

PROTISTOLOGY OPEN 2026

19–23 APRIL 2026
Prague, Grand Hotel International



PROGRAMME

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19 APRIL 2026	10:00–19:00	Registration
	12:30–16:30	Mentoring Event <i>Congress Hall</i>
	17:30–19:30	Welcome drink <i>Foyer of Congress Hall</i>
20 APRIL 2026	7:30	Registration
	8:30	Opening ceremony
	9:00	Plenary talk David Montagnes: Why are we here? <i>Congress Hall</i>
	9:30	Plenary talk Victor Tobiasson: On the dominant contribution of Asgard Archaea to eukaryogenesis <i>Congress Hall</i>
	10:00	Plenary talk Ramon Massana: Incorporating uncultured protists into ecological and evolutionary studies <i>Congress Hall</i>
	10:30	Coffee break and poster mounting
	11:00–12:25	ISOP-sponsored symposium The Symbiotic Continuum across the Tree of Life <i>Congress Hall</i>
	12:30	Conference photo <i>Garden</i>
	12:40	Lunch break (refreshments available on site; additional options nearby)
	14:00–15:30	ISOP-sponsored symposium Kleptoplasty: Living Between Feeding and Photosynthesis <i>Congress Hall</i>
	15:30	Coffee break
	16:00–17:30	Parallel sessions 1 A – Microbial Interactions <i>Congress Hall</i> ; B – Trypanosomatids <i>Bruncvík</i> ; C – Apicomplexa <i>Libuše</i>
	17:30	Poster session I (60 posters) <i>Bivoj, Přemysl, Foyer, Bruncvík, Libuše</i>
19:00–22:00	ISOP-sponsored Student Night (only for student ISOP members) <i>The Pub Dejvice</i>	
21 APRIL 2026	8:30	2026 ISOP Hutner award winner announcement and 2025 ISOP Hutner award winner talk (Javier del Campo) <i>Congress Hall</i>
	9:20	Grell prize winner talk (Society for Eukaryotic Microbiology): Jule Freudenthal and Alejandro Berlinches de Gea <i>Congress Hall</i>
	10:00	ISOP Past President lecture (Sina Adl) <i>Congress Hall</i>
	10:30	Coffee break (and poster mounting)
	11:00–12:30	Parallel sessions 2 A – Evolution of Eukaryotes (I) <i>Congress Hall</i> ; B – Symbionts and organelles (II) <i>Bruncvík</i> ; C – Parasites and Viruses <i>Libuše</i>
	12:30	Lunch break (refreshments available on site; additional options nearby)
	14:00	Plenary talk Fredrik Söderbom: Non-coding RNAs in social amoebae – role in development and multicellularity? <i>Congress Hall</i>
	14:30–16:00	Parallel sessions 3 A – Advances in Protist Genomics and Phylogenomics <i>Congress Hall</i> ; B – Symbionts and organelles (I) <i>Bruncvík</i> ; C – Molecular Biology <i>Libuše</i>
	16:00	Coffee break
	16:30	Poster session II (60 posters) <i>Bivoj, Přemysl, Foyer, Bruncvík, Libuše</i>
18:00–19:00	ISOP Annual Membership meeting <i>Congress Hall</i>	
22 APRIL 2026	8:30	Plenary talk Alexandra Worden: Friends and enemies in protistan interdomain relationships <i>Congress Hall</i>
	9:00–10:30	Parallel sessions 4 A – Molecular and Cell Biology <i>Congress Hall</i> ; B – Protist Genomics <i>Bruncvík</i> ; C – Photosymbioses and Algae <i>Libuše</i>
	10:30	Coffee break
	11:00–12:30	Parallel sessions 5 A – Evolution of Eukaryotes (II) <i>Congress Hall</i> ; B – Chrompodellids and dinoflagellates <i>Bruncvík</i> ; C – Taxonomy and diversity (I) <i>Libuše</i>
	12:30	Lunch break (refreshments available on site; additional options nearby)
	14:00	Plenary talk Mariusz Nowacki: Epigenetic mechanisms of genome regulation in <i>Paramecium</i>) <i>Congress Hall</i>
	14:30–16:00	Parallel sessions 6 A – Cell Biology, Genetics, and Epigenetics <i>Congress Hall</i> ; B – Parasitic protists <i>Bruncvík</i> ; C – Symbionts and organelles (I) <i>Libuše</i>
	16:00	Coffee break
	16:30–18:00	Parallel sessions 7 A – Subcellular Proteomics <i>Congress Hall</i> ; B – Taxonomy and diversity (II) <i>Bruncvík</i> ; C – Microbial Interactions <i>Libuše</i>
	17:30–19:00	Membership meetings of the Italian Society of Protistology <i>Přemysl</i> Czech Society for Parasitology <i>Bivoj</i> Protistology Nordics Society <i>Libuše</i> Society of Eukaryotic Microbiology <i>Bruncvík</i>
	19:00	Banquet , ceremonies <i>Foyer + Congress Hall + Garden</i>
23 APRIL 2026	9:00–10:30	Parallel sessions 8 A – Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology <i>Congress Hall</i> ; B – Euglenids and Diplonemids <i>Bruncvík</i> ; C – Taxonomy and Diversity (III) <i>Libuše</i>
	10:30	Coffee break
	11:00–12:30	Parallel sessions 9 A – Advanced Morphology of Protists <i>Congress Hall</i> ; B – Dinoflagellates <i>Bruncvík</i> ; C – Taxonomy and Diversity (IV) <i>Libuše</i>
	12:30	Lunch break (refreshments available on site; additional options nearby)
	14:00	Post-conference activities
24 APRIL 2026		Conference trip (Karlštejn, optional)

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