąbie, and the wetland area of the so-called Międzyodrze. A part of Szczecin Landscape Park lies within the administrative borders of the city. The Lower Odra Valley Landscape Park, which is a protected Natura 2000 area, directly adjoins the southern borders of Szczecin.

Szczecin was granted civic rights by Duke Barnim the First in 1243 and shortly after joined the Hanseatic League. Thus began one of the most vigorous growth periods in the city’s history. The city acquired a large town hall, a number of houses and churches enclosed within city walls that were adorned by gates, water gates and towers. In the 14th century, a huge ducal residence was built on the hill, as were also the so-called Stone House and the church of St. Otto.

The reign of Prince Boguslaw the Tenth, who unified Pomerania and made Szczecin the capital of the Great Duchy, was a prosperous period in the city’s history. The Duke married the Polish princess Anna of the Jagiellonian dynasty, a daughter of the Polish King Casimir Jagiellon. The big wedding took place in the Szczecin castle and the wedding party went on for many days.

After the Thirty Years’ War, the city was taken over for almost a hundred years by the Swedes who added the crown and lions to the official Szczecin coat of arms. The Swedes also began the construction of large fortifications which were later expanded by the Prussians. Szczecin officially became known as a fortress until the demolition of the fortifications in the second half of the 19th century. The city then became part of the German empire.

The city changed in the 1930s, when its administrative borders were expanded to include the nearby villages and the town of Dąbie (German: Altdamm). The Great City of Szczecin was established and functioned until the end of the World War II. However, more than 70% of the city’s urban buildings and nearly 85% of the port and industrial areas were destroyed during “carpet” bombardment raids in 1943 by British and American Air Forces. When the World War II ended and the Yalta Treaty came into effect on 26 April 1945 (temporarily) and finally on 5 July 1945, Szczecin was taken over by the Polish administration.
Historical attractions worth seeing in Szczecin:

a) The Pomeranian Dukes’ Castle: A Renaissance residence of the Pomeranian rulers of the Griffin dynasty. Today the castle houses the Centre for Cultural and Tourist Information and the Opera Theatre as well as the Castle Museum and the West Pomeranian Marshall’s Office;

![Pomeranian Duke Castle (left) and Red City Hall (right)](image)

b) The Chrobry Embankments (in German: Hakenterrassen; in Polish: Wały Chrobrego): one of the most recognizable places in Szczecin; a representative part of the town at the riverfront, with historic buildings of the Governor’s Office, National Museum and the Maritime University; next to the revitalized Odra river waterfront with a number of pubs, coffee bars and restaurants;

![Chrobry Embankments (Hakenterrassen) along the Odra River bank](image)

c) The Cathedral Basilica of St. James: the biggest and tallest (110.7 m) gothic church in Szczecin; the seat of the archbishop; the top of the restored spire features a lookout offering a spectacular view over the city and its surroundings; every year on the 25th of July, the day of the cathedral’s patron saint (St. James), the James Fair is held. It refers to the medieval tradition with events and stands with local products and handicrafts offered by local artists and artisans;

d) The Central Cemetery: the third largest cemetery in Europe, with unique tree species, monumental and historical tombs as well as scenic sites.

Compiled by Dr. Tomasz Duda (Faculty of Geosciences University of Szczecin).

Meet Western Pomerania, a sea of possibilities

Western Pomerania is coterminous with the Province of Western Pomerania, an administrative unit in NW Poland. Historically, the province covers the territories of the former Duchy of West Pomerania, eastern Brandenburg, and north-western Great Poland. Situated far away from political and administrative centres, the province has been affected by an interplay of Pomeranian, Polish, German, Danish, and Swedish influences and has become a region featuring the cultural heritage of many nations.

The Province of Western Pomerania is situated in the north-western part of Poland, bordering the Baltic Sea to the north. The terrain relief of the province is very diverse and mostly of post-glacial origin. Most common are morainic uplands dotted with numerous post-glacial lakes. South of the morainic upland zone there is a belt of morainic hills formed during the last glaciation. The hills reach altitudes of 160–245m above the sea level. The southernmost part of the province shows flat outwash plains supporting extensive woodlands. The northern coastal belt is intersected by valleys of rivers discharging to the Baltic Sea.
Cliff coasts of the Baltic Sea in Western Pomerania

The province has 1389 lakes which cover a total of 57,000 hectares, i.e. 2.5% of the region’s surface area. The lakes are mostly post-glacial in origin, with picturesque shorelines. Eight lakes are larger than 1000 hectares, for which reason they are attractive sailing areas. Rivers in the region, flowing down scenic post-glacial valleys and frequently through woodland areas, add to the province’s landscape richness. They are popular kayaking and canoeing routes. Particularly famous and popular, in Poland and abroad, is kayaking down the River Drawa.

A total of 28% of the province’s surface area is under various forms of protection, from national parks to landscape parks, nature reserves, and Natura 2000 areas. The most touristically attractive protected areas include the Wolin National Park on the Island of Wolin and several landscape parks (Cedyński, Iński, Drawski, and the Lower Odra Valley). The Natura 2000 areas occupy up to 80% of the coastal belt, the largest percentage of such areas in Europe. The province features 19 special protection areas for birds and 63 special areas of habitat conservation. They offer excellent bird watching sites, for example in the Karsiborska Kępa nature reserve or within the River Świna storm delta.

