

Dear protistologists, I would like to invite You to the 44th 'Jírovcovy protozoologické dny' – 'Protodny' conference (Jírovec's Protozoological Days), which will take place in the Visalaje recreation area belonging to the village Krásná (<http://www.obec-krasna.cz>) situated in Beskydy mountains beneath the highest peak Lysá hora (1323 m) (<http://lysa-hora-beskydy.ceskehory.cz>). The conference will take place from the 12th to 16th May 2014. Accommodation for participants has been booked in the 'Horský hotel Visalaje' ('<http://hotelvisalaje.ic.cz/beskydy/visalaje-visalaje.htm>'); those who would prefer more luxurious rooms may select from options offered by more expensive hotels close to the venue of the conference (a list of possible choices is provided in the registration form). By decision of the board of Protozoological section of Czech Society for Parasitology (CPS), all presentations (talks) and posters should be in English. There is no restriction to the size of the posters, but the recommended format is A0. You can find an on-line registration form and sign up for the conference on following web sites:

- <http://niuhi.xf.cz/protodny/jpd2014.application.eng.html> (in English)
- <http://niuhi.xf.cz/protodny/jpd2014.application.cze.html> (in Czech).

You will be informed about Your successful registration in a few days. Abstracts should be submitted in English. Please, check the grammar carefully, because the abstracts will be published in a conference book with ISBN without additional grammar corrections. The registration deadline is April 11, 2014. I would like to thank Petr Soukal from the Charles University in Prague for preparing the on-line registration form. In case of any technical difficulties with the electronic application form, You can contact him directly: petr.soukal@natur.cuni.cz.

Conference fees will be as follows:

- non-students (members of the CPS) 400 CZK
- non-students (CPS non-members) 700 CZK
- postgraduate students (CPS members) 200 CZK
- postgraduate students (CPS non-members) 500 CZK
- undergraduate students with the passive participation (CPS members) 100 CZK
- undergraduate students with the passive participation (CPS non-members) 400 CZK
- undergraduate students with active participation (abstract + CPS member) 0.00 CZK (with reimbursement of travel and accommodation)
- undergraduate students with active participation (abstract + CPS non-members) 0.00 CZK (without reimbursement)

Undergraduate students (including Slovak students) who want to refund travel and accommodation costs from the Czech Society for Parasitology (CPS) have to be members of the CPS and they have to participate actively in the meeting (present a poster or give a talk). All payments will be made in cash at the registration desk. The price for accommodation in the Visalaje hotel will be max. 370 CZK per night. The price for full board and half board meals will be 85 CZK and 150 CZK, respectively. Please, consider carefully your order, because at the time of your arrival, a deposit will be already paid, and there can be a problem to cancel some of the orders. It is possible to take your dog with you for a fee of 50 CZK per day. Beverages (coffee, tea, soft drinks and alcohol) will be available in the bar and You can buy them individually. The bar will be open according to our needs. Coffee, tea, other beverages, some sweets and snacks will be freely available during coffee breaks. Please, pass this information to other people who might be interested in participating in Protodny, because I probably do not have all of them in my contact list. If You have any questions or problems, do not hesitate to contact me. I am looking forward to meeting you at Protodny! On behalf of the organizational team,

Matej Vesteg