



**Central European Section of the IUSI**  
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Dear members of the Central European Section of the IUSI,

I hope you all had a good start into 2023 and I am very glad that we are coming back to how life was before the pandemic and hope you are all well. This means we will have an IUSI section meeting this year.

*Upcoming meetings*

The group of Balint Marko will host **the 8<sup>th</sup> International Central European IUSI meeting in Cluj-Napoca, Romania**. It is planned from **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of September (arrival day) to 20<sup>th</sup> of September (departure or post conference trip)**. At this meeting we will also have elections for a new steering committee (and after ~15 years I would like to give my job into someone else's hands then...). We will send around the details once a homepage is up. There should also be travel grants again to support PhD-students.

The next **International IUSI meeting in August 2026** will also be hosted by our section (the first time again since 1986!) – Judith Korb's group has volunteered to organize the meeting in Freiburg. Many thanks for that to you Judith! – I am sure that many members of our section will help to make this huge event

*Special issues in Insectes Sociaux*

From this year onwards the IUSSI journal **Insectes Sociaux** will include **two Special Issues per year**. Please think about this – it could be a great opportunity to dig into your favorite social insect topic! If you would like to edit a Special issue, please contact our Editor-in-chief Madeleine Beekman (madeleine.beekman@sydney.edu.au)

And at last:

*Capitation fees*

I would like to collect the capitation fees for 2023/2024 (unless you have already paid for 2022 / 23).

Please transfer the capitation fees to the following bank account:

Heike Feldhaar, Deutsche Kreditbank AG,

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Capitation fees are as follows:

- Members from 'Western' European Countries, US 50,- €
- Members from 'Eastern' European Countries 10,- €
- Students, Unemployed 10,- €
- I will write personal e-mails with reminders to those of you who are a bit (or a bit more) overdue.

With best wishes



Heike Feldhaar

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