Numerous historical monuments and urban complexes, preserved until today, bear witness to the many centuries of cultural evolution of Western Pomerania. The region’s trademarks are magnificent northern gothic edifices to be visited in, for example, Szczecin, Stargard, Trzebiatów, and Kołobrzeg; half-timber residences and churches, for example in Świerzno, Dzisna, Łoźnica, and Miękowo; knight’s castles and nobility manors (Dobra, Pęzino, Krąg); and palace-park complexes (Strzekęcino, Stuchowo, Siemczyno).

Nowadays tourism is the most important industry of Western Pomerania, visited annually by more than 2 million people. They head primarily to the Baltic Sea coast, attractive on account of its sandy beaches and excellent tourist infrastructure. The second most important destination is the lakeland belt offering attractive recreation opportunities by clean and scenic lakes. The entire province features numerous, specially marked trails for hiking, biking, kayaking, and sailing.

Compiled by Dr. Tomasz Duda & Dr. Zbigniew Głąbiński (Faculty of Geosciences University of Szczecin).

Travel information

To get to Szczecin from overseas, the easiest solution is probably to fly to Berlin. Berlin Airports Tegel and Schoenefeld are located ca. 2 h drive by an excellent highway. From our experience Berlin is the most convenient connection (see Shuttle information below). However, Szczecin is also accessible from Gdańsk, Poznań and Warszawa airports.

There is a local airport at Szczecin Goleniów, which is a small airport located ca. 40 km from city centre, serving primarily the NW region of Poland with domestic flights to Warszawa (Warsaw) and several airports in W and N Europe. Regular connections are served by Polish Airlines LOT and ‘low budget’ operators including Ryanair, WizzAir and Norwegian. The airport possesses well developed infrastructure, including food outlets, shopping, services (car rental). Apart from Warsaw, other destinations include Bergen, Stavanger, Oslo, London (Stansted and Luton) and Liverpool. See the link: http://www.airport.com.pl/en Warszawa, the capital of Poland, operates flights to cities both within and outside Europe.
Szczecin is accessible by train and car from whole over Europe. Szczecin Główny Railway Station (http://pkpsa.pl/en/) has been modernized last year and is serving many domestic routes, including to Warszawa and Kraków and international connections including Berlin and Hamburg in Germany. The trains serving long distance domestic connections are pretty cheap, comfortable and in case of ICE type offer free WIFI. From Scandinavia Szczecin can be accessed by ferry boats cruising between Świnoujście in Poland and Ystad in Sweden. This connection is operated by Polferry and Unityline. See following links: http://www.polferries.com/ferry http://www.unityline.eu/?_ga=1.73953938.1895604727.1486733405

**Shuttles from Airports:** The Local Organizing Committee recommends that delegates arriving in Berlin (Berlin Tegel or Berlin Schoenefeld) or Szczecin Goleniów consider using the company Interglobus (https://www.interglobus.pl/Default.aspx?language=en). The special transfer prices agreed with Interglobus (Follow me! buses) from Goleniów or Berlin Schoenefeld will be reduced by 15%, relative to the prices quoted on the Interglobus website, for password holders. The password will be available to the registered participants on the Congress web page. The Tegel airport is services by the company Flixbus associated with Interglobus, and the prices are fixed. Please contact the Interglobus directly to make arrangements.

Follow me! is an international company with good reputation serving the Airports of Berlin and Szczecin Goleniów. It is also possible to take a taxi with Interglobus from Szczecin to Berlin airports for ca. 100 €.

Car Rental: Szczecin has plentiful car-hire facilities. In addition to local companies, some multinational car rental companies also offer their services, including Avis and Europcar. Large Hotels, including Accor Hotels and Radisson Blu host rent-a-car offices. Also Szczecin Goleniów Airport provides such opportunities.

**Passports and visas**

Poland is a member state of the European Union (EU) and is within the Schengen zone. To enter the EU and Schengen zone, international travellers require a valid passport, with a minimum of six months validity, and should check current visa policies and procedures (http://www.schengenvisainfo.com/poland-visa/). Citizens of countries who need a visa are listed at: http://www.schengenvisainfo.com/who-needs-schengen-visa/. Delegates, who do require a visa to enter the Schengen zone can complete the visa application form online (http://www.schengenvisainfo.com/poland-visa/).

**Accommodation**

Hotel rooms need to be booked by IPC delegates themselves; the Local Organizing Committee cannot do this for you. The LOC has negotiated special price for accommodation in the largest Hotels in Szczecin. The leading ones are Accor Hotels, Radisson Blu and Park Hotel. Accor and Radisson Blu give special room rates for IPC delegates and accompanying persons, including free wireless internet in rooms of all IPC delegates (see 1st Circular). Please note that the hotels will keep rooms accessible for a certain time. Accommodation can be booked online. As Summer and August 2017 will be a time of big touristic events, especially in Szczecin, we strongly recommend IPC delegates to make their hotel bookings as early
as possible. Students and PhD students interested in low budget accommodation may wish to consider University of Szczecin student dormitory accommodation: for this please contact the LOC members by e-mail (ipc11@scns.pl). There is also a Youth Hostel “Cuma” in Szczecin and our guests usually rate the service and infrastructure very highly. The Youth Hostel is located very closely to the City Centre (https://www.hihostels.com/hostels/szczecin-cuma). Again, early booking is essential: due to its good reputation and attractive pricing, the Hostel is usually booked out; if you are interested, contact the Youth Hostel as soon as possible.

