Student Conference on Conservation Science
SCCS Europe in Tihany, 2020

Connecting Eastern and Western Europe in conservation biology

Tihany (Lake Balaton), Hungary
25 - 29 August, 2020

SCCS Europe provides a unique opportunity for students and early career researchers to present results, exchange ideas, and enjoy the company of others, including brilliant experts.

Key speakers and tutors include:
• Dr Henrietta Hampel, Aquatic Ecology Laboratory, University of Cuenca, Ecuador
• Prof Thomas Hein, Institute of Hydrobiology and Aquatic Ecosystem Management & WasserCluster Lunz, Austria
• Dr Hajnalka Szentgyörgyi, Institute of Botany, Jagiellonian University, Poland

Important deadlines:
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SCCS Europe is coming!
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The Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS) series started in Cambridge where the 21st conference will be held in 2020. Sister conferences continued in Brisbane, Beijing, New York and Bangalore, and in 2015 a new SCCS conference series started in Tihany, Hungary! This year, we are delighted to invite you to the 6th SCCS Europe in Hungary, organised by the Centre for Ecological Research.

What do we know about conservation science in different regions of Europe, e.g. about Russia or Portugal? Do we see the potential in different disciplines like ecological economy, sociology? Or what kind of traditional knowledge does still exist in extensive parts of Europe, e.g. in Romania? How can we gain with this knowledge and integrate in conservation science?

SCCS is the largest international conference in conservation science, where students and early career scientists are welcomed and have the chance to present their research, learn from each other and meet with experts of the field who can offer them guidance in their future careers. SCCS Europe aims to integrate young conservationist mainly from Europe to connect disciplines and regions.

**Conference venue and date**

The conference will be held at the Centre for Ecological Research (ÖK) Balaton Limnological Institute, (at the Lake Balaton), 25 - 29 August 2020.

**Address:**

Klebelsberg Kuno u. 3. City: 8237 Tihany

[See Google map](#)
Keynote speakers

We proudly introduce our first three prominent keynote speakers, with a wide expertise in conservation science, practice and policy from Western, Central and Eastern Europe

- **Dr. Henrietta Hampel**, the Director of the Aquatic Ecology Laboratory (LEA) of the University of Cuenca (UC), Ecuador
- **Univ.Prof. Dr. Thomas Hein**, full professor at the Institute of Hydrobiology and Aquatic Ecosystem Management and managing director of WasserCluster Lunz
- **Dr. hab. Hajnalka Szentgyörgyi**, an Assistant professor of the Institute of Botany, Faculty of Biology at the Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland

and present the diversity of workshops:

- **Dr. hab. Hajnalka Szentgyörgyi** - Bees as biomonitoring agents
- **TBA**

Please, check the website ([SCCS Hungary](#)) for more information on the keynote speakers, workshops and on the program, which develops continuously.

*The conference program*

The program (on the 25th of August) starts with an optional free visit to the Budapest Zoo. For all who wish to attend this event a shuttle bus will be provided from the zoo to the conference venue to Tihany in the afternoon. An icebreaking social event starts the meeting formally. The next three days the programme starts with a plenary lecture from a leading conservation scientist and is followed by student talks. Poster presentation is also possible.

For the preliminary program please visit the conference website.

*Networking*

SCCS Europe, Tihany, is a great opportunity, where students and early career scientists are welcome and have the chance to present their research, learn from each other and meet with experts of the field who can offer them guidance in their future carriers. The program and the number of participants (40+) provide an excellent opportunity to network with other students and the invited
guests. Participants can devote a whole and a half day excursion to explore the historic, architectural, and natural treasures of Tihany and Lake Balaton where delegates can become acquainted with conservation and landscape values of the region.

**Conference costs**

The all-inclusive conference fee will be 270 Euro - including conference registration, accommodation and catering (three meals per day) during the conference, evening socials like wine tasting, and a half-day trip to the Tihany Peninsula, a World Heritage site of UNESCO.

**Bursaries**

Bursaries will be available for a limited number of participants from a developing or Central or Eastern European country. Please note that due to the topic of the conference, students from Central and Eastern Europe have priority when applying for a full bursary.

Applicants must have an accepted oral presentation and preferably be residents in Central and Eastern Europe. To apply please send a letter to sccs@okologia.mta.hu after registration. For a limited number of Hungarian students, a special registration fee is offered - please contact sccs@okologia.mta.hu.

You can apply for a bursary on the application form to help with your conference costs. The bursary applies only for the conference fee and cannot be used for travel expenses.

**How to apply?**

Approximately 40+ postgraduate students (and similar-stage researchers) are welcomed to Tihany. The conference is aimed at students (BSc, MSc, PhD) and early career conservation biologists, especially from Europe. Applicants of other disciplines like social, environmental, economic science with topics linked to conservation science are gladly welcomed to the conference. If you would like to attend, please apply on this website after the 15th April 2020: http://www.mtbk.hu/sccs2020

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15th April: Registration and abstract submission opens.
15th May: Abstract submission deadline - GETTING VISA: if you need a visa to entry Hungary, please indicate this, and the organisers will review your abstract immediately and inform you about the decision. If it is accepted, it will let you enough time to organise the visa.
15th June: Abstract selection notifications sent out
15th July: Deadline for invited presenters to confirm involvement
15th July: Registration deadline
31st July: Registration fee payment deadline

For more information visit the website: http://sccs.okologia.mta.hu/ or contact: sccs@okologia.mta.hu