**List of hotels:** we recommend a number of hotels ranging in comfort from 4 star Radisson Blu, Novotel and Park Hotel through a series of two to three star hotels to student hostel and youth hostel accommodation, which are cheap. The student hostel offers free internet access. Please note: the student hostel, Integro and Youth Hostel do not serve breakfast, but have self-catering facilities.

- **Park Hotel – Platanowa 1, Szczecin:** tel. +48 91 434 00 50; [http://www.parkhotel.szczecin.pl](http://www.parkhotel.szczecin.pl); price (person per night): 350 PLN
- **Radisson Blu – Rodła 10, Szczecin:** tel. +48 91 359 55 95; [https://www.radissonblu.com/pl/hotel-szczecin](https://www.radissonblu.com/pl/hotel-szczecin); see 1st Circular
- **Silver Hotel – Ustowo 54, Szczecin:** tel. +48 91 441 25 00; [http://www.silverhotel.pl/](http://www.silverhotel.pl/); price (person per night): 250 PLN
- **Focus Hotel – Małopolska 23, Szczecin:** tel. +48 91 433 05 00; [http://www.focushotels.pl/szczecin,2.html](http://www.focushotels.pl/szczecin,2.html); price (person per night): 250 PLN
- **Campanille Hotel – Wyszyńskiego 30, Szczecin:** tel. +48 91 481 77 00; [http://www.campanile.com/pl/hotels/campanile-szczecin](http://www.campanile.com/pl/hotels/campanile-szczecin); price (person per night): 210 PLN
- **Kapitan Hotel – Narutowicza 17D, Szczecin:** tel. +48 91 434 33 62; [http://www.hotelewam.pl/632-hotel-kapitan-szczecin.html](http://www.hotelewam.pl/632-hotel-kapitan-szczecin.html); price (person per night): 130 PLN
- **Ibis Hotel Centrum – Dworcowa 16, Szczecin:** tel. +48 91 480 18 00; [http://www.ibis.com/pl/hotel-3369-ibis-szczecin-centrum/index.shtml](http://www.ibis.com/pl/hotel-3369-ibis-szczecin-centrum/index.shtml); price (person per night): 210 PLN
- **Podzamcze Hotel – Sienna 1, Szczecin:** tel. +48 91 812 14 04; [http://podzamcze.szczecin.pl/?q=pl](http://podzamcze.szczecin.pl/?q=pl); price (person per night): 209 PLN
- **Ibis Budget Hotel – Cukrowa 2, Szczecin:** tel. +48 91 482 24 66; [http://www.ibis.com/pl/hotel-3428-ibis-budget-szczecin/index.shtml](http://www.ibis.com/pl/hotel-3428-ibis-budget-szczecin/index.shtml); price (person per night): 145 PLN
- **Gryf Hotel – Wojska Polskiego 49, Szczecin:** tel. +48 91 480 84 00; [http://www.hotelgryf.pl/kontakt-z-nami-grvf-szczecin](http://www.hotelgryf.pl/kontakt-z-nami-grvf-szczecin); price (person per night): 109 PLN
- **Integro Hotel – Mickiewicza 34, Szczecin:** tel. +48 91 484 09 19; [http://www.pokojeintegro.pl](http://www.pokojeintegro.pl); price (person per night): 90 PLN*
- **Portowiec – Podgórna 26, Szczecin:** tel. +48 91 434 15 67; price (person per night): 30 PLN*  

* no breakfast served

The exchange rate of PLN vs US Dollar is currently ca. 4.0; Euro = 4.3; British Pound = 5.05

Most of the hotels are located within 5–6 km distance from the Congress Venue (see below for information about the free shuttle service); however, the Silver Hotel is located within walking distance and the Ibis Budget is ca. 400 m from the Congress venue, just across the street.
Scientific programme

IPC 11 will follow the traditional IPC format, with four days of formal sessions and a mid-week break on Wednesday, with mid-Congress excursions and workshops. On the four days of regular sessions, there will be a plenary lecture each morning, followed by symposia, contributed papers, and posters, with programming planned by the International Organizing Committee (IOC). Most oral contributions will consist of 20- or 15-minute talks, in concurrent sessions. Posters will be up all week (Monday through Friday) and presented in three Poster Sessions. Workshops will be held on Wednesday or prior to the Congress; delegates wishing to organize a workshop should contact the LOC convener by March 31st 2017. Abstracts for all oral and poster presentations will be published as a supplement to *Phycologia*, which is the journal of the International Phycological Society. Scientific sessions will be held in the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Szczecin. Plenary lectures will be given in the Large Lecture Theatre (750 seats).

*Large Lecture Theatre (left), example of one of Symposia lecture rooms (right)*
## IPC 11 Schedule

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### Plenary lectures

The Plenary Speakers for IPC 11 are:
- Prof. Dr. Georg Pohnert (University of Jena, Germany) *Chemical communication in microalgae - how unicellular organisms shape and perceive their environment*
- Dr. Zoe Finkel (Mount Allison University, Canada) *An evolutionary imprint on the macromolecular composition of microalgae*
- Prof. Dr. Nils Kröger (B-Cube, Technische Universität Dresden, Germany) *How to build a glass house: investigations on the molecular mechanism of diatom silica morphogenesis*
- Prof. Christine Maggs (University of Bournemouth, UK) *Linnean systematics in the age of Big Data.*

### Symposia

The scientific programme has been developed by the International Organizing Committee around the topics alphabetically listed below. More details of these topics will be posted in mid-June 2017 at: [http://ipc11.intphycsoc.org/](http://ipc11.intphycsoc.org/)
Symposium Titles & Conveners:

- **Effects of global change on algal physiology and composition** (organizers: Cristina Sobrino, John Beardall & Mario Giordano)
- **Insights from the Porphyra genome into evolutionary trends and environmental adaptations in the red algae** (organizers: Susan Brawley, Arthur Grossman)
- **Algal microbiomes in ecology, physiology, development and evolution** (organizers: Claire Gachon, Bénédicte Charrier)
- **Applications of high-throughput sequencing in algal systematics** (organizers: Heroen Verbruggen, Olivier De Clerck)
- **Ecological metabarcoding and metagenomics of phytoplankton** (organizers: Bente Edvardsen, Daniel Vaulot)
- **Endosymbiosis and evolution in red alga-derived plastids** (organizers: Jan Janouškovec, Marek Elias)
- **Evolutionary genetics of algae** (organizers: Miriam Valero, Christophe Destombe)
- **Current and past processes shaping microalgal biogeography** (organizers: Wim Vyverman, Anna Godhe)
- **Systematics and evolution of macroalgae** (organizers: Christine Maggs, Juliet Brodie)
- **How to name algae: names, taxa & databases** (organizers: Regine Jahn, Wolf-Henning Kusber)
- **Baltic algae – from the past to the future** (organizers: Angela Wulff, Hendrik Shubert)
- **Biologists vs Palaeontologists: reconciling the two approaches** (organizers: Ric Jordan, Peter Siver)
- **Fundamentals to move from seaweed cultivation to marine agronomy** (organizers: Helena Abreu, Alan Critchley)
- **Bioprospecting for algae: the profitable side of collecting algae** (organizers: Robert Andersen, Eneko Ganuza)
- **Getting on top of HABs** (to be confirmed)

**Contributed oral sessions**

Contributed Oral Sessions (15 or 20-minute presentations: details of timetabling will be decided finally in June) will be organized in conjunction with the Symposia and more generally on all aspects of phycology. The Local Organizing Committee will select topics for Contributed Paper sessions and speakers from submitted abstracts.

Following time limits have been set for speakers:
- Plenary Speakers: 45 minutes presentation + 10 minutes questions
- Symposium Speakers: 25 minutes presentation + 5 minutes questions
- Contributed Paper Speakers: anticipated to be 15 minutes presentation + 5 minutes questions

All speakers must keep strictly to time and not use the question period to complete their talks.

**Contributed poster sessions**

Posters will be on display for the entire Congress and should be put up on Sunday or Monday. There will be no competing scientific sessions during the poster sessions. Poster sessions will be grouped by topic, numbered, and listed in the printed programme.

All posters must fit within the space limits of 841×1189 mm (A0). Poster numbers will correspond to that of the abstract in the Congress Abstracts booklet. Authors must be present at their posters during the poster sessions assigned to them in the final programme. Further guidelines for posters will be provided to delegates whose abstracts are selected for the poster sessions.
The IPS presents George F. Papenfuss awards for outstanding posters, each worth US$ 250. The winners will be announced at the Closing Ceremony.

Workshops

Workshops, with various informal formats and lengths (2 hours to all day), will be held on Wednesday of the Congress, when there will be no other scientific sessions. Delegates wishing to organize a workshop should contact one of the conveners by 31 March 2017.

A list of all workshops will be posted: [http://ipc11.intphycsoc.org/](http://ipc11.intphycsoc.org/) and announced via ALGAE-L, DIATOM-L, and other list servers.

Current Workshops
Freshwater red algae identification
Coordinators: Morgan L. Vis-Chiasson ([vis-chia@ohio.edu](mailto:vis-chia@ohio.edu)) & Orlando Necchi

Delegates who require more information on this workshop should correspond with the contacts listed.

Tours/Excursions

There will be multiple options for social and tourist opportunities for delegates and accompanying persons. Only the Mid-Congress excursion and accompanying persons programme are included in the Congress registration fee. Pre-Congress and Post-Congress excursions each have dedicated fees. Additional details will be provided to participants selecting one of these excursion, when minimum registration requirements for a particular trip have been met.

Delegates are encouraged to arrive in Szczecin at least a couple of days before the Congress beginning. Szczecin is a host of a spectacular sailing event organized every two years. The Tall Ships races for 2017 will be attended by hundreds of sailing boats including the world’s largest ones. This spectacular show is expected to attract over one million fans to Szczecin between August 5 and 8 this year. See [http://tallships.szczecin.eu/pl/](http://tallships.szczecin.eu/pl/). During the weekend following the Tall Ships races (11-13 August 2017) Szczecin will be hosting an International Fireworks Festival “Pyromagic”. See at: [http://mts.pl/en/calendar/year-2017/other-events/pyromagic/general-information/](http://mts.pl/en/calendar/year-2017/other-events/pyromagic/general-information/).

Pre-Congress Excursions (Thursday - Sunday, 10-13 August 2017) – Medieval City of Cracow and surroundings (min. 20 participants, 300 USD per person)
Krakow and Ojców National Park (South of Poland) from 10th to 13th August 2017. The trip will visit Krakow City, Ojców National Park and Wieliczka Salt Mine
The tour will be organized by the Department of Phycology, W. Szafer Institute of Botany, Polish Academy of Sciences.
Contact information:
W. Szafer Institute of Botany PAS
Department of Phycology
31-512 Kraków, Lubicz 46
Poland
E-mail: pre-congress.IPS@botany.pl

Payment information:
Bank name: Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego Oddział w Krakowie
Bank address: ul. Pilotów 2, 31-462 Kraków
Account number: 19 1130 1150 0012 1268 3920 0001
SWIFT: GOSKPLPW
Recipient: W. Szafer Institute of Botany, Polish Academy of Sciences, Lubicz 46, 31-512 Kraków.

Bank transfer description - please enter: your first and last name, institution and Pre-Congress2017

The price does not cover accommodation. We recommend the following 3 conveniently located hotels:
1. Europejski - www.booking.com/Hotel-Europejski
2. Polera - www.booking.com/Pollera;

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME
Thursday 10 August 2017 Krakow City Tour (http://www.krakow.pl/english/)
Accommodation at hotels in Krakow
Meeting in the Institute of Botany PAS, Lubicz 46
Polish Phycology - Poster Session
Lunch
Krakow City tour and visit in the Rynek Underground
(http://www.podziemiarynku.com/index.php?lang=eng) and Wawel Castle
(http://wawel.krakow.pl/en/)
Dinner

Friday 11 August 2017 Ojców National Park Trip
Departure to Ojców National Park (http://www.staff.amu.edu.pl/~zbzw/ph/pnp/ojco.htm)
Łokietek Cave tour and collecting material
Lunch at the Pieskowa Skała Castle
Return to Krakow, examining collected material under the microscope
Dinner

Saturday 12 August 2017 Wieliczka Salt Mine Tour
Departure to Wieliczka,
Tour to the Wieliczka Salt Mine (http://www.wieliczka-saltmine.com/)
Lunch

Return to the Congress Place in Szczecin. Delegates opting for this excursion can return to Szczecin either by plane which requires transfer in Warsaw, or by train. The last plane from Warsaw to Szczecin takes off at 19:25. There are also at least two comfortable night trains (quite a long trip) serving the connection Cracow – Szczecin. Sleeping cars (ca. 50 € per person) are recommended. Trains leave Cracow at ca. 22:00 and arrive in Szczecin at reasonable time next morning in Szczecin. If necessary LOC members can provide assistance in transfer from the Szczecin Główny Railway Station to the hotels.

Post-Congress Excursion along the Baltic Sea coast (Saturday 19 - Tuesday 22 August 2017) (minimum number of participants is 20)
TENTATIVE PROGRAMME
19 August 2017
8:00 a.m. departure from SAS Radisson Blue hotel parking lot
Arrival to Lubin; a walk to the lookout point; a walk from the Zielonka Hill via the Piaskowa Góra (Sandy Mountain) to the Turquoise Lake; coach transfer to Karsibórz; a water tram boating through the River Świna storm delta; a walk to the lookout platform in the Karsiborska Kępa nature reserve; a meal at a fish restaurant; coach transfer to Międzyzdroje; a beach walk at the foot of the sea cliff shore; coach transfer to Łukęcin for supper and overnight accommodation (hotel).

20 August 2017
After breakfast, coach transfer to Niechorze; a visit to the lighthouse offering a panoramic view of the Baltic Sea shore and the Liwia Łuża nature reserve; coach transfer to Dobrzyca with a visit to the Hortulus Thematic Gardens; coach transfer to Karnieszewice to visit the arboretum and the Jodły Karnieszewickie (Karnieszewice Fir) nature reserve; coach transfer to Nowęcin for supper and overnight accommodation (hotel).
21 August 2017
After breakfast, coach transfer to Smołdzino to visit the Słowiński National Park Museum; coach transfer to Kluki to visit the skansen and for an al fresco meal; boat ride on Lake Łebsko to Rąbka; a walk in moving dunes to Łącka Góra; return to Nowęcin for super and overnight accommodation.

22 August 2017
8:00 a.m. after breakfast, coach transfer to the Hel Peninsula, sightseeing at Hel, a ship cruise to Gdynia, coach transfer to Świbno/Mikoszewo, amber panning, coach transfer to the Gdańsk airport or to Szczecin.

The price of EUR 420 (USD 470) covers:
- 3-night accommodation in double rooms, including breakfast;
- 3 suppers;
- 3 al fresco meals;
- coach transfer Szczecin – Łeba – Gdańsk – Szczecin
services of an English-speaking tour leader and English-speaking field guides in the Wolin National Park, Słowiński National Park, and amber extraction area.

Mid-Congress Excursions (Wednesday, 16 August 2017) (cost of the excursion included in the Congress fee):
Delegates and accompanying persons not opting to participate in the workshops on Wednesday can select one of several mid-congress excursions, which start after breakfast. For those opting to participate in workshops different excursions have been organized, which will start after the workshops end at 11 am. The possibility to select the excursions has been included in the registration forms, so that delegates and accompanying persons can choose and reserve excursions in advance of the Congress. Please note that some of the excursions involve kayaking and require physical fitness!

All excursion busses will depart from the Congress venue at Faculty of Humanities of the University of Szczecin at Krakowska Street 71-75 and will end in the evening at a bonfire and grill party at “U Śnieżków” (http://usniezkow.pl/en/), 20-minutes driving distance from the hotels. The expected time of return to the hotels is about 10 pm.

1. The Lower Odra River valley: a coach drive along the most picturesque part of the Odra river Valley; a panoramic view of the Odra valley from a lookout tower in a Natura 2000 area; the Bielinek nature reserve, featuring the downy oak (Quercus pubescens) and xerothermal patches; transfer to Zatoń Dolna for a walk in the Dolina Miłości (the Valley of Love) park (http://www.dolinamilosci.pl/poznaj-dolina-milosci/). The excursion starts at 11 am.
Number of participants: 80

2. Szczecin for naturalists: sightseeing in Szczecin from World War II shelters to kayaking. A walk around the Emerald Lake (a former chalk pit); transfer to the Dziewoklicz boat landing; kayaking trip (4 km) down the Odra branches to the Przymoście Isle; visit to an underground chain of shelters (http://schron.szczecin.pl/), Participants will be required to bring clothing appropriate for a kayaking trip, and to be physically fit. The excursion starts at 11 am.
Number of participants: 30

3. In the footsteps of Knights Templars and Cistercian Monks: visits to gothic edifices of the former Cistercian abbey (the church, the monks’ quarters, the farm) at Kołbacz; transfer to Zatoń Dolna, a picturesque village in the River Odra valley and a walk in the Dolina Miłości (the Valley of Love) park (http://www.dolinamilosci.pl/poznaj-dolina-milosci/); transfer to Baniewice to visit the Turnau Family vineyard (http://www.winnicaturnau.pl), sightseeing and wine tasting (http://www.architektura.pomorze.pl/?art_id=5). The excursion starts at 11 am.
Number of participants: 80
4. A trip to the islands of Wolin and Karsibór: transfer to the village of Lubin on the Island of Wolin; a walk to the lookout site (Zielonka Mound) offering a splendid view over the River Świna back delta; a walk (about 2 km) in the Wolin National Park (http://www.wolinpn.pl) with a visit to the Turquoise Lake reserve (the lake emerged at a site of a former chalk pit); coach transfer to the Island of Karsibór; a catamaran boating trip among the islets of the Świna storm delta; a walk to the lookout platform in the Karsiborska Kępa bird reserve. The excursion starts at 9 am.  
Number of participants: 90  
Please note that participation in this excursion rules out participation in workshops.

5. Kayaking down the River Drawa: departure from Szczecin to the Drawskie Lakeland, to Karwice on Lake Lubie (about 110 km); kayaking down the Drawa, one of the most beautiful Polish rivers, to the village of Konotop (about 5 hours of paddling over a distance of 15 km) (http://www.splywykajakowedrawa.pl/en/main-page.html). The prerequisites include physical fitness, a change of clothing, and a waterproof bag. The excursion starts at 8 am.  
Number of participants: 90  
Please note that participation in this excursion rules out participation in workshops.

6. Lakes and peatlands of Western Pomerania: departure from Szczecin to Ińsko (85 km) via the Iński Landscape Park (http://zpkwz.pl/parki-krajobrazowe/iski-park-krajobrazowy/#6); a walk through the Kamienna Buczyna landscape reserve situated within the Ostoja Ińska Natura 2000 special protection area for birds (PLB 320008) to the Zatomskie Bagno (Zatomskie Marsh), with sampling opportunities; a walk to Lake Długie featuring waterfowl (a bird watching opportunity). The excursion starts at 11 am.  
Number of participants: 45
7. Visit to the open Baltic Sea coast: departure from Szczecin to Kamień Pomorski. In Kamień Pomorski a visit to Stone Museum and to the gothic cathedral. The cathedral in Kamień Pomorski hosts one of the oldest organs in Europe, founded in 1669 (http://seaofadventure.eu/?page_id=712).

Trzęsacz: visit to the 15 Parallel museum (3D), a walk to the shore to visit the church ruins. The ruins at the cliff edge are the only parts of the St. Nicolaus gothic church built ca. 2 km from the coast in late XIV and early XV century (http://muzeumtrzesacz.pl/en/about-museum/the-ruins-of-the-church). Niechorze: visit to Fishing Museum and to the lighthouse. The excursion starts at 8:00 am

Number of participants: 45

Please note that participation in this excursion rules out participation in the workshops.

Accompanying persons’ programme

Accompanying persons receive the same benefits as IPC 11 regular delegates, but without participation in the scientific sessions and coffee breaks. The accompanying persons programme is included in the “Accompanying Persons” registration fee.

The accompanying persons’ programme is based on excursions. On Monday 14, Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16, Thursday 17 August accompanying persons will have arranged guided tours in the City and the close vicinity. These will usually involve walking through parks and gardens with some architectonic highlights of Szczecin and a visit to famous Polish vodka distillery named Starka. In this distillery vodka is kept in oak barrels up to 50 years. One litre in a special, crystal glass carafe costs ca. 500 €. As Szczecin has large shopping facilities (numerous malls) which attract countless tourists from neighbouring countries (Germany and Scandinavia), we also propose a guided shopping day for accompanying persons. It can be pretty surprising how cheap things can be. Especially recommended are handmade food, leather, luxury clothing, handicraft wares including jewellery and everything one needs or does not need at all. The guided shopping is scheduled for Friday.

Highlights of the peatlands and lakes of the Western Pomerania
Excursions for accompanying persons:

1. A walk around Szczecin - Monday 14 August

10:00 meeting the guide at the Radisson Hotel parking lot; a walk to Szczecin Philharmonic (the building was granted the Eurobuild Award 2014 as Europe’s best architectural design of the year); a visit to the Philharmonia (http://filharmonia.szczecin.pl/budynek); a visit to the nearby Upheaval Dialogue Centre (awarded the World Building of the Year 2016 prize at World Architecture Festival 2016) (http://muzeum.szczecin.pl/en/event/540-world-architecture-festival-2016-grand prix-for-the-dialogue-centre-upheavals.html); a walk through the Słowacki Park to the Chrobry Embankment; a visit to exhibitions in the Pomeranian Dukes’ Castle; a walk to the Old Town to see the town hall and the St. James Cathedral; return to the Radisson Hotel.

2. Around Szczecin and cruising on the Odra and in the harbour – Tuesday 15 August

10:00 meeting the guide at the Radisson Hotel parking lot; coach transfer to Armii Krajowej Square, a walk across the Jasne Błonia – an open park area with famous monuments: the Three Eagles and Pope John Paul II – to the Kasprowicz Park, a green oasis with many species of trees and shrubs and a popular Rose Garden; coach transfer to the recreational ships pier (Dworzec Morski); cruising on the Odra and in the harbour; return by coach to the Radisson Hotel.

3. Mid-Congress excursions

All the excursion busses will depart from the Congress venue at Faculty of Humanities of the University of Szczecin at Krakowska Street and will end in the evening at a bonfire and grill party at “U Śniežków” (http://usniezkow.pl/en/), a 20-minutes driving distance from the hotels. The expected time of return to the hotels is about 10 pm. A selection possibility has been included in the registration, so that accompanying persons can choose excursion of their preference and reserve in advance of the Congress. Please note that some of the excursions involve kayaking and require physical fitness!
4. Zdroje Forest Park and the STARKA Szczecin Vodka Distillery – Thursday 17 August
10:00 meeting the guide at the Radisson Hotel parking lot; a drive across the city to the Zdroje Forest Park; a walk around the Emerald Lake (a former chalk pit); a walk to the lookout clearing with a splendid view of Szczecin and the River Odra valley; a drive to the underground shelters and a walk along the tourist trail there; a drive to the Starka Szczecin Vodka Distillery (http://starka.pl/o-nas/) and a visit to the cellars, product tasting; return coach drive to the Radisson Hotel.

5. Shopping day - Friday
09:00 meeting the guide at the Radisson Hotel parking lot; shopping is planned to take place in two the most centrally located malls – Kaskada (https://www.galeria-kaskada.pl/en/gk/lokalizacja) and Galaxy (http://www.galaxy-centrum.pl/en/stores.html). Both in a distance of a few hundred meters walk from Radisson Blu Hotel.

Exhibition and sponsorships

Space is available adjacent to the main Aula for the exhibition of books, research instrumentation, algal products, etc. Additional information is available from the Congress website (http://ipc11.intphycsoc.org/) or from LOC member, Prof. Andrzej Witkowski.

Local transportation

All events are scheduled at the Faculty of Humanities University of Szczecin (Congress Venue). Regular bus lines connect most of the hotels with the congress centre, but free shuttles will be provided for Congress delegates. Shuttle buses connecting hotels and the IPC 11 venue will leave at 7:30; it is also possible to use regular bus lines: 60, 61, 81. Buses will be arranged for all excursions.

Child care facilities

Child-care facilities: there are several child care sites. Krakowska 38 Street - Bawialnia Tygrysek, 1km from the Congress Centre; Mieszka I 73 Street - Fantasy Country (Kraina Fantazji) (http://www.krainafantazji.com/), 2km from Congress Venue. LOC proposes that delegates interested in using child care facilities express their interest. LOC will organize child care upon request.

Letters of invitation

Letters of invitation to attend the Congress will be provided upon request from delegates who have completed the registration process. Delegates must apply to the Congress Convener: Prof. Andrzej Witkowski (ipc11@scns.pl). Letters of invitation are intended to assist delegates in obtaining visas, where necessary, and do not in any way indicate financial assistance or commitment from the organizers.

Promotion and publicity

In addition to the Congress website, all announcements will also be transmitted via the IPS website, ALGAE-L, DIATOM-L, and other electronic means. Banners announcing the IPC 11 are on the University of Szczecin official web page and on Forum Akademickie, a monthly journal of the Polish Academic Environment. The local newspaper Kurier Szczeciński is the media patron.

Liability

The Congress Organizers have taken all reasonable care in making arrangements for the Congress. In the event of unforeseen disruptions, the Congress Organizers, Congress Organizing Committees,
and officers of IPS cannot be held responsible for any losses incurred by delegates. The programme is correct at the time of drafting, but Organizers reserve the right to alter the programme if and when deemed necessary. The Congress Organizers act as agents of the IPS in securing hotels, transport and travel services, and shall in no event be liable for acts or omissions in the event of injury, damage, loss, accident delay or irregularity of any kind whatsoever during arrangements organized through contractors or by the employees of such contractors. Hotel service is subject to the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the general public. Delegates should make their own arrangements with respect to personal insurance (travel/health). The Congress Organizers reserve the right to make changes as and when necessary without prior notice to the parties concerned. All disputes are subject to resolution under Polish law.

Registration and abstract submission


We anticipate a full scientific programme. Therefore, the Scientific Programme Committee will accommodate requests for oral presentations only insofar as space is available. Some participants requesting to present orally may be asked to give a poster if the programme fills to capacity. **We will not allow participants to present more than one talk and one poster as first author (i.e. one talk, or one poster, or one talk + one poster) unless the Scientific Programme Committee determines that there is sufficient space in the programme.**

Fees

The Local Organizing Committee in cooperation with International Organizing Committee and IPS established the following rates:

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Early registration has opened on December 15th 2016 and will close on April 15th 2017. Regular registration will open on April 16th 2017 and close on June 15th 2017.

Payment information and account details:

Information for registration payment:

Bank name: ING BANK ŚLĄSKI
Account number: 46 1050 1559 1000 0022 8790 4474
BIC (SWIFT) Code: INGBPLPW
IBAN: PL 46 1050 1559 1000 0022 8790 4474
Beneficient name and address: University of Szczecin, al. Papieża Jana Pawła II 22a, 70-453 Szczecin, Poland

Title of payment (Reference): 0134_Delegate name and institution_11IPC

Note: Delegates please kindly use the above payment title (reference) in order to correctly identify your payment. Furthermore, please remember to upload payment proof into your congress account (http://ipc11.scns.pl/). An invoice will be provided upon request.

Included in the fee for delegates are admission to scientific sessions, all congress materials, welcome reception (ice breaker), full buffet lunches on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; coffee breaks and Mid-Congress excursion. Lunch will be served at the congress site.

The Accompanying Persons fee includes participation in a special AP programme. Accompanying persons receive the same benefits as IPC 11 regular delegates, but without participation in the scientific sessions and coffee breaks.

The Gala dinner is not included in the registration fee and will incur an extra charge of 50 USD.

Financial assistance

Limited International Phycological Congress (IPC) funds are available to assist colleagues in attending the Congress to share their research results with the international phycological community. The funds are provided to cover the costs of registration and/or accommodation, but not to cover the full costs of travel. A prerequisite for receiving support is that a person should present a paper or a poster. A three-member selection committee, recommended by IPC 11 conveners and approved by the IOC Chair and IPS President, has been established to receive and evaluate applications for financial support. The Selection Committee has devised a 1-page application form to be sent out to all persons requesting financial assistance. To be eligible to receive support, one of the following criteria should be met:

- post-graduate student in year 2–4 of PhD study
- academic within 3 years of their first appointment
- delegate from a country with severe economic difficulties, e.g., very weak local currency, or very difficult to obtain foreign currency, or other criteria essentially demonstrating economic disadvantage

To apply for this financial assistance, delegates should submit the form available from the IPC 11 website http://ipc11.intphycsoc.org/ or from the Congress Convener: Andrzej Witkowski (ipc11@scns.pl).

The deadline for submitting duly completed applications for IPC financial assistance is 31 March 2017. Late applications will not be accepted.

Action items for delegates

- Submit completed financial assistance applications (deadline: 31 March 2017)
- Submit workshop applications (deadline: 31 March 2017)
- Early bird registration (deadline: 15 April 2017)
- Submit abstract & register for the Congress & Pre-/Mid-/Post-Congress Tours (deadline: 15 June 2017), go to: http://ipc11.intphycsoc.org/
- Reserve accommodations in one of the recommended Hotels in Szczecin (recommended by 30 April 2017) select the hotel from the list recommended or use any of booking portals.
- Register for mid-Congress excursions and Accompanying Persons’ programme: (recommended by 15 June 2017; tours will close when full, or be cancelled if insufficient enrolment), go to: http://ipc11.scns.pl/index.php?subpage=registration
- Express interest in shuttle (recommended by 15 June 2017) go to: http://ipc11.scns.pl/index.php?subpage=registration
➢ Refunds on cancellations for the Congress & Pre-/Post-Congress Tours, Congress Gala Dinner (deadline: 30 June 2017)

**Contact information for LOC members:** Prof. Andrzej Witkowski, Dr. Małgorzata Bąk and Przemysław Dąbek (ipc11@scns.pl)

**Congress website:** http://ipc11.intphycsoc.org/